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Subject: Report of Dept Encampment of Colorado & Wyoming, 8 June 2024, Sheridan Wyoming

Commander,

I have the honor to make the following report.

The Department is active within its territory and is in good financial health. The encampment was harmonious and all Brothers exhibited excellent fraternity. The Dept voted to ratify the Constitutional amendment. All officers were duly elected and installed.

I have an encampment ribbon for you.

Dept Commander's report

- Initiated two new camps, Camp 3, Casper WY, Camp 15 Saint George Utah; disbanded Camp 44.
- The Department website experienced issues with the provider, resulting in the website being taken down. The Dept S – took down website; working on creating a new one

Secretary

- Membership: 125 members, 0 associates, 8 juniors, 4 dual

Treasurer

- The department is in good financial health. Balance, income and expenses were reported.

Chaplain

- 2 passings, sympathy cards were sent

Historian

- GAR Post survey
- Bio Book of GAR commanders
- SUVCW Camp survey (past camps)

GAR Highway Officer

- Notable progress made this year with UDOT
- Each of 5 rest areas on US 6 in UT has traditional signs placed.
- Worked with legislature, to place standard highway sign, but the appropriation was not approved at the committee level.
- Will continue to work

Eagle Scout

- Continuing to socialize the award with Scout troops

Signal Officer

- Created new web page; work in progress.
- Newsletter – no editions since 2021. Need inputs from Camps and Brothers.

Rootstech Committee

- Rootstech offered a complimentary booth after national funding wasn't approved
- Great success and engagement with attendees from across the nation. Distributed more than 300 brochures. 80+ signups; made referrals to various Depts and have gained members in Camp 1
- Promoted Allied Orders to ladies
- Lesson learned: wear SUVCW badges vs GAR badges

Camp 1

- Membership decreased due to organization of Camps 15 and 43.
- Working with ladies and now have enough to form an Auxiliary
- Last Union in Veteran in Utah ceremony – Pvt Ira Storms, 2nd WI Cav. Covered in the press.
- Rootstech 2024 – had a booth. 1000s of contacts; have had some membership applications
- Would like to request funding for funding 2025 Rootstech at National Encampment
- SVR, Co H was chartered with 6th Military District

Camp 2

- Headstone Dedication Ceremony in Billings MT honoring Capt James F Rowe – covered by local government and press.

Camp 3

- Organized
- Accomplished first activity; headstone cleaning

Camp 7

- Headstone cleaning and GAR marker placement in Grand Junction Orchard Mesa Cemetery throughout the year
- Dedicated monument for Capt Richard Mobley, founder of Grand Junction and Mesa County
- Wreaths Across America
- New headstone dedications for previously unknown Union Veterans
- Participated in Memorial Day ceremonies

Camp 10

- No report

Camp 15

- No report

Camp 43

- Reorganized and Dept suspension was subsequently lifted
- Participated in Rootstech
- Headstone cleaning and resetting
- Participated in Memorial Day
- Working on repair of monuments in ID
- IDing last veterans in several counties, including an MOH recipient
- ROTC medal presentation at ISU, BSU, MMU
- Camp 44
 - Voted to disband and surrender its charter. Working to turn over Camp property to Dept.
- Camp 100
 - CC goal to increase camp activities and participation
 - Civil Monument at state capitol was moved to the Colorado State Museum. Inquiry about getting it moved back.
- Communications received from candidates for national office
- Unfinished business: none
- New business:
 - Awards: James Jewel Award, best recruiter in Dept: Connor Neilson, Camp 1
 - Ratification of changes to National Constitution: passed 13-7
 - New Camp Charters were presented
 - The Dept Order Relieving Camp 44 was read and the Camp colors were furled
- Nominations & Elections:
 - DC (contested): Bill Neu
 - SVC (contested): Leo Ad kins
 - JVC: Ken Jacobsen
 - Secretary: James Barker
 - Treasurer: James Barker
 - Council: Gene Cheney; Gary Brewer; Gary Mitchell
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