

Minutes

**Gar Allied Order
Central Region Association Conference
October 4, 2008
St. Louis, Missouri**

Walter Busch presented the guest speaker, Randy R. McGuire, CA, PhD, Digitization Archivist at St. Louis University. He talked about archiving and preservation of records. He spoke of the importance of selecting acid-free materials for storage and the dangers of using the wrong materials, rubber bands, staples, paper clips, glue, ink, etc.

The 69th Central Region Association Conference was opened at 2:30 PM at the Holiday Inn South by Central Region Association Commander, Alan Teller. Cody Shaw was appointed as acting Guide. Bruce Kolb gave the opening prayer. Chaplain, Barbara Stone, opened the Bible. Color Bearer, Michael Beck, presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary called the roll of officers.

Elected and Appointed Officers for 2007-2008

Commander, Alan Teller, IN	Present
Senior Vice Commander, Walter Busch, MO	Present
Junior Vice Commander, Resigned	Absent
Secretary/Treasurer, Lee Ann Teller, IN	Present
Patriotic Instructor, Alan Russ, KS	Present
Chaplain, Barbara Stone, IN	Present
Color Bearer, Michael Beck, IN	Present
Guide, Resigned	Absent
Historian, Mary Fritz, IA,	Absent

Barbara Knopke was introduced as the National President of the LGAR. She gave us greetings and wished us a successful Conference.

The minutes were in the attendee's folder. The secretary requested that the minutes be approved as written with corrections or additions to be noted. Michael Beck moved that the minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Robert Petrovic; Passed.

Commander Teller appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee

Alan Russ, KS
Barbara Stone, IN
Jim Knopke, KS

Resolutions Committee

Bruce Kolb, IN
Walter Busch, MO
Barbara Knopke, KS

Audit Committee

Jack Shaw, IN
Don Palmer, MO
Robert Petrovic, MO

A total of seventeen (17) were registered for the 2008 Central Region Association Conference. The number of attendees per Allied Order organization represented are:

- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....14
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865..... 2
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War..... 0
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic..... 1
- Woman’s Relief Corps..... 0

Report of Officers

Commander: Commander Alan Teller gave his report for his activities and correspondence for 2007-2008. He expressed his appreciation for the trust placed in him this past year. He had no recommendations to make. He submitted a written copy to the secretary.

Senior Vice Commander: Walter Busch reported that all his activities for CRA involved organizing the 2008 conference with the assistance of Robert Petrovic. He submitted a written report to the secretary.

Junior Vice Commander: No report.

Historian: No report.

Commander Teller read a thank you card he received from Martha Van Grundy, 98 years young of Colorado. She informed him that she joined as a member of LGAR, the Auxiliary, and the Daughters in 1941.

Unfinished business: Commander Teller addressed the issue of a Commanders Badge. He did not feel a Commanders Badge necessary. Commander Teller gave the prices and number of badges that would have to be ordered They were expensive. A motion was make by Robert Petrovic that a Commanders badge not be purchased from Erffmeyer & Sons. Motion seconded by Alan Russ; passed. Barbara Stone made a motion to have a Commanders Badge that will be passed on to the next Commander. Two or three badges as back up, using the Past Commanders Badge with a different color ribbon serving as the Current Commanders Badge. Motion seconded by Robert Petrovic; passed. Commander Alan Teller also noted that he will receive the last Past Commanders Badge. There are other Past Commanders who still wish to get this badge. There is one known at present. Twenty three Past Commanders Badges have been given out. Robert Petrovic made a motion to purchase ten (10) Commanders Badges at \$18.000 each to be held by the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Barbara Stone; passed.

By Laws Committee: Donald Palmer was asked by Commander Teller to hold his report until later.

Commander Teller ask the secretary to read the attending present Allied Orders status of Department dues paid and unpaid. The attending Allied Orders are; SUVCW, IN, KS, & MO paid through 2009. DUVCW, IN paid through 2009. LGAR, KS paid through 2009.

New Business: Commander Teller announced that Wisconsin had volunteered to host the 2010 conference the second weekend in October. After some discussion it was decided that any Department wishing to host the conference should be present and that the conference should be held the first weekend in October. Jack Shaw made a motion that the Department of Indiana host the 2009 Central Region Association Conference Oct. 3, 2009. Motion seconded by Bruce Kolb; passed. Alan Russ made a motion that the Department of Kansas host the Central Region Association Conference October 2, 2010. Motion seconded by Craig Sundell; passed. Robert Petrovic made a motion that the Department of Missouri host the Central Region Association Conference October 1, 2011. Motion seconded by Walter Busch; passed.

Commander Teller called a short recess. The Bible was closed. The meeting was reconvened and the Bible opened.

Resolutions Committee: Barbara Knopke, presented the resolutions: 1) Thank You notes to: A. Holiday Inn South, St. Louis, MO B. Host, SUVCW Department of Missouri C. Growler's Pub. 2) Donation to Department of Missouri of \$200.00 for a project of their choice.

Audit Committee: Jack Shaw commended the treasurer for accuracy and completeness. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Report of Nominating Committee: Jim Knopke announced the candidates. Commander, Walter Busch. Senior Vice Commander, Lee Ann Teller. Junior Vice Commander, Michael Beck. Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Shaw. Commander Teller called for other nominations from the floor. Commander Teller, receiving no further nominations called for a vote of one for each officer to be cast and recorded. The officers elected for 2008-2009: Commander, Walter Busch, MO; Senior Vice Commander, Lee Ann Teller, IN; Junior Vice Commander, Michael Beck, IN; Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term), Jack Shaw, IN.

Commander Alan Teller called for By Laws Committee Chairman, Donald Palmer, to pass out copies of the by laws. The by laws passed out were with revisions and deletions along with the original wording. Don told of the responses he received. Some rather heated. Don offered the option of continuing with the by laws or not having by laws. Everyone wished to continue to establish by laws using the existing framework. Don

went through each article and section one-by-one until an agreement could be reached. A lot of revision wording and deletion of items was done. It took much time and discussion among attendees. Alan Russ moved to accept the by laws as amended. Motion was seconded by Bob Petrovic; passed. A final updated and revised copy of the by laws will be presented at the next conference. An attachment of the by laws will be filed with the secretary's report. The by laws will also be held by the Historian for future reference. In conjunction with the by laws, Department dues will no longer be paid. A registration fee set by the conference will entitle all registered attendees the right to vote.

A motion was made by Robert Petrovic to set the reservation fee at \$10.00 for the 2009 conference. Motion seconded by Jim Knopke; passed.

Newly elected Commander, Walter Busch announced the appointed officers as:
Patriotic Instructor, Robert Petrovic, MO
Chaplain, Barbara Stone, IN
Color Bearer, Cody Shaw, IN
Guide, Alan Russ, KS
Historian, Alan Teller, IN

The newly elected and appointed officers for 2008-2009 were presented and installed by Alan Teller.

Commander Walter Busch closed the meeting at 5:45 PM.

Lee Ann Teller
Secretary/Treasurer