

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE  
Lafayette, Indiana - 1980

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 18 & 19 1980 at the Ramada Inn, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Conference was called to order by the Commander, Grover R. Huff at 2:20P.M. The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Sister Jane Graham, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - Grover R. Huff - Wisconsin -----	Present
Sr. Vice Commander - Ethel Jones - Iowa -----	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander - Charles Lowe - Iowa -----	Absent
Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois -----	Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----	Present
Patr. Instr. - Betty King - Indiana -----	Present
Chaplain - Jane Graham - Ohio -----	Present
Guide - George Shadel - Ohio -----	Absent

The roll call of States was taken with the following representations:

Colorado-Wyoming -----	0
Illinois -----	3
Indiana -----	17
Iowa -----	0
Kansas -----	0
Michigan -----	0
Minnesota -----	0
Missouri -----	0
Nebraska -----	0
Ohio -----	4
Oklahoma -----	0
Wisconsin -----	3

Total 27

(The above was taken from the registration roster)

The minutes of the 1979 Conference was read and apporved.

Communications from those unable to be present were read:

Richard E. Wyman - Commander-in-Chief S.U.V.C.W.  
 Lelia M. Turner - National President Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.  
 Richard L. Greenwalt - Past Commander-in-Chief S.U.V.S.W.  
 Nellie H. Hawley - Past National President Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.  
 Lula Brann - Department President Iowa Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.  
 Charles Lowe - Iowa  
 Clara Savage - Secy.-Treas. of Colorado-Wyoming Auxiliary to S.U.V.C.W.  
 Ralph Shadel - Ohio

Brother Tom Johnson extended verbal regrets from Brothers George Cashman and Edward Coltrin for being unable to attend this years Conference.

The Treasurer, Ellinore K. Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1979-1980 which were approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

Commander Huff asked for committee reports. None were submitted.

Commander Huff appointed the following committees with instructions to report at the second session.

Auditing Committee: Cyril Gumbinger  
Robert M. Graham  
Orval King

Resolutions Committee: Thomas W. Graham  
Argus Ogborn  
Florence Bodle

Nominating Committee: T.W.L. Johnson  
Betty King  
Hannah Krersher

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator, Thomas L.W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented. "Your Family History." At the end of twenty five minutes the members reassembled. Brother Johnson called on each state alphabetically and reports were give by the following individuals:

Illinois ----- Cyril Gumbinger

Indiana ----- D.C. Clifford Becker  
D.P. Betty King  
Violet Rees  
Gretchen Brand  
P.D.C. Donald Kelly.  
P.D.P. Florence Bodle  
Gertrude Combs  
Olivia Kenworthy  
P.D.C. Ivan Lancaster  
P.D.C Col. Argus Ogborn  
David Reed

Ohio ----- Jane Graham

Wisconsin ----- Grover R. Huff  
Ellinore K. Johnson  
T.W.L. Johnson

At the close of the report session Brother Johnson thanked the members for their participation, after which Commander Huff resumed the chair.

Brother Gumbinger extended an invitation for the Conference to be held in Peoria, Illinois in 1981. Commander Huff postponed any action on this invitation until our Sunday session.

The Conference was recessed at 4:30 P.M. to resume at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 19.

SECOND SESSION  
OCTOBER 19, 1980

The second session of the Conference was opened at 9:40 A.M. by Commander Huff.

Sister Jane Graham opened the Bible and the Commander led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Huff asked Brother Tom Johnson to make the presentation of the "Outstanding Achievement Award" to the recipients. The first award went to Sister Ellinore K. Johnson, for her 30 years of faithful service to the Central Region. The second award went to Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman, for his many years of faithful service to the Central Region.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books were in excellent condition. This report was accepted and approved. A copy of this report is part of these minutes.

The Resolutions Committee report offered the following resolutions:

1. That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Indiana Department of the Sons and Auxiliary for the splendid reception given to all the delegates and this Conference.
2. That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Ramada Inn for the many courtesies extended in our behalf.
3. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the Central Regional Commander Grover Huff in appreciation of his year of service to this organization.
4. That a rising vote of thanks be given to Thomas L.W. Johnson for his efforts as chairman of the program committee.
5. That a letter of congratulation be sent to the National Organization in the celebration of their 100th birthday.

This report was accepted and approved.

The Legislative Report was given by its chairman, Thomas L.W. Johnson. This report was accepted and approved. A copy of this report is part of these minutes.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Commander -----	Jane Graham - Ohio
Sr. V. Commander -----	Charles Lowe - Iowa
Jr. V. Commander -----	Nellie Hawley - Iowa
Secretary -----	Robert M. Graham - Illinois
Treasurer -----	Ellinor K. Johnson - Wisconsin
Part. Instr. -----	Thomas W. Graham - Ohio
Chaplain -----	David Reed - Indiana
Guide -----	Betty King - Indiana

Motion was made to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above named slate of officers. Motion Carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay all outstanding bills. Motion Carried.

Brother Johnson made a motion that the Central Region Conference give a \$20.00 donation to the Salvation Army of Waukesha Wisconsin in the name of Brother Grove R. Huff, for his donation of the "Outstanding Achievement" plaques. Motion Carried.

