

## **Department of Illinois SUVCW**

### **133<sup>rd</sup> Midterm Encampment**

**Held Oct. 22, 2016 at**

**Belleville, Illinois**

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by DC Paul Zeien at 1:05 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: Paul Zeien – Present

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

Dept. SV Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. JV Commander: Harry Reineke IV – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup–Present; James Lyon–Present; Robert Kurek- Absent

Dept. Counselor – Ron Clark - Absent

Dept. CW Memorials Officer: Greg Carter PCC – Present

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

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

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: James L. Lyon PDC – Present

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Absent

Dept. Guide: Chuck Wright – Absent

Dept. Guard: Rob Hauff CC – Absent

Dept. P. I.: Dave Wildermuth - Present

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Steve Haight PCC – Absent

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli PCC – Present

Dept. Organizer: Nick Kaup PDC – Present

Dept. Real Son Liason – Joe Hutchinson PCC – Absent

Dept. Fraternal Relations: Harry Reineke IV - 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) Absent

Col. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Present

Total representatives present: 17 members and 1 guest

DC Zeien had the pleasure of introducing PDC's: Westlake, Dyer, Kaup, Lyon and Chesnut. Also introduced Nat'l. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Nat'l. Guide Greg Carter, PCC and Jim Lyon PDC Nat'l. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator and Gale Redd Division of Illinois Commander SCV. Compatriot Redd addressed our Encampment sending greetings from the SCV and saying that both of our groups have much in common in honoring our ancestors. DC Zeien, PDC Lyon and Dept. JVC Reineke IV presented SCV Commander Redd with the resolution adopted by the Dept. of Illinois to work together.

Minutes of the 133rd 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:	\$11477.70
Income:	
New Members	260.75
New Members	53.75
Total:	\$11792.20
Expenses:	
2 Dept. Commander Badges	140.00
Bill Shipper ROTC supplies	182.93
Steve Aarli Secretary supplies	139.81
New members	144.25
New members	53.75
Jim Lyon Eagle Scout supplies	5.93
Jerry Kowalski Rent for sound system for Lincoln Tomb	75.00
Total expensas :	741.67
New Balance:	\$11050.53

2016 Encampment Income:	\$8833.82
Bonds to be paid:	
Camp #1	500.00
Camp #2	500.00
Jim Lyon	100.00
Phil Thompson	100.00
Mary Logan Aux.	200.00
Total to be paid:	1400.00
Balance:	7433.82

Bank Balance including Nat'l. Encampment income (\$8833.82)    \$19883.55

2016 Inventory still on hand:

2016 commemorative numbered medals 69 left (\$100 ea)	\$6900.00
2016 Bronze medals (\$50 ea)	1500.00
Dr. Stephenson frame medals	375.00
Framed drawings by Chuck Wright	150.00
Draw prints 18 left (\$25 ea)	450.00
Center pieces 11 left (\$20 ea)	220.00
Ribbons 46 left (\$1.00 ea)	46.00
Ladies ribbons 75 left (\$1.00 ea)	75.00
Inventory value:	\$9716.00

(??? 30 Encampment medals \$25 ea \$750.00/ 35 Bags \$1.00 ea \$30.00)

A motion by Chap. Jerry and seconded by Bro. Reineke IV to pay off Encampment Bonds valued at \$1400 without having bonds returned. Motion failed.

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. PDC Kaup, Dept. Organizer added that he is in contact with Chicago area persons about possibly forming one or two Camps. Bro. Reineke added that he presented two Eagle Scout and one ROTC Certificates.

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

**AWARDS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** DC Zeien and Dept. Treasurer both reported on some of the positive comments on the recent Nat'l. Encampment. Overall, it was a job well done by all. Dept. P. I. Dave Wildermuth handed out Camp P. I. brochures to the Camps that were present.

PDC Dyer reported on the progress of the Dr. Stephenson project. Project still needs more funding to complete the project. PDC Kaup moved that the Dept. of Illinois purchase a bench for the Stephenson plaza and have in placed in the center of the area of bricks. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Dept. Council, Bill Johnson and the Petersburg committee, decide on the verbiage to be inscribed on the bench prior to paying the \$2500.00 cost of the bench. Motion passed. Discussion was held about left over funds (profits) from the National Encampment. Chap. Jerry proposed to give \$300.00 to each Camp motion seconded but failed; another to allot \$2000.00 for the Dept. Organizer for use to help offset costs of forming new Camps. further action laid over for future review. Chap. Jerry moved that all left over funds be divided between all 8 Camps whether they supported the Nat'l. encampment or not, for promotion of new members. Motion failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dept. SVC John Bigwood handed out to the Camps present with a variety of useful information. He also requested that each Camp send him Camp Newsletters to help share Camp info via the Dept. Rail Splitter Newsletter.

