

John A. Logan Camp #26

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Camp Minutes

Meeting at Memorial Hall

February 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:15 pm. 13 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, David Eisele, Raymond Empereur, Bill Johnson, Jim Lyon, Tom Oestricher, David St. John, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

One guest(s):

- Stephen Haight, President of Careers, Etc.– invited by Bro. Empereur

Officers Reports:

Bro. Eisele led the group with the opening prayer.

Secretary: The Minutes for January 6th meeting were approved as presented. Bro. Empereur motioned to accept, Steve Aarli 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$897.06 in the account. Disbursements made to Holland Supplies for GAR Grave markers \$63.00. Dues received in \$83.00. Bro. Oestricher motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Bro. Dyer 2nd, motion carried.

Old Business:

Dues – Commander Carter requested that all members that have not paid their dues in full to complete the transaction as soon as possible. This is an ongoing request.

Jim Lyon, John Wade, Geoff Carter, and David Eisele will be sworn in properly during the May encampment in Rockford. Bro. Zeien was sworn in at the Annual camp banquet.

The new camp flag is in and was presented to the group by Com. Carter. The flag stood with the other camp flags in attendance at the annual banquet. The consensus was that the Logan Camp flag was by far the best, largest, and most historically accurate. The camp is in need of a proper pole for displaying the flag. Bro. Lyon stated that he has some old Boy Scout items that might contain the brass pieces needed for the connection

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of the poles. Bro. Johnson stated that if Bro. Lyon has the brass items he will make sure that the camp has appropriate wooden poles.

Technology: Bro. Zeien requested narratives to be added to the camp website from the members.

Graves registration. Bro. Aarli presented the new plastic GAR markers to the group. Bro. Aarli, would like to determine a price for the camp members or others that would like to buy a marker. The markers were well received by the group. Bro. Aarli is planning to conduct a Graves Registration workshop during the March meeting bring pencil and paper to be properly prepared for this informative session. Bro. Aarli has provided the camp with a newsletter explaining in more detail his projects and their statuses. Please see web page www.camplogan26.com for more detailed information.

Recognition. Bro. Oestricher reports that he has received 6 additional Eagle Scout award requests following the last meeting. He had received an additional 6 the day of our meeting. When complete that will put the total count to 156 Eagle Scout Awards presented. Com. Carter received from the department seals and medals for the ROTC.

Education. As of the February meeting the Logan Camp is still leading in number of graduates of the Memorial University. Bro. Buerger has completed the course. Bro. Oestricher and Bro. Lyon will be beginning this program in short order. Com. Carter believes that Com. Kennedy will possibly pin the Memorial University graduates but still has not confirmed.

Investment of Members. Jim Lyon, John Wade, Geoff Carter, and David Eisele will be sworn in properly during the May encampment in Rockford. Bro. Zeien was sworn in at the Annual camp banquet.

Monument Project. McHenry, DeKalb, Lee, Boone, Carroll, and JoDavies are completed and the remaining will be completed in March. Com. Carter has prepared a photo album showing the monuments that have been completed so far. Bro. Zeien asked for narrative information of each monument so that information can be posted on the website with a picture of the monument.

Recruiting. Ongoing initiative. Guest Haight has expressed interest in joining our camp and Com. Carter has given an application to him.

State Encampment. Ongoing - Rockford will host the spring encampment of the Department of Illinois on May 8th at 11:00 am. Com. Carter has secured the use of the whole Memorial Hall building.

National Encampment. Ongoing – Com. Carter has made up information packets for each member and issued them. To date there are 2 rooms reserved. Bro. Aarli motioned to develop and purchase a full page ad in the National Encampment brochure as in the

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past. Bro. Oestricher 2nd. Motion passed. Bro. Dyer has last year's submission and will get that to the members in the March meeting for review. Bro. Dyer motioned to have register to have a display table at the encampment. Bro. Johnson 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business:

Com. Carter stated that he has made contact with individuals that have some access to the St. Louis encampment medals. Com. Carter will be obtaining some of these items to offer for sale to members of our camp. Bro. Dyer mentioned that he has contacts that are constantly looking for Logan camp medals. He referenced the 1st 1894 encampment in Rockford and that they are not that hard to find and are inexpensive. He will have his contacts purchase them when found and he will offer them for sale to members of the camp.

Bro. Oestricher motioned to authorize Bro. Johnson to purchase a small floral arrangement prior to the March meeting for Bro. McGinty. Bro. McGinty is struggling with bypass and back surgery. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to our brother during this time of need. Bro. Eisele 2nd. Motion passed.

Com. Carter thanked on behalf of the family of Bro. Giacalone for the attendance at his services. Bro. Giacalone was very well liked by many people in the SUVCW and had 700 people in attendance at his services. Camp Logan had more in attendance than his own camp.

Bro. Dyer reported on the annual joint camp dinner. Camp Logan was able to fill up an entire table thanks to all that participated. The members were treated to a presentation by Tom Peacock from Caledonia, IL portraying General Custer. Mr. Peacock had mouth surgery and was unable to do his initial program but none the less he was able to answer many questions about the general. The members were also able to meet Bro. Carson Yaeger, who is around 100 years old, we did not press, who is one of Illinois only remaining real sons. His father is buried west of Freeport, IL. The members also met Bro. Brooks Davis who is Illinois' only 50 year member of the SUVCW. Bro. Davis has held numerous positions within the sons and is a Lincoln and Douglas expert. He is a history professor at Northwestern University. Com. Carter and PCC Dyer presented Bro. Aarli with an award at the banquet for his outstanding service to the order. For a brief moment Bro. Aarli was at a loss for words while accepting the award. He thanks the camp for the honor.

Com. Carter reports to the group that all of the SVR annual paperwork, dues etc. has been turned in as required to the department. Com. Carter also reports that Camp Logan Patriotic Instructor Bro. Empereur was the only PI to get the required annual report to the department on time.

Patriotic Instructor, Bro. Empereur presented to the camp membership a copy of his annual report that was given to the department. Bro. Empereur also informed the

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members of the Grant Birthday Celebration in Galena, IL April 16- April 18 for those that want to attend.

The following will be added to the camp calendar – Janesville Military Show, Civil War's Collector Show, and the Stockton Reenactment.

Com. Carter spoke with the curator of the John A. Logan Home and Museum recently. The curator was so impressed that our camp, under the request of the commander, put a link on our website for the home and museum he is rewarding the camp members. Any Logan camp member may visit the museum and home and get a behind the scenes tour of the museum and archaeological dig site at no charge since the camp was nice enough to advertise for them.

Bro. Cassaro has offered to donate an original GAR star grave marker. He requested that it be placed on the grave of the Rockford Zouave soldier.

Bro. Aarli motioned to pay \$35.26 to cover the cost of the camp's Outstanding Service Award plaque. Bro. Dyer 2nd. Motion Carried.

Bro. Johnson motions to allocate \$50 annually for the purchasing of an Outstanding Camp Service Award to be presented at the annual banquet. Bro. Oestricher 2nd. Motion Carried.

Bro. Aarli presented a packet of information about the upcoming monthly meeting of the Rock Island POW Camp #2229 in Stillman Valley. Com. Carter and Bro. Aarli are planning on attending this meeting. All brothers are welcome to attend.

Bro. Dyer wished to formally recognize Bro. Buerger for graduating from Memorial University.

Com. Carter requested that someone create a biography for Col. Lawler who is the only person on the sons website that does not have a biography. Bro. Dyer stated that he has one and will get it ready for review at the March meeting.

Bro. Cassaro suggested that all SVR members gather to determine a number of white gloves wanted. By combining the order we can save on shipping costs. The sets are \$2 a piece. This will be a topic for the March meeting.

Com. Carter presented a card with the information for the Northern Illinois Antiques Dealer Association 50th annual sale on Feb 20 and Feb 21.

SVR. Com. Carter reports that all vendors for SVR uniforms are ready and set to go. If you are a SVR member please begin purchasing your uniform pieces.

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Com. Carter had requested that all members refrain from ordering additional SVR uniform items since vendor response has been less than stellar. Bro. Dyer has received some of the items that he has ordered. Com. Carter has okayed the purchase of trousers for those who have not. The hold is on the other items until vendor performance improves.

Com. Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Bro. Eisele conducted a prayer for Bro. McGinty and performed the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.
Secretary / Signal Officer