

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



**Camp Minutes**  
**Meeting at Memorial Hall**  
**June 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:09 pm. 11 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, Stephen Haight, Bill Johnson, JimLyon, Tom Oestricher, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

No guest(s):

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

**Officers Reports:**

Secretary: The Minutes for May 5th meeting were approved as presented. Bro. Jim Lyon motioned to accept, Bro. Aarli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$532.72 in the account.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Balance as of 5/5/2010	552.60
Dues In Steinbach	40.00
Donation Food	113.00
Dept. Of Kansas National Ad	-40.00
Carol Dyer, food, supplies reimb	-132.88
Balance as of 6/2/2010	532.72

Bro. Tom Oestricher motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Bro. Robert Buerger Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Comm. Carter led the members in a salute to the newly elected Illinois Department Commander Bro. Terry Dyer. Standing round of applause for Bro. Dyers new role. The members pledged to support Bro. Dyer in his new endeavors.

Comm. Carter reported that after 147 years the United States military finally awarded Alonzo Cushing the Medal of Honor.

Comm. Carter presented 2 cadets with SUVCW ROTC awards. Comm. Carter represented 7 other fraternal organizations and presented awards on their behalf. These

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organizations did not see fit to attend this banquet. Our camp was well received based upon this effort by Comm. Carter.

### **Old Business:**

**Technology:** Pictures from Murphysboro and Rockford Greenwood cemetery will be posted.

**Recognition.** Bro. Oestricher reports that he has mailed out since May 26<sup>th</sup> 14 Eagle Scout Awards. Bro. At the present time he has not received any additional requests. Bro. Oestricher while attending the Murphysboro celebration did meet an Eagle Scout, he and Bro. Lyon suggested that he join the SUVCW.

Bro. Oestricher was the keynote speaker at the Lawrenceville Cemetery the event made the front page of the Belvidere Daily Republican. The program was very well received.

**Graves registration.** Comm. Carter led a salute from the members to Bro. Aarli for all of the efforts that he made to obtain the headstone, organize the grave dedication ceremony, and work with the Masons at the cemetery.

Bro. Aarli reported that he observed the WIFR video that they posted on the Internet. He had some concerns in regard to the comments that were posted and wanted to make the members aware of the comments. The initial comment expressed lack of concern for something that occurred 140 plus years ago. Bro. Aarli responded defending the actions of the camp and stated the importance of the event. It is our duty of the order to educate the ignorant as to the importance of honoring our heritage.

**Education.** No Report.

**Investment of Members.** No Report.

**Monument Project.** Com. Carter expressed his desire to complete the Amboy cannon project in June. He requested that the members either attend June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 13<sup>th</sup> as potential days to complete the project. The follow-up will be to handle the Stillman Valley project with the Confederate Sons group.

**Last Soldier project.** No Report.

**Recruiting.** No Report.

**State Encampment.** Com. Carter reported as expected the Logan Camp had the most attendees at the encampment. As noted previously Bro. Dyer is the new Department Commander. Other officers installed were Bro. Oestricher Eagle Scout Coordinator and Bro. Johnson Treasurer.

**National Encampment.** No Report.

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#### **New Business:**

Bro. Lyon gave a report about a recent visit to Vicksburg battlefield. He purchased the CD that is available for the tour and is willing to share with other brothers visiting the historical site. The trip was very enjoyable he learned that only 5 states participated on the Union side. He was able to see his ancestor's name and touch it on the Wisconsin monument. The battlefield has been split up based upon a land deal with the city resulting in the requirement to search around for all of the monuments. Bro. Lyon recommends visiting Natchez, MS if you do take a trip to that area. He also enjoyed the recently renovated Illinois monument.

Bro. Haight and Bro. Aarli placed flags on Memorial Day on graves that did not have any markings. It was discovered that someone had already marked most of the civil war soldier's graves with a flag. Bro. Aarli still has 21 flags in his possession for future markings and presented the members with an invoice covering the cost of the flags for reimbursement. Bro. Buerger motioned to reimburse Bro. Aarli for the cost of the flags. Bro. Wade 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Bro. Dyer gave a report on the Naperville reenactment that he attended. There were lots of Confederate reenactors and sutlers. He enjoyed the event.

Comm. Carter reported on the Murphysboro event. It was a good time had by all. Comm. Carter and his contingent enjoyed numerous antique stops and a visit to the Centralia rail yard on the way to Murphysboro. They were able to locate the birth place of the GAR and see a local vendor patrolling the town square. They visited a courthouse the Abraham Lincoln frequented as well. The Logan celebrations in Murphysboro were spectacular. The Logan Grand Daughters were very grateful that the Logan Camp made the journey to the celebrations. They were quite emotional at the events. The group made note that this community really supports their veterans based upon the turnout. All groups and vehicles eventually made it back to Rockford safe and sound, not without a little adventure however. Comm. Carter recommends that the camp participate in the future not necessarily every year. Museum curator offered the Logan Camp museum t-shirts to use as a no attachment fundraiser. We buy the shirts for \$3 a shirt and determine a selling price and keep the money. Discussion was held in regard to sizing, pricing, and selling venue. Comm. Carter will investigate sizing with the museum curator. Bro. Lyon motioned to buy up to \$200 worth of shirts to sell at the National Encampment. The shirts are to be sold at a price of \$10 with \$1 returning back to the museum as a donation from the Logan camp. Bro. Johnson will handle the shipping of this shirts from Murphysboro as long as the transaction is complete by the end of June. Bro. Haight 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Bro. Aarli attended the Hollandale reenactment event with Battery G. There were approximately 100 re-enactors present and Battery G was unable to use their own cannons due to an unexpected illness. The other batteries that were present help Battery G passed this issue. The event came off okay.

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Bro. Cassaro attended the WWII reenactment at Union Illinois. This event was a lot of fun and well attended.

Bro. Oestricher requested that a Battery G member assist in getting Henry Vincent to contact them in regard to the insurance waivers. Bro. Wade and Bro. Aarli will assist.

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 will look at his family schedule and present possible dates.

Comm. Carter asked the members about a city flag pole. We currently do not have one and one is needed for the National Encampment. Bro. Johnson asked if Bro. Buerger would let the camp borrow one until the camp sold some t-shirts to purchase one. Bro. Buerger agreed.

Bro. Lyon suggested that the camp prepare some wreath embellishments so that the camp is prepared for a proper display at an event. The suggestion was well received and he will coordinate.

Bro. Dyer will be using current pictures from Bro. Zeien and Bro. McGinty for creation of a new display board for the camp and the Rockford Zouaves.

Bro. Dyer is attending the Heritage Weekend at the Old Soldier's Home in Milwaukee, WI. He suggests if you have the time to make the trip it is a very nice display.

Bro. Johnson presented the members the extra medals that he purchased at the museum. He is offering them for \$16 dollars each. This is a good way to show camp solidarity by each member wearing a John A. Logan Medal.

Bro. Lyon suggested that the camp invite the Logan Museum Curator up to Rockford for a visit at Memorial Hall. Comm. Carter really liked that idea and will coordinate.

Upon hearing no additional business Comm. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. 8:19

Bro. Dyer conducted the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.  
Secretary / Signals Officer