

**COLORADO\WYOMINGDEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE
DEPT. SECRETARY\TREASURER
JUNE 13, 1999**

**TO: DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, DEPT. SR. AND JR. COMMANDERS,
DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.
ALL CAMP COMMANDERS AND SECRETARIES
ALL MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO\WYOMING DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE 70TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT HELD
JUNE 5TH 1999 AT FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK, DENVER, COLORADO**

DATE, TIME & LOCATION: The 70TH Annual Encampment Business Meeting was held per Policy and By-Laws of the National and the Colorado\Wyoming Department of the **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR** on 5 June 1999 at 1006 hours at Four Mile House Historic Park. The address for the meeting was ¼ mile east of Cherry Creek Drive on Exposition, in Denver, Colorado. As per directives anybody in the room who was not a member in good standing of the SUVCW, or it Auxiliary and other properly affiliated Allied SVR's Organization, (McLane's Independent Battery, Colorado Light Infantry) Sons of Veterans Reserve were cordially requested to retire.

70th ENCAMPMENT MEETING

PRESIDING & CONDUCTING: Department Commander Stephen Turbot

STANDARD BEARER: Brother Steve Waterous, Centennial Camp 100

FLAG BEARER: Brother John Buschmann, Centennial Camp 100

PLEDGE: Department Jr. Vice Commander Val John Halford

PRAYER: Department Chaplain: Charles O. Counts - PDC

The following were present for the 70th Annual Encampment:

PRESENT AND IN ATTENDANCE: 15.

Stephen Turbot Dept. Commander, **Willard Hinkley Sr.** Vice Comdr., **Val John Halford Jr.** Vice Comdr., **Charles O. Counts** PDC Dept Council, **Douglas G. Wilson** PDC Dept Council, **John R. Buschmann** PDC Dept Council, **Eric Dan Richhart** Dept Sec\Treas., **Jared Daniel Richhart** Camp Lot Smith 1, **Jon Franchino** Centennial Camp 100, **Frank Waterous** Centennial Camp 100 **Geoffrey Hunt** Centennial Camp 100, **Robert Conklin** Centennial Camp 100, **John Kelly** Centennial Camp100, **Charles Sharrock** Centennial Camp 100, **Richard Kohl** Centennial Camp 100.

Department Commander Stephen Turbot welcomed everyone and thanks all for coming. He request for a report from the various Department Officers after a request for, by a member, to be a Delegate at the 118th National Encampment, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from 19 August 1999 to 22 August 1999. Department Commander Stephen Turbot requested from the membership if anyone wanted to attend and if not for Brother John Kelley to be accepted as a Delegate-at-Large. With no one being able to attend, John Kelly was accepted as our representative by unanimous consent. **Brother Sharrock moved** that if the Department funds allowed that Brother Kelly has the Department Treasury pay for the registration and banquet. **Brother Buschmann seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Senior Vice Commander: Brother Willard Hinkley reports that things in Colorado are in good report and especially in Centennial Camp 100. As Provisional Camp Commander of the Colorado Springs Camp he reports that things have been slow but one new family is joining the SUV and if all goes as expected that he should have enough, “push us over”, to have a operational camp soon. They are also still looking for the charter for the camp. Brother Eric Richhart commented that national had been advised and were looking for it with negative results at present.

Junior Vice Commander: Brother Val John Halford reports that things in Utah are going slow in membership recruitment. He also reported, for Gerald Mosley (Commander Lot Smith Camp # 1 that on Memorial Day the Department was well represented in Utah. He asked that Brother Eric Richhart be allowed to give the particulars on this event. Brother Richhart explained to the membership what had transpired and how it got stated. At the same time Brother Richhart shared with the membership news articles and photographs of the event. The WW1 era GAR monument of stones shaped as a stack of cannon balls with a sandstone tablet insert was replaced. The deteriorating original tablet was donated and sent to the Ft. Douglas Museum. The membership was pleased and applauded Lot Smith Camp # 1.

Department Secretary\Treasurer Eric Richhart requested that the minutes of the 69th Department Encampment be voted upon. **Department Commander proposed** that they be so excepted if no correction were forthcoming. Jr. Vice commander **Val John Halford seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.** Brother Richhart also noted that the Colorado\Wyoming Department now has a Department bank account. An initial deposit of \$ 20.00 was deposited and the bank ate \$ 17.25 for checks. This left from the original investment a grand total of \$ 2. 75.

