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### 2004

#### Calendar of Events

- Fridays and Saturdays, August through December - Eagle Historical Society - Civil War artifacts on display - 9:00AM - Noon
- Saturday, November 6 - Milwaukee Veteran's Day Parade - 4th St. & State St., Milwaukee - 9:00AM
- Wednesday, November 11 - Camp #4 Meeting & Nomination of 2005 Officers - McAllister Hall, Carroll College, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Tuesday, November 10 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable at the Giving Tree, Main St. & Bluemound Rd., Waukesha - 7:00PM - 9:00PM
- Wednesday, November 11, 7:00PM - Auxiliary #5 Meeting - McAllister Hall, Carroll College, Waukesha
- Saturday, November 20 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies & Parade - Gettysburg, PA

### From the Camp #4 Commander

#### A Letter to My Brothers in Camp #4

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you this year as your Camp Commander. We have seen our camp raise significant funds for the maintenance of our camp via numerous parade appearances. We've undertaken a significantly greater level of cooperation with our sisters in the auxiliary. We have participated in several patriotic events that highlight our order and the sacrifices of our forebears. We have met and strengthened our fraternal bonds with each other.

Much remains to be done. We need to undertake more extensive graves registration work. We especially need to launch a membership drive to reinvigorate our camp. I ask for your help in moving ahead on these projects in 2005. Two major events will be our responsibility in the coming year. First, we will host another John Gibbon birthday dinner in April. And in June we will host the department encampment. I can report to you that Lance Herdegen has informed me that the Carroll College Civil War Institute will co-host the department encampment with us next June.

Yet I must inform you that I will not be a candidate for Camp Commander next year, nor will I serve as the Secretary-Treasurer. The growing

demands of two growing children and my desire to devote more personal attention to them, has been a major factor in my decision. Then too, there is the need to complete my doctoral degree in history at Marquette University in 2005. I need to finish the dissertation and defend it in the coming year. There are two book projects waiting for me when that is done. And just in the past month I have received information that a health concern I had thought was no longer a problem has re-surfaced.

I will consider some minor position within the camp for next year. We all must serve in some capacity to keep this camp functioning. I will assist with both the Gibbon dinner and the department encampment next year. I ask my brothers to

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### 48th Annual Remembrance Day Gettysburg, PA November 20, 2004

Saturday, 20 November 2004, has been set aside for the 48th annual observance of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Sons of Veterans Reserve, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, cordially invites your unit to participate in the Parade and attend the Grand Military Ball later in the day.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) will hold a breakfast on Saturday morning at the Eisenhower Inn on Emmitsburg Pike (US Business Route 15) south of Gettysburg. The breakfast is restricted to SVR members and their family members. It will start at 8:00 A.M. and will cost \$10.00 per person.

A Parade Briefing for all participants is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on 20 November 2004 at the Eisenhower Inn. All units participating in the Parade should

send a representative to this briefing. At this time, specific information and instructions regarding the parade will be announced, so it is important that each unit have a representative in attendance.

Units should form for the Parade at 12:00 noon on Lefever Street between Baltimore Street and East Confederate Avenue. The parade will move at 1:00 P.M. north on East Confederate Avenue to East Middle Street; left (west) on East Middle Street to Baltimore Street, left (south) on Baltimore Street to Steinwehr Avenue; up Steinwehr Avenue to the Park entrance.

A brief ceremony will take place at the High Water Mark followed by a brief ceremony at the Woolson Monument. All Union and Confederate troops are encouraged to attend both ceremonies.

Later in the evening the Eisenhower Inn, on the Emmitsburg Pike, will be the site for the Grand Military Ball. The Ball will begin at 9:00 P.M. Tickets for the ball are \$15.00 per person and may be obtained from:

Colonel Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson  
Inspector General, SVR  
1016 Gorman Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719

Include a check or money order for the number of tickets requested and a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE). All proceeds for the Ball go to the National Military Park for monument preservation.

Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.  
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**Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5  
 Meeting Minutes  
 October 13, 2004**

The meeting was called order at 7:00p.m. at Mac Allister Hall on the Carroll College Campus in Waukesha , Wisconsin..

