



# 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, **October 9, 2006** at 7:10 PM at the GAR Hall. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Larry Wachtveitl	Jon Lickey	Tim Pletkovich
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Dave Rogers
	John Dace		

Also in attendance were new recruits, Bill Huber and Mike Triplett, and four guests.

**For the Good of the Order Special Program:** The usual order of the meeting was changed so Brother Pletkovich could introduce speaker David Morse. Mr. Morse is a retired agriculture teacher who portrays an indentured servant on George Washington's farm at Mount Vernon. Mr. Morse stated that the Mount Vernon property originally consisted of five farms totaling 8000 acres. Most of Washington's wealth came from his wife, Martha who was the widow of Daniel Parke Custis. The property now consists of six acres on the mansion farm. The historic site is privately funded and operated by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. Mr. Morse described his role as an indentured servant and described the history of Washington's home and its current role as a living history farm.

George Washington reluctantly took on the role of soldier and political leader due to his sense of duty to country. However his first love was farming, though the duties of leading the troops during the Revolution and the formation of the new government frequently kept him away. The farm was completely self-sufficient. A gristmill and distillery were close by and Washington constructed an unusual sixteen-sided barn to thresh grain in. Washington also pioneered the use of mules in farm work. Washington experimented with various rotations and production practices. He rotated between corn and potatoes, wheat, buckwheat and oats, and flax. The ground was then left fallow and used as pasture. Tobacco was the main cash crop however, which due to its need for constant attention required the use of slaves. Washington found the practice of slavery distasteful and made provisions in his will that stated that after he and Martha were gone, the slaves were to be freed. Many former slaves stayed on even after the Washington's had passed away.

When the Civil War erupted, it was feared that the home of the father of our country would fall victim to the hostilities. Mt. Vernon was declared neutral territory by mutual agreement of both the North and the South whereby both sides could visit in peace. Trees were marked with a cross and star to designate the boundaries of the property.

**Secretary's Report:** Camp secretary, Joe Hutchinson, passed out the minutes of the September meeting. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the minutes. Brother Dace seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kinney reported the balance of the Camp's account. He reported that Payment was made for the new rubber stamp ordered from Aimens for the camp, a check to the postmaster for stamps was written, and that the supplies ordered from the National Quartermaster was sent of which member orders would be reimbursed when received. Brother Kinney said that he reduced the number of Eagle Scout certificates ordered to 50 to save money. He also reported that the grave flag-holder ordered from Balch Flags was expected to be in within a week. Brother Hutchinson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Brother Lickey seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The membership stands at 27 with six being "Real Sons", seventeen regulars, and four associates. Note: Bill Huber and Mike Triplett were initiated later in the meeting.

**Sickness and Distress:** No reports

**Committee Reports:** No reports.

**Initiation:** The regular order of the meeting was called to recess for the initiation of Bill Huber and Mike Triplett. They are both applying as associates though Bill is in the process of researching his Civil War ancestor. Bill is a veteran of the Vietnam era.

**Communications:** Brother Lickey made a motion that due to the length of the meeting, that communications be postponed until the next meeting. Brother Dace seconded and the resolution passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** Brother Wachtveitl requested money from the postcard fund so that a supply of cards could be printed to have available for sale.

**New Business:** Brother Hutchinson reported that he has communicated with National JVC David Medert about the loss of Brother White's paperwork that was to have been transferred from National to the Camp earlier in the year. After appealing to the C in C, the application fee and dues for the rest of the year were waived. Brother Hutchinson sent Brother White's paperwork directly to SUVCW Executive Director Lee Walters per request to expedite Brother White's receiving of the Banner, including the issues that were missed.

Brother Kinney said that he has been in contact with the quartermaster about ROTC supplies and he reported that a special package consisting of a medal, ribbon and certificate is now available at a lower cost. A special order form is on the Son's website. Brother Lickey stated that he would bring the matter up at the Dept. encampment to determine what other camps have done.

Brother Hutchinson reported that he has been in contact with Rich Dansizen, who is the JROTC coordinator at Peoria Central High School, about the plans for the Veterans Day parade in Peoria. The parade will take place on November 11 and will begin at State and Water Streets traveling north on Water Street to the Veterans Memorial on the riverfront behind the Gateway Building instead of going to the courthouse plaza due to the construction taking place there for the WWI-II memorial monument. Assembly will take place at 8:30 AM and the parade will step off at 9:30 AM.

Brother Hutchinson reported that he had been in contact with Brother Butler's sister, Mina Havens, on the possibility of the Camp performing a memorial service for him. It was decided that a ceremony would be performed on Veterans Day, November 11 at 1:00 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lewistown. Brothers Lickey, Kinney and Hutchinson are planning to attend with Brother Wachtveitl stated that he would have to check his calendar at home before committing.

Brother Hutchinson reminded the Camp that officer elections would be coming up at the December meeting and that the slate should be decided at the next meeting to be able to be included in the next newsletter.

Brother Lickey performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 9:20 PM.

**\*\*\*The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on December 11 at 7:00 PM.\*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Note: Mark Your Calendars!**

**The GAR Hall will be open with Civil War ball dance demonstrations during the "Yule Like Peoria" walkabout on Friday November 25 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.**

**Prairie Folklore Theatre will present "A Prairie Christmas" At the GAR Hall on December 3 at 7:00 PM. Call 309-689-8000 for ticket information.**

**Colonel Bryner Camp 67 will hold its Christmas Potluck: Saturday December 30, 2006 at 6:00 PM.**