

John A. Logan Camp #26
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Camp Minutes
Meeting at Memorial Hall
July 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:04 pm. 13 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Geoffrey Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, Raymond Emperuer, Stephen Haight, Bill Johnson, Jim Lyon, Tom Oestricher, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Two guest(s): Nicole Zeien – Treasurer of future Logan Auxillary #20
Scott Whitney – General Grant reenactor.

Bro. Dyer led the group with the opening prayer as acting Chaplin.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: The Minutes for June 2nd meeting were approved as presented. Bro. Steve Aarli motioned to accept, Bro. Stephen Haight 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$485.36 in the account.

Description	Balance
Balance as of 6/2/2010	532.72
National Flag Store	-47.36
Balance as of 7/7/2010	485.36

Bro. John Wade motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Bro. Tom Oestricher. 2nd, motion carried.

Old Business:

Technology: Bro. Zeien reported that with his new appointment as Illinois Department Signal Officer, (Thank you Commander Dyer for the appointment), there has been a new Illinois Department website posted. www.suvvwil.com Reviews at this point have been very positive. Bro. Zeien has also been in contact with other camps in Illinois and has been able to begin a rapport which hopefully will garnish more participation.

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Recognition. Bro. Oestricher reports that he has requests for 12 Eagle Scout Awards. Commander Carter informed Bro. Oestricher that 30+ kids have received their Eagle awards in Blackhawk Area Council since January. Work will continue to be done to try and get BAC to work with us.

Graves registration. Bro. Aarli reported that he has been visiting many cemeteries and well over 60 graves recently. He asks that we continue to visit and document graves and get the information to him.

Education. No Report.

Investment of Members. No Report.

Monument Project. Com. Carter informed the membership that the Amboy cannon project is complete. Thanks to all who were able to participate. Comm. Carter and Kim Johnson were able to perform the final painting on the monument. Bro. Geoffrey Carter has donated a flag to use during the dedication ceremony that the Logan Camp is invited to. Each member of the Logan Camp that is in attendance will be given free admission to the Depot Days festival in Amboy. If available please try to attend this event. Comm. Carter suggested July 17 – July 18th for restoration of the mortars in Stillman Valley. He reported that he will give the dates to the SCV camp in Stillman Valley since they had stated they would assist in the restoration. Bro. Aarli interjected that he has been contacted by the SCV camp via a discussion at the Franklin Grove reenactment and there has become an issue with the SCV participation. Apparently, the SCV camp members had discussion and decided that they would not be willing to participate in the restoration and has decided to succeed from the partnership. No further information was given as to why this decision was made. The Logan Camp will however continue with the project and make contact as to when we will be working on the restoration. The membership of our camp was disappointed that the SCV camp has made this decision.

Last Soldier project. No Report.

Recruiting. No Report.

State Encampment. No Report.

National Encampment. Some members will be leaving from Bro. Zeien's house for the encampment. Details to be given as the date approaches. Comm. Carter announced that the Illinois Department is bidding for the 2016 National Encampment to be held in Bloomington. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

New Business:

Comm. Carter asked the members of the camp if they would be willing to expand the area of responsibility for grave and monuments. Essentially, we are the only camp in

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Northern Illinois willing to consider expansion. The proposed coverage areas would be Jo Davies, Whiteside and Carroll counties. Unfortunately, there are no other camps in these areas that we can turn to for this task. There are also camps within the Illinois department that refuse to leave their home county. Bro. Aarli commented that he is willing to take on the additional responsibility, he believes it is critical to continue to promote our order. The members were interested in taking on this responsibility with the idea that efforts to recruit new camps and members coincide with the additional work. Comm. Carter expressed that he has personally traveled numerous miles to document monuments in the area. He believes that without attempting to document the other areas his efforts would be in vain. The end result was that the camp agreed to take on the responsibility. Comm. Carter gave a brief report from the Commanders Meeting held in Bloomington. This was the initial meeting that Comm. Dyer was able to address all the camp commanders at once since the encampment. There continues to be items of concern for the department and will take effort to resolve. Comm. Carter has minutes from the meeting for those interested.

Editorial Comment from Bro. Zeien: Many items of concern are being uncovered during the transition to the new Illinois Department Leadership. It is critical that we as members of John A. Logan Camp #26 continue to do what it takes to promote our order. If Illinois is to become the department that is a model for all other departments we need to promote and recruit dedication and cooperation amongst our brothers in Illinois. Please assist in this endeavor.

Comm. Carter has received a letter of thanks from the Office of Tourism of Murphysboro, Illinois.

Bro. Haight asked if there was an update on the t-shirt project in conjunction with the Logan Museum. The museum reports that they have the 50 shirts that we requested. The curator was directed to contact Bro. Bill Johnson to complete the transaction and he has not done so to date. Comm. Carter will follow-up.

