

## **Department of Illinois SUVCW**

### **134th Annual Encampment**

**Held May 6, 2017 at**

**Springfield, Illinois**

The 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by DC Paul Zeien at 12:48 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 Dept. Officers was called with the following results:

Dept. Commander: Paul Zeien – Present

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

Dept. SV Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. JV Commander: Harry Reineke IV – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup–Present; James Lyon–Present; Robert Kurek- present

Dept. Counselor – Ron Clark - Absent

Dept. CW Memorials Officer: Greg Carter PCC – Absent

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

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

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: James L. Lyon PDC – Present

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Absent

Dept. Guide: Chuck Wright – Present

Dept. Guard: Rob Hauff CC – Present

Dept. P. I.: Dave Wildermuth - Present

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Steve Haight PCC – Absent

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli PCC – Present

Dept. Organizer: Nick Kaup PDC – Present

Dept. Real Son Liason – Joe Hutchinson PCC – Present

Dept. Fraternal Relations: Harry Reineke IV - Present

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) Present

Total representatives present: 30 members and 1 guest

DC Zeien had the pleasure of introducing PDC's: Westlake, Dyer, Kaup, Lyon, Lickey, Stefany, Chesnut and Buckles. Also introduced Nat'l. CofA Member Brian Pierson who extended greetings from CinC Martin who thanked the Dept. of Illinois for hosting the 2016 National Encampment and a job well done.

Minutes of the 133rd Mid Term Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

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

Beginning Balance:	\$19883.55
Income:	
Medal	50.00
5 ribbons	5.00
Harry Reineke IV	20.00
Carter Medal	50.00
New Brothers	254.75
Credit Card	63.96
Per Capita & Camp Ins	7494.50
Total:	7938.21
Expenses:	
Jim Lyon Bond	100.00
Mary Logan Aux. Bond	200.00
Petersburg Cemetery	1100.00
Steve Aarli Secretary supplies	146.67
Custer Camp Bond	500.00
Sheridan Camp Bond	500.00
New Brothers	131.25

Petersburg Bench	2500.00
Total expenses:	5177.92
New Balance:	\$22643.84

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:** These 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. DSec Aarli added an update of Camp membership numbers. Camp #1 has 41 members; Camp #2 has 52 members; Camp #4 has 19 members; Camp #24 has 18 members; Camp #26 has 17 members; Camp #49 has 12 members; Camp #67 has 29 members and Camp #443 has 36 members.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Dept. Sec. Aarli reviewed a few letters that were previously sent to the Dept. Officers and Camps.

**AWARDS:** DC Zeien presented the following awards: DC Award to Bro. Robert Rogers for his tireless work in obtaining VA headstones for many CW Soldiers in the Chicago area. As he was not present the award was accepted by Dept. JVC Harry Reineke IV to present to Bro. Rogers.

Dept. JVC Harry Reineke IV was presented the SUVCW Memorial University certificate after completing the course.

The Dept. of Illinois Commander's Award of Excellence was presented to Bro's Chuck Wright, John Bigwood, Steve Aarli, Greg Carter, Ron Clark, Joe Hutchinson, Terry Dyer, Steve Haight, Rob Hauff, Nick Kaup, Jerry Kowalski, Bob Kurek, Jim Lyon, Harry Reineke IV, William Shipper, Jon Stacy, Steve Westlake, Dave Wildermuth and Bill Johnson.

Bro. Joe Hutchinson found a number of old Camp Charters stored at the Peoria GAR Hall. He presented to CC Stefany of Custer Camp a couple old Custer Camp #1 & #6 Charters dated 1889. Bro. Hutchinson gave a few other old pictures and defunct Camp Charters to DSec. Aarli to place in his files.

PDC Stefany presented a plaque to PCC Rob Hauff of Custer Camp and member of Battery L SVR for his active participation in both groups.

PDC Kaup presented DC Zeien a plaque for his helping forming the newest Camp in the Chicago area to be named "Old Glory Camp #6165."

PDC Jim Lyon presented DC Zeien with a handmade Hat Tree to place his Official DC hat once he retires as Dept. Commander.

**OLD BUSINESS:** DSec. Aarli reported the reason why the CofA meeting was moved from the Lincoln Tomb event in April to May in Ohio. This is up to the discretion of the CinC as to where it's held.

\*The GAR monument/marker, cannon and Eternal Flame in Vermont, Ill. was discussed. It was suggested that Form 61 & 62 be completed and forwarded to National for processing. PDC Dyer reported on the Dr. Stephenson Plaza. It was recommended that Form 61 & 62 be submitted to Bro's Walt Bush and Brian Pierson for processing. DSec. Aarli to assist PDC Dyer on this.

\*Dept. P. I. Dave Wildermuth stated that it was important for our Camps and the Dept. to file P. I. forms and list on them monies spent for charitable purposes. Also asked about new P. I. Forms issued by Nat'l. DSec. Aarli will send them to Dept. P. I. and to Camps.

