

Department of Illinois SUVCW

132nd Annual Encampment

Held May 9, 2015 at

Rockford, Illinois

The 132nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form By DC James Lyon at 12:55 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: James Lyon – Present

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

Dept. SV Commander: Paul Zeien, Jr – Absent

Dept. JV Commander: John Bigwood – Absent

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup–Present; Ron Clark–Present; Terry Dyer- Present

Dept. Counselor – Vacant

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

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

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher – Present

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Present

Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter – Present

Dept. Guide/Guard: Henry Reienke IV – Present

Dept. P. I.: John Bigwood - Absent

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Bob Kurek – Absent

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Organizer: Ron Clark – 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: 29 Guests: 1

DC Lyon had the pleasure of introducing Nat'l. CinC Campbell.

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:

Beginning Balance:	\$12,330.94
Income:	
James Lyon Encampment Bond	100.00
New members	82.50
Quad Dinner (rose \$ 2016)	774.00
Ins. Money from Camps (except #24)	437.50
Grant restoration GAR Post #94 memorial	600.00
Total:	\$ 1944.00
Balance as of May 10, 2014:	\$14324.94
Expenses:	
Steve Aarli Dept. Sec supplies	141.93
Paul Zeien Print brochures	352.15
Mark Finnegin Rail Splitter	224.57
Artwork 2014	65.00
William Shipper ROTC supplies	106.00

Camp's Insurance		500.00
Down payment on 2016 Medals		2000.00
New Brothers		66.75
Paul Zeien Rail Splitter mailing		19.93
Total Expenses:		\$3476.33
New Balance:		\$10848.61
Bond Income	\$2334.00	
Down payment on Medals	\$2000.00	
*	334.00	
GAR grant	600.00	
*	934.00	934.00
Adjusted new balance		\$ 9914.61

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.

PCC Joe Hutchinson presented a check from Bryner Camp #67 for \$300 for 2016 Bonds.

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

AWARDS: CinC Tad Campbell presented PDC Terry Dyer with Meritorious Service award. DC Lyon presented the following Department Awards: Flag ribbon Camp Award to Camp #2 for coordinating the Real Son Carson Yeager funeral service; Camp #443 flag ribbon Camp Award for the work they do on behalf of the SUVCW; a plaque to CC Tom Oestreicher for the work he has done in establishing and growing the Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49; a plaque to Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson for his diligent work as Chairman of the 2016 Nat'l Encampment planning committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Black Mourning ribbons/bands for Membership badges are available to the Department/Camp members at two (2) for \$1.00 with proceeds going to the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment fund.

Metal brackets were presented to the Department and Camps to use on their flags to allow the flags to hang properly.

A recap of the Bro. Carson Yeager graveside service on April 4, 2015 was given by Chap. Jerry and DSec. Aarli.

DTreas. Bill Johnson shared samples of the 2016 Nat'l Encampment medals and gave a short recap of the planning Committee progress thus far. Next date for planning committee will be on May 30, 2015.

CC Garry Ladd brought up for further discussion the mailing of the "Rail Splitter" and his view that it should be sent via "snail mail." SVC Paul Zeien who is the editor was not present, but had previously stated that it was more cost effective to email the "Rail Splitter" but snail mail it to our Real Sons. DC Lyon tabled the discussion and to have further debate at a later date when SVC Zeien is in town.

The resolution that was presented at the Oct. 2014 Dept. Encampment by Bro. Harry Reineke IV was brought up with no further action until after the SCV has met and discussed this resolution at their meeting.

DTreas. Johnson noted that any questions related to the Dept. Event insurance should be brought to the attention of him or Chap Jerry.

NEW BUSINESS: Bro. Tom Oestreicher presented a copy of a certificate that be filled in to honor a Civil War ancestor with his muster information for purchase and the proceeds to go to the 2016 Nat'l Encampment fund.

Chap Jerry noted that the luncheon held at the Lincoln Tomb event in April may be canceled due to low attendance from the Dept. of Ill. It was suggested that a committee from the Dept. of Illinois be formed to work with the Nat'l committee to look for at promoting the luncheon or other alternatives. Chap. Jerry moved and Bro. Carter seconded that a committee be formed to look into the above mentioned concerns and report at the Oct. Dept. Mid Term. Committee appointees are: Chap. Jerry; Tom Oestreicher; Harry Reineke IV and PDC Terry Dyer. Motion passed.

Bro. Reineke thanked the Encampment for the donations collected last Oct. after the birth of his daughter.

Bro. Oestreicher moved that the Dept. of Ill. endorse the project to having a USPS forever stamp with Gen. Logan's picture on it. Motion seconded and passed. Plus have this endeavor placed in the "Banner."

PCC Steve Haight extended on behalf of the Dept. of Ill. best wishes to Bro. Greg Carter and Sister Kim Johnson on their upcoming wedding in July.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$169.58; DC Jim Lyon awards \$97.18; Paul Zeien \$24.09; Jerry Kowalski PA system \$75.00; Bill Shipper ROTC supplies \$806.99; Terry Dyer Petersburg programs \$132.05; Tom Oestreicher supplies \$32.94. Total: \$1337.83.

Annual Encampment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2015 Mid Term Dept. Encampment in Oct. 2015 in Peoria at the Memorial Hall and hosted by Camp #67. Dated to be determined.

Initiation of new members: None

Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections: The nominating Committee of PDC Weslake, PCC Thompson and Ladd presented the following proposed slate for Dept. Officers for the 2015-16 year: DC Jim Lyon; SVC Paul Zeien; JVC John Bigwood; Secretary Steve Aarli; Treas. Bill Johnson; Council PDC Nick Kaup, PDC Terry Dyer and PCC Garry Ladd. As there were no nominations from the floor, the above Brothers were elected by acclamation. The following were elected Delegates to the 2015 Nat'l. Encampment in Richmond, Va. to represent the Dept. of Ill.: Bro's Bill Johnson, Wes Wilson, Paul Zeien, Bill Shipper, Leonard Cassaro, Harry Reineke IV, Chuck Wright, Jerry Kowalski and Rob Hauff. All others not elected as delegates are alternates.

Installation of Officers: Prior to the installation, DC Lyon announced the following Dept. appointed officers: P.I. John Bigwood; Chap. Jerry Kowalski, GRO Steve Aarli; Historian Terry Dyer; CW Memorials Greg Carter; Eagle Scout Tom Oestreicher; GAR Hwy. Bob Kurek; Signals Officer Paul Zeien; ROTC Bill Shipper and Guide/Guard Harry Reineke IV. CinC Tad Campbell proceeded to install the elected and appointed officers of the Dept. of Illinois.

Announcements & Good of the Order: After the installation DC Lyon thanked the membership for their attendance and successful Encampment. At this time DC Lyon turned the gavel over to CinC Campbell who made a few remarks on the state of the SUVCW and thanked the membership for their hospitality and said a special thankyou to the Mary Logan Auxiliary for their assistance during this encampment.

Bro. Larry Werline recapped the events at the Lincoln Funeral Train event in Springfield.

Bro. Oestreicher announced anyone interested in SUVCW shirts to see him. DC Lyon announced that a dedication service for a VA marker for his GGGrand Father will be held in St Louis on June 13.

Also a dedication service will be held on Aug. 15 for the CW monument in front of the Dekalb County Court House in Sycamore.

PCC Nat'l PI Greg Carter reported that Camp/ Dept PI reports are due to him by May 10.

The Dr. Stephenson restoration funds are just under \$10,000.00.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Jim Lyon formally closed the 132nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW