

**MINUTES**

**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GAR  
CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 7, 2006  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

The conference was opened at the Marriott Hotel at 2:00 PM by Central Region Association Commander Merle Rudebusch of Nebraska. Commander Rudebusch, in absence of the Guide, appointed Alan Teller of Indiana, as acting Guide. Chaplain Bob Kennedy opened the Bible and led the attendees in prayer. Arlene Rudebusch, Color Bearer led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

The secretary called the roll of officers:

Commander	Merle Rudebusch	Nebraska	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Mary Fritz	Illinois	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Alan Russ	Kansas	Present
Secretary-Treasurer	Lee Ann Teller	Indiana	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Jeff Stephen	Iowa	Present
Chaplain	Bob Kennedy	Iowa	Present
Color Bearer	Arlene Rudebusch	Nebraska	Present
Guide	Gib Young	Indiana	Absent
Historian	Alan Teller	Indiana	Present

Commander Rudebusch took the opportunity to introduce the National Officers or their Representatives from the Allied Orders. They were:

Opal Nelson, PNP, LGAR

Marilyn Rittel, Iowa Department President ASUVCW

James Pahl, C-in-C, SUVCW

Barbara Knope, National Sr. Vice President, LGAR

Mary Fritz, a National Executive Board Member ASUVCW, representing Barbara Mayberry, Nation President ASUVCW, & also representing Lois Didier, National President of the WRC

Patricia Mullenix National President of the DUVCW represented by Arlene Rudebusch, President Department of Nebraska

Commander Rudebusch asks Alan Teller to tell a little about the what the attendees could look forward to at the conference in 2007. Alan passed out literature about Crawfordsville, Indiana where the conference will be held, October 6, 2007. He emphasized the fact that Crawfordsville was a small town and that the meeting would be held in a church. He mentioned Lane and Wallace, two important names in that town, and their connection to the Civil War. Further details will be made available closer to the time of the conference.

Commander Rudebusch noted that a volunteer was needed to host the 2008 Central Region Association Conference.

Missouri volunteered to host the 2008 Central Region Association Conference. Jack Grothe also gave information on the 2007 National Encampment being held in St. Louis, Missouri on August 9-12, 2007 at the Frontenac Hilton.

Reading of the minutes was called for. Secretary's minutes of the 2005 meeting of the Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association Conference held in Lawrence, KS on October 1, 2005 were distributed and reviewed. A motion made by Bob Petrovic and seconded by Alan Teller to accept the minutes as written. Motion Passed.

Commander Rudebusch appointed the following committees.

<b>Resolution Committee</b>	<b>Nominating committee</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>
Chairman CR Stephen	Chairman Bob Petrovic	Chairman Maggie Grothe
Alan Teller	Allen Russ	Lee Fritz
Jack Grothe	Ron Rittel	Randy Durbin

#### **Officers Reports:**

Commander Rudebusch reported that he attended, as CRA Representative, the Department of Nebraska Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Convention, the Department of Nebraska Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Encampment. Distributed flyers at DUVCW National Convention and SUVCW National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA. Presented Allied Orders CRA concept at Tent and Camp meetings in Nebraska.

Senior Vice President's Report: Mary Fritz attended the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps She went to find out what assistance they could use from the Central Region Association. She left with the feeling that with some help that things would be looking up.

Junior Vice President's Report: Allen Russ stated that he had contacted Department Commanders and Secretary's with the Central Region Association information packet about this conference in the hope that it would generate interest and increase attendance. He also announced that due to personal commitments that he would not be advancing to the Senior Vice President position. Commander Rudebusch expressed the association's appreciation for the jobs well done by Allen Russ.

Communications: None

Treasurer, Lee Ann Teller, noted the balance on hand as of June 16, 2006 was \$1485.00. She also read the states and which Allied Order had 2007 dues outstanding. Noting that some of the states listed had not paid dues since 2005.

### **Reports from Committees:**

**By-Laws Committee:** Chairman Don Palmer, Maggie Grothe, Barbara Knope, Lee Ann Teller, and Allen Russ. Don Palmer explained that the Central Region Association is not bound by the constitution by-laws of any of the national Allied Orders. The assumption by him was that it would be a two year endeavor to get the by-laws passed. Hand outs were available with the articles discussed in the committee meeting. As currently proposed, there are about seventeen articles. Some of the articles covered were: **Membership, Dues, Voting, Finances, Education and Training, Vacancies, Reports, Committees, Duties of Officers, Awards, Badges, Dissolution or Disposition of Assets.**

**Resolutions Committee:** The report was given by Jack Grothe. Thank you letters be sent to the following; Hotel, speaker, Host Department of Iowa, Headquarters of the 5 Allied Orders thanking them for representative sent, WRC and ASUVCW Mary Fritz, LGAR PNP Opal Nelson, DUVCW Department President from Nebraska, Arlene Rudebusch, & SUVCW C-in-C, James Pahl. His resolution also suggested a monetary donation of \$200.00 be given to the host department of Iowa. A motion was made to give the host Department of Iowa a monetary gift of \$200.00 by Alan Teller, seconded by C R Stephen. A friendly amendment was made by David Stephen and accepted by Alan Teller, that the money could be used by the host department for a project of their choosing. Motion Passed.

