

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

Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2006  
Richard's Restaurant

Commander Alan Teller opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.  
Treasurer Randy McNally reported that we have \$2,158.19 in the General Fund and \$835.00 in the Cannon Fund.

Secretary Gayle Eikenberry reminded everyone that the minutes of our December 17 meeting were emailed/mailed to everyone and asked that members be sure to inform him of changes to their email address.

Members present were Matt Elkin, Larry Myer, Ned Baker, Gary Sipes, Jon Ayers, Russ Kirchner, Seth Kirchner, Alan Teller, Allen Moore, Kent Smith, Larry Ebert, Jonathon Ebert, Tom Crawford, Randy McNally, Gayle Eikenberry, Craig Dunn, David Bastin, Don Overmyer, and new members Marshall Miller and Ivan Williams,. Guests in attendance were Dan Dunn, Jay Krause, Lee Ann Teller, Rona Miller, David Williams, Barbara Moore, and Teresa Ebert.

Commander Teller requested volunteers to clean the cannon. Members responded well, and the schedule is as follows: January, David Bastin; February Tom Crawford; March, Russ Kirchner; April, Alan Teller; May, Ned Baker.

Commander Teller reminded us of the Lincoln Day Ceremony on February 12 and offered to take anyone who wants to attend. Commander Teller then announced that he was working on revising our by-laws because many items need to be updated or changed.

Tom Crawford described a project which strives to find and recognize the last CW soldier to survive from each county. Howard County's last surviving CW soldier was Gordon Williams who died in the 1940s and is buried at Albright Cemetery. John Adams of Grant County (buried at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City) was also Indiana's last CW soldier to die (1949). Tom proposed that we have a 16"x8" bronze plaque made to honor John Adams at an approximate cost of \$500.00. Tom will donate \$50.00 to the project and suggested asking other camps and the Department to contribute also. The motion was made and seconded and passed without dissent.

Alan Moore, PDC, reported that the Society of Indiana Pioneers is sponsoring two bus tours on May 5 & 6 to Springfield, Illinois. It is a two-day guided tour and is open to non-members. He also talked about the Grant Monument Association that is responsible for maintaining General Grant's tomb in New York City.

Commander Alan Teller read a note from Noel Reen about not being able to attend our meeting due to health problems. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Allen Moore, PDC, conducted the initiation ceremony for two new members, Ivan Williams, a grandson of Allen, and Marshall Miller, a friend of Allen and also Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars. The meeting was recessed briefly so members could welcome the new initiates.

Commander Teller introduced the presenter of today's program, member Craig Dunn, who narrated his PowerPoint presentation entitled "Hoosier Faces of the Civil War." The program was very informative and very well received. We were shown photographs of both identified and unidentified Civil War soldiers and the various uniforms they wore. A main point made during the presentation was that there was no typical Indiana Civil War soldier. Dunn's photographs may all be viewed at the website [www.civilwarindiana.com](http://www.civilwarindiana.com).

The book raffle winners were Jon Ayers, Larry Myers, Russ Kirchner, David Bastin (two books), Don Overmeyer, Matt Elkin, and Seth Kirchner. This was the last raffle, since all of the books Phil Burgin's wife donated have now been raffled off.

It was announced that Kent Smith's book of obituaries of Howard County Civil War soldiers is available for purchase for those who are interested.

Commander Alan Teller closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Gayle Eikenberry, Secretary