

John A. Logan Camp #26

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Camp Minutes

Meeting at Memorial Hall

January 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:05 pm. 10 members present: Steve Aarli, Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, Raymond Empereur, Bill Johnson, Jim Lyon, Tom Oestricher, , John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Three guests:

- Jacob Lake, Camp Commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Rock Island Memorial POW Camp #2229 – invited by Steve Aarli
- Tim Lake, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Rock Island Memorial POW Camp #2229 – invited by Steve Aarli
- Patrick DeGeorge, Battery G Member – invited by Steve Aarli

Officers Reports:

Bro. Terry dyer led the group with the opening prayer.

Commander Carter appointed Terry Dyer as the SVR Adjutant.

Secretary: The Minutes for December 2nd meeting were approved with modifications. Noted: Bro. Bill Johnson did not attend the Gettysburg Remembrance day. Noted: Terry Dyer was omitted from Old Business prior to Commander Carter section as Junior Vice Commander 2010 slated officer. Tom Oestricher motioned to accept, Steve Aarli 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$877.06 in the account. There were no disbursements. Steve Aarli motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Ray Empereur 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. Commander Carter referenced members who are experiencing financial difficulties and have paid their dues

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and complimented their dedication. Com. Carter requested that Terry Dyer contact the outstanding members who have not paid their dues for 2010.

The joint camp dinner will be held January 30th, 2010 from 6-9. Everett Nyland was sending an email announcement to all of the camps members. Bro. Dyer reported that the cost in advance for the meal is \$25 per person. It is at the same location Angelo's Ristorante & Banquets, 247 N York Road, Elmhurst, IL. as previous years. We should notify the membership of attendance so that we can car pool if possible.

Technology: Steve Aarli reported that he has worked with the department Webmaster and was able to get the star updated on the department website as well as getting all of the camp officers information listed. After some minor corrections the information is now correct. Paul Zeien reported on the camp website and the plan to add narratives with each monument that has been photographed. The intention is that this will provide the public with an understanding of the significance of each monument to the community. Bro. Zeien asked Bro. Oestricher for assistance with the historical information for the monuments.

Graves registration. Brother Aarli, was asked to prepare a current listing of the status of the cemeteries he has visited and documented. The listing is present on the back side of the agenda for the January meeting. Bro. Aarli motioned to purchase 5 new plastic GAR markers at a price of \$5.50 each as an inventory item. Bro. Johnson requested an amendment to the motion for purchasing 10 instead of 5 markers. Bro. Oestricher 2nd, motion carried. Bro. Aarli, is planning to conduct a Graves Registration workshop. He plans on discussing possible dates at the February meeting. Bro. Aarli has been exchanging emails with the Department Graves Registration Officer in an attempt to keep the department informed as to the progress of the registration. 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 sent out Eagle Scout awards. Commander Kennedy has noticed this achievement and stated that this is the most Eagle Scout awards given in any camp. Com. Carter has assisted the Wisconsin camp with an issue with a Beloit ROTC group. Com. Carter is planning to review the criteria for the ROTC awards. When the review is complete he will notify Auburn, and NIU about the recognition program. Bro. Johnson will check with the department to see how many ROTC awards they have in inventory. He will request that our camp receive some for distribution.

Education. As of the January meeting the Logan Camp is still leading in number of graduates of the Memorial University. Bro. Aarli monitors the progress of the participants. Com. Carter requested that the members that have not participated in the Memorial University do so. Camp members have printed materials to assist if needed. Com. Carter believes that Com. Kennedy will possibly pin the Memorial University

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graduates but has not confirmed. Com. Kennedy has confirmed that he will be present at the Lincoln Tomb celebration.

Investment of Members. At the January joint camp meeting we will take time to properly swear in any members of the Logan Camp who have not been sworn in over the Bible and colors. Com. Carter will confirm with Custer Camp this request.

Monument Project. 30 cities have been photographed so far. Progress is still being made and Com. Carter has stated that this project will be done by the Department Encampment in May. This will complete the project forever the camp then is responsible for maintenance.

