

Department of Illinois SUVCW

131st Annual Encampment

Held May 10, 2014 at

Batavia, Illinois

The 131st Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form By DC Jody Switzer at 12:07 pm with Dept. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country.

The Roll of Officers called with the following Dept. Officers present:

Dept. Commander: Jody Switzer – Present

Dept. Chief of Staff: Steve Westlake, PDC - Present

Dept. SV Commander: Marc Finnegan – Present

Dept. JV Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup – Present; Ron Clark – Present; Paul Zeien- Present

Dept. Counselor – Randall Abbott – Absent

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

Dept. Signals Officer – Paul Zeien, Jr. – Present

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher – Present

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – David Bailey – Present

Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter – Absent

Dept. Guide/Guard: Stephen Wheat – Absent

Dept. P. I.: John Bigwood - Present

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Bob Kurek – Present

Dept. GRO: Greg Zelinski – Absent

Roll Call of Camps:

Gen. George A. Custer Camp #1 (Wilmette) Present
Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 (Aurora) Present
Gen. John A. McClernand Camp #4 (Springfield) Present
Capt. Frank Reed Camp #24 (Tuscola) Absent
John A. Logan Camp #26 (Rockford) Present
Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (Sycamore) Present
Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 (Peoria) Present
Col. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Absent

Total representatives present: 37;

DC Switzer had the pleasure of introducing COA member Walter Busch representing CinC Freshley who shared a few words on behalf of our CinC and guests Carol Dyer, Jennifer Dyer and Jo Ellyn Kowalski members of the Mary Logan Auxiliary ASUVCW of Illinois.

Minutes of the 131st Mid Term Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following Treasurers report:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$10742.49 |
| Income: | |
| New members: | 308.50 |
| Camp per capita | 5833.00 |
| Total Income | 6141.50 |
| Net new balance | \$16883.99 |
| Balance as of May 10, 2014: | \$16883.99 |
| Expenses: | |
| Nick Kaup Awards | 235.44 |
| Tom Oestreicher BSA awards | 40.28 |
| Steve Aarli Sec. supplies | 98.79 |
| Paul Zeien, Jr copies | 10.75 |

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| Terry Dyer Stephenson Memorial print flyers | 88.50 |
| Nat'l SUVCW new member fees | 138.50 |
| Stop payment on Ben Nelson check | 57.50 |
| ROTC awards | 261.75 |
| Stephenson Memorial programs | 28.75 |
| US Liability Insurance | 500.00 |
| Nat'l SUVCW Dept. per capita | 4073.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$5533.26 |
| New Balance: | \$11350.73 |

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. The Dept. Audit Committee reported that the Treasurers books had been audited and found to be in good order.

Dept. Officer and Camp Commander reports were emailed prior to the Encampment for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: PCC Jim Zingales reported on the progress of the Lincoln Funeral Train being built in Elgin, Ill. Dept. Chaplain Jerry reported on clarifications on Dept. Insurance policy. Several other FYI communications were read and ordered placed on file.

AWARDS: The following 2013 Dept. of Ill. awards from DC Switzer were presented:

Sam Grant Commendation Award to our Logan Camp #26 for their website.

Outstanding Newsletter to Col. Hecker Camp #443 for their newsletter "They Will Not Be Forgotten"

Camp of the Year to Gen. George A. Custer Camp #1.

Distinguished Member Award presented to Bro's PCC Joe Hutchinson Camp #67; CC Jeff Fiddler, Camp #1; PDC Ron Clark, Camp #4; CC/SVC Marc Finnegan, Camp #2 and PDC Terry Dyer.

2013 Dept. Brother of the Year to PCC Paul Zeien, Jr.

JVC John Bigwood presented on behalf of Combined Veterans Association of Illinois, a Certificate of Recognition for cooperation with the various Veteran groups throughout the State of Illinois to Bro's DC Jody Switzer; SVC Marc Finnegan; JVC John Bigwood; PDC Nick Kaup; PDC Ron Clark; PCC Paul Zeien; DTreas. Bill Johnson; DSec. PCC Steve Aarli, DChap. Jerry Kowalski; DGRO. Greg Zelinski; Eagle Scout Off. Tom Oestreicher; DCouncilor Randall Abbott; DGARHwy Bob Kurek; DROTC PDC Dave Bailey, Sr.; DGuide/Guard Steve Wheat.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: PDC Ron Clark, Chairman of the Dr. Stephenson restoration Committee, gave an update on the project.

Dept. Sec. Aarli presented an idea to post on our Dept. Website, pictures of our Past Dept. Commanders. Photos to be sent to Dept. Signals Officer PCC Paul Zeien.

