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## Logan Camp officers elected for 2012

ROCKFORD - The John A. Logan Camp #26 elected its slate of officers for 2012. They include: Steve Aarli, Camp Commander; Steve Haight, Vice Commander; Dave Eisele, Junior Vice Commander; Paul Zein, Jr., Secretary; Bill Johnson, Treasurer; Leonard Cassaro, John Wade, and Phil Thompson, Camp Council.

The ceremony for installation of officers was held during the December, 2011 Camp meeting.



Appointed officers for the year include: Jon M'Ginty, Patriotic Instructor and Historian; Terry Dyer, Counselor; Phil Thompson, Guide and Memorials; Bob Buerger, Color Bearer; Paul Zein, Jr., Signals Officer and Eagle Scout Certifications Officer; Steve Aarli, Graves Registration Officer; and Dave Eisele, Chaplin.

All terms are for one year.

### Banquet to feature Mary Todd Lincoln impressionist

Mary Todd Lincoln impressionist, Loria Keyes will be featured at the annual Quad Camp/Ladies Axillary Banquet scheduled for January 28, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the historic Veterans Memorial Hall in Rockford.

Department of Illinois Camps represented will include the John A. Logan #26 (host), E.F.

Dutton #49, Sheridan #2, and Custer #1.

Social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please send RSVP and payment to: Bill Johnson, 3055 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61073



Historic Veterans Memorial Hall in Rockford, Illinois

### Logan Camp to exhibit at symposium

ROCKFORD - Midway Village Museum will present the 10th Annual Civil War Symposium on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This year's symposium will feature, among others, Dr. Michael Burlingame Chair of Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield and author of *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*. Members of Logan Camp

#26 will display an exhibit featuring information on The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and Camp history. The display was designed and built by Terry Dyer, current Department of Illinois Commander and past Logan Camp Commander.

Camp members will be on hand to answer questions about the SUVCW, the Camp, and membership opportunities.

### War's death rate worse than thought

Census data that became available in the past decade shows far more lives were lost in the Civil War than previously believed. J. David Hacker, who teaches at Binghamton University in New York, says his analysis of detailed census data sets reveals that 750,000 were killed in the conflict, 20 percent higher than the number commonly cited (620,000).



In wartime lithographers produced blank mourning prints such as this, so loved ones could fill in a deceased soldier's name

Scholars have long suspected that the original estimate was less than accurate. The difference is attributed to the likelihood of underreported Confederate deaths.

### ? Trivia ?

What natural phenomenon occurred during the second night of the battle of Fredericksburg?

Answer: a brilliant display of the aurora borealis.

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