As soon as the quarterly accounting is done for Lot Smith's Camp this could improve the new Dept. accounts. Commander Turbot directed Brother Richhart to report on the surprise assessment from National for our Web site maintenance. There was some discussion and comments about this and a hat was passed around to help pay for this assessment. With Brother Counts kicking in the final extra \$ 10.00 we were able to boost the Department treasury a total of \$ 60.00 or the amount of the assessment. **It was also proposed, by the Secretary\Treasurer, Brother Richhart that since the initial Department assessment of \$ 2.00 per person per capita per year was not enough that it be raised to \$ 3.00.** It was discussed that since there was approximately 60 members in the department that this would work out to \$ 1.00 a head. Question was raised about the assessment that was not paid. Brother Richhart stated that a letter was drafted by him and checked and signed by Commander Turbot and sent to the National Commander requesting relief. A one-year relief waiver was granted with no repayment. **Brother Hinkley seconded the motion. . The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.**

Brother Eric Richhart reported that in the near future he hopes that the Colorado\Wyoming Department will have a viable Web Site in operations. He hopes to base it upon the style He use to set up the Utah Society SAR website. This is in response to the comments raised about the pitiful site for the Department at present. Brother Richhart asked that any idea be sent to him. Also that possibly a contest from the various camps is used in design of the front page. Reference sar.org\utssar

ADDRESS AND REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Department Commander Stephen Turbot stated what a pleasure it has been being the Department Commander. He stated that the Utah and Colorado camps are doing fine, with the usual problems of some inactive folks. Montana is small but carries the torch. He regrets not having been able to visit the camps this pass year and especially Montana's Compliment-Chapman. He thanked the National leadership for sending out information that he reproduced and forwarded to the camps. He also offered a vote of thanks that the Department Secretary has furnished from his private funds for additional information that will help make running the Department easier. He noted that Camp 100 had performed honor guard tribute at Daisy Anderson's funeral. Daisy was the last nationally recognized widow of a Civil War Veteran. Also at the Sadie Liken's Memorial, Sadie was a Civil War nurse who after the war moved to Colorado. She was very active in the community in the Denver area. Also, for the efforts at Riverside Cemetery for the marker replacements and services.

Commander Turbot in discussing the Cannon Project that kudos are sent to Camp Compliment-Chapman for their efforts. It was noted that there was one cannon found in Colorado Springs. Commander Turbot requested that all owners of memorial cannon's reaffirm ownership with property managers. Brother Hunt's students have recorded 8 Civil War memorials. Brother Wilson indicated Longmont, Colorado has one in connection with a memorial at Mt. View Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Department Commander opened the floor for New Business.

Brother Counts stated that Colorado Barricade should have available 2 GAR Highway signs for installation by this summer. They are finishing with the pricing at present. Brother Eric Dan Richhart Department Secretary\Treasurer stated that in discussion with Brother Bill Ward that

Departments and Camps are authorized SUV Flags. These flags are use in activities and at National Encampments. The major difference between them is the colors. National, Department and Camps are authorized separate ones. While the funds are not available at present Brother Halford has volunteered to investigate the cost and report back.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE COLORADO\WYOMING DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR OF 1999-2000:

Brother Counts informed us that the National Constitution and Bylaws as well as Department Constitution and By-laws states that any member wanting to be or being considered for Department Commander, must have previously held the position of Camp Commander. Because of this and due to the fact that Willard Hinkley is currently only a provisional camp commander and the set balance of currently alternating between Denver and Salt Lake City it was proposed that the

Slate of Officers for the Colorado\Wyoming Department is:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Val John Halford

Proposed; Frank Waterous 2nd John Kelly

Vote Closed: John Bushman 2nd Frank Waterous

Vote is indicated in the Unanimous

DEPARTMENT SR. VICE COMMANDER: Geoffrey Hunt

Proposed; John Bushman 2nd Douglas Wilson

Vote Closed: Frank Waterous 2nd Charles Counts

Vote is indicated in the Unanimous

DEPARTMENT JR. VICE COMMANDER: Craig Foster

Proposed; Douglas Wilson 2nd; John Bushman

Vote Closed: John Bushman 2nd Frank Waterous

Vote is indicated in the Unanimous

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY\TREASURER: Eric Dan Richhart

Proposed; Stephen Turbot moved that Brother Richhart continue on as Secretary

2nd; John Bushman Vote is indicated in the Unanimous

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL: To Retain Current Council and also add

the Current and Retiring Department Commander. A change from 4 to 5

John R. Buschmann Charles O. Counts

Douglas G. Wilson William R. Ward

Stephen Turbot

Proposed; Frank Waterous 2nd; Charles Sharrock

Department Commander Stephen Turbot called for each individual person to be voted upon. Votes are indicated in the Unanimous for each Candidate.

The Nominations and Elections closed Brother Charles O. Counts, Department Chaplain, swore in the Slate of new officers for Colorado\Wyoming Department.

The new Department Commander Val John Halford announced that the next Department Encampment would be held in Salt Lake City, Utah in approximately 1 year. Having completed all business pending before the Department, Commander Turbot adjourned this Encampment of the Colorado\Wyoming Department at 1340 hours.

Per Department Directives these are the minutes of the 70th Annual Encampment, which was held in Denver, Colorado

I Eric Dan Richhart as Secretary of the Department give grateful thanks to Geoffrey Hunt for his notes that he prepared and Emailed to me. they were of considerable aid in filling gaps and mistakes on my part.

Any Corrections to these minutes should be directed to:
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Respectfully submitted in F., C and L.

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Colorado\Wyoming Department

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cc: Val John Halford Department Commander

All PD Commanders

All Camp Commanders & Secretaries

All Members in Good Standing

David Hann National Secretary