Members present were; President, Chris Zahn, Secretary/treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, and Sisters, Patty Jaeger and Charlotte Jones.

A round table discussion followed with these topics discussed;

1. Sister Kathy announced that Scott Paulson donated his honorarium from the Waukesha Civil War Round Table October presentation) to Camp #4 to be used toward Civil War headstone placement at Prairie Home

(Below) Sample of Sweatshirt that is For Sale. Any Regiment & Company is available for \$25. Polo Shirts are also available for \$25.00 Hats are also available for \$10.50. A GREAT way to remember your ancestor!



Cemetery.

Camp #4 Commander, Tom Sabottke accepted this donation.

2. The Soldiers Home Foundation is still in the process of reorganizing. There is no update on their status.

3. A letter was received from Brother Brian Ewing of Camp #49 regarding membership in Ammi Hawks Auxiliary for his daughter. Sister Kathy will respond and send the membership form to his daughter.

4. Sister Chris proposed that Ammi Hawks Auxiliary participate in the education day on June 3, 2005 at the Reclaiming Our Heritage Event. Some of the fifteen-minute presentations we could do are; make lint, pack barrels to be sent to the Sanitary Commission Headquarters in Chicago, and/or work on Crazy Quilts. This proposal was very well received.

5. Ammi Hawks may also set up a tent to sell Soldiers Home souvenirs and neck coolers to raise money for the soldiers Home Foundation.

6. Sister Chris reported on the Trimborm Farm Event. Sister Patricia Lynch of Auxiliary #4 and Sister Chris manned a "Sanitary Fair" booth and demonstrated making quilts. Except for the flies, the event was very successful and well attended.

7. Nominations for officers. Sisters, think about which office you would like to hold.

8. Sister Jamie attended the National Encampment and had a

great time. She has requested to be nominated for delegate to National.

9. Sister Charlotte will deliver small stuffed toys that were collected by auxiliary members to a restaurant in Eagle, WI. A pilot from the 440<sup>th</sup> will pick up and see that they are transported to our soldiers in Iraq.

10. Possible activities for the 2005 Department Encampment were also discussed.

11. Treasurer's report; August 2004 balance, \$423.75

Income \$160.00

Disbursements \$148.30

Balance on October 11, 2004 \$435.45

Meeting adjourned at 9p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cieszki,  
 Secretary/Treasurer



The Waukesha Freeman

October 13, 1863

## Further Particulars of the Battle of the Chicamauga.

Special Correspondence of the N.Y.  
Tribune.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 25,  
1863.

The smoke of the great battle of Chicamauga has cleared away, and we are enabled to more clearly see the results of the terrible conflict. No doubt can now exist that in the obstinacy and persistence with which each party contended for the mastery, it has not been equaled in the present war. We have, too, every reason to believe that the Rebels lost fearfully. The report of Bragg is so moderate and the admissions so frank that, with other evidence, we seem warranted in concluding that they have seldom sustained such losses. Reports say that they have lost thirteen general officers. I am inclined to think that their loss is not less than 25,000 men.

It now appears that Rosecrans on Saturday and Sunday fought fearful odds. Bragg, no doubt, had been re-enforced from every army east of the Mississippi that could spare a man. – The object was one worthy their attention. The destruction of this army would have protracted the war almost indefinitely. Tennessee and Kentucky would have been lost to us. – The Mississippi River would in

