

Department of Illinois SUVCW
130th Annual Encampment
Held May 11, 2013 at
Chicago, Illinois

Prior to the opening of the Encampment which was hosted by Gen. George A. Custer Camp #1 and held at the Rosehill Cemetery Chapel in Chicago, a walking and driving tour was conducted by Bro's Marc Braun and Jerry Feinstein. After which a memorial service, flag raising and cannon salute by Mulligans Battery were held outside the Cemetery Chapel with remarks by the Custer Camp, DC Switzer and CinC Perloy Mellor. After the ceremonies a lunch was served.

The 130th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by SVC Jody Switzer at 12:50 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. SV Commander: Marc Finnegan Present
Dept. JV Commander: Greg Carter Absent
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli Present
Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson Present
Dept. Council: T. Dyer, Absent Nick Kaup Present; T. Oestreicher Absent
Dept. Councilor: Randall Abbott Absent
Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski Present
Dept. Historian:
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien, Jr. Present
Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher Absent
Dept. R. O. T. C. Coordinator: Nick Kaup Present
Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter Absent
Dept. Guide/Guard: Stephen Wheat Absent
Dept. P. I. Greg Carter Absent
Dept. GAR Hwy. Officer Bob Kurek Absent
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. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville)	absent

Total representatives present: 27

Plus 4 guest: CinC Perley & Diane Mellor, Kerin Clark & JoLlen Kowalski

SVC Switzer had the pleasure of introducing Bro. Perley Mellor National CinC of the SUVCW.

The following Brothers were initiated into the Order by CinC Mellor:
Robert Miller and Jerry Feinstein Camp #1 and David Johnson Camp #26.

Minutes of the 129th Mid Term Encampment were read, approved and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following report:

Beginning Balance:	\$10995.79
Income: Per Capita from Camps	5972.00
5 new members	179.25
Total Income:	\$5813.25
New Balance:	\$16967.79
Expenses: Steve Aarli DSec expenses	\$ 76.30
Central Ill. Landmark Foundation GAR Hall Peoria	100.00
Joliet Historical Society Flag restoration	100.00
Glen Bower Hecker Camp fee	50.00
New members fees	84.00
Printing booklet for 2016 Nat'l Encampment	76.07
Dept. net: site	37.99
Steve Aarli printing Dept. & Camp reports	188.77
Nat'l per capita	4058.00
Printing Dr. Stephenson programs	58.87

Total Expenses	\$4862.35
Balance as of Oct.27, 2012:	\$12105.49

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. PDC Steve Westlake, Chairman of the Dept. Audit Committee, reported that the Dept. Treasurers books had been audited and found in good order.

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

AWARDS: Gen. Custer Camp #1 of Chicago, presented CinC Mellor with an Honorary membership with a red sash to denote the honor. Camp #1 also read a proclamation from the Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel setting this day May 11, 2013 as SUVCW Day which was presented to CinC Mellor.

An ROTC certificate of appreciation was presented to DC Switzer from the University of Illinois Cadets and Midshipmen for the Department of Illinois' contributions to the development of future officers of the U. S. armed forces. Sign by the three branches Army, Navy and Air Force instructors at the College.

Communications: A thank you letter from the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation which oversees the Peoria, Ill. GAR hall for the \$100 donation.

A letter from DC Switzer outlining covering 1)Dept. and Camp reports are to be submitted by the appropriate dates when requested or be ineligible to vote at the next Encampment. 2)Voting for Dept. Officers each member of the Dept. can vote as long as Reports have been submitted on time. 3) All are welcome to attend the Dept. Encampment including Allied Orders. 4) Camps who fail to have representatives attend the Encampment will be placed on probation and will not be eligible to vote at the next Encampment.

DC Switzer's Dept. Order #4 referencing Allied Orders (Ladies) are welcome to attend both Camp and Dept. of Ill. Meetings/encampments. Dated 13May2013.

An email from Nat'l. Sec. Eugene Mortorff referencing Camp/Dept. EIN numbers not being filed with Nat'l. on time. After much discussion, it was suggested to CinC Mellor that he should recommend a reminder notice be sent in advance to the Departments as a courtesy. Illinois was on the list for not having complied.