A lengthy discussion was held in regards to voting delegates from our Camps to the Dept. Encampment and if this follows Nat'l. policy. Dept. Sec. Aarli reported that he received a query on this matter prior to this Encampment with fears that one Camp could "stuff the ballot" to sway the vote one way or other. Nat'l. Bylaws does state that Camps elect delegates and alternates to attend a Dept. Encampment the same as Dept.'s do to attend Nat'l.

Encampments. Nothing is sited in our Dept. Bylaws on the matter of Camp Delegates. Bro. Aarli reported that in the past seven years he has attended Dept. Encampments, voting has always been done enmass from all those who were in attendance which could pose a violation to Nat'l. bylaws. Bro. Aarli volunteered to put together a proposal in the form of a bylaw addition to cover this process. In the mean time Chap. Jerry moved and Bro. Jim Lyon seconded to continue with past practice on voting. Motion passed.

Bro. Bill Johnson gave a brief update on IRS EIN numbers.

A discussion on the cost of liability insurance purchased by the Dept. that covers the Dept. and Camps during various sanctioned events that require proof of liability insurance. The cost is \$500.00 and a motion was made, seconded and passed to look into assessing each Camp \$65.00 next year.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$91.63; Nick Kaup award supplies: \$103.31; PDC Dave Bailey, Sr. ROTC awards 82.50; Jerry Kowalski sound system rental for Petersburg event 75.00 Total: \$352.44.

Annual Encampment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2014 Midterm Encampment on Oct. 25, 2014 in Tuscola with site to be determined and hosted by Camp #24.

Initiation of new members: Bro. Gene Walker of McClernand Camp #4 of Springfield was duly initiated into the order by DC Switzer and Chap. Jerry.

Dept. Officer Elections: Dept. Council Member PCC Paul Zeien read the slate of proposed Dept. Officers for election. DC: DC Jody Switzer; SVC: Marc Finnegan & PCC Paul Zeien; JVC: John Bigwood; DSec. PCC Steve Aarli; DTreas. Bill Johnson; DCouncil: PDC Nick Kaup. PDC Ron Clark & PCC Paul Zeien, Jr. (Replace Bro. Zeien pending SVC ballot).

Nominations from the floor were opened for DC with PCC James Lyons being suggested for DC. Having two names for election to DC, a paper ballot was held with PCC James Lyon of the Dutton Camp #49 being elected DC.

A paper ballot for SVC was held with PCC Paul Zeien of Logan Camp #26 being elected as SVC.

Bro. John Bigwood PCC was elected by acclamation for JVC; Bro. Steve Aarli, PCC was elected by acclamation for Sec. & Bro. Bill Johnson was elected by acclamation for Treasurer.

PDC Nick Kaup, Ron Clark & Jody Switzer were elected by acclamation for the three Dept. Council members.

The following Brothers were elected as delegates to the 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, Ga.: Leonard Cassaro, Paul Zeien, Jerry Kowalski, Bill Johnson, Harry Reineke IV, Chuck Wright and Tom Oestreicher. All other interested Brothers are alternates.

Installation of Officers: Bro. Walt Busch, Nat'l. CoA member, proceeded to install the newly elected Dept. of Illinois officers in due form. New Dept. Officers are: DC James Lyon; SVC Paul Zeien, Jr; JVC John Bigwood; Secretary Steve Aarli and Treasurer Bill Johnson.

Announcements & Good of the Order: DC Jim Lyon thanked the membership for their support and promised to work to moving the Dept. forward this coming year. He plans to visit all our Camps, continue working on communication between Officers and our Camps as this is vital for growth. He announced that the Dept. appointed Officers will be announced in the near future. DC Lyon also thanked PDC Switzer for his service as DC and to the Dept. as a whole.

PDC Nick Kaup also thanked CC Marc Finnegan for his service to the Dept. as JVC and SVC.

Bro. Bill Johnson on behalf of the Logan Camp #26, presented an order form and a check from the Logan Camp for a Dr. Stephenson Memorial Brick and challenged our other Camps to do the same.

SVC/Signals Officer Paul Zeien announced that the minutes of the 2016 Dept. Nat'l Encampment committee minutes are available on our Depts. Website and that the next meeting of this committee will be held on July 20 and Nov. 2, 2014 at the Applebee's restaurant in Belvidere, Ill. Any questions can be referred to Committee Chair Bill Johnson.

CofA member Walt Busch took a few minutes to extend greeting from CinC Freshly and highlight various things going on with the Sons.

It was reported that 21 members prepaid for the lunch prior to the Encampment with 31 total being served.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Jim Lyon formally closed the 131st Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW