

**John A. Logan Camp #26
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Camp Minutes
Meeting at Memorial Hall
June 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by CC Steve Aarli at 7:05 pm.

Acting Secretary Jon Mc. called the roll: Members present- Steve A., Bob B., Leonard C., Terry D., Bill J., Jon Mc., Phil T., John W. Four guests present- Doug Secrist, Hugh DeGroff, John Bowers, and Mike Miller.

PCC Terry D. led the opening prayer.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Minutes for the May 2 meeting were approved as “embellished.”

Treasurer:	Previous balance	\$1,223.54
	Dues received	\$48.00
	National, Dept. dues pd.	\$500.00
	Ending balance	\$771.54

Balloting for New Members:

Hugh DeGroff and Doug Secrist previously submitted application for membership as full members of Logan Camp #26. DeGroff had two great uncles who served in the Union Army—17th Illinois Infantry and 23rd Wisconsin Infantry. Secrist’s great-great grandfather served in the 73rd Illinois Infantry. During a secret ballot, both men were unanimously approved for membership. Their initiation is scheduled for the July 11 meeting.

A communication from the National office of the SUVCW informs us that Robert Bailey wishes to retain his membership but have it transferred to Conover, Wis. His reinstatement will take place at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Publicity & Promotion:

Jon Mc. thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day weekend events (Greenwood ceremony, Byron monument re-dedication, Memorial Day parade and Memorial Hall program). Everyone seemed pleased with the results. We received much media coverage, including TV at Greenwood and Memorial Hall, and local newspaper coverage in Byron. Several of tonight’s guests are attending our meeting in response to our public events.

A woman who saw the TV coverage contacted CC Aarli about obtaining a grave marker for her husband’s CW ancestor, who is buried in Cedar Bluff cemetery. Aarli contacted the cemetery staff and submitted the proper forms. The CW veteran’s name is Charles Steele.

ROTC: CC Aarli attended ceremonies at Auburn high school in which ____ Auburn students received recognition from our Camp.

By-Laws: Copies of the Camp By-Laws, as amended on May 2, were sent by CC Aarli to all members via email last week.

Monuments & Memorials:

Com. Chmn. Phil T. congratulated everyone on their efforts to restore and rededicate the CW monument in Byron. The local citizens were also impressed, some expressing regret that the ceremony had not gotten enough pre-publicity so others could attend. Another ceremony is being planned for October, 2012, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the monument's original construction.

The next monument to receive our attention is in Lena, IL. Phil T. and Bill J. will inspect it before the July meeting.

Jon Mc. called the Camp's attention to an event this weekend. A Freeport high school student, Austin Bower, has organized a fundraiser for Saturday, June 9, to collect money to help repair the CW Soldiers' Monument at the Stephenson County Courthouse. A motion to donate \$50 from Logan Camp to Bower's fundraising campaign passed unanimously. CC Aarli will attend Saturday's event and present the check to Bower. He will also invite Bower to attend a future Camp meeting. We may apply for grant money from the National office to help with this effort in the future.

PDC Dyer reported that the Ladies Auxiliary has obtained a donor (Marianne Smith) to purchase and install a lit flagpole at the GAR plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Communications:

CC Aarli requested that members submit photos from recent Camp events to be used on the website, in *The Banner*, and in the Department & Camp newsletters. Jon Mc. gave him a CD with photos from all Memorial Day weekend events, to be forwarded to the various publications.

CC Aarli received information from the Department of N. Carolina soliciting funds to be used to erect a monument to Union soldiers at the Bentonville Battlefield State Historical Site. He will send out an email with details.

New Business:

PDC Dyer reminds us that we will have a Camp display and tent set up near the Chamberlain Hotel at Midway Village Museum for their Chautauqua event this weekend, June 9 & 10. We are portraying a GAR encampment, so attendees should come dressed appropriately (white shirt, vest, and kepi). Bill J., Terry D., Leonard C., John W., and Dave E. plan to attend.

We are invited to join a Madison, WI, group on June 30 to commemorate the first GAR event held in Wisconsin. It will be held at the Camp Randall arch in Madison. The 1st Brigade Band will perform.

On Saturday, June 23, we are invited to attend Department of Illinois ceremonies in Worden, IL (south of Springfield), to dedicate a CW memorial which will include a 4X8 inscribed stone tablet in a plaza with flagpoles. To arrive in time for ceremonies at 10:00 am, we will need to leave Rockford by 4:00 am (yawn!). Contact PDC Dyer if you plan to attend.

There are reenactment events scheduled for Lone Rock, IL (June 8-10), Wauconda, IL (July 7-8), and Delavan, IL (July 29).

CC Steve Aarli is scheduled for back surgery on Thursday, June 14 (Flag Day!) at SwedishAmerican Hospital. He will be incapacitated for several weeks. [The surgery was successful, and CC Aarli is home recovering]

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, to avoid meeting on the 4th of July holiday. SVC Steve Haight will chair the meeting in anticipation of CC Aarli's absence.

CC Aaril reminded us that display space for the Camp is available at the Roscoe Lions Club Fall Festival (Sept. 7-9) for \$125.

Patriotic Instructor:

PI Jon Mc. shared excerpts from the Illinois Civil War website regarding events in Illinois during June, 1862, and from an article in the Pecatonica Gazette reporting the miles traveled by various Illinois units during the Civil War.

PDC Dyer conducted the closing prayer.

CC Aarli closed the meeting at _____.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon McGinty, Acting Secretary