

**Department of Illinois SUVCW**

**132<sup>nd</sup> Mid Term Encampment**

**Held Oct. 31, 2015 at**

**Peoria, Illinois**

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by DC James Lyon at 12:05 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 – 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; Terry Dyer- Present

Dept. Counselor – Vacant

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 – William Shipper – Present

Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter – Absent

Dept. Guide/Guard: Henry Reienke IV – Present

Dept. P. I.: John Bigwood - Present

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: 21

DC Lyon had the pleasure of introducing PDC's: Westlake, Lickey, Stefany, Dyer, Clark, Chesnut & Kaup.

Minutes of the 132nd Annual Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier and ordered placed on file.

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

Beginning Balance:	\$10,848.41
Income:	
Lunch Camp 26	108.50
Camp 67 bond	300.00
Mary Logan Bond	200.00
A. B Bond	50.00
Dept. Camp Dues	5417.00
New Bros.	480.00
Nat'l for 2016 Encampment	1000.00
Lady for Campfire	500.00
2016 Metals sold	3165.60
Total:	\$11221.10
Balance as of Oct. 31, 2015:	\$22,069.51

Expenses:	
Cmdr. Visit & meals	\$ 275.10
William Shipper ROTC	806.99
Jim Lyon awards	97.18
Steve Aarli Sec supplies	169.58
Paul Zeien newsletter	24.09
Jerry Kowalski rent sound	75.00
Terry Dyer Petersburg supplies	132.05
Tom Oestreicher BSA	32.94
Lunch Dept. #26	108.50
Nat'l Dues	3465.00
Peoria monument	470.89
Vender table 2015 Nat'l	25.00
Mold Exp Stuart Stefany	75.25
Dept. adds for 2015 Nat'l	200.00
Order forms: Medals	10.00
Bricks for PCNC Freshley & Campbell	300.00
Helt Supply order medals	3691.50
New Brothers	253.00
Total Expenses:	\$10,212.53
New Balance:	\$11856.98
Less funds for 2016 Natl Encampment	1779.47
Net balance	\$10077.51

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. Highlights of the 2015 National Encampment were discussed. Chap. Jerry reported that members of the Allied Orders met with CinC to discuss differences between the Orders.

Dept. Sec. Aarli highlighted some of the notes of the CofA meeting held at Richmond. Dept. Treas. Johnson reported on the status of the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment planning Committee. Next meeting Dec. 5, 2016 in Marengo. Discussed using credit cards for Nat'l. Encampment order forms. A motion was made, seconded and past to have Dept. Treas. to set this up through our bank. DC Lyon strongly recommended that correspondence should be on SUVCW letterheads (samples handed out) to look more professional. It was announced that DC Lyon was appointed Nat'l. Eagle Scout Coordinator.

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

**AWARDS:** DC Lyons announced that at the 2015 Nat'l. Encampment, the Dept. of Illinois received the Marshall Hope Award for the outstanding Dept. Newsletter "Rail Splitter" and PDC Terry Dyer received the Meritorious Service Award.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bro. Reineke reported that his resolution submitted last fall will be discussed at the Sons of Confederate Veterans at their meeting next April. The issues revolving around the luncheon at the Lincoln Tomb event was discussed and the feeling was that the Dept. of Illinois would be interested in hosting the luncheon and will possibly be discussed at the CofA meeting to be held in November at Gettysburg. The Encampment approved having Chap. Jerry bring up this question at the CofA meeting in Gettysburg. A committee Bro's Kowalski, Reineke and Dyer had been appointed to above luncheon question. No report on possible USPS Logan stamp. Stephenson Memorial project was discussed with \$4500 received from Nat'l. so far.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bro. Reineke proposed that a Dept. Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations be formed to promote our Ladies groups (Allied Orders) and promote better relations between our groups. A motion was made, seconded and passed with Bro. Reineke to act as Chairman. A letter from Col. Hecker Camp #443 stating they had, as a Camp, passed a resolution to restore the rank of Past Camp Commander to their Bro. Greg Carter who transferred to their Camp from our John A. Logan Camp #26

where he had served as Camp Commander. Pursuant to Nat'l. constitution and by-laws the Hecker Camp had voted in favor to restore Bro. Carter to the rank of PCC with all its privileges. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Dept. Encampment to restore Bro. Carter to the rank of PCC. SVC Zeien mentioned that Illinois soldiers buried at Gettysburg had no flags placed at their markers during Remembrance Day activities. Bro. Reineke donated 12 US flags to the Dept. of Illinois for such occasions. Chap. Jerry and PDC Westlake will take the flags to Gettysburg in November to place them at the Illinois Soldiers graves during this year's Remembrance Day. Dept. Sec. Aarli brought up a suggestion to prepare a proposal of a by-law change to submit to Nat'l. to change their by-laws in regards to PCC/PDC losing their titles when they transfer. After much discussion, the idea was withdrawn. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a casting made by PDC Stefany as a gift from Illinois to CinC Mortorff.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$102.14; Paul Zeien "Rail Splitter" postage \$13.28; Terry Dyer Petersburg expenses \$52.76; Stuart Stefany supplies \$14.81 Total: \$182.99. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay the bills.

**Annual Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2016 Annual Dept. Encampment on May 2016 in Sycamore and hosted by Camp #49. Dated to be determined.

**Initiation of new members:** None

**Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections:** DC Lyon appointed Bro's Dave Wildermuth (443), Gene Walker (4) and PDC Steve Westlake (2) as the nominating committee for May 2016 Dept. election of officers.

**Installation of Officers:** None

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** PDC Stefany has a few sculptures for sale. April 24, 2016 SCV ceremony at Oak Woods Cemetery. June 11, 2016 rededication ceremony for a marker in Churchill's Grove subdivision in Rockford that marks the entrance to Camp Fuller CW training camp.

Quad Camp Banquet to be held on Jan. 23, 2016 in Chicago. PDC Westlake will be presenting PDC Switzer his PDC medal in the near future.

**Closing of Encampment:** There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Jim Lyon thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 132<sup>nd</sup> Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:00 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW