

Department of Illinois SUVCW
128th Annual Encampment
Held May 14, 2011 at
Peoria, Illinois

The 128th Mid Annual Encampment was open in due form by Commander Terry Dyer at 12:05 p.m. Followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The roll of officers was ordered with the following officers present:
Dept. Commander: Terry Dyer
Dept. Sr. Vice Comm.: Absent
Dept. Jr. Vice Comm.: Absent
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli
Dept. Treasurer: Bill Johnson
Dept. Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski
Dept. Council/P. I.: Jon Lickey
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien
Dept. Eagle Scout Officer: Tom Oestreicher
Dept. ROTC Coordinator: Nick Kaup

The roll of Camps were called with the following present:
Gen. Custer #1 - Present
Gen. Sheridan #2 - Present
Gen. McClernand #4 - Present
Frank Reed #24 - Absent
John A. Logan #26 - Present
Col. Bryner #67 - Present
Simon Schaffer #134 - Present
Col. Hecker #443 - Present

Total representatives present: 30

Guests: SVCinC Don Palmer sent his regrets that work conflicts made it impossible for him to attend our encampment.

Prior to the commencement of regular business, a message from CinC Brad Schall was read by Chaplain J. Kowalski, in regards to our duties to the order and for the remembrance of our boys in blue.

At the conclusion of CinC Schall's message, DC Dyer read a letter he composed sharing his feelings and addressing some issues that were of concern brought forward by some members.

Minutes of the 127th Mid Encampment of Oct. 30, 2010 were read, approved and ordered placed on file.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning balance as of Oct. 29, 2011	\$ 9863.24
Income:	
New member dues:	159.50
Camp per capita:	6431.00
Lunch donations Oct. Encampment	288.00
Misc. income	20.00
Total:	\$16761.74
Expenses:	
Tassel for Dept. Flag	\$ 67.78
Dept. Sec. supplies	72.87
Lunch Oct. 2010 Encampment	1036.02
Tom Oestreicher Eagle Scout awards postage	47.34
New members Nat'l. fees	127.50
Logan Camp new member overpayment	12.00
Dept. wreath for Lincoln Tomb event	59.39
Nat'l. per capita	4517.00
Total:	\$ 5939.90
Ending balance as of May 14, 2011:	\$ 10821.84

Officer Reports: The reports of the following Dept Officers were read approved and ordered to be placed of file:

- Dept. Commander: Dyer
- Dept. Sec.: Aarli
- Dept. Treas.: Johnson
- Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien
- Dept. Eagle Scout Officer: Tom Oestricher
- Dept. ROTC Coordinator: Nick Kaup

Camp Commanders Reports: the following camp reports were given and placed on file:

Custer Camp #1 Bro. Bigwood CC
Sheridan Camp #2 Bro. Jody Switzer CC
McClermand #4 Bro. Chesnut
Reed Camp #24 None available
Logan Camp #26 Bro. Zeien CC
Bryner Camp #67 Bro. Joe Hutchinson CSec.
Schaffer Camp #134 Bro. Dellinger CC
Heckor Camp #443 Kirk Dermint CC

Communications: GAR Central Region Conference in Rockville, In. hosted by Bro. Alan Teller, Dept. of In.
2016 Encampment Committee to meet prior to or after Dept. of Ill.
Mid Term Encampment in Oct. 2011.

Presentation of Awards: SUVCW Memorial University graduates were announced being Bro.'s Tom Oestreicher and Jim Lyon Camp #26 and Charles Lyons and David Amendola of Camp #2. Outstanding Camp of the year award presented to Col. Hecker Camp #443.

Old Business: Status of proposed by-law changes presented at the 127th Annual Mid Term Encampment in Oct. 2010 were declared defeated.

The 2011 Lincoln Tomb/Stephenson event were discussed and everyone thought it went well despite the chill and rain. DC Dyer on behalf of the Dept. thanked CC Dellinger for being the MC and everyone else who took part at Petersburg.

Chaplain Jerry brought up the proposal from last October about some form of per diem for the Dept. Commander to help offset some of his travel expenses. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow 25 cents per mile up to 3000 miles per year with a cap at \$750.00. Receipts to be submitted to the Dept. Treasurer with reimbursement issued twice a year.

New Business: After some discussion about the amount of time taken to read Dept. and Camp Officer reports, almost two hours dedicated this year, a motion was made, seconded and passed that for the Mid Term Encampment in October, Dept. and Camp Officer reports be submitted to the Dept. Secretary 30 days prior to the Encampment with copies of these reports then be sent to the Camps for their review. Any discussion or clarification maybe made at the Encampment. Hopefully this would shorten the time spent in reading each one individually at the meeting.

A discussion arose about next April's Lincoln Tomb/Petersburg Cemetery observance and what changes could be made to the schedule to allow more participation at both events. Also discussed was an idea by DC Dyer to form a committee to look into revamping Dr. Stephenson's grave site.

DC Dyer appointed Bro's Ron Clark, Nick Kaup and Jon Lickey to audit the Treasurers books.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a full page add not to exceed \$60.00 in this years National Encampment program book in Reston, Va. Also to have a display table to promote the Dept. of Ill.

Dept. Sec. Aarli proposed to put together a Secretaries Handbook to assist Camp Secretaries in locating and completing various forms and when they are due, where to send them, etc. This has been an problem area with several Camps not being completely familiar with the process. When completed to be posted on Dept. web site. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the project.

PCC/Csec. Joe Hutchinson of Bryner Camp #67 presented a list of five proposed by-law amendments. After a lengthy discussion as to the merits and logic of the changes, the proposed by-law changes as presented were not received by the Encampment and ordered to be rewritten to be more specific as to what Articles they would effect. Also that if a proposed by-law change is proposed it needs to be submitted to the Dept. Secretary 90 days prior to the Encampment to be acted on at that Encampment.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

Bro. Jerry Kowalski for ROTC saber presented to Cadet of the Year on April 29, 2011	\$ 40.00
Bro. Jerry Kowalski for portable PA system used at Dr. Stephenson event	100.00
Steve Aarli supplies as Dept. Sec.	117.64
SVR Mulligans Battery for Dr. Stephenson event	150.00
Bro. Michael Gregory ROTC sabers	217.92
Total:	\$ 625.56

Elections: A slate of Officers were presented and hearing no nominations from the floor, the following Officers were elected by acclamation and then officially installed by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski: DC Terry Dyer; SVC Everett Nylund; JVC Marc Finnegan; Sec. Steve Aarli; Treas. Bill Johnson; Council #1 Nick Kaup, PDC; Council #2 David Dellinger, CC; Council #3 Steven Westlake, PDC. The following delegates were elected to represent the Dept. of Ill. At the National Encampment in August at Reston, Va.: Bro's Thomas Hauff, Jerome Kowalski, Marc Finnegan, Wm. Johnson, Greg Carter, Everett Nylund, Leonard Cassaro.

DC Dyer thanked everyone for their support and participation in a successful Encampment and looked forward to a new year of cooperation and growth.

It was announced that the 128th Mid Term Encampment will be held on Oct. 29, 2011 time and location to be determined later.

Bro. Randall Abbott, a new member of McLernand Camp #4 Springfield was initiated with Chaplain Jerry presiding.

With no further business to come before the Encampment, Commander Dyer closed the Encampment in due form at 4:15 pm.

Submitted in F. C. L.,
Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.
Dept. of Ill. SUVCW