

February 15th, 2026
DUVCW Kady Brownell Tent #36
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Lynne Galaudet Dolan, PNP
Eileen Sleckman
Barbara Ulrich-Giaimo
Laura Congleton
Janice Guy
Lucy Kramer
Alycia Chillemei

The meeting opened at 1:05 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer from the Chaplain.

Lynne asked if we wanted to book next year's Christmas party at the Davenport Press again for the first Sunday in December, the 6th. Everyone felt it was a good choice.

Lynne said she was going to Dept Convention on April 10th-12th and asked if anyone else planned to. She announced that she was giving up being Dept Treasurer.

Lynne asked if Dept was responsible for LINCMO (Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization) dues and said she felt the Tent should take over this cost, particularly as the organization is based on Long Island. The Dept has already paid for 2026, but going forward it was discussed that the Tent pay this dues. Laura made a motion for the Tent to pay the annual LINCMO dues of **\$60**, beginning in the year 2027. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Also discussed was the contribution the Tent usually makes to the Dept at the convention. Eileen made a motion for the Tent to make a **\$75** donation to the Dept to help them with the costs of convention. Janice seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Eileen made a motion for the Tent to purchase a full page ad for **\$25** for the Dept Convention Memorial Book. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Eileen will send the ad to Hope Parker, while Laura will follow up with a Tent check.

Barbara made a motion for the Tent to purchase a booster, not to exceed **\$25**, for the memorial booklet published for the Grant Birthday Celebration at Grant's Tomb on April 26th. Lucy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Eileen discussed the recent VAVS meeting at the Northport VA and explained that when the VA has a need, the Voluntary Services Office emails that need to all the service groups on the committee and they fulfill it quickly.. In order for the Tent to be able to respond to any of these needs of our veterans, it was discussed approving a set amount of money for that purpose.

Barbara made a motion that the Tent set aside **\$150** for the VAVS Rep to be able to spend on items requested by the Northport VA. Lucy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Eileen talked about attending the Julia Dent Grant 200th Birthday celebration on February 1st at Grant's Tomb where she presented flowers and spoke briefly. The event was also attended by members of the Oliver Tilden SUVCW Camp #23. Frank Scaturro of the Grant's Monument Association gave a presentation on Julia's life, while her great grandson reminisced about her. There was a birthday cake and refreshments.

Mary Cordato has requested that members write something about their ancestors and email it to her for the Tent website. Her email is: civilwarlady6165@gmail.com

The National Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois on July 23-26th. Barbara shared that she has bought the National President's pin and that it's nice.

Officer reports are due now. If anyone needs information to complete their report, please ask Lynne: lynne412@verizon.net

The next Tent meeting will be on March 15th.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted in FC&L,

Eileen Sleckman
Tent Secretary