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Calendar of Events

- Saturday, February 5, 2005 - Wisconsin Dept. SUVCW Mid-Winter Meeting & Patriotic Luncheon - Bluemound Gardens, Wauwatosa - 9:30AM
- Wednesday, February 9, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM
- Saturday, February 12, 2005 - Lincoln's Birthday & Union Defenders Day
- Saturday, February 19, 2005 - Member Orientation - sponsored by Camp #1 - Soldiers Home, Milwaukee - 1:00PM - 5:00PM
- Wednesday, March 9, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM

From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

I am truly honored to have been selected the fifth Commander of our Camp. I have had the pleasure of serving under the last three Commanders, PCC Scott Gutzke, PCC Jim Johnson and most recently PCC Tom Sobottke. I have learned a great deal from them and I hope I can do as well as my predecessors.

I started in the SUVCW in Massachusetts in 1992 and have been a member in the Departments of Illinois and Michigan, as well. I didn't really get involved in the Sons until I was a member of Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120 of Howell, Michigan in 1995, when I was elected to Camp Council.

This year our Senior Vice Commander is PCC Tom Sobottke. He is an original member of Camp #4 and has served as Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Secretary /Treasurer. He is also serving on the Camp Council this year. His experience as a writer will aid him in putting together The Messenger.

Our Junior Vice Commander is Michael Jones. He is a newcomer to our young Camp. Brother Michael is enthusiastic and has a lot of great ideas on how to recruit new members and publicize our events.

Our Secretary/Treasurer is Bob Mann. Brother Bob brings great organizational skills to the position.

The Camp Council is comprised of Brother Jeremy Johnson, PCC Jim Johnson and PCC Tom Sobottke. Their experience will be an asset to the Camp.

Past Department Commander Randy Novak has agreed to serve as Camp Counselor. His advice on matters, will be

greatly appreciated.

With this team of Officers, I am looking forward to a very successful year for Camp #4. We have a number of important events in 2005. The first is our Gibbon Birthday Celebration in April, next will be the Memorial Day Parade in Waukesha and Ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery and then, we are hosting the 122nd Department Encampment. We will need assistance from all of you to make these events a success. I hope we can count on you.

In Fraternity,
Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce C. Laine
Camp Commander



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From the Ammi Hawks President

Sister and Brothers,

If you have not paid your 2005 dues, please get them to Kathy as soon as possible.

Hopefully we have all survived the blast of winter weather we have had recently. Please remember Sister Kathy as she recovers from an abdominal ailment.

We had planned the February meeting to be a work session. We really need to decide exactly which recipes so that we can gather the supplies. The work session may need to be put off until March.

I would like to remind you all that the Mid-winter meeting is February 5. Please come to the meeting in the morning. Due to lack of attendance of members at the Department Encampment this past June, the officers that were elected will be installed at this meeting.

In FC&L,
 Chris



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Major General John Gibbon Camp #4

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2005

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary/Treasurer Robert Mann
The Meeting was opened at 7:12pm.
By Commander Sobotke
The Roll Call of Officers
Commander:
Tom Sobotke –Present
Acting Senior Vice-Commander:
James Johnson, PCC
Junior Vice-Commander:
Jeremy Johnson
Council #1:
James Johnson, PCC
Council #2:
Robert Mann
Council #3:
Secretary/Treasurer:
Bruce Laine
Patriotic Instructor:
James Johnson, PCC
Chaplain:
Robert Mann
Guard:
Michael Jones
Brothers:
Kent Peterson, PCC Camp #1

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the December Meeting were approved as they appeared in December's The Messenger.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sick Brothers: None. There were questions regarding the health of Ernst Frankenberg. Hopefully a report can be provided after the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Association Annual Meeting on 2/29/05 in Allenton.

Guests: None

Installation of Officers:

Department of Wisconsin Sr. Vice-Command, Kent Peterson, conducted the installation of officers.

Commander: Bruce Laine
Senior Vice-Commander Tom Sobotke
Junior Vice-Commander: Michael Jones
Council #1: Jeremy Johnson
Council #2: PCC James Johnson
Council #3: PCC Tom Sobotke
Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mann
Patriotic Instructor: PCC James Johnson

Chaplain: Jeremy Johnson

The officers gave their oaths of office and assumed their elected positions.