The installation of officers took place with Brother Johnson conducting the installation ceremony.

The newly elected Commander, Jane Graham assumed the chair.

The invitation for the Conference to be held in Peoria, Illinois was accepted.

A number of possible themes for the 1981 Conference were suggested. The 1981 theme "Your Family History" was accepted. It was also suggested that those members who had artifacts to the Civil War bring them for a display. Commander Jane Graham asked Brother Johnson to act as moderator. Which he accepted.

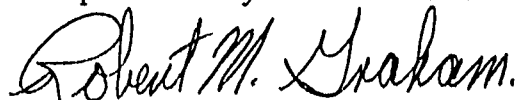
Brother Huff asked Commander Jane Graham to appoint a committee for the "Outstanding Achievement Award." Said committee is to select two recipients from the names submitted. Names are to be submitted from the Department Secretaries of persons active in the Central Region Conference. Names are to be sent to the chairman of the committee no later than July 1.

Commander Jane Graham appointed the following to the "Outstanding Achievement Award" committee:

Ellinore K. Johnson - chairman  
Cyril Gumbinger  
Thomas W. Graham

Upon motion of Ellinore K. Johnson and seconded by Cyril Gumbinger that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10A.M.

Respectfully submitted.



ROBERT M. GRAHAM  
1980 Secretary

September, 1980

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1979-1980. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 1979 .....		\$ 288.71
Receipts: Dues 1979-1980:		
Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	\$ 5.00	
Wisconsin Sons.....	5.00	
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Ohio Sons.....	5.00	
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Iowa Sons.....	5.00	
Illinois Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Curtis Warner Camp #64 - Kansas..	5.00	
Michigan Sons.....	5.00	
Indiana Sons - 1978-1979.....	<u>5.00</u>	55.00
Other Receipts:		
Registration - Mansfield Ohio....	66.00	
Personal donation - Tom Hoffman..	<u>10.00</u>	<u>76.00</u>
TOTAL.....		419.71
Disbursements:		
Banquet tickets for: Regional Commander, and Nat'l President...	20.00	
Ohio Department - Flag.....	15.00	
Mansfield Auxiliary - Memorial...	10.00	
Contribution - N. C. of S. Fund..	10.00	
Regional Treasurer - Postage.....	<u>2.85</u>	<u>57.85</u>
Balance on hand as of September, 1980.....		\$361.86

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ELLINORE K. JOHNSON  
Regional Treasurer

Th Legislative Report

Memorials, National Monuments and Historic Sites - The "National Park and Recreation Act of 1980" passed the House of Representatives in May and is now before the Senate. It provides for the expansion of several existing sites and the designation of new sites of particular interest to groups and individuals concerned with American history. Among the sites associated with the Civil War proposed for expansion are th Richmond National Battlefield Park in Virginia, the Monacacy National Battlefield in Maryland, the Stones River National Battlefield and Stones River National Cemetery in Tennessee, and the Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. One of the new sites proposed would honor James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States and a Union general, by establishing his homestead at Mentor, Ohio, as a national historic sit .

In addition, provisions of the bill would establish the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Preservation District, both located in Atlanta, Georgia, to commemorate the life and work of the slain civil rights leader.

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Civil War Dead Will Rest in Peace - Public outrage led the Veterans Administration to announce in early July that it had abandoned its effort to relocate the bones of the unknown Civil War veterans buried in a West Virginia cemetery. This followed an earlier VA announcement that it intended to place the remains of unknown Civil War Veterans in mass graves at National cemeteries beginning with the National cemetery in Grafton, W. Va. The plan was designed to make space available in existing cemeteries for veterans of more recent wars in recognition of the severe space shortage in many of the 108 National cemeteries in the country.

R bert Beller, director of cemeteries for the VA, reported that 55 National cemeteries no longer accept veterans without reserv d sites. On approach to the

problem is the creation of regional cemeteries like the facility recently opened near Harrisburg, Pa. Nine others are either planned for or in the process of development. But the use of these facilities will mean that veterans in the futur may be buried at a considerable distance from their homes and next-of-kin.

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Measures Relating to Holidays and Special Observances - The first Monday in February would be designated a holiday in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln under terms of H.R. 5360. Under S. 2289, February 22 would be established as a holiday to mark the birth of George Washington. In a speech to the Senate on February 18 of this year, Sen. Jennings Randolph of W. Va., reminded his colleagues that he had introduced S. 517 to return Memorial Day to May 30 and stated that both Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day deserve to be observed on their traditional calendar dates. H.R. 6204 would amend Title 5 of the U. S. Code to provide for federal observances of Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day on appropriate Sundays. The measure would also adjust the pay and leave status of federal employees so that the "holiday Sundays" would not be considered as holidays for compensation purposes. House Jt. Res. 472, which passed the House on May 30, 1980, would designate October 19, 1981, as the "Day of National Observance" of the 200th Anniversary of Gen. Cornwallis' surrender at the Battle of Yorktown at the close of the Revolutionary War. Senate Jt. Res. 82, which passed that body on February 26, 1980, would designate the week beginning with the third Monday in February of each year as "National Patriotism Week."

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. W. JOHNSON  
Chairman

9/6/80