

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

August 30, 2005

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Roll Call of Officers - Those present were:

CC Richard Eccleston, Sr.

JVC John Abbott

Secretary Kevin Tucker, PCC

I was noted that SVC Richard Eccleston, Jr. has joined the U.S. Air Force, and left this morning for boot camp in Texas.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes of the July 26th, 2005 meeting were unavailable.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ryerson was absent and no report was given.

Brothers in Distress: Secretary Tucker reported that Irving Siegfriedt of Camp 22 passed away on August 23rd, 2005. DC John Bates, DJVC Tucker and DPI George Maple attended "Ziggy's" wake, representing the organization.

Old Business: JVC Abbott reported that 15 ties were sold at the National Encampment in Nashua, Aug. 7 – 9, 2005.

JVC Abbot reported that the planned advertisement in the recent edition of the Banner was left out by the editor, who claimed there was not enough space. The ad will appear in the next edition.

JVC Abbott will be selling the ties at the upcoming Highland Games in New Hampshire and Georgia.

Sec. Tucker reported that the final itinerary for the Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg had been completed, and that invitations have been mailed out.

This years trip will include a tour of Harpers Ferry, WV. Once again, Bro. Tucker has managed to keep the cost of the trip under \$200. The trip will cost attendees \$195, including transportation, lodging and entry fee to Harpers Ferry .

New Business: JVC Abbott reported that PCinC Orr's General Order No. 11, removing PDC Frank Tucker from office, stripping him of his honors and banning him from holding office for 10 years was rescinded by the National Encampment. PDC Frank Tucker's honors within the organization have been restored. It was noted by PCC Reynolds that SVC Jim Pahl and PCinC Steve Michaels were instrumental in allowing PDC Tucker to finally be able to appeal the order to the encampment after 7 years of obstruction by PCinC Orr. It was also noted by Sec. Tucker that PDC Tucker gave a barnburner of a speech in his defense, and convinced the Encampment that PCinC Orr had unfairly punished him as a result of a personal vendetta, rather than any misdeeds on PDC Tucker's part. Three cheers were given by the Camp for PDC Tucker's vindication.

Sec. Tucker reported that he has sent a letter to the National Encampment Site Committee, requesting that Massachusetts be considered as the host Department for the 127th National Encampment in 2008. With the assistance of information supplied by NCoA Member Dan Murray, Sec. Tucker has sent out Requests for Proposals to the Convention and Visitors

Bureaus throughout the state. Thus far, he has received many bids, with the lowest two bidders thus far being from the Framingham Sheraton Tara at \$87 per room and the Sheraton Colonial Inn at \$93 per night.

Sec. Tucker expressed his displeasure with the National Encampment allowing the sale of merchandise inside the meeting room with the Business Session going on. Discussion by the Membership followed and it was agreed that the best course of action is for Sec. Tucker to contact the CoA with a complaint.

Brother Tucker also informed the Camp that he intends to put forth a resolution at next year's Department Encampment limiting the right to vote at Department Officers Meetings to the elected Department Officers and the Camp Commander for each Camp in the Department.

Brother Abbott stated that he believes there should be no voting at Department Meetings, but that if an issue requiring a vote of the Encampment is identified, the Department Commander should call a Special Meeting following the guidelines in the C&R.

Much discussion followed, and it was determined that further clarification of the C&R with regard to Department Officers Meetings is required. Sec. Tucker and JVC Abbott will perform further research on the matter.

JVC Abbott noted that he has spoken with DC Bates about having meetings to discuss proper protocol with regard to Department and Camp meetings. Issues such as responsibility for assuring Camp or Department flags are present, voting, and ceremonies are to be discussed.

Sec. Tucker reported that he has been in contact with prospective Members at the Lynn GAR Hall, in regard to starting a new Camp there. A meeting will be scheduled with the Board of Trustees with the hope of convincing them to allow the new Camp to meet there.

Secretary Tucker also spoke about declining Membership, and the inactivity and lack of communication with some Camps, noting that the largest city in New England, Boston, has only one Camp, and that camp is inactive. Discussion followed concerning the lack of results from recruiting efforts and the attrition that is causing the Camp and the Department to lose Members.

It was noted that Brother Coyne has been absent from our meetings for quite some time. Secretary Tucker agreed to contact Brother Coyne, and ascertain as to his well-being.

Secretary Tucker suggested that the Camp perform some community service this year, as we have not done so since last summer. The matter was discussed, and will be brought up again in the future.

Sec. Tucker reported that he has been in contact with the Wakefield Historical Society concerning the refurbishing of the Civil War Memorial, and that a meeting will be scheduled in September. PCC Reynolds stated that there exists a perpetual fund for the Monument, and will research his records to find out more.

The meeting was then adjourned by Camp Commander Richard Eccleston, Sr.