



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



**Camp Minutes  
Meeting at Memorial Hall  
November 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Cmdr. Johnson at 7:03 pm. 11 members present: Robert Buerger Jr., Philip Brening, Hugh DeGroff, Terry Dyer, Stephen Haight, Richard Hoovler, Bill Johnson, David Johnson, Philip Thompson, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Br. Thompson led the membership in the opening prayer.

Br. Zeien called the roll of the membership.

**Officers Reports:**

**Secretary:** Br. Thompson motioned to accept the October 7, 2015 minutes as amended Br. DeGroff 2nd. Carried.

**Treasurer:** We have a balance of \$1124.39 in the account as of 11/04/2015. Br. DeGroff motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Br. Buerger Jr. 2nd. Carried.

Previous Balance	\$1224.39
Donation given directly to flagpole	\$4.00 this was not deposited
Camp Donation for flagpole	(\$100.00)
Ending Balance	\$1124.39

**Sickness & Distressed:**

Br. Aarli's brother-in-law is not doing well after surgery and the family has been asked to come to the hospital.

Br. Hoovler was in a car accident and totaled his car in September. Br. Hoovler's grandfather passed away as well.

Br. Thompson's parents have taken a turn for the worst. Br. Brening is getting a wisdom tooth pulled.

**Membership:**

No Report.

**Publicity:**

Lisa Rodgers from the Belvidere Daily Republican covered the Drake Cemetery ceremony and wrote a nice article for us.

**Signals:**

No Report.

**By-laws:**

No Report.

**ROTC:**

For 2016 mail-in forms are still being accepted for 2017 all forms must be submitted electronically.

**Graves Registration:**

No Report.

**Eagles:**

No Report.

**Monuments/Memorials:**

Br. Haight presented the final report on the stone plaque project. The ladies auxiliary is giving \$100 for the lighted flagpole at the site. Br. Haight thanked everyone for supporting him through the process and Br.

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Thompson for helping with the insurance aspect of the project. The Rockford Police are still investigating the accident.

### **Welfare:**

No Report.

### **Communications:**

Cmdr. Johnson mentioned that there is an upcoming Veteran's stand down where the homeless veterans can get Breakfast, lunch, clothing, sleeping bags, etc. Cmdr. Johnson reminded everyone that the Veterans Association Dinner is up-coming. Cmdr. Johnson also informed the membership about the impending move of the Veteran's Drop-in Center.

### **Old Business:**

Mid Term Encampment is 10/31/2015 in Peoria was reported on by Cmdr. Johnson.

### **New Business:**

Br. Johnson stated that the 2016 Encampment Medals will be in prior to Thanksgiving. Br. Dyer told the membership that the ladies auxiliary is looking for socks to be donated to veteran's centers and they will be donating cookies as well. Br. Dyer reminded the member ship that the Quad dinner will be 1/23/16 in Elmhurst. The Spring Encampment will be in Sycamore sponsored by Dutton Camp on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The next 2016 National Encampment Meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> in Marengo at the McDonalds.

### **Patriotic Instructor:**

Br. Haight reported on the history of Thanksgiving in the US. He gave a very informative timeline associated with this holiday.

### **SVR:**

No Report.

7:55 Br. Hoovler motioned to recess while Br. Zeien and the Council of Administration verified the process for officer elections. Br. Buerger Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

8:01 Br. Hoovler motioned to return from recess Br. Haight 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried.

Br. Zeien presented the slate and explained there was one contested office. Br. DeGroff and Br. Aarli both submitted their names as candidates for Camp Commander. A paper election was given and Br. Zeien and the Council of Administration tallied the votes. Br. DeGroff 6 votes, Br. Aarli 5 votes. Br. DeGroff was announced as the winner.

Br. Zeien announced the remaining slate and no further nominations were given from the floor. They were as follows:

SVC – Br. Richard Hoovler

JVC – Br. Philip Brening

Sec – Paul T. Zeien Jr.

Treas. – Br. Bill Johnson

Council 1 – Br. Dyer

Council 2 – Br. D. Johnson

Council 3 – Br. Thompson

Br. Haight motioned to elect the remaining slate by acclamation. Br. DeGroff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

The installation of officers will be done at the December meeting with Br. Dyer as the installing officer. There will be a holiday dinner prior to the meeting and installation. Details TBD.

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Br. Thompson led the membership in the closing prayer.

Br. Aarli closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.

Secretary / Signal Officer / Eagle Scout Coordinator / ROTC Coordinator  
Department Signals Officer / Senior Vice Commander