

G.A.R.

ALLIED ORDERS CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION Officers 2014-2015

Commander	James Pahl	Michigan
Senior Vice Commander	Don Palmer	Missouri
Junior Vice Commander	Ken Freshley	Ohio
Secretary/Treasurer	Judy Rock	Michigan
Patriotic Instructor	Barbara Stone	Indiana
Chaplain	Don Shaw	Michigan
Color Bearer	Gary Granger	Michigan
Guide	Dale Aurand	Michigan
Historian	Alan Teller	Indiana

Officers 2015-2016

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The 75 Annual Central Region Association of the G.A.R. conference was held in Oberlin Ohio the October 3-4, 2014.

On Friday, Oct 3rd we met in the lobby at 6:00 pm and carpoled to a marvelous barbecue restaurant. We enjoyed a great meal and fun fellowship. Saturday found us, once again, meeting in the hotel lobby to visit the Spirit of 76 Museum after which we enjoyed a lunch in the hotel restaurant before our guest speaker, Keith Kauffman began at 1:00 pm. Mr. Kauffman spoke on ways to promote our organization(s).

After a short break the meeting was officially called to order by Commander Martin Aubuchon at 3:00 pm. The Conference was opened per the ritual. Eighteen members were in attendance. They were Marty Aubuchon, Missouri; Don Palmer, Missouri; Don Shaw, Michigan; Bob Petrovic, & Cher Petrovic, Missouri; Gary Granger & Helen Granger, Michigan Lee Ann Teller & Alan Teller, Indiana: Carol Pahl & Jim Pahl, Michigan; Cindy Norton, Ohio; Tim Graham, Ohio; Ken Freshley & Sue Freshley, Ohio; Linda Kronberg, Michigan; Dale Aurand, Michigan and Judy Rock, Michigan; Excused were members Barbara Stone, Indiana and Walt Busch, Missouri.

Roll call of officers;

Commander	Martin Aubuchon	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Jim Pahl	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Don Palmer	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	Judy Rock	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Barbara Stone	Excused
Chaplain	Walter Busch	Excused
Color Bearer	Lee Ann Teller	Present
Guide	Dale Aurand	Present
Historian	Alan Teller	Present

Following roll call of officers, introductions were made, National Commander SUVCW, Ken Freshley, all Past National Commanders and all National officers of the Allied Orders in attendance.

The minutes from the October 2013 meeting were read. National Commander Freshley moved to accept, seconded by Dale Aurand, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was then presented. Motion to accept was made by Bob Petrovic, seconded by Don Shaw, motion passed subject to audit.

Commander Aubuchon appointed the following committees;

AUDIT; Tim Graham, Alan Teller & Gary Granger

RESOLUTIONS; Lee Ann Teller, Jim Pahl, Don Palmer

NOMINATING; Bob Petrovic, Don Shaw, & Helen Granger

Commander Aubuchon gave us a synopsis of his year which included traveling to the Gettysburg National reenactment and the promotion of his SUV CW camp as well as recruitment. He also thanked Cher Petrovic, Jim Pahl and Alan Teller for the work they did to bring our brochure up to date. He also thanked Cher for the design she did for our 75th anniversary coin and Bob Petrovic in his stewardship in having it produced so the cost was only \$10 to sell to promote our membership.

Senior Vice Commander, Jim Pahl reported on his activities consulting on the brochure and coin, passing out brochures and attending many events.

Junior Vice Commander, Don Palmer reported on his contribution to the development of the coin and brochure and also put together an analysis and assessment of the CRA with discussion to follow later in the meeting.

Historian, Alan Teller reported that he has biographies of the Past Commanders of the CRA from 2002-2014 except for one year and is working on that.

Old business was discussed with it being completed. Website was discussed and Ken Freshley is doing it for the cost of the domain name. Domain names were discussed and it was suggested both 'CRA ALLIED ORDERS' and 'ALLIED ORDERS CRA' names be purchased. This was tabled until after the cost of the names and the availability were established.

Bob Petrovic suggested we check with the storage of records as soon as possible as the idea of storing them at the LGAR headquarters has become impossible. It was also suggested that the new commander be empowered to sign any necessary contracts and they be agreed upon by executive committee by email. These suggestions were then put into a motion by Don Shaw and seconded by Alan Teller. The motion passed.

At this time it has been determined that the domain names are available and the cost is reasonable. Ken Freshley moved to follow through with the aforesaid plan seconded by Sue Freshley and the motion passed.

We then return to Don Palmer's analysis and assessment of the CRA.

1. Attendance at meetings 2004-2006 had been 30-40 members
Attendance at the current meeting 18
WHY

Everyone has too many meetings
Cost of attending all meetings
What do I get out of attending?

2. Feedback

Advanced planning is needed and information
an agenda
leadership and history

focus on camp, tent, circle etc.
lower level officers don't attend
report on what CRA is providing for host,

Memorial University

Leadership topics for all Orders
Communicate to members via newsletters
Have a table at National to promote CRA
Commander contact s all Heads
Preplanning & Communication
Sponsorship by Department
People who are good with people and can draw them in (promoters)

Next CRA meeting in Cleveland 2016

Tenn. 2017

MO 2018

Election of officers

Jim Pahl Commander elected

Don Palmer Sr. Vice Commander elected

Ken Freshley Jr Vice Commander elected

Ken Freshley & Cindy Norton nominated for Jr. Vice Commander

Commander Pahl voiced his plans for the coming year;

COMMUNICATION is the key

2015 CRA Conference closed at 5:40 pm with prayer by Chaplain Don Shaw

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Rock, Secretary