A flier from Bro. Eugene Mortorff current Nat'l. Sec. seeking support for his bid for Nat'l Jr. Vice Commander in Chief.

Old Business: At the 129th Dept. of Ill. Midterm Encampment in Oct. 2012, an amendment to the National Organization SUVCW Constitution was read and laid over until the Dept. of Ill. Annual meeting in May 2013 for a vote to accept or reject the proposed change. The change was to add the following: **“Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service”** to the Preamble of the Nat'l organization SUVCW constitution. This proposal was accepted at the 131st National Encampment on Aug. 9-11, 2012 in Los Angeles, Ca. A vote was called and the above proposed change was accepted. Notice of Dept. of Ill. Vote was sent to Nat'l as required. CinC Mellor explained the idea behind this amendment.

Bro. Paul Zeien PCC, Dept. Signals Officer moved that a formal letter of apology from DC Switzer for the incident that happened at the Oct. Mid term encampment in Oct. 2012 when Ms. Kim Johnson who at the time was President of the Mary Logan Camp Auxiliary was told to leave as she was not welcome to stay for the meeting as it was a male only event. This action forced her to sit in the car for four hours until the meeting was over. She being the Lady friend of PCC Greg Carter. Motion was seconded and passed.

New Business: Since PDC Dyer was not present do to recent surgery, no report was available on the progress of the Dr. Stephenson grave site project.

Some discussion was had about IRS tax form 990N. Dept. Treas. Johnson was taking care of making sure this was filed on time with the IRS.

The following change to the Dept. of Ill. Bylaws were read, accepted and ordered laid over until the Midterm Encampment in Oct. 2013: **Article XII Sec. 2 to read “The annual per capita tax payable by the Camps of the Department of Illinois to the Department of Illinois shall be in the amount of \$10.00 per member payable at the time of filing 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 was to add the dollar amount (\$10.00) into our by-laws to avoid future doubt or confusion as to what the amount of Dept. per capita is.

Chap. Jerry explained what the insurance policy would cover that the Dept. purchased recently.

The Committee for the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment bid reported that they had to slightly revise the previous bid packet to reflect minor date and location items and was resubmitted to the Nat'l. Encampment Site Committee.

Chap. Jerry started a pass the hat for Nat'ls Add Fund to help raise funds for Advertising the SUVCW with the amount collected today (\$187.00) to be matched by the Dept. of Ill. Total to be sent to Nat'l. came to \$374.00.

At this time, Bro. Perly Mellor, CinC of the Nat'l. SUVCW took some time to speak about the state of the Sons and extended greetings from his corps of officers.

Bills: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies and report booklets: \$315.12; Chap. Jerry CinC hotel expense \$150.00 and Dept. Insurance policy \$984.00.

Mid Term Encampment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the Midterm encampment on Oct. 12, 2013 at the American Legion Post #32 in Springfield, Ill.

Dept. Officer Elections: The following officers were elected by acclamation: DC: Jody Switzer, SVC: Marc Finnegan; JVC: John Bigwood; Sec.: Steve Aarli; Treas.: Bill Johnson. Paper ballot for Dept. Council: Nick Kaup, Ron Clark & Paul Zeien, Jr.

The following were elected Delegates to the Nat'l. Encampment Aug. 8-11, 2013 in Milwaukee, Wi.: Bill Johnson, Marc Finnegan, Steve Haight, Jeff Fiddler, Steve Aarli, Jim Lyon, John Bigwood, Mike Gregory and Everett Nylund.

The following PDC's will be attending the Nat'l. Encampment: Jody Switzer, Ron Clark, Nick Kaup, Terry Dyer, Steve Westlake and David Bailey, Sr.

Installation of Dept. Officers: The elected Dept. Officers were duly installed by CinC Mellor.

Announcements & Good of the Order: It was reported that PDC Dyer was doing well after back surgery and thanked everyone for their prayers.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Jody Switzer formally closed the 130th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.
Dept. of Illinois SUVCW