

GAR Allied Orders  
Central Region Conference  
October 3, 2009  
Kokomo, Indiana

Minutes taken from the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Conference of the CRA

**Elected and appointed Officers for 2008-09**

- Walter Busch, Commander, MO
- Lee Ann Teller, Senior Vice Commander, IN
- Mike Beck, Junior Vice Commander, IN
- Sec/Treasurer, Jack Shaw, IN
- Patriotic Instructor, Bob Petrovic, MO
- Chaplain, Barbara Stone, IN
- Color Barer, Cody Shaw, IN
- Guide, Alan Russ, KS
- Historian, Alan Teller, IN

**Newly Elected and Appointed Officers for 2009-10**

- Commander, Lee Ann Teller, IN
- Senior Vice Commander, Mike Beck, IN
- Junior Vice Commander, Bob Petrovic, MO
- Patriotic Instructor, Barbara Kropke, KS
- Chaplain, Walter Busch, MO
- Color Barer, Maggie Grothe
- Guide, Roy Gofferty, KS
- Historian, Alan Teller, IN

Maggie Grothe was introduced as the National Representative for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She extended Greetings to all. Brother, Bob Petrovic was introduced as the National Representative for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Extended Greeting from Commander-in-Chief, Kennedy Wishing all a successful Conference.

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*Walt Busch*  
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Introductions were made for P.CinC. Alan Loomis, WRC, President, Marcia Butgereit, LGAR, Barbara Kropke and SVR, Jack Grothe.

The Minutes were printed and distributed to the members to be read and approved. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, second by Alan Russ. The minutes were accepted as correct by the body.

Commander Busch Nominated the Following Committees:

**Resolutions Committee:**

Marcia Butgereit  
Barb Kropke  
Roy Gofferty

**Audit Committee:**

Bob Petrovic  
Tim Beckman  
Ron Gill

**Nominating Committee:**

Alan Russ  
Barbara Stone  
Jim Knopke

A total of 24 Members attended the 2009 CRA Conference.

**Report of Officers**

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**Commander, Walt Busch**

The Commander reported that through the year, three projects were accomplished. The order was completed on the much needed Past Commander's Badges by Bob Petrovic, Commander Busch was proud to state he was the first to wear the Commander's badge and the introduction of the new CRA web page.

**Senior Vice Commander, Lee Ann Teller**

SVC Teller explained in her report that a table was set up and manned by herself, to meet and greet other Allied Order members at the National Encampment., in Louisville, KY, this year. She was also instrumental in organizing the CRA Conference in Kokomo, IN.

**Junior Vice Commander, Mike Beck**

Written report, not yet received. Brother Beck told in his report about the importance of recruiting new members into the Order.

**Sec/ Treasurer, Jack Shaw**

Sec/Treasure Shaw That all was safe and Sound with the Bank Account. The account was audited by our Audit Committee and it was reported that \$1,241.02 Remain the ending balance as of, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

**CRA Historian, Alan Teller**

Historian Teller reported that he has sent a Past Commander's badge to Jane Graham, who served in 1981 as Commander in the Peoria, IL. Conference. Historian Teller has also reported that he is collecting Biographies of all Past CRA Commanders. To date, seven have been received.

**Old Business:**

Commander Busch reports that he proudly wore the CRA Commander's badge on one occasion. He went on to say he wore the badge at a Daughter's of Union Veterans of the Civil War function in Missouri. He encouraged the Commanders and Past Commanders to wear their badges at functions, such as the Lincoln Death Day, in Springfield. Bob Petrovic spoke on the Past Commander's badges and the cost of each. Jack Grothe debated the idea of weather the CRA would need to produce a membership badge for each member. It was decided that a CRA membership badge was not needed.

**New Business**

Commander Busch brought up the discussion of the 990 form. Discussion arose about our Non-profit status and the listing of the allied orders' EIN and our current bank account. A committee was appointed by Commander Busch to research the status of the CRA.

Up coming Dates for the CRA Conference were discussed. Indiana will host the CRA in 2012, By the DUVCW, 2011 MO. and 2010 Kansas. Commander Busch discussed our current CRA Website. He brought to the body an idea of having our own www. web page. There was a motion made to take up to \$100.00 to produce a web page for the CRA. There was a second by Alan Russ and the body was all in favor.

Commander Busch spoke about microfilming the existing records of the CRA. Prices and procedures were discussed. Using past microfilming as a example, by members of the Conference. Membership badges were brought up for a vote. The production of Membership badges was denied by consensus of the members.

Commander Busch called a short recess and the bible was closed by Chaplain Stone. The Meeting resumed, shortly and Commander Busch called on the Nominating Committee to present their report..

#### Audit Committee.

Bank Balance was check and discussed by the Finance committee and deemed to be accurate and up to date. Treasurer's report was examined and signed by members.

#### Resolutions Committee

It was decided that letters of appreciation were to be written by Secretary Shaw, on behalf of the CRA, and to be mailed to Indiana University, thanking them for their cooperation.

#### Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee reported the following nominations:

Lee Ann Teller – Commander

Mike Beck – SVC

Bob Petrovic – JVC

The installation of the new officers was officiated by Past Commander, Alan Teller. Secretary Shaw called the roll of the newly elected officers and Commander Elect, Lee Ann Teller, reported to the members on her appointed Officers. The new officers were installed and presented to the members of the 2009 Central Region Association Conference.

Commander Lee Ann Teller closed the meeting, thereafter.