

**Department of Illinois SUVCW**  
**135th Annual Encampment**  
**Held May 5, 2018 at**  
**Tuscola, Illinois**

The 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in due form by DC John Bigwood 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.

The Roll of Dept. Officers was called with the following results:

Dept. Commander: John Bigwood – Present

Dept. Chief of Staff: Nick Kaup, PDC – Absent

Dept. SV Commander: Harry Reineke IV – Present

Dept. JV Commander: Joe Hutchinson – Present

Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present

Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present

Dept. Council: Nick Kaup – Absent; James Lyon – Absent; Robert Kurek- Absent

Dept. Counselor – Ron Clark - Absent

Dept. CW Memorials Officer: Vacant

Dept. Chaplain: Jerry Kowalski – Present

Dept. Historian: Terry Dyer, PDC - Present

Dept. Signals Officer – Paul Zeien, Jr. – Absent

Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator: James L. Lyon PDC – Absent

Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Absent

Dept. Guide: Chuck Wright – Absent

Dept. Guard: Rob Hauff CC – Absent

Dept. P. I.: Dave Wildermuth - Absent

Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Steve Haight PCC – Absent

Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli PCC – Present

Dept. Organizer: Nick Kaup PDC Absent/Steve Westlake PDC – Present

Dept. Real Son Liason – Joe Hutchinson PCC – Present

Dept. Fraternal Relations: Harry Reineke IV – Present

Dept. Color Bearer: Leigh Franklin – Present

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) Present  
John A. Logan Camp #26 (Rockford) Present  
Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (Sycamore) Present  
Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 (Peoria) Present  
Col. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Absent  
Old Glory Camp #6165 (Chicago) Present

Total representatives present: 20 members and five guests.

DC Bigwood had the pleasure of introducing Nat'l. CofA member Brian Pierson and his son Noah (who is also a Sons member); PDC's: Westlake and Dyer, ASUVCW Sisters Carol Dyer and Lourie Franklin and DUVCW Sister Mary Ellen Fryer. Sisters Dyer and Fryer gave greetings to the Dept. Encampment from their respective groups.

Minutes of the 134th Mid Term Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier. Moved by Chap Jerry, seconded by Bro. Reineke IV and ordered placed on file.

Dept. Treasurer Wm. Johnson presented the following Treasurers report:

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$16721.18</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Medals	108.50
Ribbons	1.00
New Brothers	77.50
3 Camp dinner	20.00
Ins. Payment from Old Glory Camp	69.56
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$276.56</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
New Brothers	56.75
Dept. Ins.	626.00
Steve Aarli Sec.	193.32
Postage	7.15
Terry Dyer Exp.	73.80
Dept. of Tx	180.00
Old Glory Camp	200.00
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$1337.02</b>
<b>New Balance:</b>	<b>\$15660.72</b>

A motion was made by Bro. Hutchinson and seconded by Bro. Reineke and passed to accept the Treasurers report.

**DEPT. OFFICER/CAMP COMMANDER REPORTS:** These were emailed prior to the Encampment for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Dept. Sec. Aarli read announcements concerning the Nat'l Civil War Ball and parade to be held on Nov. 17, 2018 during Remembrance Day weekend at Gettysburg, Pa. Also the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders to be held in Framingham, Mass. August 9 – 12, 2018. An invitation to attend a Memorial Day program at the GAR Memorial Hall to be held in Rockford, Ill. on May 28, 2018. Lastly, Gen. Orders #23 & 24 from CinC Mark Day.

**AWARDS:** DC Bigwood presented the following awards: A Camp award streamer to the Hecker Camp #443 to attach to their Camp Flag; PDC Nick Kaup was presented the Dept. Commanders award; Certificate of Commendation was presented to all Dept. Officers as well as Camps 1, 2, 4, 24, 26, 49, 67, 443, 6165, Rockford Zouaves SVR and Mulligans Battery SVR. A special gift from DC Bigwood on behalf of the Dept. of Illinois was presented to Bro. Brian Pierson, Nat'l CofA member for his participation at our Encampment representing CinC Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:** SVC Reineke had found a Dept. Of Illinois Corp badge as reported at our Dept. mid-term last year and has already implemented using it in various Dept. letter heads.

