

**Orlando A Somers Camp #1  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Meeting Minutes—January 18, 2020—South Branch Kokomo Howard County Public Library

Commander Alan Teller opened the meeting at 11:55 AM (Our meetings now start at 12:00 Noon.) Chaplain Larry Myer gave the invocation; while Commander Teller led the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Matt Elkin, Larry Myer, Alan Teller, Mark Griffith, Stephon Hagman, and Russell Cohee. Guest was Travis LeMaster..

**Old Business:**

The Commander gave a few minutes for everyone to read the Dec. 21, 2019 Minutes Larry Myer made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Matt Elkin; passed. Matt gave the treasurers report. Larry Myer made a motion to file the treasures report for audit, seconded by Russ Cohee; passed..

Commander Teller talked about the Cannon cleaning schedule: Jan. Matt, Feb. Alan, Mar. Russ, III. We still need a report from Russ Kirchner, III, about out who is in charge of the Fairview Cemetery in Tipton; and the status of his trying to locate relatives of James Marsee Hoover, the Last Civil War Soldier to be buried in Tipton County. Travis LeMaster was introduced as a guest interested in joining the SUVCW. We have two other names Damon Drill, and Jerry Rusk, who may be interested.

**New Business:**

Commander Teller stated the renewal of our URL domain name is due before the next meeting. He stated he will renew it for another two years. We still need to find an answer for our outdated website. The Commander noted the Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment is Jan 26 at the Eden Methodist Church north of Greenfield, IN and asked if anyone needed more information. No one replied. The Annual Encampment will be in this library on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Stephon Hagman and Russel Cohee, were initiated as new members by Commander Teller.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Acting Secretary Matt Elkin; Typed by Alan Teller

Alan gave a program on SUVCW badges. He used handouts and showed the various badges of membership and how they are to be worn and the dos and don'ts of the SUVCW & GAR badges.

Yahoo group

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**General Order #10  
Series 2019-2020  
23 January 2020**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing, on January 7, 2020, of Lowell V. Hammer, Past Commander-in-Chief (1991-1992).
2. He also served as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, Washington, D.C. Liaison Officer, National Council of Administration, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was a Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. He was a Past Department Commander of the Maryland (now Chesapeake) Department and a Past Camp Commander of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2.
3. Brother Hammer served as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States during 1989-1991. He is one of only four Brothers to have commanded each National organization.
4. His family will hold memorial services later in the year.
5. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Brother Hammer.
6. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of January, 2020.

Edward J. Norris  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War