DC Zeien tasked Camp #4 in Springfield to assist in the restoration of the local Eternal Flame. He suggested that funds from the Nat'l. Encampment Grant fund can be used for this project.

The calendar of Dept. meeting dates was revised by moving Camp #1 from the top of the list to the bottom. The revised calendar will be sent to the Camps for their files.

Dept. Fraternal Relations Officer Reineke IV said we need only 2 - 3 new Ladies to join the Auxiliary to be able to form a Dept. Auxiliary. He challenged the Peoria, Springfield and Belleville Camps to promote this idea.

A discussion concerning the Lincoln Tomb event in April was brought up. DC Zeien will draft a letter to Nat'l. requesting that Illinois should have greater representation on the Lincoln Tomb Committee. Bro Wildermuth asked that DC Zeien request better attendance from our Camps at the Lincoln Tomb event. It was noted that the Nat'l. CofA that usually meets during the Lincoln Tomb weekend will be moved to Ohio and held in May.

PDC Lyon to address some changes concerning Eagle Scout Certificates.

Dept. Secretary Aarli presented the following proposed Dept. by-law changes to reflect changes adopted and incorporated into the Nat'l. by-laws at the 2016 Nat'l. Encampment: A committee was appointed for planning further distribution of monies earned at the Nat'l. Encampment, matching funds from Nat'l. and Camps for Memorial projects.

Add new Section to Article VI “Depository Provisions” Section 6: A Department, with the permission of the National Organization, may enter into a lawsuit within its area of jurisdiction to prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property or G. A. R. property. This permission may be granted through either the action of the National Encampment or that of the Nat’l. CofA via a General Order of the Commander in Chief SUVCW. Departments should be aware that any monetary liability regarding the lawsuit falls upon the Department to pay.

Add the following to Article VIII Sec. 3 “Duties of the Secretary”: The Department Secretary shall retain a record of all Dishonorable Discharges received from the Executive Director and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of Dishonorable Discharges from the Executive Director.

Replace Article XII Section 1 “Fees” with new Section 1: Section 1: Departments shall pay to the National Organization: Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the Department Charter; Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each new Camp Charter, which amount shall accompany the application and shall be forfeited if the Camp is not instituted within one (1) year from the date of application; and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which have been suspended. Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which have voluntarily surrendered their Charter or which had their Charter revoked provided that this fee shall be waived if a Charter exists.

Add new section to Article XIV “Patriotic Activities”: Section 6: Any member of a Camp may nominate for a Flag Certificate Award, a person, Company or agency that proudly, conspicuously and properly flies or display the United States Flag. The Flag must be properly displayed as outlined in Public Laws 94-344, knowm as the Federal Flag Code, which contains rules for the handling and displaying of the United States Flag. The Flag Certificate Award should not be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. Public Law as amended appears on the SUVCW website.

Add two new sections to Article XIII “Operations of Camps”: Section 7: All Camps shall annually elect a Camp Commander; Senior Vice Commander; Junior Vice Commande; three (3) members of the Camp Council; Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer); Delegates and Alternates. Elections shall be held between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. The Camp Commander; Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) shall not serve on the Camp Council.

Section 8: The officers of a Camp shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in November and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, The Camp shall file a Form 22 Certificate of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (or its replacement) within thirty (30) days of the Camp Installation to the Department Secretary. Failure to annually file a Form 22 could result in the Camp being suspended.

The Encampment accepted the proposed amendments with a minor change of dropping a letter “S” on the word Department. A vote was taken by the Encampment and approved the amended by-laws.

**Bills:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies: \$146.67; Petersburg Cemetery past due fees \$1100.00. Total: \$1246.67. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

**Annual Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2017 Annual Dept. Encampment on May 13, 2017 in Springfield to be hosted by Camp #4.

**Initiation of new members:** None

**Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections:** Bro’s Nick Kaup PDC, Dave Wildermuth and Gene Walker were appointed as the nominating committee for next spring’s annual meeting.

**Installation of Officers:** None

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** PDC Dyer invited the Encampment to attend the Nov. 11, 2016 Veterans Day activities and rededication ceremony for CW Soldier statue located in front of the Veterans Memorial Hall in Rockford, Ill. and to be there at 10am. PDC Westlake had several SUVCW stickers for sale at \$7.00 each. Dept. Treasurer Bill Johnson reminded everyone that the annual 990 tax form needs to be filed.

**Closing of Encampment:** There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Paul Zeien thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 133rd Midterm Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:30 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW