

**SUVCW Minutes for May 6, 2015**

**After the roll Call of officers by Brother Lyons, the invocation given by Brother Don Wilt, the America's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance both led by Commander Drouin, the meeting was formally called to order at 6:37 P.M.**

**Vicki Contente, of the Daughters of Union Veterans, was introduced as a guest.**

**The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved by voice vote of the attending members.**

**Commander Drouin asked if anybody would volunteer for the open position of Chaplain. There were no takers.**

**Ms. Contente then spoke about an event scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Old City Cemetery. Commander Drouin noted that Camp 22 will also be participating in that event. Ms. Contente and Commander Drouin discussed other matters. Brother Joe Marti suggested that communications between the various Civil War organizations be improved by, for example, exchanging copies of each other's Minutes.**

**Brother Sebastian Nelson advised the members that he had brought to the meeting many older magazines about the Civil War. They are for sale for \$1.00 apiece.**

**Brother Bob Meardian advised that he is still having Black Powder shooting on the second Tuesday of each month. Last month, the best shot was the wife of Brother Henry who said that she had not fired a Black Powder weapon before.**

**Brother Henry reported on the Gibson Ranch event. The set up was done "in record time." While he was not in attendance on Saturday, he advised that Sunday's crown was good. He was also told by a person working with**

**the school program that the crowd for the three days was almost twice as large as last year's event. Brother Don Wilt said that he spoke to Confederate re-enactors who felt that there was not enough publicity prior to this event.**

**Brother Monteton was trying to set up the viewer for a presentation, but the machine was not cooperating. He gave the disc to Brother Henry who will upload it onto the Camp's website.**

**Brother Monteton then advised the he received a nice letter and a check from a Mrs. Wheatly who is a distant relative of Mr. Hatch, the Civil War Veteran who is buried in Stockton without a headstone until the SUCW arranged for it and held a formal Dedication of the headstone with several SUCW members forming an honor guard and who performed a Rifle Salute. Mrs. Wheatly could not make the trip to Stockton from the Midwest, but wanted to thank the SUCW with a \$25.00 check. A formal letter of thanks will be sent to Mrs. Wheatly by Brother Lyons as suggested by Brother Joe Marti. Brother Marti then complimented Brother Monteton for his organizing the event and the manner in which it was performed.**

**Brother Monteton then spoke about the upcoming Memorial Day event at the Fair Oaks Cemetery on May 23, 2015. He was advised earlier that a Civil War Veteran was buried there but lacks a headstone. The headstone was obtained, but having a formal ceremony for the dedication in addition to the Memorial Day ceremony would take too long on May 23. A date will be established for the formal dedication later.**

**Commander Drouin asked that in the case of a member or family member dying, all the information (who, when, where) should be obtained as quickly as possible and then circulated to the membership so condolences can be offered without having to contact the grieving family members asking for the information at a later time.**

**The Company B report was given by Brother Salyer. A Fort Point Event is scheduled for August 15, but he has heard nothing yet regarding the next Alcatraz event.**

**Brother Monteton then expanded on his previous remarks about the May 23 Memorial Day event at Fair Oaks Cemetery (time, etc.) and also the Memorial Day event at Sylvan Cemetery on Monday, May 25. Anyone who can wear a uniform is especially encouraged to attend both events.**

**The Benediction was given by Commander Drouin. The meeting was then closed by Commander Drouin at 7:34 P.M.**

**Treasurer's Report (as of September 1, 2015)**

**Camp 22: \$1,568.13**

**Company B: \$791.79**