

Department of Illinois SUVCW
136th Annual Encampment
Held May 11, 2019 at
Peoria, Illinois

The 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois was opened in due form by DC Harry Reineke IV at 12:25 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: Harry Reineke IV – Present
Dept. Chief of Staff: Steve Westlake, PDC – Present
Dept. SV Commander: Joe Hutchinson – Present
Dept. JV Commander: Gary Gunderson – Present
Dept. Secretary: Steve Aarli – Present
Dept. Treasurer: Wm. Johnson – Present
Dept. Council: James Lyon- Present; Tom Oestreicher– Absent; Gene Walker Not Present
Dept. Counselor – Ron Clark - Absent
Dept. CW Memorials Officer: Steve Anderson - Absent
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 – Present
Dept. ROTC Coordinator – William Shipper – Absent
Dept. Guide: Patrick McConnell – Absent
Dept. Guard: Rob Hauff CC – Present
Dept. P. I.: Michael Zafrane - Present
Dept. GAR Hwy Officer: Vacant
Dept. GRO: Steve Aarli PCC – Present
Dept. Organizer: Nick Kaup PDC and Steve Westlake PDC – Present
Dept. Real Son Liason – Joe Hutchinson PCC – Present
Dept. Fraternal Relations: Leigh Franklin – Absent
Dept. Color Bearer: Leigh Franklin – Absent

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. Freidrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville) Present

Old Glory Camp #6165 (Chicago) Present

Total representatives present: 26 members, 2 ASUVCW members and 2 guests.

DC Reineke IV recognized Dept. of Illinois PDC's Westlake, Bigwood, Lyon, Kaup, Lickey, Chesnut, and Dyer who were present. Guests CinC Don Shaw and CofA member Paul Davis. Sisters Carol Dyer and Jo Ellyn Kowalski ASUVCW members.

Minutes of the 135th Mid Term Encampment were approved as distributed via email earlier. Moved by Chap. Jerry, seconded by Bro. Zafran and ordered placed on file.

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

Beginning Balance: \$16,890.97

Income:

New members	61.06	
New member	20.75	
New member	38.00	
Dues	858.00	
New member	38.00	
Dues/Ins	1726.56	
Dues/Ins	2778.24	
Dues/Ins	2169.12	
Insurance	69.56	
Total Income:	\$7759.23	\$24,650.20

Expenses:

Old Glory #6165 memorial	500.00
Steve Aarli Sec'y expenses	78.84
Jim Lyon BSA expense	20.62
Memorial Hall RFD gift	275.00
New member fee	10.75
New member fee	38.75

New member fee	28.00	
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New member fee	22.50	
Paul Zeien web page fee	39.99	
Dept. Insurance	626.00	
Terry Dyer frame	26.13	
Total expenses:	1694.58	
New Balance:		\$22955.62

A motion was made by Chap Jerry and seconded by Bro. Zafran and passed to accept the Treasurers report.

DEPT. OFFICER/CAMP COMMANDER REPORTS: These were emailed prior to the Encampment for review with the exception of DC Reineke which he proceeded to read. Dept. Sec Aarli highlighted net gains and losses in Dept. membership. Began with 233 members, gained 19 lost 29 with end of year total membership loss of 10. End of year membership is 223. A motion was made by Bro. Zafran and seconded by Chap Jerry and passed to accept the reports and have them placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dept. Sec. Aarli read a resolution for support by the Dept. of Michigan for Bro. Paul Davis CofA member who is running for Nat'l. JVCinC. Bro. Aarli noted that letters of intent from other Nat'l Officers running for Nat'l Office are listed on the Nat'l. website. A motion from Chap Jerry and seconded by Dept. Treas. Bill Johnson to appoint a committee consisting of the three (3) Dept. Council members and DC Reineke to draft a resolution from the Dept. of Illinois in support of DC Reineke for election to the Nat'l. CofA and to be sent to all Departments. Also to have a resolution of support for PDC Jim Lyon for election as Nat'l. Quarter Master. Motion passed. Nat'l Sec Jonathon Davis forwarded an email to all Depts. To be aware of a phishing scam going around to try to get monies from Dept. Treasurers for an unknown parties. If you get this email, delete it asap.

AWARDS: DC Reineke on behalf of PCinC Mark Day, presented Dr. Stephenson support ribbons to the following Dept. of Illinois Camps for their purchase of Bricks for the Stephenson Memorial Plaza Camps 2, 26 and 67. DC Reieneke also presented PDC Steve Westlake with the Dept. Commanders Award for his service. DC Reineke also presented Certificates for Exemplary Performance and challenge coins to all Dept. Officers for their work for the Department. Camp of the Year Award was presented to Old Glory Camp #6165 for their hard work in their first year. DC Reieneke presented PDC Terry Dyer with the Brother of the Year Award for his tireless work on the Stephenson Plaza Project.

OLD BUSINESS: PDC Lyon reported no progress has been made on cords for Camp Flags. Bro. Gene Walker reported that the Virmont, Ill. GAR Monument restoration has been completed. Dept. SVC Hutchinson reported that the CW Monument project is progressing and will eventually relocate in the Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

NEW BUSINESS: *A vote was cast for the proposed amendment to the Nat'l C & R for the deleting of "the last proceeding" found in Article V Section 2b. Chap Jerry moved and Bro Zafran 2nd to accept the change. The vote was unanimous.*Dept. Sec. Aarli proposed a change to the Dept. of Illinois by laws under Article XII Sec. 2 to exempt Life Members and Real Sons from Dept. per capita. After some discussion, Bro. Aarli moved and Bro. Hutchinson seconded to lay this over until the October Encampment. A committee of Bro's Reineke, Aarli and Welch will review the change and report at Oct. Encampment. *A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a full page add in the 2019 Nat'l Encampment program book. *Bro. Wildermuth moved and Bro. Hutchison seconded that the Dept. of Illinois set aside \$300.00 at each Dept. Encampment to use as a gift for the rental of the venue where the Encampment is held. Motion passed. *A motion was made, seconded and passed that the incoming Dept. Commander form a committee to help plan and make arrangements for the next Dept. Encampment. (In the past it was up to the host Camp to make these arrangements) *Dept. Sec. Aarli presented a picture and article of two CW Soldiers. The article explains this picture was to be a proposal for a possible USPS stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. These were in the family of PDC A. Le Roy Reynolds who was DC in 1948-50. Bo. Aarli passed them to PDC Dyer, Dept. Historian. SVC Hutchinson requested copies of these be sent to him so he can add them to the next issue of the "Rail Splitter." *PDC Dyer presented an American Flag used by the Camp Fuller Reenactment Group.

BILLS: The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec. supplies \$125.08; Chap Jerry \$175 for Chaplain duties; PDC Kaup \$80.84 and Wm Shipper \$105.31 for ROTC supplies. Total paid: \$486.23. Checks were also issued for: Add for Nat'l Encampment program book \$45.00 and Nat'l Per Capita \$4809.00.

Annual Encampment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2019 Dept. Mid Term Encampment in Oct. 2019 in Sycamore to be hosted by Camp #49. It was requested that Camp #49 select a Saturday in October asap.

Initiation of new members: None

Dept. Officer/Delegate Elections: PDC Steven Westlake presented the slate for elected Dept. Officers: DC Harry Reineke IV; SVC Joe Hutchinson; JVC Gary Gunderson; Secretary Steve Aarli; Treas. Wm Johnson; Council Tom Oestreicher, Gene Walker and Leigh Franklin. Chap Jerry moved and Bro. Zafran 2nd to elect these officers by acclamation. Motion passed.

The following were elected as delegates to the Aug. 2019 Nat'l Encampment in Ohio: Jerry Kowalski; M. Zafran; W. Wehrheim; D. Wildermuth; G. Gunderson, C. Wright; T. Horn and J. Smith. All others are alternates.

Installation of Officers: At this time CinC Don Shaw had the pleasure of installing the officers of the Dept. of Illinois who were present in due form.

Announcements & Good of the Order: *CinC Don Shaw extended greetings from his Corps of Nat'l Officers and complimented the Dept. for all its good work. *Bro. Zafran asked all military veterans to stand and be recognized. *PDC Dyer gave a brief update on the Stephenson Plaza in Petersburg.

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 136th Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois at 4:00 pm in due form.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Steve Aarli, Dept. Sec.

Dept. of Ill. SUVCW