



Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War Colonel John C. Bryner Camp 67 Department Of Illinois

The monthly meeting of the Colonel John C. Bryner Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 67 of Peoria, Illinois opened on Monday, **April 13, 2009** at 7:05 PM at the GAR Hall with Commander Hutchinson presiding. Brother Wachtveitl performed the invocation in place of Chaplain Carrow who was absent. Recitation of the Pledge followed. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Jon Lickey	Lionel Kinney	Dave Rogers
	Joe Hutchinson	Bill Huber	Larry Wachtveitl
	Mike Triplett		

Special Program: Brother Lickey presented a short program about Frederick and Bill Upham's father, Bill Upham Sr. from an article in the April 2009 issue of American Legion magazine. Copies available on request.

Secretary's Report: Commander Hutchinson read the minutes of the last meeting. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the minutes with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. He said that payment was made to Dept. for the 2009 per-capita. He also reported that payment was sent to Balch Bros. Flags for a bronze G.A.R. grave flag holder for the upcoming rededication of PVT Benjamin Moser's marker in Springdale Cemetery. A deposit was made for dues received and a donation. Treasurer Kinney reported that a check for materials ordered from the National Quartermaster in December 2008 still had not cleared. Brother George Spurbeck's dues were not received for 2009. Commander Hutchinson's wife, who works at Peoria Public Library tried various sources and determined that he may be in the veterans' home in Quincy. The camp decided to send one more newsletter to his last known address. Commander Hutchinson said that Brother Spurbeck had to be dropped from the roster but could be reinstated by submitting Form 30 at a later date. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with Brother Rogers seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

The membership stands at 26 with six being "Real Sons", seventeen regulars, and three associates.

Sickness: Brother Hutchinson reported that his nephew had a new baby girl born on March 31 and that he would be back to duty in Afghanistan after his leave. Brother Rogers reported that his uncle, a WW II veteran had been diagnosed with cancer and was doing poorly.

Building Committee: Brother Wachtveitl reported that he has not had time to contract the kitchen door replacement yet, but he said that the termite inspection was last week and that everything was ok. Brother Hutchinson said that he was waiting for news of National's restoration grant. He said there were a few minor cleanup projects and that he wanted to paint the dressing room next to the stage using paint already on hand. Brother Hutchinson also reported that the books for the library were trickling in from Peoria Public Library but that they were not catalogued due to a backlog in the cataloguing department.

Springdale Committee: Brother Hutchinson reported that the Springdale Cemetery board had fired manager Pat Lewis for undisclosed reasons by a vote of 5 to 3. He said he was not sure what would happen and that Al Andrews was named interim manager. Mr. Andrews was manager while the cemetery was in receivership in 2000. He also said that he had placed the flags back on Cols. Thrush and Bryner's graves.

Communications: Brother Wachtveitl received a JROTC application from Peoria High and had forwarded it to Brother Hutchinson for processing. Brother Hutchinson said that he had received a ROTC application from Western Illinois University in Macomb. However, the coordinator at WIU had sent the wrong name for the certificate and the certificate had to be replaced. Brother Hutchinson reported that National Quartermaster Wheeler would replace the certificate at no additional cost and send it directly to WIU. He said that he was arranging for Brother Hemingway to present the award at WIU. He then asked if anyone could present the award at Peoria High at 6 PM Saturday April 18. Due to events and prior commitments, no one was available. He said he would take it to the high school and express the camp's regrets.

Brother Rogers said that the AMVETS would be in charge of the Veteran's Day Parade in Peoria again this year and requested that the camp keep the date in mind to see if the Sons could march this year.

Old Business: Brother Kinney reported that the G.A.R. grave flag holder for PVT Benjamin Moser came in and he passed it to Brother Rogers. Brother Rogers said that Sunday May 3 at 1 PM is still the date to hold the memorial and it was agreed that as many brothers as could come in period dress should do so, the rest wearing blue blazers with gray trousers. Brother Rogers asked what kind of ceremony would be done and its length. Brother Hutchinson said there was an original G.A.R. ritual that could be used. Brother Rogers said he would also try to have someone play taps. Brother Huber asked if a rifle salute should be done. Brother Hutchinson said a color guard should be sufficient as gunfire in town may draw unwanted attention.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson requested reimbursement for the ROTC awards Brother Wachtveitl made the motion to approve with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Hutchinson suggested starting on the back stair restoration project even though the National grant had not been received yet. He determined that the estimated cost of materials to be around \$450.00. Brother Kinney said that there should be no problem covering the expense for the project with the camp's regular expenses. Brother Lickey made a motion that the camp begins the stair restoration project with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Lickey reminded the camp that the National Encampment would be in Louisville, Kentucky this August and that he was looking for others planning to go to share expenses.

Brother Hutchinson reminded the camp that on Sunday April 19th at 2 PM Marilyn Leyland of the Peoria Historical Society is presenting a program entitled "Greenhut and Peoria's G.A.R." There is no charge to attend but a free will offering is requested. He also said he would be doing a presentation for the Peoria Civil War Roundtable on Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM at the hall on the construction of the hall.

Brother Triplett brought a list of re-enactments that he thought would be good to add to the calendar. Brother Hutchinson requested that he E-mail him a copy of the list.

Brother Lickey performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

*****The next meeting will be June 08, 2009 at the GAR Hall*****

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Hutchinson
Commander & Secretary,
Col. Bryner Camp 67