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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2004

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, January 12, 2005 - Camp #4 Meeting & Initiation of 2005 Officers - McAllister Hall, Carroll College, Waukesha— 7:00PM
- Wednesday, January 12, 2005 - Auxiliary #5 Meeting - McAllister Hall, Carroll College, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Saturday, February 5, 2005 - Wisconsin Dept. SUVCW Mid-Winter Meeting & Patriotic Luncheon- Bluemound Gardens, Wauwatosa - 9:30AM
- Saturday, February 19, 2005 - Member Orientation - sponsored by Camp #1 - Soldiers Home, Milwaukee - 1:00PM - 5:00PM

From the Auxiliary #5 President

A Message from the Auxiliary #5 President:

Sisters and Brothers,

I wish you all have a wonderful holiday season! We have had a very active year and I appreciate all who have attended our different events. It has placed our Auxiliary as a living, vital organization.

Condolences to Sisters Patty and Charlotte on the loss of their father and grandfather. We pray for you at this time. Congratulations to Sister Charlotte and Brother Michael on the birth of their son, Jonathan (Johnny) Jones in November. Yet another new member for the Sons.

We need to thank columnist Laurel Walker for her Veteran's Day article on the unset headstones at Prairie Home Cemetery. Thanks to Brother Bruce, Sister Kathy and the Waukesha Civil War Roundtable for emphasizing this need! The article has been seen all over the state!

As we enter the new year, our officers will be remaining the same, with the exception of Sister Patty becoming the Chaplain.

The Department officers will finally be installed at the mid-winter meeting on February 5 at Bluemound Gardens. I will be installed as Department Vice President at that time. I would urge

that if at all possible, you attend the meeting as well as the luncheon.

The February meeting will be a work meeting to create items that may be sold to raise funds for the Soldiers' Home Foundation as well as items for the Gibbon Dinner.

We will also be co-hosts of the Department Encampment in June with Gibbon Camp #4. It's important that as many people attend our meetings, as possible so that this can be a successful event.

Please welcome Amy Ewing to the Auxiliary.



In FC&L

Chris

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The following was Camp #4's Patriotic Instructor, PCC Jim Johnson's presentation at our December Meeting:

The Wisconsin Regiments in Late Battles

Extracts from private letters
 We are permitted to make the following extracts from private letters received in this city with reference to the Wisconsin Regiments engaged in the recent battles in Virginia:
 Col. L. Cutler, of the Sixth Wisconsin writing to his family from Manassas under date of August 30th, alludes as follows to the fierce battle, in which he took a part and in which he received a serious though not

dangerous wound:***
 "Since I last wrote you we have had stirring times. May last gave you an account of our skirmishing, and of having been under cannon fire two days. Jackson's whole army is here, and we have had most terrific fighting for two days. Our army is large, and we think we shall finish them this time.

A little before sunset on the 28th, our brigade was marching on the Centreville road, when we were fired on by a rebel battery. Not expecting to find much force with it, we started to take it and found ourselves attacked by four brigades of the enemy. We were in for it, and fought until 9 o'clock or a little after. Our men fought like tigers. They were charged upon by the enemy

repeatedly but never quailed but stood calmly until they were close upon us, and then they would mow, them down in heaps. the sixth stood in the ranks as steadily as they would in a dress parade. when a man was wounded or killed he was carried to the rear and cared for and the rest fought on.****

"I think we lost five hundred killed and wounded in the brigade. Owing to a favorable position, most the shots went over the sixth, still we lost fourteen killed and about seventy wounded, many of whom will die. Most of the fight was in the dark, and we stood our ground until we silenced the fire of the enemy, and then spent the night in gathering up the dead and wounded. Wisconsin may feel

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**Major General
John Gibbon Camp #4
Meeting Minutes**

November 10, 2004

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Laine

Meeting Opened at 7:20PM

Roll Call of Officers

Commander:

Tom Sobottke - Present

Senior Vice Commander:

Dave Hinkley - Absent

Junior Vice Commander:

Jeremy Johnson - Present

Council #1:

PCC Jim Johnson - Present

Council #2:

Bob Mann - Present

Council #3:

PCC Scott Gutzke - Absent

Secretary/Treasurer:

Bruce Laine - Present

Patriotic Instructor:

Jeremy Johnson - Present

Chaplain:

Bob Mann - Present

Guard:

Michael Jones - Present

Brothers:

Dick Rohan

**Reading and Approval of the
Minutes:** November's Meeting

Minutes were in November's
Newsletter. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's
Report was read by Sec/Treas. Bruce
Laine and was approved by the
Camp.

