

**MINUTES  
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 5 & ;6, 1996  
CHESTERTON, INAIANA**

The Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary, was call to order on 5 October 1996 at 2PM in the Palomar Room of the Indian Oaks Inn. The meeting was called to order by Central Region Commander Nick Kaup. Preparations were made for the opening ceremony with the selection of the following members to fill the vacant offices: Dennis Kelly (Illinois) as Guide, Ron Aronis (Wisconsin) as Chaplain, and Mike Fettinger (Indiana) as Color Bearer.

The roll call of current CRC officers was taken:

Commander	Nick Kaup	Illinois	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Dave Turpin	Iowa	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Robert Grim	Ohio	Present
Secretary	Ron Gill	Indiana	Present
Treasurer	Elinore Johnson	Wisconsin	Excused
Patriotic Instructor	Edward Krieser	Indiana	Present
Guide	Robert Weisen	Wisconsin	Absent
Chaplain	Bob Weiss	Wisconsin	Absent
Color Bearer	Curt Krieser	Wisconsin	Absent

The following introductions of National Officers, and past National Officers were made:

Commander-in-Chief	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
Past Commander-in-Chief	Kieth Harrison	Michigan
Past Commander-in-Chief	Richard Greenwalt	Ohio
National President Auxiliary	Betty J. Baker	New York
Nat'l Pres. W.R.C.,	Eileen Post	Iowa
Past Nat'l Pres. Auxiliary	Beatrice Greenwalt	Ohio
National Secretary SUV	David Wallace	Michigan
Nat'l Military Affairs	Terrance McKinch	Michigan

The minutes of the 1995 Central Region Conference were passed out and corrected. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written and corrected. The motion was approved. The Treasurer's report was given in the absence of Elinore Johnson along with a letter written explaining why she was unable to attend, and wished to submit here resignation. The books were sent to Secretary Ron Gill, which were to be turned over to the Auditing Committee for a final report. A suggestion was put forward by Past C-inC Richard Greenwalt to present Elinore with some token of the CRC's appreciations for her many years of hard work and devotion. That was to be turned over to the Resolutions Committee for further action.

A report on the attendees of the CRC are as follows (both SUV & AUX members): Iowa - 1,

Illinois - 5, Indiana - 9, Ohio - 4, Wisconsin - 5, Michigan 4, and New York - 1, making a total of 29 possible voting delegates.

Correspondence was read from both Thomas Johnson and Elinore Johnson expressing regret that they could not attend the Conference due to sickness and work schedule. In Mr. Johnson's letter he express the desire of the Wisconsin Department to host the 1997 Central Region Conference, and the delegation expressed that feeling also, so the delegation to the current CRC concurred; so the 1997 Central Region Conference will be held in Wisconsin the 1st or 2nd weekend of October.

Comments were made from the floor by Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, Betty Baker, President of the Auxiliary to the SUV, and Eileen Post from the WRC, all extend greetings from their respective groups and appreciated the invitation to attend the CRC.

The CRC officers gave their reports, after which the Commander set up the committees to meet and submit their reports the following day: The committees are as follows:

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Ron Aronis  
Peggy Schaefer  
Danielle Michaels

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Edward Krieser  
Rhoda Lemanski  
Larry Bailey

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Nick Kaup  
Dennis Kelly  
Ron Gill

The Commander called on each of the delegates representing their states to give a brief synopsis of the activities taking place in their areas that was represented by the SUV and/or Auxiliary.

**ILLINOIS-** A new camp is being set up in Tuscola at the Courthouse, and a new Camp is being set up in Belleville, IL (near St. Louis). Also, a Dedication Ceremony for a monument for the Civil War Veterans in Warrenville, IL on 12 October 1996.

**INDIANA-** Russel Kirchner, Camp Commander of Somers Camp in Kokomo, IN told of a Civil War Show to be held in Kokomo, IN on 23 November 1996.

**NATIONAL-** The national Organization is holding a Dedication Ceremony at Gettysburg, PA on 16 November 1996 near the Woolson Monument, as stated by Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis.

**MICHIGAN-** A ceremony at Grand Rapids, MI by the Allied Orders for the Veterans Home on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of August 1997. The Michigan Department will hold a "mid-winter" Encampment on 15 February 1997 where the subject matter will be orientation to the job description for the officers and members of the SUV.

**WISCONSIN-** Comments were made regarding the listing and care of gravesites of Civil

War Veterans by Rhoda Lemanski, and Commander Kaup commented on the Illinois group working to replace missing or broken headstones of the veterans. The department is working to design programs to raise funds for patriotic work and gain recruits for our order.

