

**Minutes of the 73rd Annual Encampment
Colorado-Wyoming Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
June 8, 2002**

The encampment was held at Four Mile Historic Park in Denver, Colorado. Department Commander Craig Foster called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

Presentation of Charter for Greenwood Camp 10 - Commander Foster officially presented the completed charter document to Brother Doyle Brewer, commander of Greenwood Camp 10.

Nomination of 2002-2003 Officers - Brother John Kelley motioned to nominate the new officers, Brother Frank Waterous seconded. Following a unanimous vote to continue the proceeding, Commander Foster nominated Brother Kelley as Department Commander. Brother Charles Sharrock seconded. Vote on this motion was unanimous in favor. Brother Kelley accepted the nomination.

Commander Foster then nominated Brother Gerald Mosley as Dept. Sr. Vice Commander. Brother Waterous seconded. Brother Mosley motioned that officers be nominated and then voted on as a slate, rather than individually. Brother Waterous seconded. Vote on this motion was unanimous in favor.

Brother Kelley nominated Brother Brewer as Jr. Vice Commander. Brother Waterous seconded. Vote on this motion was unanimous in favor.

Brother Mosley nominated Brother Eric Dan Richhart as Secretary/Treasurer. Commander Foster seconded. Brother Mosley asked if there were any other brothers present who would be interested in taking over the duties for the posts, and got no response. Vote to nominate and retain Brother Richhart as departmental secretary/treasurer was unanimous.

A vote to accept the slate of officers was then taken. The vote was unanimously in favor. Those elected:

Department Commander:	Brother John Kelley
Dept. Senior Vice Commander:	Brother Gerald F. Mosley
Dept. Junior Vice Commander:	Brother Doyle Brewer
Dept. Secretary/Treasurer:	Brother Eric Dan Richhart

Those officers nominated and present were then sworn into office and Commander Kelley took over as presiding officer of the encampment.

Minutes of 2001 Encampment - Commander Kelley asked if the minutes of the 2001 encampment were available for review. Outgoing Commander Foster said they were not and motioned that the minutes be accepted in absentia. Brother Douglas Whalin seconded. The vote to accept the 2001 Encampment minutes in absentia was unanimous.

Memorial Service for Brother David W. Decker - Brother Waterous motioned that the department conduct an optional memorial service for recently deceased brother David Decker. Brother Willard Hinkley seconded. The vote was unanimous and the memorial service was conducted. Acting secretary, Brother Jon Franchino, stated that he had spoken to Brother Decker's widow, Louise, the night before the encampment. Mrs. Decker had stated that if the SUVCW would like to make a donation in David's memory, the donations go to either the American Heart Association or Compassion International. Brother Franchino motioned that the department make a donation of \$25 to the American Heart Association in memory of Brother Decker. Brother Sharrock seconded and the vote to make the donation was unanimous.

Department Website - Brother Charles Counts stated that the department's website needed updating, as it still listed officers from 1999-2000 as active. It was decided that the matter would be brought to the attention of departmental webmaster Brother Richhart.

Issue of Splitting the Colorado-Wyoming Department - Brother Waterous suggested that with its continued growth, and other factors such as distance and geographic/traveling challenges, the department should begin looking into the possibility of splitting itself and reconfiguring. This change could include separate Utah and Colorado departments, with either perhaps adding Montana and/or Wyoming. Discussion of this issue included the Order's constitutional requirements, growth of the SUVCW and size of the Rocky Mountain West, and logistics and travel. Emphasis was placed on the strong bonds of brotherhood and camaraderie between the Utah and Colorado camps, and that there is not any hint of discord that is bringing this issue to the surface. Rather, with the growth of the order, it is an issue that will have to be discussed eventually. Colorado has just formed the new Greenwood Camp 10 in Canon City, and there have been discussions of a camp forming in Southern Utah.

It was decided that this issue should be discussed at the upcoming National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. Brother Counts motioned that the department's delegates to the National Encampment should be charged with the duty of bringing this topic up for discussion. Brother Sharrock seconded. The vote on this matter was unanimous.

Discussion then shifted to the subject of what Brothers would be attending the National Encampment. Once all was sorted out, Brother Foster motioned that Commander Kelley, Brother Brewer, and Brother Rick Ulrich from Colorado; and Brother William R. Ward, along with a possible alternate (to be appointed later if needed) from Lot Smith Camp One, be elected as delegates. Brother Whalin seconded. The vote on this matter was unanimous.

Department Standing with National SUVCW - Several Brothers stressed the importance of the department's standing with the Order's national officers. It was decided that, prior to departure for the National Encampment, the delegates and officers of the department must ensure that we "have all our ducks in a row" with regard to appointments, documentation, credentials, dues and whatever else it will take to make the Colorado-Wyoming Department in "good standing" at the National Encampment.

Appointment of a Departmental Graves Registrar - It was brought up that National SUVCW likes each department to have a Departmental Graves Registrar. Commander Kelley immediately appointed Brother Sharrock to the post.

Adjournment - Brother Waterous motioned that the Encampment be adjourned. Brother Gary Graf seconded, the vote was unanimous, and Commander Kelley adjourned the Encampment at 12:58 p.m.