Recruiting. Our goal is to grow our camp in 2010 by 4 members or 20%. The camp goal for growing the SVR, (Rockford Zouaves), is 3 members. Bro. Zeien, and Bro. Geoffrey has joined. We need one more volunteer to meet Com. Carter's goal.

State Encampment. 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. This will give more room for all in attendance. Everything will be setup prior to arrival to minimize delays.

New Business:

Com. Carter requests that an additional project be added to restore the Rodman gun in Rochelle. After a visit to the site it is apparent that the gun is in bad need of repair and could possibly crack within a 5 year time frame. There is no blacking on the weapon but it will take the entire camp to participate to save this piece. Com. Carter will verify the project with the Rochelle Historical Society.

Bro. Aarli, requests to Com. Lake that the Confederate camp assist in the restoration of the monuments in Stillman Valley. The Confederate camp is local to that area and would make for a great collaborative project. He also requested that the Confederate camp assist in 2011 with the restoration projects in Byron. Com. Lake stated that he felt it was a good idea to collaborate on the projects and would put them on the calendar.

A civil war soldier, Neri Mosher, who is buried at Greenwood cemetery has a headstone that is in disrepair. Com. Carter is requesting that we repair the headstone. Bro. Aarli will contact Greenwood and verify the procedure for the repair.

Com. Carter has prepared a Camp Property Inventory listing and it is included along with the agenda for the members.

A new SMART goal – The Last Soldier Project is a national directive to place new headstones and historical markers for the last soldier from the civil war from each county within the camp. Com. Carter has stated that this project will be completed prior

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to the May encampment. Bro. Oestricher verified that this for the last soldier who may or may not have been a member of the GAR.

Patriotic Instructor, Bro. Empereur presented to the camp membership a historical summary of Albert Cashiers. **Albert D. J. Cashier** (December 25, 1843 – October 10, 1915), born **Jennie Irene Hodgers**, was an Irish-born soldier in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Cashier was biologically female, but lived as a man. Everyone enjoyed the historical presentation.



Albert D. J. Cashier

Geoffrey Carter has turned in his membership paperwork. Welcome to Com. Carter's brother. As stated earlier Geoffrey has also submitted a membership application for the SVR.

Remembrance Day & National Encampment. Bro. Dyer reports that he has a room booked in Gettysburg under his name and would be willing to share for those who want to attend the November Remembrance Celebration. The National Encampment is August 12 through August 15 in Royal Oak Kansas. Bro. Dyer recommends attending this one as it is the last to be in the Midwest for a while. He suggested car pooling. Com. Carter suggested a side trip to a World War I museum which is close to the location of the encampment.

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.

Bro. Lyon has completed and submitted his membership application for the SVR. This completes the 2010 goal for increasing the SVR membership.

Bro. Dyer would like to formally recognize the contribution of the belt buckles, stands, tassels, and other SVR items from Bro. Cassaro. These were obtained by Bro. Cassaro at his own expense.

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Bro. Dyer reported the status of the camp flag as almost complete. The vendor has completed one side of the flag but has had issues with the other side of the flag. The estimate for the completion was 4-5 days then and additional 3 shipping.

Bro. Oestricher referenced a memo that he sent to Com. Carter relating to a banner article about a real son. See Page 13 of the current issue of the banner. Charles Cox is a real son and Bro. Oestricher is requesting that since his ancestor had fought as an Illinois soldier that it would be appropriate to thank him. Bro. Oestricher motioned to purchase an Army of the Tennessee medal for \$24.95 to be issued to Mr. Cox. Bro. Lyon 2nd, Motion carried. Bro. Oestricher will obtain and forward the medal to Mr. Cox. The camp will reimburse Bro. Oestricher for the medal.

Guest Patrick DeGeorge, a Battery G member announced to the members that he recently learned of a gentleman named Horace Kegwin of Walnut, IL. Mr. Kegwin is a grandson of an original Battery G member who remembers some of the original members of the battery. Mr. Cox is somewhere around the 90 years of age mark and enjoys talking about the battery.

Bro. Dyer announced to the camp members that Winnebago County would no longer allow the display of the holiday candles in the Memorial Hall windows. Each member may take one home as a keepsake.

Bro. Aarli motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Bro. Dyer performed the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.
Secretary / Signal Officer