WOMENS RELIEF CORP- the National President Eileen Post told about their "Sanitary Fair" that was held near Chicago, IL last year, and that it went over very well and was visited by many people.

Commander Kaup called for a ten minute recess before we moved to the program portion of the agenda. After which the program consisted of three parts:

"The Great Abraham Lincoln Highhack" by Bonnie Spears presented by Ron Gill. This book told of the project to steal the body of Pres. Lincoln from the tomb and sell back for a ransom. The project failed and extra-ordinary procedures were made to protect Lincoln's body from ever being taken away from the tomb.

Biography of Belle Boyd was given by Rhoda Lemansky, and where she spent her active years during the Civil War, and how she gave aid and comfort to the Confederate side.

Peggy Schaefer presented the Biography of John Breckenridge, who went from being a Senator from Kentucky before the War, moving to the Confederate Army, and trying to get away with gold and other wealth at the close of the War. He was to finish his life in Canada, never having gotten ahold of his wealth that was buried somewhere in Florida.

At the close of the program, the meeting was adjourned until 9 AM on Sunday morning the 6th of October.

Sunday Morning the 6th October 1996:

Meeting opened at 9 AM by Senior Vice-Commander David Turpin standing in for Commander Nick Kaup, and Chaplain gave prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Audit Committee gave their final report, and submitted the books were in perfect order. The current balance is \$767.35. It was moved and seconded to accept the report as given, and the motion passed.

The Resolution Committee gave their report by listing items we should do:

- 1) A plaque, or appropriate gift, be presented to Elinore Johnson at the Patriotic Luncheon in Wisconsin on the 8th or 22nd of February 1997,
- 2) The CRC give consideration to combine the posts of Secretary-Treasurer,
- 3) Commend the Department of Wisconsin to host the 1997 CRC,
- 4) Give Thanks and Congratulations to the Indiana Department for their job in hosting the 1996 CRC,
- 5) The CRC send Congratulations and Best Wishes on his position of Commander-in-Chief to Alan Loomis,
- 6) Send letter of Commendation and Thanks to Betty Baker of the Auxiliary and Eileen Post of the WRC for their appearance at the CRC,

- 7) Letter to the Departments of Missouri and Kansas encouraging them to attend the next CRC meeting in Wisconsin,
- 8) Send a courtesy letter to the Indian Oak Hotel for their facilities and service in making the CRC a pleasant affair to attend, and,
- 9) Send a letter thanking Richard Greenwalt and Kieth Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chiefs, for their participation in the 1996 Central Region Conference.

Robert Grimm moved to accept the report as given, and motion was seconded by Francis Frederick. After a period of discussion, the motion passed.

A strong point was made by National Secretary Gary Wallace that the 1997 CRC make a move to clarify the boundaries of the Central Region in light of new developments the past two to three years with new regional boundaries being established. In fact, It would be best to "re-define" the meaning of the Central Region Conference.

The theme of the 1997 CRC in Wisconsin will be Leadership Training and a presentation of representative units of Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry, so that a full line-up of activities is set for the 1997 Conference.

The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for 1997:

Commander	David Turpin	Iowa
Senior Vice-Commander	Robert Grim	Ohio
Junior Vice-Commander	Dave Bailey	Illinois
Secretary/Treasurer	Edward Krieser	Indiana
Patriotic Instructor	Larry Seits	Illinois
Guide	Dennis Kelly	Illinois
Chaplain	Danielle Michaels	Wisconsin
Color Bearer	Ronald Gill	Indiana

It was moved and seconded to accept the slate as presented, and approve the election of these candidates by acclamation. The motion carried. Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis was the Installing Officer, and performed the ceremony.

Commander David Turpin proceeded to close the 1996 Central Region Conference at 9:45 AM on the 6th of October 1996.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Ronald Gill, Secretary

EXPENSES/INCOME for the  
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE on 7 & 8 October 1995

INCOME:

Registration: 24 at \$2.00 each	\$48.00
Luncheon - 20 at \$10.00 each	\$ 200.00
Banquet - 23 persons at \$17.00 each	391.00
Goodwill offering at Breakfast	113.00
TOTAL	<u>652.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Registration to Central Region	\$ 48.00
Indiana University for meals/room	525.63
Paid Leelia Cornell for program	50.00
TOTAL	<u>623.63</u>
SURPLUS to Department Indiana	\$ 28.37