

Department of Illinois SUVCW

130th Mid Term Encampment

Held Oct. 12, 2013 at

Springfield, Illinois

The 130th Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in due form by DC Jody Switzer at 1:00 pm with Dept. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

DC Switzer had the pleasure of receiving and introducing Nat'l. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski representing CinC Freshley, who shared a few words on behalf of the CinC.

THE ROLL of Dept. Officers were called as follows:

Dept. Commander: Jody Switzer – Present
Dept. SV Commander: CC Marc Finnegan – Present
Dept. JV Commander: PCC John Bigwood – Present
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present
Dept. Treasurer: Bill Johnson – Present
Dept. Council: PDC Nick Kaup, PDC Ron Clark & PCC Paul Zeien – All Present
Dept. Counselor: Randall Abbott – Absent
Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present
Dept. Historian: PDC Terry Dyer – Present
Dept. Signals Officer – PCC Paul Zeien – Present
Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator – Tom Oestreicher – Present
Dept. ROTC Coordinator: PDC David Bailey, Sr. – Present
Dept. Monuments/Markers Officer: PCC Greg Carter – Absent
Dept. Guide/Guard: Stephen Wheat – Absent
Dept. P. I. PCC John Bigwood – Present
Dept. GAR Hwy. Officer: PCC Bob Kurek – Absent
Dept. GRO: PCC Greg Zelinski – Absent

The Roll Call of Camps were called as follows:

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. Frederick K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) – Present

Total representatives present: 22

Minutes of the 130th Annual Encampment of the Dept. of Illinois were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson presented the following Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$12105.49
Income:	
Collection for Nat'l. advertising	187.00
New member from Camp #26	32.25
David Wildemuth	32.75
Total Income:	\$252.00
Net New Balance:	\$12357.49
Balance as of Oct. 12, 2013:	\$12105.49
Steve Aarli Dept. Sec. supplies:	126.35
Nat'l. advertising fund (includes Dept. match)	374.00
Tom Oestreicher BSA Eagle Scout awards	143.00
US Liberty Insurance	500.00
Jerry Kowalski CinC Hotel reimbursement	150.00
Jerry Kowalski CinC Lunch & Sky Deck parking	154.91
Nick Kaup dinner with CinC	55.72
New member fees Camp #26	22.75
Nat'l Encampment table rental	25.00
FedEx order forms for Petersburg bricks	13.02
FedEx add for 2016 Encampment	32.79
New member fee	16.50
Total Expenses:	\$1615.00
New Balance:	\$10742.49

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. PDC Kaup of the Dept. Council reported that the Treasurers books had been audited and found to be in good order.

Dept. Officer and Camp Commanders 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: Two thank you cards from PCinC Mellor were read
Gen. Order #3 referencing new Junior Members were discussed.
Nat'l. Encampment add form for 2014 laid over until May Dept. Encampment.
Gen. Order #5 regarding sale of cannons in Wilmington, Ohio cemetery was read.
Col. Hecker Camp #443 hosting meeting & installation of Officers on Nov. 22, 2013.

Email regarding April 2014 Lincoln Tomb wreath laying form Dept. Sec. Aarli suggested Camps to visit Nat'l. website for order forms.

Flyer for 57th Annual Remembrance Day parade may be found on Nat'ls. Website.

Logan Camp #26 read invite to 1st Brigade Band concert at Rockford's Memorial Hall on Nov. 2, 2013 tickets are \$10.00

Flyers for the Dr. Stephenson signature bricks were passed around and Dept. Signals Officer Zeien, PCC was asked to be sure a link was added to the Nat'l. website as well as Dept. website to download order forms.

AWARDS: DC Switzer presented the following awards: On behalf of CinC Mellor, the Marshall Hope Award (Nat'l award) for the Most Outstanding Newsletter was presented to our Col. Hecker Camp #443. This is their second such award!

