

**PROCEEDING OF THE 80TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF
THE COLORADO/WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF THE
SONS OF UNION VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR HELD
13 JUNE 2009 AT GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

The Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming convened at the Masonic Lodge in Grand Junction, Colorado at 1: 00 PM. Department Commander Gary E. Parrott presided.

The Encampment was call to order with an opening prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Officers present were:

Department Commander Gary E. Parrott
Dept. Senior Vice Commander Gary Brewer
Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Senjem
Dept. Council James Davenport- PDC

Department Officers Absent were:

Dept. Junior Vice Commander David Crawford
Dept. Council Gerald Crawford- PDC
Charles Sharrock Sr.- PDC

Remaining Department members present attended from Legion of the West Camp 7 Grand Junction, Colorado, Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12 Durango, Colorado, and Lot Smith Camp 1 Salt Lake City, Utah

Senior Vice Commander Report was read and approved. There was no Junior Vice Commander report as he was absent.

The Chaplain's Report by Rhy Paris-PCC, Taking part in the memorial service for William E. McCurry this past April and assisting in getting the remains of an unidentified Civil War soldier found in Lake County, Colorado and interred at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction, Colorado.

The Grave Registration Report by James Davenport-PDC mentioned he is not getting much input by the Department, but from National with over 100 names per week. And at this point, over 500,000 names have been entered into the database. Brother Davenport concluded by asking all of us to visit cemeteries, especially during our travels, to look for possible Civil War veteran headstones or markers and to take photographs to send to Brother Davenport. He reminded us of the requirements to be entered into the database includes Name, Unit in which he served, the name of the cemetery and its location – at least county and state. Brother Jim said he removed over 200 names from the database because they were unknown and didn't meet the requirements.

The GAR Highway Report given by Commander Parrott only mentioning that the State of Utah has two new GAR Highway signs placed at the East and West ends of Highway 6 and I-70.

The Department Secretary's Report by Daniel Senjem was given reading the minutes of the 79th Department Encampment held 21 June 2008.

The Department Treasurer's Report by Daniel Senjem indicated a balance of \$1,156.73 recorded on Form 35 of the Department Annual Report submitted to the National HQ, but since filing there is a new balance of \$ 1,185.23 after receiving late per capita fee from Lot Smith Camp 1 and a new member application fee with part payment going to National.

Camps in the Department had their respective reports:

Lot Smith Camp 1; Eric Dan Richhart- PCC reported that Brother William R. Ward-PDC has cancer and needs hip replacement surgery. He ask that our thoughts and prayers be with him

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12; Daniel Senjem reported that 2 members dropped and that there was 1 death, Michael Owens, in December 2008

Legion of the West Camp 7; Rhy Paris- PCC reported they had an active and busy year with Lincoln's Bicentennial Anniversary and the work being done in preparation for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War set for 2011. Members also presented a program at Redlands Middle School. About 70 students were in attendance, some dressed in Civil War uniforms.

Department Commander Parrott and Brother Rhy Paris- PCC made known to all of us present of the "Missing Man" chair placed in honor and memory of Brother Bill McCurry who passed away this past April. And at that time the coat draped over the chair was presented to his son, Brother Matt McCurry as a keepsake.

Department Commander Parrott presented a handsome plaque Certificate of Appreciation to Rhy Paris-PCC for his devotion to the Camp and Department, for all his work. Identical plaques were also presented to Garry Brewer and Daniel Senjem.

Department Commander Parrott presented a Certificate of Membership to Alan Lambert as a new member of Camp 7

15 Minute Break-

After the break Encampment continued

Committee Reports; None

Old Business; None

New Business; Department Commander Parrott submitted a letter to members of the Department requesting our support of Brother Brad Schall candidacy as National Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the National Encampment to be held in August 2009. Brother Davenport added a recommendation of Brother Schall in support for his candidacy. A motion was made to make a resolution to accept his candidacy and was seconded. There was a unanimous vote for support of Brother Schall.

Concerning Junior Associate Members, (under age 14). Amend the Department By-Laws to accept Junior Associates as per the National By-Laws. Brother Davenport added there is nothing in the SUVCW Constitution to vote on to decide. Make it official into the National Constitution is the recommendation.

There being no further new business the Encampment proceeded to Nomination of Officers.

Department Commander: Garry Brewer of Legion of the West Camp 7
By Rhy Paris, Seconded by Eric Dan Richhart

Dept. Senior Vice Commander: Rhy Paris of Legion of the West Camp 7

Dept. Junior Vice Commander: Eric Dan Richhart of Lot Smith Camp 1

Dept. Secretary: Gary Parrott of Legion of the West Camp 7

Dept. Treasurer: Gary Parrott of Legion of the West Camp 7

Department Council:

James Davenport- PDC Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12
Daniel Senjem- PCC Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12
William Buvinger-PCC Legion of the West Camp 7

The nominations of the above Officers were accepted by Unanimous Acclamation.

The Officers were installed by James Davenport-PDC. The oath was taken by placing their left hand on the Bible opened to the Book of Obadiah.

Outgoing Commander Parrott presented incoming Department Commander Brewer With the Badge of his office.

National Delegates; Noted that everyone in the Department is eligible to be a Delegate if you have the credentials from the Department Secretary to be allowed to vote.

Chaplain Rhy Paris-PCC closed with prayer and Department Commander Garry Brewer adjourned the Encampment at 3:20 PM.