\*Bro. Tom Oestreicher nominated Sister Carol Dyer of our Mary Logan Auxiliary for the Mary Edward Walker award for her dedicated work with the SUVCW.

**NEW BUSINESS:** DSec. Aarli suggested that we should look into appointing an administrator for the Dept. of Illinois Facebook page. It was suggested that each Camp could have someone responsible to add posts to this page. It was decided to have the new incoming Dept. Commander appoint a Social Media person to address this.

\*DSec Aarli suggest that we look into having someone appointed as a dedicated editor for the "Rail Splitter" like they have at Nat'l. for the Banner. He would still be under the direction of the Dept. SVC. It was decided to lay this over for the incoming DC to look at and report back at the Oct. Encampment.

\*A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a full page ad for \$40.00 in the 2017 Nat'l. Encampment book. SVC Reineke IV and PDC Dyer were appointed to put together the ad wording.

\*DC Zeien announced that there are some books on a side table that were free for the taking and that there also some left over 2016 Nat'l Encampment medals for sale.

\*The issue of PDC Dave Bailey's Life membership was brought up and resolved. DSec Aarli suggested that when a member buys a Life membership in the SUVCW it is important to save a copy of the form and suggested giving a copy to their Camp Secretary to retain in the Camp records in the event a question should arise later on.

\*Also it was discussed the suspension and reinstatement of Camp #24 for failure to file Form 22 and the importance of having these mandatory forms sent in when due to the Dept. Sec.

\*CinC Martin's Gen. Order #16 dated March 5, 2017 was read as there was some confusion on voting privileges of Dept. Officers which this corrected. There was a conflict with wording in the Nat'l Constitution and a Gen. Order #11 issued by then CinC Kennedy. DSec Aarli reported that for those attending the 2017 Nat'l. Encampment in Lansing, Mi.

\*The needed registration forms can be found on Nat'l's website. Also that delegate cards will be prepared for those going by the Dept. Sec. in prior to the Nat'l. Encampment.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$201.84; PDC Jim Lyon supplies \$30.35; Bro. Bill Shipper ROTC supplies \$96.92; Paul Zeien \$193.26; Dept. Ins. 625.00 total: \$1147.37 a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Dept. to pay \$126.00 increase in Dept. Insurance and next year have this increase shared between the Camps, Dept. Ins. \$626.00; Total: \$1246.67. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

**Annual Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2017 Mid Term Dept. Encampment in Oct. 2017 in Chicago area to be hosted by Camp #2. Date and location to be determined.

**Initiation of new members:** None

**Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections:** PDC Westlake read the slate of officers to be elected for the 2017 – 18 year. They are DC: PCC John Bigwood; SVC: CC Harry Reineke IV; JVC: PCC Joe Hutchinson; DSec. PCC Steve Aarli; DTreas. PCC Bill Johnson; Dept. Council: PDC Nick Kaup, PDC Jim Lyon and PCC Bob Kurek. As there were no further suggestions from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and passed to elect these Brothers by acclamation.

The following Brothers were elected by acclamation as delegates to the 2017 Nat'l. Encampment: Chap. Kowalski, CC Harry Reineke IV, CC Richard Hoovler, Bro. Dave Wildermuth, PCC Bob Kurek, PCC Rob Hauff, Br. Chuck Wright and Br. Leigh Franklin. All other members present were elected alternates.

**Installation of Officers:** Nat'. CofA member PDC Brian Pierson proceeded to install the Dept. of Illinois Officers for 2017-18 in due form. They were DC John Bigwood PCC, SVC Harry Reineke IV CC, JVC Joe Hutchinson PCC, Sec. Steve Aarli PCC, Treas. Bill Johnson PCC, Council Members Nick Kaup PDC, Jim Lyon PDC & Bob Kurek PCC, P. I. Dave Wildermuth, Chap. Jerry Kowalski, GRO Steve Aarli PCC, Historian Terry Dyer PDC, Eagle Scout Coordinator Jim Lyon PDC, GAR Highway Steve Haight PCC, Dept. Organizer Nick Kauk PDC & Steven Westlake PDC, Signals Officer Paul Zeien PDC, ROTC oofficer Wm Shipper, Guide Chuck Wright, Guard Rob Hauff PCC, Real Son Liason Joe Hutchinson PCC, Fraternal Relations Harry Reineke IV and Chief of Staff Nick Kaup PDC.

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** DC Bigwood and PDC Paul Zein passed out Participation Certificates to Camps 1, 2, 4, 26, 49, 67 & 443 for attending the Annual Dept. Encampment and to Battery L 1<sup>st</sup> Ill Light Artillery for participating at the Petersburg ceremony.

It was reported that Bro. Bob Mohrman of the Hecker Camp #443 suffered a stroke and Bro. Wes Wilson of the Dutton Camp #49 has stage 4 lung cancer.

CofA member PDC Pierson thanked the Encampment for the warm reception and a very open and healthy exchange of information much of which he will share with National.

**Closing of Encampment:** There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC John Bigwood thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 4:20 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW