

Department of Illinois SUVCW

138th Mid Term Meeting

Held Nov. 13, 2021 Via ZOOM

The 138th Mid Term Meeting of the Department of Illinois was opened in due form by DC Joe Hutchinson at 2:15pm with Chap Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Per DO #7 this was a special called meeting for the purpose of transacting some needed business. Per National C&R it was held via ZOOM.

The Roll of Dept. Officers was called with the following results:

Dept. Commander: Joe Hutchinson – Present
Dept. Chief of Staff: Steve Westlake, – Present
Dept. SV Commander: Gary Gunderson – Present
Dept. JV Commander: Lars Jacobson – Present
Dept. Secretary: Leigh Franklin – Absent
Dept. Treasurer: Robert Welch – Present
Dept. Council: Bill Johnson-Absent; Wayne Wehrheim–Present; Gene Walker-Absent
Dept. Counselor – Harry Reineke IV - Absent
Dept. CW Memorials Officer: Steve Anderson - Absent
Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present
Dept. Historian: Steve Aarli, PCC/Hon. PDC - Present
Dept. Signals Officer: Robert Welch - Present
Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Bigwood PDC - Present
Dept. ROTC Coordinator – Lee Lasseigne – Absent
Dept. Guide: Patrick McConnell – Absent
Dept. Guard: Rob Hauff CC – Absent
Dept. P. I.: Michael Zafran - Present
Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Wayne Wehrheim - Present
Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli PCC – Present
Dept. Organizer: Nick Kaup PDC - Present
Dept. Real Son Liaison – Joe Hutchinson PCC – Present
Dept. Fraternal Relations: Leigh Franklin – Absent
Dept. Color Bearer: Leigh Franklin – Absent
Dept. Quartermaster: Bill Johnson PCC/Hon PDC Absent
Dept. Asst. Secretary: Steve Aarli PCC/HonPDC – 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
Old Glory Camp #6165 (Chicago) Present
US Grant Camp #1863 (Schaumburg) Present

Total representatives present: 11 officers & 4 members Bro's Richard Hoovler, Joe Kessler & Stuart Stefany PDC, and James Nelson.

Minutes of the 138th Annual Encampment and Camp and Dept. Officer reports were distributed via email earlier. Moved by Bro. Richard Hoovler and 2nd by Bro. Dave Wildermuth to accept all reports as distributed. Motion passed to accept as printed and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$25,868.35

Expenses: Nat'l	171.50
Dept. of Mo.	40.00
Robert Welch	99.00
Stephenson Plaza	300.00
Late entries	84.00; 5129.00; 455.00; 105.00

Total Expenses: \$6408.50

Income: Fees from Camps \$284.75

Total Income: \$284.75

New Balance: \$19744.60

A motion was made by Bro. Dave Wildermuth and seconded by Bro. Richard Hoovler motion passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

DEPT. OFFICER/CAMP COMMANDER REPORTS: These were emailed prior to the Encampment for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept these reports and have them placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: An invitation from C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and their Auxiliary #4 of the Dept. of Wisconsin to attend their Holiday Party on Dec. 4, 2021 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

AWARDS: Dr. Mary Walker award to be presented to CC Michael Zafran's wife at the combined Chicago Camp luncheon on January 22, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: A discussion was had concerning various items related to the Stephenson Plaza. As there wasn't a report filed, it was suggested that the Dept. Commander call a meeting of this committee to discuss concerns and possibly have a report to present at the Annual Encampment next May. The committee members are PDC Tom Oestreicher, PDC Jim Lyon, PDC Nick Kaup, and PCC Larry Werline.

PDC Stuart Stefany and CC Dave Wildermuth volunteered to be added to assist the Stephenson Plaza Committee.

A discussion on the two (2) Dept. websites. One is old and not updated and needs to be removed. Signals Officer Bob Welch was directed to contact PDC Zeien to address this issue.

Still appears to be some confusion in regards to Nat'l & Dept. Per Capita charges.

NEW BUSINESS: At the Nat'l Encampment held August 2021, they approved allowing Camps and Departments to hold electronic (Zoom) or hybrid meetings with certain restrictions.

Discussion was held to include new additional wording regarding electronic meetings and going back to calling the Dept. Midterm an "Encampment". No amendments considered at this time as we can't vote on amendments until the Annual Encamping in May 2022. The amendment proposal to be sent at least 30 days in advance of the Dept. Annual Encampment in May 2022.

Also referenced requiring signatures when a Camp or Department amends their by-laws to be included in our Dept. by-laws per new National language. Wording for these additions can be found in the agenda notes that DC Hutchinson prepared for this called meeting.

The following proposal for Department Officer Budgets were presented as follows: For Dept. Commander to purchase of awards \$250.00; Dept. Secretary and Treasurer will share \$250.00 for postage and supplies. ROTC and Eagle Scout Coordinators will share \$250.00 for related supplies; Dept. Encampment Site Committee \$300.00 in the event a deposit is required.

Fiscal responsibility is encouraged. Any spending overage should be sent through the Dept. Council for approval. In the meantime receipts can be sent to the Dept. Treasurer for

reimbursement instead of waiting for the next Encampment. Motion made by Bro. Wildermuth and seconded by Chap Jerry motion passed.

DC Hutchinson discussed the purchase of a GAR style plaque to be placed at the Moffatt Cemetery in the amount of approximately \$4400. The Dept. donation of \$500.00 motion was made by Chap Jerry and seconded by Bro. Wierheim, motion passed.

A discussion on the merits of only one Dept. Encampment held in the spring (Annual) compared to having two (Mid Term held in the fall). There seemed to be much confusion as to the logic of one versus two and where they should be held if on a rotating basis. It was decided to discuss this further at our May 2022 Annual Dept. Encampment.

BILLS: Dept. Treasurer Bob Welch needs to purchase new checks for the Dept. treasurer since the current checks include past treasurer Bill Johnson's name on them and would cost about \$200.00 to order new checks and binder. PCC Aarli moved to allow up to \$250.00 for Bro Welch to order new checks seconded by Chap Jerry. Motion passed.

Next Encampment: The 139th Annual Dept. Encampment will be held at the McLean County History Museum in Bloomington, Ill on May 14, 2022. Further details will be announced later.

Initiation of new members: None

Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections: Bro's Welch, N. Kaup & Westlake were appointed to the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of Officers to be elected at the May 2022 Annual Encampment.

Installation of Officers: None

Announcements & Good of the Order: The Annual Lincoln Tomb/Stephenson ceremonies will be held on April 16, 2022. On Dec. 4, 2021 the Hecker Camp will hold their 25th Anniversary Banquet. PCC Richard Hoovler invited the Department to attend the WWI & II events to be held in Rockford and set up recruiting booths.

Closing of Encampment: There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Hutchinson thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 138th Mid Term Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 4:30 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Asst. Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW