

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Council of Administration

### Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

Marietta, Georgia

1. The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley at 8:03 PM. The attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chaplain Kowalski providing a moment of prayer. CinC Freshley gave general opening comments to the Council.

2. The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

CinC Ken Freshley

SVCinC Tad Campbell

JVCinC Eugene Mortorff

National Secretary Alan Russ

National Treasurer Richard Orr

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler

CofA Member Steve Hammond

CofA Member Donald Martin

CofA Member Donald Shaw

CofA Member Ed Norris

CofA Member Walter Busch

CofA Member Perley E. Mellor

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

None

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC and Banner Editor Stephen Michaels

Executive Director David Demmy Sr.

PCinC Gordon R. Bury, II

PCinC Andrew M. Johnson

PCinC Edward J. Kreiser

PCinC George L. Powell

PCinC Robert E. Grim

PCinC Donald Darby

PCinC James B. Pahl

PCinC Leo F. Kennedy

PCinC D. Brad Schall

PCinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Bruce D. Frail National GRO, Rhode Island

James Ward, PDC, Florida

Brian C. Pierson, PDC, GA & SC

Loran Bures, Washington CAL 1

Chuck Poland, Chesapeake

Terry Dyer, PDC, Illinois

Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain, Illinois

Robert Woltz, National Historian, Florida

Kevin Martin, Chesapeake

Robert Petrovic, PDC, Missouri

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Secretary Russ reported most communications received were resolutions and such for the National Encampment.

- a. Letter report from Brother Jerry Orton. For direction by CinC. – It was moved by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Norris, to reject the honorary membership requested in the report. Motion Passed.
- b. New Hampshire Dept. Resolution for Battle of Olustee Monument to advise the Council of Administration of its support for the Battle of Olustee Monument. The Council of Administration is now advised.

- c. Brother Orr advised he had received a letter of thanks from the Cathedral of the Pines and letters of thanks from grant recipients.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

- a. Commander Freshley gave a brief report about the Olustee Monument.

### **2. SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF/Programs and Policies Committee**

- a. No additional information. Items are in the report to the encampment.

### **3. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF/Membership Committee**

- a. Brother Mortorff advised he will be updating numbers in his report to the encampment to reflect final counts.

### **4. NATIONAL TREASURER**

- a. No additions to report.
- b. Brother Orr advised the total net assets now exceed \$1 million.
- c. The 990 still needs to be posted on the website. Webmaster will be advised to do so.  
**ACTION: National Webmaster**
- d. Brothers are still having issues with the revised website. Commander Freshley reminded all that it is still a work in progress; however, he will advise the webmaster of the problems noted.
- e. Bills are all paid.
- f. Investment program was implemented a year ago. Returns for past fiscal year were in excess of \$17,000 compared to \$3,000 previously. For the first time in twenty-five years it was possible to pay the per capita tax of all life members to the general fund.

5. **Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois** – Brother Dyer gave a brief update on the Stephenson Memorial Plaza. He requested that a full page advertisement be placed in several issues of the Banner and on the website. Motion by Brother Wheeler to place advertisements in the Banner died for lack of second. Webmaster will be asked to add information to National website. **ACTION: National Webmaster**

6. **Bruce Frail National Graves Registration Officer**. Brother Frail requested to know why the proposed educational program for graves registration officers failed to be passed by the CofA? Brother Orr addressed some of the issues with it. Discussion followed. CinC Freshley directed it be sent back to the GRO committee for re-work, followed by it being resubmitted to the Programs and Policies Committee. **ACTION: GRO Committee**

7. **Bruce Frail**. Problems with archives and the Rhode Island Historical Society. Brother Orr inquired if there was a way to terminate the document. That is uncertain, at this point. Brother Bury recommended a name for Brother Frail to contact. The incoming CinC will need to grant permission for Brother Frail to contact the brother to assist in negotiating contract with Rhode Island. **ACTION: Incoming CinC**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Brother D. Martin discussed that there is an issue with the police at Gettysburg charging \$750 extra for the Remembrance Day parade. Brother Orr pointed out this is an SVR responsibility.

2. Brother Pierson welcomed all to Georgia. He also advised that the Campfire will start at 7 PM, preceded by a ceremonial campfire at 6:30PM.
3. Brother Mortorff brought up the “Home camp” issue in Brother Darby’s Counselor report. This will be addressed on the floor of encampment.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Brother Mortorff reminded the encampment committee of the need for the additional microphones for encampment. Brother Pierson advised that the audio person will be there in the morning.
2. Brother Busch advised that 173 brothers were pre-registered for the encampment.
3. Brother Wheeler advised that he was having problems with orders for camp and department flags and that he was working to find someone else to make the flags.
4. Brother Orr advised that there would be three auctions at the encampment; another “widow’s badge”, another “peace light badge”, and a 1913 Boy Scout badge donated by Brother Robert Woltz. Also, there will be a “\$5 table” to reduce the stock of sesquicentennial merchandise.
5. Chaplain Kowalski provided words of wisdom and advised all to go forward together.

**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

1. Commander-in-Chief Freshley provided his closing comments to the Council.
2. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

Minutes approved by vote of the Council of Administration as of September 2, 2014.