Sick Brothers - Brother Mann
mentioned Brother Lynch's
(Camp#1) mother-in-law passed
away recently.

Guests: none

Application for Membership: none

Balloting for Candidates: none

Initiation of Candidates: none

Committee Reports: There were no
committee reports.

**Reading and Disposition of
Communications and Bills:** The only
communication noted, was the
Department Dispatch. Brother Mann
noticed that the Wisconsin Dept.
Encampment is listed on June 10th, it
is actually on Saturday, June 11th.

Unfinished Business:

Flag Carriers: No progress has been

made on getting cases to put the camp
flags in

New Business:
Department Encampment:
Nothing new to report.

Gibbon Birthday Celebration:
Nothing new to report.

Graves Registration:
Commander Sobottke has spoken to
David Brenner at Prairie Home
Cemetery. They are planning a
meeting between the President of the
Cemetery Association, David
Brenner, Dept. GRO Laine, Dept
Commander Aronis and Camp
Commander Sobottke for some time
in early January. Mr. Brenner has
agreed to charge \$75.00 per
headstone for installation.
Commander Sobottke also said he
was going to speak the Mukwonago
High School History Club about a
fund raiser for our cause.

Election of 2005 Officers: The
following brothers were elected to be
Camp Officers in 2005:
Camp Commander - Bruce Laine
SVC - Tom Sobottke
JVC - Michael Jones
Council #1 - Jeremy Johnson
Council #2 - PCC Jim Johnson
Council #3 - CC Tom Sobottke
Sec/Treas. - Bob Mann

Good of the Order: PCC Johnson read
a letter written by a member of the
6th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM
Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 12,
2004 @ 7:00PM in McAllister Hall,
Carroll College.



A future Son!

**Born to Brother
Michael & Sister
Charlotte Jones on
November 18, 2004.**

Jonathan Jacob Jones

The Waukesha Freeman

December 15, 1863

From the 28th Regiment

PINE BLUFFS, ARK., NOV. 22, 1863

My Dear Wife: I hasten to give you a slight sketch of our late scare, or in other words, preparations for a battle at this place. On the eve of the 20th, intelligence came in here that there was a brigade of Infantry about forty miles west from this place under the rebel General Fagan, that was moving, and it was supposed their intentions were to attack us. Everything and everybody was immediately astir in our camp, we really expected a fight, and perhaps a severe one – for they were supposed to be at least double if not treble our numbers. But they made the attack on Benton (so says report), and got awfully whipped. We learn that Gen Salomon was there with his brigade, and did the business for them much to his credit and their discomfiture. The report is that he took everything they had, in the shape of arms, equipments and horses. This may not be strictly correct, but it is so in the main, no doubt. Gen. Salomon is reported to have come up in their rear, slaughtered many of them, and put the balance to a perfect rout. We hope it is true: and believe it to be a complete victory for us at least.

We will hear the particulars in a day or two.

All was activity in our camp, and if they had made an attack upon us they would have got what the *Paddy* gave the drum – (a terrible pounding) – for I never saw

men more determined than the forces here seemed to be to fight them to the teeth in case they attacked us.

We have thrown up strong breastworks and eleven pieces of artillery. We are located in the richest park of the State, and the rebels are very mad because we have crowded them out. Let them squirm – there is one thing certain; i.e. they can't have a foot of this soil that we can possibly take and hold from them.

All appears to be quiet now. We have just had a heavy rain storm, but the weather is fine now, and the health of the army here is good – mine is excellent.

V.H. Porter

The above is an extract from a letter written by Sergeant Porter of the 28th Regiment to his wife in our village. We have received later advices from the 28th, and from the fact that no mention is made of the fight at Benton, or elsewhere in the vicinity, we are inclined to think that the report upon which the Sergeant based his letter, was unfounded.