Bro. Dyer gave a report on the Milwaukee event. Bro. Dyer setup 2 tables with information and artifacts for the public. It was very well received. Comm. Carter requested that for next year the members attempt to support this event even though it is located in Wisconsin.

Bro. Aarli reported on the reenactment at Franklin Grove. There were approximately 350 – 400 reenactors at the event. It was very hot and rainy. However, there was a fair amount of spectators at the event. The organizers are evaluating for next years event.

Bro. Robert Buerger Jr. reported on attending the 1900 Chautauqua event. The event was well attended and there was also a Buffalo Bill Wild West event at the same venue. Some of the attendees were asked to participate as Spanish American war veterans for presentation of the colors and such. Bro. Buerger put on display a small GAR table for recruiting purposes.

Comm. Carter reported that Depot Days will be held August 28th and 29th in Amboy. The Logan Camp has been asked to dedicate a new flag at the cannon project site. All Logan Camp members present will get free admission to the festival.

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Comm. Carter reported on the SVR units attendance at the Winnebago 4th of July parade. The parade sign up was last minute which resulted in additional work for the Commander. The SVR will meet following this meeting to discuss future events.

Comm. Carter reported that Memorial University is shut down due to Bro. Martin being out of the country. It will resume after July 15th.

Comm. Carter reported that the Logan Auxiliary #20 is moving forward and will be solidified at the National Encampment. The plan at this time is to have enough charter members at the encampment to sign the charter and return it to Rockford that week. Kim Johnson is slated to be the President of the Auxiliary and Nicole Zeien has volunteered to be the Treasurer. Comm. Carter will be the representative from the Logan Camp as required by the bylaws of the auxiliary. The national auxiliary president stated that she would make arrangements to get all items required for the camp to start up at the national encampment. Comm. Carter requested that all brothers of the Logan Camp strongly encourage their wives or significant others to join this new organization. It is a positive step for the promotion of the order and memorializing our CW veterans. Please ask potential members and get those applications and \$5 dues to Comm. Carter for processing ASAP.

Bro. Oestricher reported that Henry Vincent has sent out packets for the Sycamore event.

Bro. Zeien has volunteered to have the annual camp picnic at his farm. The date is yet to be determined we are looking at a late September early October date. Bro. Zeien at this time is proposing September 26th as the date. More information will be given as it becomes available.

Bro. Johnson presented the members the extra medals that he purchased at the museum. He is offering them for \$16 dollars each. He has a few left see him for availability.

Bro. Aarli expressed his concern for the way that events have been scheduled and planned for the Logan Camp. Bro. Aarli presented the membership the following addition to the Camp Bylaws to be voted on during the August meeting. It read as follows:

Article XIII – Camp Activities

Section 1: All Camp activities under the name of John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW and/or Rockford Zouaves SVR requiring registration or prior commitment (i.e.: parades, local festivals, fairs, reenactments, etc.) that promote public attention or interest in the John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW or Rockford Zouaves SVR shall be brought before the Camp Membership at a prior Camp meeting for approval.

Section 2: An approved event should have a sufficient number of members attending to give credence and respect to the order. Appropriate dress (Civil War military uniforms, civilian dress or modern day suits) shall be required at these events.

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Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July 2010.
Bro. Steve Aarli, GRO/ Sr. Vice Commander

Bro. McGinty 2nd this proposal which was required for discussion. Mr. McGinty his concerns over the verbiage in regard to appropriate dress. He pointed out the distinction between a participant at an event and a representative of the order at an event. There are members of the camp that have no intention on purchasing a military uniform or such and would only wear business casual clothing. Bro. Aarli responded that in his mind appropriate dress would be something that you would consider wearing to a church function. He believes that it is important to present ones self in proper attire to promote our order. Comm. Carter expressed his same concern and feels that business casual is sufficient and requested that Bro. Aarli reword that portion of the bylaw amendment. Bro. Zeien was asked to put this amendment into the minutes so that the members could review the wording and be prepared to amend if needed for the August meeting. The intention is to vote on this amendment at the August meeting.

Bro. Dyer has located a vendor that can provide the SVR with red suspenders which would fit the uniform requirements. Bro. Dyer took a show of hands of members interested in purchasing these items. He will be ordering 6 pairs of suspenders and hoping for a cost break.

Princeton reenactment is scheduled for October 9th and 10th.

Bro. Dyer will not be present for the 1st time since the camp inception at the August meeting. He will be attending the Hecker Camp meeting in Belleville IL as Department Commander.

Bro. Ray Empereur – presented brief talk on James Evans Jr. of Cherry Valley. Mr. Evans lost his life during the battle of Beverly Ford and is buried in Rockford.

Upon hearing no additional business Comm. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. 8:47

Bro. Dyer conducted the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.
Secretary / Signals Officer