



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, **June 9, 2008** at 7:08 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Wachtveitl performed the invocation. Recitation of the Pledge followed. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Jon Lickey	Jim Carrow	John Dace
	Joe Hutchinson	Dave Rogers	Larry Wachtveitl

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney was on vacation and so the report was being deferred to the next meeting. Brother Hutchinson reported that there was only one expense for the month that he knew about: WIU had requested a ROTC award.

The membership stands at 27 with six being "Real Sons", eighteen regulars, and three associates.

Sickness and Distress: Brother Lickey reported that his son has had his job eliminated and is looking for a new position in the computer field. On a lighter note, Brother Rogers reported that his daughter Sarah was married at St. Thomas Church on May 10.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson stated that he has been in contact with Al Andrews, who is on the board for the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation. Mr. Andrews is looking for volunteers to undertake a photographic graves documentation project. There are approximately 70,000 graves on 239 acres in Springdale, not all of which are marked. He wants a record of the inscriptions before too many more become unreadable. He is also looking for assistance in restarting the headstone restoration/resetting project that has stalled. Brother Hutchinson also said that the cemetery always welcomes volunteers to help trim the grounds and do general cleanup throughout the year.

Communications: Dept Secretary Ron Clark had sent a message to all camps requesting that they check their records for two brothers, Lee E. Mazurek of Warrenville and Stephen A. Ralls of Great Lakes, who are on the at-large list for the Department. Neither Brother Wachtveitl nor Brother Lickey said that they recognized the names and Brother Hutchinson found no record in the Camp files.

An announcement of a new book titled, "General James Longstreet The Confederacy's Most Modern General", by LTC Harold M. Knudsen was recently received by Secretary Hutchinson. The notice says that the book is available from Amazon.com or from the publisher, Word Association Publishers.

Old Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that he received a blizzard of E-mails regarding the proposed event to take place in Lewistown to commemorate a speech made by Lincoln there in August 1858. The messages state that the event will take place on August 17, 2008 at 2 PM at Dickson Mounds Museum near Lewistown and that the museum is coordinating the program. The Department of Illinois is supporting of the

event along with Brother Brad Schall, the National Monuments Chairman whose ancestor came from Farmington, not far from Lewistown. It is requested that the Camps help support this program by providing members in period attire to act as honor guards. Brother Hutchinson asked the members present if there was interest in attending. Two said that there was a possibility of attending while three said they would be on vacation. Brother Hutchinson said he would forward the information to the 77th IL INF.

Brother Wachtveitl said that the renovations to the dining hall and the restrooms was almost complete with just a few trim pieces remaining to be finished. Brother Hutchinson asked when work could be started on the library and displays. Brother Wachtveitl said that Glenn Zipp of the CILF was anxious to start. Brother Hutchinson suggested that a meeting be set up to coordinate plans and work out details.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that he had received a request from Western Illinois University for a ROTC award for Cadet Adam Moma. The request was received after the awards were handed out, so Brother Hutchinson immediately contacted Treasurer Kinney before he left for vacation to get a check and quickly ordered the materials. The award came in and was sent directly to WIU. Peoria High School's JROTC coordinator requested a replacement award for last year's recipient, Avery McDaniels, Brother Hutchinson reported. Brother Lickey made a motion that the Camp purchases a replacement award with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion was approved.

Brother Rogers requested that the Camp perform a memorial ceremony for PVT Benjamin Moser, Co. G of the 24th OH INF. PVT Moser was an ancestor of his friend Helen Moser. Brother Rogers helped to get a government marker for him. PVT Moser is buried in Bluff division of Springdale Cemetery in Peoria. He suggested that either Sunday September 21 or 28 would be good. Brother Rogers said that he would also like to get a GAR flag-holder to place next to the stone. Brother Hutchinson suggested that a larger order be drawn to save on the shipping charges. Voting on the purchase of the flag-holder was deferred until the next meeting. Brother Rogers said he would contact Randy Gibbs of the 77th IL INF, as he was also a friend of Helen, to see if they would provide an honor guard and rifle salute.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Lickey reported that he discussed with his son, Nathan, who is the Dept. web-master the costs involved with website. He said that it costs \$4.00 per month for the web-hosting service and \$6.00 per year to keep the domain name. He said that his son might be willing to perform his services for less if the Department needs to reduce costs.

Brother Hutchinson reported that the Memorial Day program at Springdale Cemetery was the best he has seen in some time and that many people complimented about how moving the ceremony was. He also said that the 77th was in top form and their timing was spot on for the rifle salute. He passed pictures around that were taken by the parents of one of the members of the 77th, Shane Grover. He also presented Brother Rogers with a certificate of appreciation for the Navy Club who donated funds for the statue. Brother Rogers said that the next Navy Club meeting was that Wednesday and he would present it to his group. Brother Hutchinson also showed the group the certificates to be awarded to PDC Stefany and the SUVCW for supporting the project.

Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

*****The next meeting will be September 8, 2008 at the GAR Hall*****

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Hutchinson
Senior Vice-Commander
Secretary, Camp 67