all probability have been again obstructed, our cause injured materially at home and almost fatally abroad, while disappointment and discouragement would have settled down upon the minds of the friends of the Government, as they remembered that we would have to begin back a year or eighteen months and pass again over the same tedious grounds. The force of the Rebels is estimated by some as high as 120,000. This is probably an extravagant estimate. Eighty thousand, I imagine, would be nearer the truth. Longstreet and Ewell both are said to have been there. – Still, I doubt whether both their commands were in the fight. At any rate, troops were poured into the lap of Bragg with a profusion that was sufficient index of the importance of the movement. This army had taken Chattanooga and threatened the vitals of the Confederacy. It must be destroyed, if the Rebels had the power to do it. That they have not done so is sufficient evidence that they were unable to perform the task with all the men they could bring against the invincible Army of the Cumberland. Bragg's superiority of numbers was his reliance. He had long since learned that the North-Western boys acknowledged no superiors. He expected to overcome our army not by superior bravery, but by the number of his battalions. These were thrown first upon one point, then another, and another, to break the line of glittering steel that everywhere confronted him. Then, when this would fail the whole line would be attacked immediately, hoping to find some weak salient spot, which would enable them to disperse the entire army and destroy it. With troops to counted against less reliable, or commanders less persistent or able, they would have succeeded. But the

troops comprising this command are no ordinary material. When men are determined to stand, there is nothing but overwhelming force that can move them. Then, Rosecrans will not listen to failure. He says here I will take my stand and maintain it. – There is scarcely a commander in our army that would not have fallen back to Nashville after the reverse of Stone River. But Rosecrans looked only before him; the obstacles ahead only aroused him, to labor the more assiduously.

The engagement of Saturday was a serious one, lasting from 11 till 4. Then followed a lull of perhaps an hour, when it resumed with renewed fury. The Rebels seemed determined to crush us there, if possible, but the determined resistance of our troops prevented. It was long after dark before the firing ceased. – The Rebels had attacked all parts of our line in hope of finding some vulnerable point, but they failed, so far as permanent success was concerned. It is true the tide swept back and forth. Ground was lost and gained. Battalions taken and retaken. Thousands lay down in gory beds. The enemy came on with desperate determination, but at the close of Saturday's fight they had gained nothing. Details might be recited, the particular parts performed by each divisions and brigades, yet the interest clustering about Sunday's fight so far exceeds the one of the day preceding, that all eyes are turned in that direction. For after all, although the fight of Saturday was one of the most severe of the war, yet Sunday was the great issue, the turning-point, the one upon which more was at stake than any other. The general

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disposition of the forces remained the same. Baird formed the extreme left, then followed Johnson, Palmer, Reynolds, Braman, Negley, Sheridan, and Davis. The last two each had their right considerably confused, that of the latter resting at the Widow Glenn's, where Gen. Rosecrans had made his headquarters the day before. Wood and Van Cleve were both held as reserves. The main body of our forces occupied grounds east of the road leading from Chattanooga to

center on the center and left about 9 o'clock. In a half hour there was heavy cannonading with brisk musketry fire. This increased until about 10 ½ o'clock, when Wood was ordered to the support of Reynolds who was, it was said, sorely pressed. Sheridan and Davis were at once to close up on Brannan's right and occupy the former position of Wood. This movement was begun. Wood withdrew his skirmishers and moved by the left flank. I am explicit here for it seems to have been the turning

right, leaving a space between him and Reynolds, whose right was considerably confused. Wood who was in the act of making his movement to the support of Reynolds, changed front and came in filling the space, thus presenting an unbroken front almost at right angles with the original line. – Barnes' Brigade had previously been sent to our extreme left to support Baird, against whom the enemy was bringing heavy forces. This was between 11 and 12 o'clock, perhaps nearer the latter. John Bratty's Brigade of Negley's Division had then been sent to the left of Baird.

Encouraged by their successes, the Rebels now came in with redoubled fury. Brannan, Wood, and Reynolds were assailed by the Rebel columns, and the most desperate attempts made to break their lines, but all to no purpose. The commanding officer had been swept away with the right, and the actual command now devolved upon Gen. Thomas, who, during the remainder of that memorable day, won the admiration all, and placed our country under a continued debt of gratitude.

