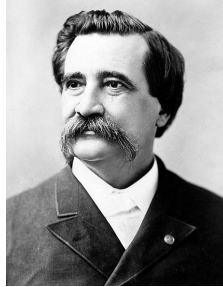


John A. Logan Camp #26
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Camp Minutes
Meeting at Memorial Hall
September 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:03 pm. 11 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Stephen Haight, Jim Lyon, Jon McGinty, Tom Oestreicher, David St. John, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Three guest(s): Kim Johnson – President of Logan Auxiliary #20
David & Joan Rice – Potential new members to our camp and auxiliary

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

Officers Reports:

Bro. Aarli read to the membership General Order #3 announcing the passing of Brother Arthur Clark of Chaplin Camp #3 in Bangor Maine. The website and membership badges are to be draped for 30 days in remembrance.

Secretary: The Minutes for August 4th meeting were approved as amended. Bro. Steve Aarli motioned to accept, Bro. Tom Oestricher 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$396.30 in the account. Presented by Bro. Aarli

Description	Balance
Balance as of 8/4/2010	280.68
Sales T-Shirts	70.00
Sales National T-Shirts	80.00
Balance as of 9/1/2010	396.30

Bro. Aarli motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Bro. Jon McGinty. 2nd, motion carried.

Old Business:

Technology: Bro. Zeien reported that the IRS form 990-N was filed with the IRS and now the camp does not risk losing its Not for Profit status. He also filed the Illinois Department 990-N form as well. Bro. Johnson assisted with this process.

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Recognition. No Report.

Graves registration. Bro. Aarli reported that he has not had a chance to perform much in this regard due to his efforts with the department. Bro. Aarli reports he has been diligently trying to get the department records in good working order.

Education. No Report.

Investment of Members. No Report.

Monument Project. Com. Carter informed the membership that with the help of Kim Johnson he documented the monuments in Marshall county that the Lacon Camp resides in. Thanks to Comm. Carter for this extra effort it relieves significant burden from our brothers at the Lacon Camp.

Last Soldier project. No Report.

Recruiting. Bro. Haight gave a presentation that he created in PowerPoint giving some history of the sons as well as our camp. His proposal is that this presentation could be used as a recruiting tool. Bro. McGinty and Bro. Dyer is on the marketing team for the camp. This was a result of the advertising campaign that the SCV camp in Stillman Valley has initiated. An attempt to get the Rockford Register Star to promote our camp was unsuccessful at this time Ms. Cunningham stated that the paper does not promote war. She is obviously ignorant to the mission of the SUVCW.

State Encampment. No Report.

National Encampment. Comm. Carter reported on the events of the encampment. The group visited the Arabia, the civil war era steamship museum and the World War I museum. The SVR breakfast was smaller than expected. The department of Illinois had a good showing but not all members were present at the required times for voting. This will be addressed at the next department encampment. He reported that Illinois is on the books for the 2016 National Encampment to be held in Bloomington near the origin of the GAR. He also reported that the membership voted to increase the annual dues by \$5 since no increase has been done for over 8 years. This increase is due to the reduction of membership.

New Business:

Bro. Zeien introduced David & Joan Rice to the membership and asked David to give a little brief about his ancestry. He comes from a line of soldiers that were in the 5th Pennsylvania and fought in Gettysburg and the Wilderness. Comm. Carter then awarded Mr. Rice an Eagle Scout recognition certificate that celebrates the 50 year anniversary of when Mr. Rice received his Eagle Award. We hope and anticipate that David and Joan will become members of our camp and auxiliary.

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Bro. McGinty read 2 brief excerpts from a Pecatonica paper that were civil war related. One about a civil war veteran committing suicide after his benefits were going to be no longer renewed. This article is important it really stresses how our veterans rely on the benefits that they earned and deserve.

Bro. Lyon read from a book from his collection. A 1954 publication of *The Biography of a Country Town USA* by Anthony J. Becker. The story was about the visit to Amboy IL by our General Logan and the 30,000 supporters who lined the streets for the event.

Comm. Carter gave a report on Harrison Platner, he served in the 146th Illinois Co B Infantry. He was a founding member of our camp and was honored to be a guard at the side of the casket of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. He was a significant member of our community and his efforts for our camp and the civil war veterans are astounding. Comm. Carter recommends that the membership if an opportunity presents itself to read on this brother he is a true inspiration.

Bro. Oestricher reported that the Sycamore event is quickly approaching and all help from the sons is requested. He also presented the membership with a flyer that he would like distributed at the Lockport event promoting the Sycamore 2011 event. The organizer's have a 5 year commitment from the city of Sycamore.

Bro. Zeien stated that September 26th at 4:30 pm is at 10828 Caledonia Road, Belvidere, IL. he will email directions to the group.

Bro. McGinty requested a sheet be passed for all email and phone numbers. Bro. Zeien will distribute.

Bro. Aarli presented the membership the Camp Bylaws in hard copy and told the membership they could get additional copies. Bro. Zeien has also posted the Bylaws on the camp website.

Bro. Haight gave the presentation to the membership that will be used for recruiting purposes. He used PowerPoint so that it could run continuously during an event. The presentation was well thought out and presented. It will be made available for all members to use as a tool.

Bro. Oestricher reported that he has 2 Eagle certificates to mail out and 14 more due out by October 15th. His department goal is 400.

Bro. Buerger motioned that the camp purchase 2 new flag slings for usage in parades. Bro. McGinty 2nd. Motion Carried and will be discussed in detail during the October meeting. Comm. Carter has the information and prices.

Comm. Carter reported that the Amboy Depot Days event was successful. He recommends that the camp put the parade on the calendar for 2011. Bro. Cassaro reported that he won 1st prize in the car show with his WWII jeep at the prodding of

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Comm. Carter. The participants of the event were very complimentary of the museum located in Amboy and suggest a visit.

Comm. Carter reports that September 18th is the Lake Villa reenactment and the 2nd Civil War show in Wheaton IL. For those wishing to attend with them they can make arrangements they are leaving early. The group will then visit the Big Red 1 museum at Cantigny in Wheaton. The civil war show is open from 9 to 4.

Bro. Oestricher congratulated President Kim Johnson of the Logan Camp Auxiliary #20 on receiving their charter at the National Encampment.

Upon hearing no additional business Comm. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. 8:17

Bro. Zeien conducted the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.
Secretary / Signals Officer