**Nominations Committee:** Chairman, Bob Petrovic raised the question of a person being placed on the slate for an office if that person was not present. Thus ensued a lengthy discussion of pros and cons. The final decision--not to place that name on the ballot at this time. The nominations presented and voted on were: Commander, Mary Fritz.. Senior Vice Commander, Jeff Stephen, and Jack Grothe. Junior Vice Commander, Jeff Stephen, Jack Grothe, and Alan Teller. Officers elected for the 2007 term: Commander, Mary Fritz, MO, Senior Vice Commander, Jeff Stephen, IA; Junior Vice, Alan Teller, IN. Jack Grothe withdrew his name for consideration at this time. C-in-C James Pahl moved that if only one name is slated for an office, that that person be declared unanimous by the presiding officer. Seconded by Jack Grothe. Motion Passed.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Maggie Grothe reported on the breakdown of Allied Orders memberships in the central region.

**Auditing Committee:** Maggie Grothe reported that the treasury was in order and there were no objections to the treasurer's report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

David Stephen gave a reminder that the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War will be celebrated nation wide, that the Allied Orders need to start now getting a member on the local and/or state level so that we have a voice in the planning and execution of these celebrations.

Commander Rudebusch invited the C-in-C, James Pahl, for any comments he might have. The C-in-C's theme was fraternity.

Commander Rudebusch appointed a committee with Bob Petrovic - Chair, Jeff Stephen, and Allen Russ for the host department to turn to for information on hosting a successful conference, (timelines, printed materials, etc):

A total of 34 attendees were registered for the 2006 Central Region Association Conference. The number of attendees per Allied Order organization represented (as registered) are shown below.

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War .....	22
*Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 .....	2
*Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War .....	5
*Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic .....	3
* Woman's Relief Corps... Mary Fritz, Representative, counted is ASUVCW)...0	
*Guests.....	2

**Elected of officers for 2007:**

Commander, Mary Fritz, IA.  
Senior Vice Commander, Jeff Stephen, IA.  
Junior Vice Commander, Alan Teller, IN.

Commander-elect Mary Fritz made the following appointments:

Patriotic Instructor, Bob Kennedy, IA  
Chaplain, Marilyn Rittel, IA  
Color Bearer, Jack Grothe, MO  
Guide, Arlene Rudebusch, NE

**Instillation of Officers:**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, installed the officers with the assistance of Guide Barbara Knope and Chaplain Bob Kennedy.

The meeting was closed by Commander elect, Mary Fritz at 4:35 PM.

**ALLIED ORDERS  
CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION**

**REPORTS FOR  
ALLIED ORDERS DATABASE  
2006**

As of 6/30/2006

WRC

5 Departments

Illinois 3 corps-46 members

Massachusetts 3 corps-15 members

Michigan 7 corps-77 members

Ohio 6 corps-101 members

Wisconsin 8 corps-91 members

13 National Corps

MAL-56 members

Total corps 41

Total membership 650

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Fritz

Membership Committee Report 2006 See attached.  
Submitted by,  
Margaret Grothe, Chairman ASUVCW

Membership Committee Report

2006

This report covers the 13 states in the Central Region of the  
5 Allied Orders of the GAR.

	WRC	LGAR	DUVCW	SUVCW	AUX. SUVCW
COL-WY	-0-	-0-	25	3	13
IL	47	15	135	180	-0-
IN	-0-	8	100	213	-0-
IA	49	11	102	168	19
KS	7	58	76	146	-0-
KY	41	-0-	-0-	102	-0-
MI	86	11	198	485	48
MN	-0-	48	99	?	-0-
MO	-0-	20	278	148	9
NEB	-0-	-0-	243	53	-0-
OH	101	115	282	532	96
TN	-0-	7	-0-	107	5
WI	102	3	?	217	34
Total	433	196	1538	2351	224

submitted: Margaret Grothe, chairman    Aux. SUVCW  
 Lee Ann Teller-LGAR  
 Arlene Rudebusch-DUVCW  
 Mary Fritz-WRC

*Margaret Grothe*