

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



Camp Minutes
Meeting at Memorial Hall
March 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:05 pm. 13 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, David Eisele, Raymond Empereur, Bill Johnson, Jim Lyon, Jon, McGinty, Tom Oestricher, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Two guest(s):

- John Allen, Allen's Laurel Hill Sutlery
- Richard McKenzie, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Bro. Eisele led the group with the opening prayer.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: The Minutes for February 3rd meeting were approved as presented. Bro. Empereur motioned to accept, Bro. Oestricher 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$895.30 in the account.

Description	Balance
Balance as of 2/3/2010	814.06
Dues In	83.00
Trophy / Steve Aarli	-35.26
	861.80
SUV Dues	-49.00
National Display Table	-20.00
	792.80
GAR Cemetery Marker	6.50
Bro. Eisele dues	40.00
Bro. Geoffrey Carter dues	56.00
Balance as of 3/3/2010	895.30

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

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Old Business:

Technology: Bro. Zeien reported that pictures of the multi camp annual banquet are now posted on the website. The calendar of events has been updated as of 2/3/2010 meeting. Lawler grave marker page was updated with biography provided by Bro. Dyer and photograph provided by Com. Carter. As additional narratives and pictures are obtained pages will be added to the website. If there is any additional information that the membership would like to see on the website please provide Bro. Zeien with the information.

Recognition. Bro. Oestricher reports that he has received 4 additional Eagle Scout award requests following the last meeting. When complete that will put the total count to 154 Eagle Scout Awards presented. Bro. Oestricher has emailed all Eagle Scout coordinators in the department and asked them for accurate counts of presentations. The goal is to have this information to report at the Spring Encampment. An additional goal is to make 300 presentations to date.

Com. Carter has heard from Auburn and Freeport in regard to the ROTC awards. NIU has informed him that the SUVCW ROTC awards are not on the army approved list of recognitions. He is working to resolve this issue with the army.

Graves registration. Com. Carter requested that the membership prepare to be present at the headstone dedication ceremony for Lt. Col. Smith on May 8th at 10:00 am prior to the Spring Encampment meeting. Bro. Aarli is coordinating this effort along with coordinating the Masonic Lodges ceremony. Bro. Cassaro's GAR star will be placed at the grave of Private Mosher during the May 8th cemetery visit. Bro. Aarli conducted a Graves Registration workshop during the meeting explaining the expectations and the procedures required for the project. Cemetery packets were distributed to the membership for processing.

Education. Com. Carter stated that the Memorial University awards will be presented to the graduates at the Spring Encampment.

Investment of Members. Jim Lyon, John Wade, Geoff Carter, Stephen Haight, and David Eisele will be sworn in properly during the May encampment in Rockford.

Monument Project. This project is completed thanks to the efforts of Com. Carter. Com. Carter has prepared a photo album showing the monuments. A significant amount of information is being prepared to send to the department for records. Com. Carter reports that there are no other camps within the department that can report a similar project as complete.

Recruiting. Ongoing initiative.

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State Encampment. Ongoing - Rockford will host the spring encampment of the Department of Illinois on May 8th at 11:00 am. Com. Carter has requested that all members be present at Memorial Hall at 9:00 am for setup and preparation prior to attending the headstone dedication ceremonies. All members that will be attending the Spring Encampment have been requested to attend the April meeting for final instructions and preparations.

National Encampment. Ongoing – Bro. Johnson has paid for the display table. Bro. Dyer has last year's submission and will get that to the members in the April meeting for review. Bro. Lyon presented brochures for the WWI exhibit and the Arabia Steamboat.

New Business:

Bro. Dyer reported on the Lincoln Ball. The event was well attended and the Logan Camp had a good showing of members in attendance. Everyone appeared to have a good time at the event.

Patriotic Instructor, Bro. Empereur presented to the camp membership a story about a Belvidere Abolitionist.

Left Justified: Refighting the Civil War **By Stanley Campbell**

In honor of Black History Month, I'll retell the heroic tale of a Belvidere abolitionist of African descent who recruited and enlisted for the all-white 95th Illinois Regiment in the 1860s. [Read More:](#)

Bro. Dyer reported that the Kenosha Civil War Museum will be sponsoring a living history presentation Saturday March 6th from 12-4. The presentation will be performed by the 3rd Wisconsin Infantry reenactment group.

Com. Carter reported that for Memorial Day Logan Camp #26 has been invited to the John A. Logan home to participate in a wreath laying ceremony and for a luncheon.. The camp has also been invited to participate in the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade. Com. Carter would like to see the camp participate in both events and we will discuss who can go to what event at the April meeting. The camp has also been asked to participate in the Winnebago 4th of July parade.

Bro. Dyer presented a card to be circulated to the membership for signature and donation in honor of Chaplain Kowalski's father passing away. Chaplain Kowalski will be donating the money received.

Com. Carter made copies of pictures from the Annual multi camp banquet and said each member that was present may take a copy.

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Bro. Ostriecher informed the membership that he has purchased the black material and his daughter would be crafting draping ribbons for the camp's membership medals. Bro. Dyer and Bro. Oestriecher recently wore these ribbons at a brothers funeral. Each member of the camp will be receiving 2 ribbons. Thank you from the camp for this donation.

Com. Carter informed the membership that Bro. Don Bush from Missouri has medals still for sale. These are a greatly reduced price and he recommended that if you desire to purchase one please do so quickly.

Bro. Dyer brought his display of the 1800's participation medal he acquired from his friend in Florida for the camp to see. He has requested that any medals he finds such as this one be purchased that many members of the camp are interested in obtaining the medal. Bro. Dyer has replacement ribbon that is historically accurate and can modify the medals if required.

Bro. Aarli announced that Battery G will be holding their annual spring meeting on March 14th at 1:30 for any and all that want to attend. Contact Bro. Aarli for more details on the meeting.

Bro. Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bro. McGinty 2nd. Motion Carried.

Bro. Eisele conducted the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.
Secretary / Signal Officer