

Department of Illinois SUVCW  
129<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment  
Held May 12, 2012 at  
Sycamore, Illinois

The 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in do form by DC Terry Dyer at 12:30 pm with Dept. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski giving the opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country. Miss Lauren Beazoun sang our National anthem.

The roll of Officers called with the following Dept. Officers present:

Dept. Commander: Terry Dyer  
Dept. SV Commander: Everett Nylund  
Dept. JV Commander: Marc Finnegan  
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli  
Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson  
Dept. Council: Steven Westlake & Nick Kaup  
Dept. Councelor: Randall Abbott  
Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski  
Dept. Signals Officer: Paul Zeien, Jr.  
Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Tom Oestreicher  
Dept. R. O. T. C. Coordinator: Nick Kaup  
Dept. Monuments/Markers: Greg Carter  
Dept. Guide/Guard: Stephen Wheat

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. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville)	present

Total representatives present: 38

Plus 1 guest: CinC Don Palmer

DC Dyer had the pleasure of introducing CinC Don Palmer, National Commander of the SUVCW.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Mid Term Encampment of Oct. 29, 2011.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following report:

Beginning Balance:		\$10200.21
Income:	2011 Mid Term Luncheon	\$475.00
	New Members	\$ 71.75
	New Camp Fees	\$912.50
	Total Income:	\$1459.25
		\$11659.46
Expenses:	2011 Mid Term Lunch	\$433.12
	Steve Aarli Dsec exp	\$ 96.01
	Treas. Exp. (checks)	\$ 16.50
	Hirchberg Trophies	\$ 75.60
	New Mbr. Per capita	\$ 159.45
	Nick Kaup ROTC awards	\$ 50.00
	Chap. Kowalski sound system rental Lincoln tomb	\$125.00
	Program printing for Dr. Stephenson event	\$ 49.85
	Total Expenses	\$1005.53
	Balance as of May, 12, 2012:	\$10653.53

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers report. PDC Steve Westlake, Chairman of the Dept. Audit Committee, reported that the Dept. Treasurers books had been audited and found in good order.

Dept. Officer and Camp Commander reports were passed out to the Camps for their review. DC Dyer read his report highlighting his activities as DC since our Mid Term last October. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept these reports and have them placed on file.

DC Dyer called a short break to allow Mr. Rob Glubber of the Sycamore Historical Museum to give a talk on Gen. E. F. Dutton of Sycamore.

DC Dyer called the Encampment back to order at 1:35 pm.

It was reported that PCC John Bigwood was having some severe medical problems with a broken wrist, colon cancer surgery and a heart attack.

DC Dyer had the pleasure of calling upon CinC Don Palmer to speak on the state of the National Organization and the several National activities.

**Communications:** An email was read from Nat'l. Sec. Eugene Mortorff concerning Formal Opinion #IV of the Nat'l. Councilor regarding the ongoing issue of the SUVCW 501c3 tax exempt status of the SUVCW. The Nat'l. Treasure is in the process of trying to rectify the problem with the IRS.

**Presentation of Awards:** DC Dyer presented PCC Greg Carter with a Dept. Commanders Award for his exceptional quest in cataloging, documenting and photographing hundreds of CW monuments around the State of Illinois.

**New Business:** PDC Steve Westlake read a letter concerning the 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry reenactment group is planning a ceremony on Nov. 3 & 4, 2012 at Fort Negley in Nashville, Tn. to dedicate a plaque in honor of the soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ill. who were garrisoned and died there during most of the war. This letter was inquiring if the Dept. of Illinois would be willing to donate \$100.00 to help defray the cost of the plaque. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to this appeal.

DC Dyer presented a report on an information packet he presented to the City of Petersburg outlining a restoration and upgrade to the Dr. Stephenson burial plot. This project was very well received by the City and several Local contractors and landscapers were willing to support this project.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a full page add in the National Encampment 2012 program book for the Dept. of Ill. Dept. Treasurer will handle the details for submission of add and payment.

CC Jody Switzer proposal on Camps hosting Department Encampments on a rotation basis starting with Camp #1 then each Camp in numerical order being the host for the next Encampment. This would cover both Annual and Mid Term starting in 2013 and running through 2017. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have CC Switzer revise the format to balance the geographical spread more evenly.

**Bills:** The following bills were read and ordered paid: DC Dyer expenses \$83.47; Dept. Sec. Aarli supplies, postage, etc \$124.12.

**Mid Term Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 129<sup>th</sup> Mid Term Encampment on Oct. 27, 2012 at Belleville, Il. hosted by Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443.

**Dept. Officer Elections:** The nominating committee consisting of PDC Westlake, Kaup and CC Dellinger presented the following slate: for DC - CC Kirk Dermint; DSVC - CC Jody Switzer; DJVC - Marc Finnegan; DSec - Steve Aarli; DTreas. - Wm. Johnson. As there were no other suggestions from the floor, the above were elected by acclamation.

The committee also presented a slate of four (4) for the three (3) positions of Dept. Council: PDC Nick Kaup; PDC Terry Dyer; PDC Ron Clark and Bro. Tom Oestreicher. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a paper ballot was ordered to elect three (3) of the four (4) for Dept. Council. The three elected were PDC Kaup; PDC Terry Dyer and Bro. Oestreicher.

The following were elected as Dept. of Ill. Delegates to the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment to be held Aug. 9 - 11, 2012 in Los Angeles, Ca. : PCC Greg Carter; DTreas. Wm. Johnson; DChaplain Jerry Kowalski; Bro. Charles Wright; PDC Steven Westlake, DC Kirk Dermint; Bro. Richard Norris; DJVC Marc Finnegan and DSec. Steve Aarli. Delegate cards will be mailed to each of the above following the Dept. Encampment.

**Installation of Dept. Officers, Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 Officers:**

CinC Don Palmer officially installed the Dept. of Ill. officers who were present as well as those Officers of Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 for the coming year.

Since CC Dermint was installed as DC, Bro. Gary Ladd was formally installed as CC of Col. Hecker Camp #443 by CinC Palmer.

A number of new members of the order were present most from our new Dutton Camp #49 were initiated into the order by CinC Palmer.

Our new DC Kirk Dermint took the opportunity to thank the Delegates for their attendance and taking part in a successful meeting. He also thanked CinC Palmer for traveling to Sycamore and being a part of our Encampment and also to PDC Dyer for his faithful leadership the past two years. He also plans to announce the balance of his appointed Officers in the near future.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Kirk Dermint formally closed the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Illinois SUVCW