The following 2012 Dept. of Illinois awards from DC Switzer were presented: The Sam Grant Communications Award went to our John A. Logan Camp #26.

Outstanding Newsletter Award went to Bro. Everett Nylund for his work as editor of our Dept. newsletter "The Rail Splitter"

Dept. Camp of the Year Award presented to our Col. Hecker Camp #443.

Distinguished Brother of the year Award presented to five (5) members: Bro's Garry Ladd; Tom Oestreicher; Nick Kaup; Jerry Kowalski and Steve Aarli.

Brother of the Year presented to PDC Steve Westlake.

OLD BUSINESS: The following proposed change to the Dept. of Ill. bylaws were brought up for a vote: **Change Article XII Sec. 2 to read: The annual per capita tax payable by the Camps of the Department of Illinois shall be in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per member payable at the time of filing of Form 27 Camp Annual Reports. Real Sons and Life Members of the SUVCW are exempt from the per capita tax per National SUVCW Constitution.** This is to add the dollar amount (\$10.00) into the bylaws to avoid future doubt or confusion as to what the amount of Dept. per capita is. Vote was taken and this change passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: A get well card was passed around to be signed by the delegates for the wife of CC Jeff Fiddler who recently suffered a stroke. A sympathy card was also passed around to be signed for PDC Stuart Stefany whose father recently passed away. PDC Ron Clark, Chairman of the Dr. Stephenson site restoration committee, gave an update on the project. Samples of the three (3) sizes of signature bricks were available to look at, plus brochures and an artist's rendering of what the completed site would look like. Order forms were available and Dept. Signals Officer PCC Zeien assured us that a link will be on the Dept. and Nat'l. website to download the order forms.

A brief overview was given on the 2013 Nat'l. Encampment in Milwaukee by various members who attended. Several concerns were raised on some of the glitches that were encountered i.e. registration problems, lack of adequate hotel staff, food service, etc. These concerns were directed to our Dept. 2016 Nat'l. Encampment Committee to retain for reference.

Dept. Sec. Aarli moved that he be allowed to look into the purchase of a new hand held Dept. Seal applicator with new dies as our current one is getting worn out. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dept. Chaplain Kowalski presented several ideas for fund raising projects for the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment to be held in Springfield i.e. \$25.00 bonds; book marks with a Lincoln portrait or some other artist rendering.

It was announced that Dept. Signals Officer, PCC Zeien was appointed to a Nat'l. Committee for new members and that he will be sending each Camp a survey.

JVC Bigwood was to make an Eagle Scout Award presentation on Oct. 20 in Batavia but will not be able to, and asked if there was anyone available to go in his place.

Camps 1 & 2 were planning on holding a joint Officer Installation Banquet on Jan. 25, 2014.

Dept. Sec. Aarli brought up the lack of communication and participation from our Reed Camp #24 in Tuscola and was concerned. PDC Clark would try to contact them.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$98.79; Nick Kaup, award supplies: \$235.44; Paul Zeien, folders \$21.87; Tom Oestreicher Eagle Scout supplies \$40.28; Terry Dyer pictures \$88.50.
Total: \$484.88

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2014 Annual Dept. Encampment on May 10, 2014 in Batavia area with site to be determined. Encampment will be hosted by Camp #2.

DEPT. OFFICER RLRCTIONS: DC Switzer appointed the three Dept. Council members to act as a nominating committee to put together a proposed slate of elected officers to be presented at the Annual Encampment in May 2014.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GOOD OF THE ORDER: PDC Terry Dyer had accepted the position of Dept. Historian and asked for any input from the Camps.

Dept. Sec. Aarli announced that after 42 years of service with Greenlee Textron, he will be retiring on Feb. 1, 2014.

DC Switzer thanked Camp #4 and especially Bro. Randall Abbott for making the Legion Hall available and providing the meal.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Switzer thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the 130th Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

PCC Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Illinois SUVCW