A letter before us from an officer in the 28th, under date of the 23^d ult, furnishes us the following items:

“Col. Lewis has just returned as far as Little Rock, and is commanding a Brigade at that place.

“The probability is that our Regiment will remain at Pine Bluff all winter. We are now building barracks, and in two or three weeks will get in to them.

“We have got breastworks thrown up, and can now defy the rebs any number they are a mind to bring.”

Ammi Hawks meeting minutes of December 8, 2004

By Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Cieszki

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm at Mac Allister Hal on the Carroll College Campus in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Members present; President, Chris Zahn, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, and Sisters Charlotte Jones and Pattie Jaeger.

A round table discussion followed with these topics discussed, (some voted on and approved.)

- The Auxiliary accepted Amy Ewing of Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, a new applicant. We will officially initiate when she attends a meeting.
- A brief discussion followed regarding recruiting closer to Waukesha County for members who can be active in meetings and activities.
- Chris Zahn made a correction on her mailing address. It is 9507 W. Allerton Avenue, Greenfield, Wisconsin, 53228.
- All sisters are reminded that membership dues of \$10.00 are now being accepted and payable to, Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5. Please send your check or money order to Kathy Cieszki, Secretary/Treasurer. Please make out the check to Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5. Thank you.
- Payment of postage of \$60.00 for 2005 was

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- approved and later delivered to Sons Camp #4.
- The Waukesha Civil War Round Tables' Soldier Report is getting a lot of media attention. Sister Chris read an email she received from "A Civil War Buff" in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The roundtable group wanted to assist the Sons in registering the Soldiers buried in Waukesha County. Chris gave a presentation to the Roundtable in September, instructing the members how to research Civil War Veterans. This presentation and the work that Sister Chris does at the Family Genealogy Center were brought to Laurel Walkers' attention at the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel.
 - Sisters voted and approved to give Camp #4 \$75.00 to cover cost of setting at least one headstone.
 - Officers for 2005 are; Chris Zahn, President, Ruth Nuoffer, Vice-President, Kathy Cieszki, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, Patriotic Instructor, Pattie Jaeger, Chaplain, Delegate to Department, Jamie Chroninger, Alternate Delegate to Department, May Zinda, Delegate to National Encampment, Margaret Zerwekh, Alternate Delegate to National Encampment, May Zinda.
 - Future fund raising projects

were discussed.

- The January meeting is planned as a work meeting to work on the neck coolers project and centerpieces for the John Gibbon birthday dinner. Sister Charlotte will research and purchase salt and pepper shakers to be included in a basket that will be used as a centerpiece.
- \$5.00 was received for 1 Department cookbook.
- Sisters presented a check for \$135.00 to Camp #4 for postage and headstone. Auxiliary gift was well received.
- Sister Kathy agreed to contact Sister Patricia of Auxiliary #4 and Soldiers Home Foundation to ask her to present an update (to the Camp and Auxiliary) on the fundraising for the Soldiers Home.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

The Waukesha Freeman
December 29, 1863

FROM THE 28TH REGIMENT

Notes, Marches, Scenes, Sayings, &c., in Arkansas

PINE BLUFF, ARK., DEC. 2D, '63

FRIEND WRIGHT. – Many weeks have passed since I have made an attempt with ink and paper to forward to you any intelligence whatever, but as I intimated in my last, that I might impose another similar burden upon you, I hope I may be pardoned once more for doing so.

We left Helena the 11th day of August last, and after some delay, sham attacks, counter-marches, &c., arrived at Little Rock on the glorious 10th of September as victors. On the 15th we were encamped one mile southwest of the business part of the city. All run smooth as usual until about midnight on the 25th of October, when we received orders to be ready to march at 2 o'clock a.m. of the 26th. In a few minutes the camp fires blazed from one end of the battalion to the other, and at 2 o'clock we moved off for Benton, 26 miles westerly from Little Rock. The object of our march seemed to have been to either cut the rebels off from their retreat after the battle they had at this place, or to prevent their taking possession of Benton, but they were too badly whipped at Pine Bluff to make another attack so soon. After a stay of two days we moved on again to another place called Rockport, 23 miles farther west. Here we encountered the worst kind of rain storm, keeping us up most of the night, and completely drenching us with water.