\*A fifteen minute break was taken at this point\*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dept. JVC Joe Hutchinson presented a talk about an effort to restore a CW monument in Peoria that was originally dedicated in 1866 and removed in 1962. After some discussion and amendments, an amended motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$500 to this restoration. Bro. Pierson, CofA member recommended that we need to submit Forms 61 & 62 for grant monies from Nat'l. Bro. Hutchinson said the forms were in the process of being completed and should be in the mail next week. Bro. Gene Walker presented an update to the CW marker in Vermont, Fulton Co. Ill. Dept. Sec. Aarli made a motion to reimburse DC Bigwood for the new DC Badge and frame for the Dept. Charter. Action on this motion was tied to the following proposal submitted by SVC Reineke: SVC Reineke presented a motion to reimburse him for the production of new PDC badges (Initial sample) at the cost of \$634.99 which included two newly designed PDC Badges. This part was approved. Second part of this discussion was presented that the Dept. purchase these new PDC badges for all living Dept. of Illinois PDC's at a cost of \$150 per badge for a total of \$1950.

The motion was amended to not pay the amount from the Dept. treasury but allow the living past Ill. PDC's the option to purchase one out of their own pocket. This amended motion was seconded and past. PDC Westlake was presented one which he agreed to pay for. The other new PDC Badge was presented to outgoing DC Bigwood He was willing to pay the \$150. It was agreed that the Dept. would deduct the cost of the new DC Badge and the frame for the Dept. Charter from the \$150 for the new PDC Badge and this was passed. Dept SVC Reineke presented the Dept. with an old Dept. of Illinois Flag which was given to Dept. Historian Terry Dyer. He suggested that we look into someone or someplace to see what it would cost to restore the flag. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Bro. Reineke the \$82.50 that he paid to purchase it off of Ebay.

Bro. Franklin found a panoramic framed photo of members of the GAR Department Encampment when the meeting was held in Peoria in 1912. He presented the photo to Dept. JVC Joe Hutchinson who is also the Camp Secretary for the Bryner Camp #67 in Peoria. In compliance with General Order #18 issued by CinC Mark Day to include the verbiage in his Gen. Order, Dept. Sec. presented the following motion to amend our Dept. By-laws to delete the wording "The name of this Order shall be the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois" as it is listed in the new wording specified in the General Order. The motion to delete the above wording was seconded and passed. The balance of the wording in the General Order is mandated by its inclusion in the National By-laws and has already been included into our by-laws.

**BILLS:** The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies \$91.77; Bill Shipper ROTC supplies \$104.45; Terry Dyer Petersburg supplies \$129.40; John Bigwood award certificates and gift for Bro. Pierson \$115.20; Harry Reineke \$136.50. Total: \$577.32.

**Annual Encampment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2018 Dept. Mid Term Encampment on Oct. 27, 2018 in Rockford to be hosted by Camp #26.

**Initiation of new members:** None

**Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections:** PDC Nick Kaup, PDC Jim Lyon and Bro. Rob Hauff who were appointed as the nominating committee to prepare a slate of Elected Dept. Officers presented the following list for our May 2018 Dept. elections: DC Harry Reineke IV PCC, SVC Joe Hutchinson PCC; JVC Gary Gunderson PCC; Secretary Steve Aarli PCC, Treasurer Bill Johnson; Council: Tom Oestreicher PCC, James Lyon PDC and Gene Walker. As there were no nominations from the floor, the above Brothers were elected by unanimous ballot.

The following Brothers were elected to serve as Dept. of Illinois Delegates to the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Allied Orders on Aug. 9 – 12, 2016 in Framingham, Mass.: Chap. Kowalski, Jerry Smith and Leonard Cassaro. All others who wish to attend were elected as Alternates.

**Installation of Officers:** CofA member Bro. Brian Pierson proceeded to install the new Dept. of Illinois Officers who were present. DC Reineke had the pleasure of presenting Bro. Bigwood with his Past Dept. Commander Badge.

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** A free will collection was taken from the members present and the proceeds in the amount of \$72.00 was donated to the Douglas County Museum for the use of their facilities for our Encampment.

**Closing of Encampment:** There being no further business to bring before this Encampment, DC Harry Reineke IV thanked everyone for their attendance and formally closed the 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 3:35 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW