

UNION ARMY OF THE WEST  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2019  
Carlsbad, CA

1. Convening of meeting  
Chip Duncan called the meeting to order at 8:53
2. Introduction of Unit Commanders, Staff, and Guests  
None
3. Roll Call of Voting Members  
Pete Swavely called the roll.  
Members present:  
Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Penn Arty.  
Co. I, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Cav.  
Co. F, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Cav.  
Co. E, 2<sup>nd</sup> VT Vol. Inf.  
Co. E, 49<sup>th</sup> Oh Vol. Inf.  
Co. C, 69<sup>th</sup> NY Vol. Inf.  
1<sup>st</sup> U.S.S.S.  
Marines and Naval attachment
4. Treasurer's Report  
Jeff Lawson reported:

Beginning balance (01/01/19)	\$2,266.97
Credits	\$ 15,003.00
Debits	(\$11,435.95)
Ending balance (12/31/2019)	\$5834.02
5. President's Report (State of the Union)  
Chip Duncan reported that we had a good year in 2019. We added a new event at the Jensen-Alvarado Ranch. There have been some difficulties with the Fire Marshal who tends to be restrictive. Chip is working with the FM to resolve the issues. Vista moved the battlefield to the parking lot so a straw vote was taken at our last event and it was decided to not go to Vista this year. We remain on good terms with the people at Vista so there may be an event in the future. He said that Calico is looking good. They take good care of the reenactors and provide an excellent dinner on Saturday night. Camping will be the same as last year. The fee is \$10.00 (ass it is for all UAOW events.) Chip emphasized the importance of the insurance and Safety tests.
6. Civilian Corps Report  
None
7. Commanding Officer's Report  
Shane Padden thanked everyone for their continued support for the hobby and him. What we do is important. He said you are professionals. There are some new events which is good. Change is good, it makes it exciting for us and the spectators. The only way we can grow is to keep everyone excited and happy.  
Shane said he is stepping as general after this year. Chip added that we do not want to have a gap in our leadership. We need to have someone step up so Shane can mentor him.
8. Election of Board Officers  
Don Butz made a motion to re-elect Present slate. Darryl Hutchinson seconded the motion. There was discussion about increase the terms to two years. Motion carried.
  - a. President           Chip Duncan
  - b. Vice President   John Roberts
  - c. Vice President – Membership AJ Gonzalez
  - d. Treasurer           Jeff Lawson
  - e. Secretary           Pete Swavely

9. Election of Commanding Officer

Chip made the motion to re-elect Shane Padden. Jim Kimmick seconded the motion. The vote was ayes - 7. Nay - 1 (Jean Roberts) Motion carried.

10. Discussion and Approval of UAOW Safety Tests and Supplemental Rules

Each unit commander will verify in writing that each of their members have taken and passed the UAOW safety test, for their branch, in the current year before taking the field. We will accept the Safety Test used by units visiting from out of the area. Chip thanked Jim Kimmick for all for his hard work in creating the safety Test for the UAOW. Pete Swavely will create the verification form and have it at Calico.

11. Discussion and Approval of 2020 Schedule

See below.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

1. Dues increase to cover insurance (we are using general fund money to subsidize our insurance)

Chip reported that insurance is going up. In past years we used the general fund to cover the increases. Now that the UAOW is sponsoring our own events it will be difficult to use the general fund to cover increases without going into the red. He introduced the idea of raising the UAOW dues. After some discussion Don Butz made a motion to raise the dues from \$10 to \$20 for this year and \$25 in 2021 for individual members. Family dues would be \$40. Darryl Hutchinson seconded. There was further discussion and Don restated his motion to be \$15 individual and \$30 family for 2020. Revisit in 2021. Motion passed 8-0. A.J. Gonzalez said that the dues are due March 15<sup>th</sup> with a drop dead date of the Corona event (March 28-29.)

2. Reorganization/addition of command staff positions (adding a PIO/Logistics etc. explore extending terms of board members)

Don suggested that the current term in office be two years. The Treasurer will be a three year term due to banking complexities. This would go into effect in 2021. There was also discussion on adding a Media Relations VP. Don suggested the executive board appoint an advisory position that would report to the president. There was no action taken.

Chip called a 15 minute recess at 10:25. Meeting reconvened at 10:40.

3. Bylaw change (we need to increase the amount of money the board can spend without a vote of the membership).

Changes were approved at the annual meeting in 2019. See bylaws II section 1.

There is a need to revisit dates in the bylaws. Don suggested that the executive board conduct a review and report back to the membership.

A.J. recommended that we create a new class of membership for visiting non-members so they can be covered by the UAOW's insurance for that weekend. This would not require a vote of the membership. The executive board will review and make a recommendation.

4. Approval of period impressions (ensure that all impressions are period correct and represent the group in a historically correct manner)

Chip said that there is a need to make sure that people coming UAOW events as individual impressions are historically accurate. They need to provide a synopsis in writing about their specific impression. The executive board will review and approve.

5. Credit card for UAOW

After discussion about the need and use of a UAOW credit card Don made a motion to approve a debit card for the president and treasurer with a limit of \$2000. The motion was seconded by Jim Kimmick. Motion carried 8-0.

6. Safety test affidavit for non-UAOW members (unit commander must sign a release stating that his unit has taken a safety test)

See item 10.

7. Approval of new units/members.

Chip nominated the Camp Carleton Band. Don Butz made a motion to approve the nomination. Darryl Hutchinson seconded the motion, Motion carried 8-0.

14. Miscellaneous

It was brought up that there is need of 12-15 infantry to man an event at the Nixon Library on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Swavely  
 UAOW Secretary

DATE	EVENT	FIRM OR ?	FULL SUPPORT	OPTIONAL
JAN 18-19	LIVE FIRE Seeley	FIRM		X
JAN 25-26	YUMA	FIRM		X
FEB 15-16	CALICO	FIRM	X	
FEB 28-29	MTH Fresno	FIRM		X
MAR 7-8	STRATHEARN	FIRM		X
MAR 28-29	CORONA	FIRM	X	
APR 18-19	JULIAN	FIRM	X	
MAY 23-25	ROARING CAMP	FIRM		X
MAY 30-31	FT TEJON	FIRM	X	
JUL 25-26	DUNCAN MILLS	FIRM		X
SEP 5-6	HB	FIRM	X	
SEP 26-27	JENSEN-ALVARADO	???	X	
OCT	FRESNO	???		X