

MINUTES

GAR Allied Orders
Central Region Association Conference
October 1, 2011
Rockville, Indiana

The 72nd annual Central Region Conference was brought to order by Commander, Robert Petrovic at 2:40pm. Chaplain Walter Busch lead the opening prayer. The Colors were posted by the SVR and Commander Petrovic lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward the roll call was taken. There were seventeen members present. Commander Petrovic introduced five national members present at the 2011 conference, Judy Rock, National President, Ladies of the GAR -Cindy Norton, National President, WRC -Ken Freshly JV Commander in Chief, SUVCW, Barbara Stone, National President, DUVCW, and Don Palmer, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW. JV C-in-C was also introduced as our Guest Speaker.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander	Robert Petrovic	Missouri	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Donald Shaw	Michigan	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Chris Warren	Missouri	Absent
Secretary/Treasurer	Jack Shaw	Indiana	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Martin Aubuchon	Missouri	Present
Chaplain	Walter Busch	Missouri	Present
Color Bearer	Jim Knopke	Kansas	Absent
Guide	Roy Lafferty	Kansas	Absent
Historian	Alan Teller	Indiana	Present

After the roll call and introduction of our National officers, Commander Petrovic asked for a verbal report on the CRA financial status questioning any unpaid bills. Everything was current with account balance and bills paid.

A discussion ensued pertaining to a communication from Allen Russ, representing the Department Commander of Kansas, to 2010 CRA Commander, Lee Ann Teller, explaining that at their 15th Department Encampment, April 30th, 2011, at Lawrence Kansas, Voted to withdraw it's membership from the Allied Orders Central Region Association, effective immediately. Commander Petrovic Called on Commander-in-Chief, Palmer to explain this letter to the members of the conference. C-in-C Palmer explained that because a recent change in the Bylaws, this letter excluding Kansas from the CRA is immaterial. He went on to explain that individuals that pay their registration fees, can attend and represent their Departments. Alan Teller and Commander

Petrovic discussed past CRA Conference meetings.

Commander Petrovic proceeds to nominate the various committees.

Audit committee:

Judy Rock,
Barbara Stone
Cindy Norton

Resolutions Committee:

Matt Elkins
Tim Pike
Marty Aubuchon

Nominating committee:

Mike Beck
John Bowyer
Amy Bowyer

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Alan Teller made a motion that the Minutes would be accepted, as written. It was seconded by Walter Busch and approved by consensus of the attending members.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Commander:

Commander Petrovic reported that he Represented the Central Region Association at Gettysburg Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, two Signature events in Missouri, and the SUVCW, National Encampment. He also reported about the research he did through the year on obtaining an E.L.N. To open our bank account and conduct our financial business.

Senior Vice Commander:

Senior Vice Commander, Donald Shaw, reported that he attended Gettysburg, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and The 2011 National Encampment

Secretary/Treasurer:

Secretary, Jack Shaw reported to the members that the CRA Bank account had been closed. The balance opened at \$1,347.12 and closed at \$878.56. A report, explaining all financial activity was made available to the attending members. Secretary Shaw went on to report all records were in order.

Historian:

Historian, Alan Teller reported that he did a minimum amount of work to advance the historical data Collect over the past year, however, Historian Teller went on to report that he did conduct a survey that the 2011 Conference tasked him with. The survey was sent out on October 8th 2010 to those who have attended CRA conferences in the past, but did not attend the 2010 Conference. The survey was sent out to 46 members and he received 14 replies. The replies came from Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. Historian Teller also reported that he worked with Commander Teller to arrange the 2011 CRA Conference in Rockville, Indiana.

During the Officer's reports, Past CRA Commander, Lee Ann Teller addressed the Allied Orders Data Base committee. Past CRA Commander, Teller went on to explain the purpose of the Data base and it's obstacles.

