

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Colorado and Wyoming Minutes of the 83rd Department Encampment

Held at Grand Junction, Colorado on the 2nd of June, 2012 in the
Masonic Lodge Building

The Annual Encampment of the Department was called to order.

Opening Ceremonies

The Bible was open on the alter, an opening prayer offered and The Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of The United State was led by Brother Eric Richhart, Department Commander.

An Officer Call of Department Officers

All present or accounted for with Brother James Davenport excused.

The following guest(s) and dignitary(s) were noted:

Ted Campbell a special representative of our Commander-in-Chief

Susan Wert of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW, along with Jan Hinkley, and Amber Weninger.

Greetings from the Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ted Campbell offered "Greetings and Remarks from the Commander-in-Chief" including a report of US tax status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: and

Incorporating our National organization as a 501C, 501C.3 or a 501C.40 Corporation

Brother Campbell shared he is running for National Junior Vice-Commander and ask for the Department of Colorado and Wyoming's support.

Brother Gary Parrott proposed the Department offer its support to Brother Campbell, the proposal was seconded. Department Commander Richhart the offered qualification as Brother Campbell was running for an uncontested office the Department's formal support was not needed. As amended.

Report of Committee on Credentials

A review of those present along with the Sign-in-Log revealed that all present were In Good Standing and the required quorum had been met.

Old Business

Minutes of the Previous Department Encampment

Minutes of the previous Encampment of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming were read by the Secretary/Treasurer and upon a motion from the floor by Brother Brewer and seconded by Brother Hinkley the Minutes were approved as read.

Department Commanders Report

Commander Richhart reported on the progress of the Department and offered comments on the progress from the Department Commander's view.

Commander Richhart reported the brothers in Idaho are attempting to form a camp. Brother Bouinger will be visiting and assisting in the formation of this camp.

U.S. Highway 6 signs/monument for Our Civil War Veterans the State of Utah has removed the previous name of the highway and substituted a local politician's name and is unwilling to follow the U.S. Congress mandate in honoring the Civil War Veterans.

Senior Vice-Commander's Report

Gave a presentation on the activities and events he participated in during the past year.

Junior Vice-Commander's Report

The Junior Vice-Commander offered a printed report plus he has three binders as a complete report of former members and will provide each camp a copy and a copy to our Department.

A report was given on the status of recruitment was offered.

No Jr. Vice-Commander's report was available as to the status of Arizona mutual co-operation. Our Commander shared his understanding that Arizona did not desire affiliation.

Treasure's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer gave a report on the financial status of the Department and all receipts and expenditures. Upon a motion by Brother Brewer and seconded by Brother Weart the financial report was accepted as read.

Department Councilors' Report

At our Department Councilors advised that during the past year the Department Councilors had no issues to resolve or projects to complete.

Eagle Scout Report

The Eagle Scout Councilor requests every Camp appoint a representative for Eagle Scouting. A motion to accept this request was presented by Brother Barker seconded by Brother Brewer. Motion passed by voice vote. Commander Richhart requested every camp commander to appoint a representative to assist the Eagle Scout Councilor in his office.

Report from Council

The Department Council offered a printed report to the Commander.

Grave Report

A report was offered by the Department Commander.

New Business

Brother Wert introduced Sister Wert of The Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans. Sister Wert inquired as to the interest of our Department's interest in the Auxiliary. Sister Wert was assured by all present of the support of the Department.

A motion of support was presented by Brother Wert and seconded by Brother Brewer. Motion carried by a voice vote. Our Commander requested each camp to request the assistance of their members in increasing the interest in our Auxiliary. There is no requirement for the sister to have a direct ancestor for membership.

A question was raised as to number of brothers interested in serving as a Delegate to the National Convention. No definite number was established or credentials issued.

Camp Commander's Reports

Legion of the West #7

Legion of the West Camp is currently working with a museum to have the grave stone now held by the museum of Peter Buck returned to its proper place in Veterans' Cemetery.

Brother Bruninger and Brother Brewer are currently working with a children's camp

A history of Grand Junction – prior to the arrival of the Rio Grand Railroad by Richard Nobley has been published and is the chronicle of the building of a western town.

The camp has determined there is only one U.S. Marine from the Civil War buried in the Grand Junction area.

The camp has record of the Rotary Club having in 1928 invited all surviving Civil War veterans to a program of the Rotary Club. The last veteran died in 1944, Moses Whitley.

The camp reports it is financially stable and now has 27 members

Lot Smith Camp #1

The camp has met with the State of Utah and been unsuccessful in obtaining permission to place a memorial on the State House grounds to Lot Smith.

The camp has also been unsuccessful in having the proper name returned to U.S. Highway 6.

Our Eagle Scout adviser has asked the Division for each camp to assist in the Eagle Scout program.

A Memorial Day ceremony was held at Mount Olivette Cemetery with participation by the Sons of Confederate Veterans assistance in firing a volley and sounding Taps.

Centennial Camp #100

The Commander of Camp #100 offered a written report plus the following oral report.

A Grand Army of the Republic Monument has been approved by Riverside Cemetery. A program to fund the monument includes a "brick" at \$35.00 each has been started.

A monument Head Stone for Sgt. Booker of the U.S. Colored Troops at Fort Logan with members of his family present was placed.

A history of 35 camps of the approximately 113 GAR camps in Colorado has been completed.

Brother Bovinger added a President's Day headstone ceremony was held along with a history of the Blackhawk War in Illinois for the removal of the Blackhawk people from three areas in the east to west of the Mississippi River.

Thomas E. Bowman Camp #12

No in person commander report.

The Department Commander Calls for a "break"

The Commander calls for a return to order.

There being no further new business the Encampment preceded to Nomination and Election of Officers.

Nomination(s) for Department Commander

Eric Richhart

Nominated by Brother Bovinger

Seconded by Brother Brewer

Nomination(s) for Department Vice- Commander

James Barker

Nominated by Brother Hinkley

Seconded by Brother Brewer

Nomination(s) for Junior Vice-Commander

Cecil Tapey

Nominated by Brother Hinkley

Seconded by Brother Parrot

Council

Brother Brewer

Brother Parrot

Brother Tapey

As there was no supposition subsequently, by a motion made from the floor and duly seconded the slate of officers were elected by Acclamation.

Installation of new Department Officers

The installation Ceremony was conducted and officiated by Brother Tad Campbell, National Council of Administration, a designated National Officer.

Remarks by the Department Commander

The Department Commander addressed ;the members of the Encampment and thanked them for his re-election and assured those present of his desire to continue to server as Commander

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony was conducted and officiated by our Department Commander.

The Bible was closed there being no further business to come before the 83rd Department of Colorado/Wyoming, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the meeting was duly closed.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert LeMaster
Department Secretary/Treasurer