

MINUTES

**GAR ALLIED ORDERS
CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 6, 2007
Crawfordsville, Indiana**

The 68th Central Region Association conference was opened at the St. Johns Episcopal Church at 2:55 PM by Central Region Association Commander, Mary Fritz. Commander Fritz, in the absence of Marilyn Rittel, Chaplain, appointed Gracann Smith, acting Chaplain.

Chaplain Gracann Smith opened the Bible and led the attendees in prayer. Jack Grothe, Color Bearer led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary called the roll of officers.

Elected officers for 2007:

Commander, Mary Fritz, IA	Present
Senior Vice Commander, Jeff Stephen, IA	Present
Junior Vice Commander, Alan Teller, IN	Present
Patriotic Instructor, Bob Kennedy, IA	Present
Chaplain, Marilyn Rittel, IA	Absent
Color Bearer, Jack Grothe, MO	Present
Guide, Arlene Rudebusch, NE	Present
Historian, Alan Teller, IN	Present

Commander Fritz called for the roll or members. Attending members gave their names, offices held, and their department.

The minutes were in the attendees folder. The secretary requested that the minutes be approved as written with corrections or additions to be noted. David Stephen, Department of Iowa moved that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Gracann Smith, Department of Michigan. Passed

Roy A. Laferty, Kansas passed out information on the 129th National Encampment to be held in Overland Park, Kansas, August 12-15, 2010 This will be the first time in history that the Kansas Departments of SUVCW, ASUVCW, and LGAR has hosted a National Convention.

Commander Fritz appointed the following committees.

Audit Committee

Barbara Stone, IN
Donald Palmer, MO
Merele Rudebusch, NE

Resolutions Committee

Jack Shaw, Indiana
Lois Didier, IL
Robert Kennedy, IA

A total of forty (40) were registered for the 2007 Central Region Conference. The number of attendees per Allied Order organization represented (as registered) are:

- *Sons of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....28+1
- *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War4
- *Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....6 -1
- *Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.....1
- *Woman’s Relief Corps.....1

Report of Officers

Commander: Commander Frtiz gave a report of her activities for 2006-2007. She expressed her appreciation for having served as Commander and thanked those who supported her throughout the year. She recommended a bar be added to the Past Commanders Badge saying “Past Commander.” She further recommended a badge be established for the current Commander to say “Commander.” This badge to be passed from one Commander to the next, remaining the property of the CRA. She also announced she was going to establish a Past Commanders Club for the CRA. It’s purpose will be to keep Past Commanders actively involved and reap the benefits of their vat experience, knowledge, and leadership. She submitted a written copy to the secretary.

Senior Vice Commander: Jeff Stephen gave an oral report. (Jeff told the secretary that he did not have his written report with him but would send it later.)

Junior Vice Commander: As Junior Vice Commander, Alan Teller, gave his report of activities and submitted a copy to the secretary.

Historian: Before Alan Teller gave his report he pointed out that he had put out a list of Past Commanders, pictures, and other memorabilia for viewing. He gave a copy of the report to the secretary.

Resolutions Committee: Jack Shaw, Chairman. Resolutions: A) The "Past Commander" badge have a bar added, "Past Commander." The Commander's badge to have a bar added, "Commander", to be passed to the next Commander, owned by CRA. Discussion followed. Jack Grothe made a motion that a committee should be appointed to deal with this recommendation and report findings at the next conference meeting. Seconded by Bob Petrovic. Passed. B) Send thank you letters John's Episcopal Church, Holiday Inn, the five Allied Orders and the letters to be sent to the following: St. Department host of the 2007 Conference, and the five Allied Orders involved. Concurred. Passed. C) Memorial Day May 30th petition drive. Sustained. D) \$200.00 donation to host Department of Indiana. Passed. E) Resolution to return to April 15th as Lincoln Death Day Ceremony date. Discussion followed. Tabled.

Audit Committee: Merele Rudebusch, Chairman commended treasurer for accuracy and completeness. The treasurer's report was found accurate.

Maggie Grothe, Chairman made a motion that the Data Base Committee be disbanded. Seconded by Rob Petrovic. Passed.

By Laws Committee: Don Palmer, Chairman distributed a draft of the by laws. Recommended to hold off any vote so that the by laws can be absorbed and any issues, suggestions, recommendations, etc. can be sent to the committee via mail, phone, or email. The committee can then work with the issues. The committee may hold a special meeting to go over the issues submitted. Major discussion followed. Motion by Walter Bush to operate the association under these by laws as is until the by laws are voted on next year. Seconded by Alan Russ. Failed. Marcia Butgereit made a motion to send a draft to all members and let them digest and decide then send recommendations to the committee for discussion at next conference. Seconded by Bob Kennedy. Passed. Discussion continued. A very contentious discussion on the "one vote per Department per Order" ensued until Dave Stephen made a motion to table discussion on by laws till next year. Second Jeff Stephen. Passed.

Commander Fritz called for the treasurer to read Departments that have paid dues and those who have not paid.

Treasurers Report: The balance as of September 15, 2007 is \$1,530.00.

Nominating Committee: Ron Clark, Chairman, IL, Patricia Frederick, IN, Walter Bush, MO. Candidates are to give their names to the committee. Commander Fritz recommended that voting be done by ballot. There are two names for Commander, Alan Teller and Jeff Stephen. She named tellers Barbara Stone, IN, Marcia Butgereit, WRC, and Phyllis Houston, LGAR. Dave Stephen made a motion that all those in attendance be allowed to vote. Seconded by Alan Teller. Passed. Nominating Committee Chairman, Barbara Stone announced Alan Teller elected as Commander and recommended that the ballots be destroyed. Commander Fritz so ordered that the ballots be destroyed. Senior Vice Commander, Walter Bush, MO. Secretary cast single vote for candidates unopposed. Junior Vice Commander, Gracann Smith, MI. Secretary cast single vote.

The Chaplain closed the Bible. Commander Fritz recessed the meeting till 7:00 PM.

Three communications were received but not read. Department of Iowa, ASUVCW sent two years dues. PC in C Charles Kuhn Jr. sent his regrets and extended his greetings to all Brothers and Sisters in the Central Region and wishing us a harmonious and productive meeting. National President, Judy Trepanier, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had a prior commitment and asked her National Chief of Staff Diane Mellor to represent her. She extended her wish for us to have a productive and harmonious conference.

The Chaplain opened the Bible. Commander Fritz reopened the meeting for installation of officers.

Installing officer Ed Krieser asked the Guide, Arlene Rudebusch to present the new officers before the altar, and proceeded with the installation.

Commander elect, Alan Teller, named appointed officers. The appointees for the 2007-2008 Central Region Association are: Chaplain, Barbara Stone, IN; Guide, Marcia Butgereit, MI; Historian, Mary Fritz, IA; Color Bearer, Michael Beck, IN; Patriotic Instructor, Alan Russ, KS.

Commander Teller closed the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM.

CRA 2007 Conference Registered Attendees

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