From that time attack followed attack. The fond wish of the rebels seemed about to be realized. Right and left and center now felt the weight of the combined powers of the Confederacy. The veterans of the Potomac were there. The flower of Johnson's army clasped hands with the divisions of Longstreet and Ewell, Buckner, Bragg, and Hindman, and rushed on our gallant but greatly inferior force, determined to crush it. – Brigades of the enemy came, careless of their fate, and were swept away before the fire of our determined

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Lee & Gordon Mill, Chickamauga Battlefield

Lafayette, and between the road and the West Branch of the Chickamauga River. This was the situation early in the morning. – During the night and morning Gen. Thomas had erected barricades of logs and trees along most of the entire line, thus much strengthening his position. About 9 o'clock Negley was ordered to report to Gen. Thomas, and at the same time Wood was ordered up to fill his place in line, he having had assigned to him Barnes' Brigade of Van Cleve's Division. – The attack began on the

point of the action, and much to do with the disasters that followed. – While this movement was being made, the Rebels made a dash at this point of our line. Whether they really knew the situation of affairs and at once determined to take advantage of it, or merely happened to make the attack at that particular juncture, makes no difference. It was made, and the result is known. Davis and Sheridan were swept from the field. Brannan was of course flanked and compelled to swing around to the

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troops. Would it be too much to say that the fate of the Republic was trembling in the scale. What great interests were depending upon the results of those few hours. In one of the attacks of the enemy upon our left the brigades of John Bratty, King, and Scribner were driven back, thus making a wall of fire on three sides of the army, but Johnson sent a portion of his command to their support and drove the rebels back, recovering



General Rosecrans

ground.

Gen. Rosecrans, Crittenden and McCook were all separated from the left and center, which now formed the army, and reached Chattanooga that afternoon. Gen. Garfield, Chief of Staff, joined Gen. Thomas during the afternoon, and remained till the army had fallen back to Rossville. While the fight was raging on our right, General Granger, with two brigades of Stedman's division, came up and formed on our right, and participated in the fight, sharing the dangers, and losses, and glory of that memorable afternoon and evening.

About 6 o'clock our forces were

withdrawn safely and in an admirable manner. Of course the enemy endeavored to prevent the movement, but they were foiled in every effort.

Did I feel like indulging in praise, I should give a very considerable share to the men, the privates, who stood shoulder to shoulder, and like a wall of adamant defied the approach of the foe, let him come as he might. If I ever felt grateful to the common soldier, it is since the terrible conflict through which we just passed. – Each man seemed to feel that he had a duty to perform for his country such as he had never had before, and stood and acted accordingly.

For the present the campaign seems to be ended. Each day an attack has been considered as among the probable things, but it has not come; and, inasmuch as our earthworks are increasing in strength, we have reason to suppose that no attempt will be made in front. In fact, I would regard it probable that they are not in force in front at all. Part of the force may have



General Crittenden

returned to their original commands. Others may be meditating an attack

upon Burnside, who, it is understood, has been approaching this place. A reconaissance made this evening will determine the former, while a very few days will show how true the latter may be.

The spirit of the army could not be better than it has been since the fighting. Although they have labored hard for days and weeks, and have found no respite since coming here, yet they are full of enthusiasm, and seemingly more anxious than ever to meet the enemy. Gen. Rosecrans, on Wednesday, rode along the entire line, talking to the troops, and giving them valuable hints in regard to their duty during an engagement. Everywhere he was received with



applause and wild cheers.

The Rebel sharpshooters are watching every chance to shoot down those who happen to show themselves above the earthworks. This evening Gen. Palmer received a flesh wound from one of these fellows, and scarcely a day passes but someone is either killed or wounded.



In the Spirit of the Season.....

## Indiana Soldiers and Sailor Monument

(located on Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana)

German architect Bruno Schmitz designed the 284 foot tall limestone monument at the turn of the century, commemorating Indiana's soldiers and sailors who served in the Mexican War, Civil War, and the Spanish American War.

According to local legend, Sylvester Sammons an editor at the Morristown

Sun called in sick, took the elevator to the top and jumped off the west side of the monument, landing on the right shoulder of the statue of peace (woman holding the flag).

Ever since then, the carving of the blacksmith rolling up his left sleeve (located below and to the right of peace) looks like he is crying (see for yourself).

Workers have heard footsteps, and the elevator has been known to shut on and off. People have also reported feeling a hand on their backs while on the observation deck.



Indiana Soldiers and Sailor Monument



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