The next day we turned back, the roads being impassable for artillery and the balance of our train.

We returned to Little Rock on the 1st day of November, giving us a march of 100 miles.

Our election on the 3rd was another success for the Union; all went well.

On the 6th of November we received orders to be ready to march early on the 7th, and we were under way for Pine Bluff at about 9 o'clock, crossing the river and following it down on the north-east side made an easy march, and arrived at the ferry opposite this place on the 10th of No-

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vember at 10 o'clock a.m.

SCENE 1st. – We came to a halt on the sandy shore of the Arkansas river, waiting for the Colonel to cross and find us a camping ground. The wind blew chilly, the fife and drum corps began to play dances, &c., and ere long the whole battalion had formed a circle on the right, and the dancing was participated in by officers and privates as the case may be. About this time some negroes came to the river for water, and this lively music attracted their attention, and they crowded in to see the dance, and the politeness of the officers and men would not allow the ladies to look on without extending to them an invitation to participate in the dance, which to the surprise of some and the amusement of others, one or two of the high colored ladies accepted, and the dance then assumed the picturesque; and I have seldom witnessed a more 'side-splitting' scene. It was soon brought to an abrupt close by the Adjutant, who called out "fall in, to cross the river."

In a short time we were brought to our present camp ground, where we have lived in our tents until very lately. Most of the Companies are now living in their new barracks; they are built of logs by the companies that are to occupy them, 20x30 feet in size, two and two together, with a chimney between the ends of the two buildings, so that one chimney answers for two companies. The bunks are built in three tiers across one end and one side of the building, we have a good floor, good tables, and good bunks; a door and window on the southwest side; are located about 30 yards back from the river, which in this low stage of water is 50 or 60 feet below the surface of the land on this

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Major General John Gibbon Camp # 4 2005 Officers!

Camp Commander:



Bruce Laine

Junior Vice
 Commander:



Michael Jones

Camp Council #1:



Jeremy Johnson

Senior Vice Commander
 & Camp Council #3:



Tom Sobottke

Secretary/Treasurer:



Bob Mann

Camp Council #2:



Jim Johnson

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side.

SCENE 2nd, Nov. 27th. – The hour for dress parade; rain is threatening; we assemble – the Colonel in front, – rain comes down in torrents, drum corps move off, big “nigger” runs in front of the Colonel and battalion; gets caned by the Colonel back to his proper place. Taken all in all it was a novel scene.

Our lines have been closed since the 21st of November on account of the danger of an attack on this place by the rebels under command of General Fagan, who is reported to have a force of infantry – a brigade I believe – about 50 or 60 miles west from here. On the 20th of November there was a report that we would be attacked the next day; so we put everything in the best possible order for the fight, and was ready to meet them on the square;

was up and armed at 4 o'clock in the morning of the 21st. They will be sharp if they get in here and catch us napping.

We received a mail to-day, Dec. 3rd, and expect we may send one out to-morrow.

Colonel Lewis and Major White are with us to-day looking well; it is some time since they have been with the regiment before.

There are many of the officers and men of this regiment who are boarding with the citizens of this town; some exchange their rations in part payment for their board, which can be obtained at \$3.00 per week.

We are talking of getting up a Christmas party, a dinner and a dance. Marmaduke and our officers permitting, we may have a fine time.

The news from different quarters comes in to-day very encouraging:

Gen. Bragg whipped and lost ten thousand prisoners; Gen. Mead getting the better of Gen. Lee on the Potomac and taking some prisoners and a battery of two; Gen. Gilmore getting possession of Fort Sumter and planting the stars and stripes there, bombarding the city of Charleston, and setting it on fire, and the favorable election returns, &c., all serve to cheer the spirits of the war-worn soldier, and bring glad tidings to every loyal heart.

The health of the regiment is excellent, and we seldom hear the solemn tones of the death march.

This is a pretty site for a town, and many of the citizens seem very friendly to our soldiers. Please accept this for nothing more than it is worth.
– *Ho ni soit que malipense.*

VOLNEY H. PORTER



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