OLD BUSINESS

Walter Busch opened the discussion, with digitizing the old CRA records on microfilm. Past CRA Commander, Busch went on to explain that he had currently been working with a company, Microtek and had produced a digital, diazo master copy of the CRA records. Alan Teller Made a motion to keep the diazo copy with the current Secretary/Treasurer's files. The records would contain the CRA minutes from 1940, to 2009. JV C-in-C Freshley added that the information be added to the web page. Mike Beck seconded a motion on keeping the diazo copy with the Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was passed by consensus of the attending members.

Alan Teller brought forth a discussion pertaining to the original hard copies of the records. A. Teller recommended storing the records at Ball State Archives. He added that he would check with Ball State. Don Palmer also suggested storing the records at the National SUVWC Headquarters.

A discussion was on the floor pertaining to obtaining an E.L.N. Judy Rock Made a motion that we would pursue a CRA E.L.N. The motion was seconded by Don Shaw and passed by a consensus o

of the attending members.

Commander Petrovic presented an award to Alan and Lee Ann Teller for their continued work keeping the Central Region Association Active.

The 2011 October 1*, CRA Conference broke for lunch at 3:25pm, est, to resume at 4:00pm

Audit Committee

Chairman, Judy Rock, Reported that all was in our with the CRA Treasurer's report and was approved.

Resolutions committee

The resolutions committee recommended that thank you letters be sent to the Department of Indiana, DUVCW, all guest speakers, Parke County Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN, Caterer, Angie Millikan and Parke County Tourism.

Nominating committee

Chairman Mike Beck of the Nominating committee read the current nominations, as follows: Don Shaw, Commander, Cindy Norton, Vice Commander, Martin Aubuchon, Jr. Vice Commander and Jack Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were received from the floor. The Secretary was ordered to cast a vote for the slate as provided by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

CRA Commander, Robert Petrovic opens with a discussion on future meeting locations for the Central Region Association. Walt Busch suggested Bardstown, Kentucky. Although no members of the department of Kentucky were present. Cindy Norton volunteered arranging the 2013 conference in Ohio. The end result of the discussion was:

- 2012 - Springfield, IL - Grant Camp of Missouri
- 2013 - Bardstown, Kentucky - Mike Beck
- 2014 - Ohio - Cindy Norton
- 2015 - Michigan - Donald Shaw

Walter Busch made a motion to accept the four year CRA schedule. Judy Rock seconded the motion and was passed by a consensus of the attending members.

Alan Teller made a motion to add the word Preferably between the words shall be held and on the first Saturday of. Chapter VI< Section 1 of our current bylaws. Don Shaw seconded the motion and it was passed by a consensus of the attending members. It must be voted on again in

2012 to become part of the bylaws.

Don Palmer Discussed his concern of the approximate \$330.00 loss on the CRA Treasury funds. It was decided from a suggest by Walter Busch that a collection should be taken at the ongoing conference. An Amount of \$160.00 was collected and later deposited in the treasury fund.

CRA Commander Petrovic opened a discussion to improve the CRA web page.

Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer proceeded to install the new 2001-2012 CRA officers. The Commander's badge was presented to Commander Donald Shaw and outgoing Commander, Robert Petrovic, received the Past Commander's badge.

The current CRA officers are, as follows:

Commander	Donald Shaw	Michigan
Sr. Vice Commander	Cindy Norton	Ohio
Jr. Vice Commander	Martin Aubuchon	Missouri
Secretary/Treasurer	Jack Shaw	Indiana
Patriotic Instructor	Mike Beck	Indiana
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Historian	Alan Teller	Indiana

CRA Commander, Donald Shaw touched on the importance of the CRA web page and appointed a web page committee, namely, Judy Rock, Tim Pike, Walter Busch and Ken Freshley. Ken Freshley will act as Chairman. Commander Shaw added some closing remarks, thanked everyone in attendance and brought the meeting to a close at approximately 5:30e.s.t

The report of these minutes, to the best of my knowledge are an accurate account of the Central Region Association Conference held October 1st, 2011 at Rockville, Indiana. Not every detail has been included in this report and can be open for discussion at the Next CRA conference in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Central Region Association

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