Committee Reports:

Gibbon Dinner:

The proposed speaker, Dr Martin of Marquette Univ., needs to be affirmed. Brother Sobotke will pursue this. If Dr Martin is unavailable, Brother Sobotke will confer with Brother James Johnson for other possible speakers. The location of the speaker will factor into the site selection. The honorarium was discussed and was determined that it should be \$50.00 – \$75.00 and include the speaker's meal.

Memorial Day:

Brothers Jones and Laine have observed that on the Sunday afternoon prior to Memorial Day the Brewers will be having a home game. They have suggested contacting the Brewers organization and volunteer our services as a Color Guard, honoring the 140th anniversary of the ending of the Civil War. We discussed with Brother Peterson our interest to coordinate and involve Camp #1, if the event does occur. The concern was raised that this may

detract from the membership's participation in activities the following day, Memorial Day. Other planned activities for the Camp on Memorial Day include participation in the Waukesha parade and ceremonies at Prairie Home Cemetery. The camp unanimously agreed that Brother Jones should contact the Brewers and determine their interest.

Prairie Home Cemetery:

Today, Brothers Laine and Sobotke met with David Brenner the Director of Prairie Home Cemetery to discuss the setting of headstones. After many lengthy discussions, today it was agreed that a sum of \$75.00 for each stone, would be charged by Prairie Home. Mr. Brenner is interested in Camp #4 holding its Memorial Day ceremony at Prairie Home. Brenner also indicated that he had received offers from Monument companies for donations for the expense. The Camp has \$100.00 in a fund ear-marked for this purpose. The offer and the show of good will from Prairie Home are encouraging. Brenner had indicated that the stones would be placed first thing in the spring, probably April. The Camp would like to be involved with the cemetery in the establishing it policy for setting stones and its interaction with groups for memorial events. It was urged that the Camp emphasize its participation at the Memorial Day Ceremony to show our good faith in starting a new relationship with the cemetery. It was suggested that the normal ceremony be performed at the front of the cemetery, followed by a visitation to each of the newly placed stones. It was also suggested that a brief biography be presented at each headstone. The Camp agreed

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PDC Johnson was a native of Rockford, Illinois, and graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in 1954. He earned a master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1959, and served as an officer with the U.S. Army in Kansas and Germany from 1955 to 1957. He began his career at UW-Madison in 1959, working his way up from an assistant to the executive associate registrar, the No. 2 position with office-wide responsibilities. He held the latter position for his last seven years. During his tenure, he led efforts to create a special admissions office for non-degree students and to adopt a "compassionate" refund policy, which became policy in 1991 and provides tuition refunds for students who have to withdraw for medical or family emergencies. He also served on many university committees and was a member of several state and national groups for registrars. He was a book reviewer for a quarterly journal and belonged to several patriotic organizations, including the Madison Veterans Council. He retired from the registrar's office in 2003.

In 1963, during the Civil War Centennial, he was elected Dept. Commander and was re-elected twice. DC Johnson focused the membership on improving the Department by appointing a committee to consider suggestions. He appointed a Chief of Staff to raise Department funds and began the practice of holding Mid-winter meetings to keep the membership better informed about National and Region news. During his tenure, Governor Warren P. Knowles and his brother, State Senator Robert Knowles were initiated into the

SUVCW. The Governor later signed a proclamation, designating 1966 as the GAR's Centennial Year in Wisconsin.

PDC Johnson continued to serve on the Dept. Council and was Dept. Counselor for most of his successors. In 1968, he began one of many terms as chairman of the Wis. Dept. Encampment, coordinating the agenda with the facilities in Milwaukee. He also supervised the Department's U.S. Grant ROTC Awards program and continued to serve as his Camp's Secretary/Treasurer until 2001.

In 1983, he was again elected Wisconsin Dept. Commander and served in that position until 1997.

PDC Johnson served as Central Region Commander in 1964. For the next 32 years, he was instrumental in keeping the Central Region Conference alive, scheduling program topics and speakers. It was during this time that he met and worked closely with PNP Ellinore Konrad. The two were married October 9, 1974. She preceded him in death on October 5, 2001.

Transcending his contributions at the Department and Region levels was his association with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, held each April 15th in Springfield, Illinois. In recent years, his name was synonymous with the observance. In 1963, he began working with the event's organizer, Illinois Department's George Cashman. Soon afterwards, he was appointed co-chair of the event. When PCinC Cashman died in 1983, PDC Johnson continued as co-chair, moderating both the ceremony and

the luncheon until his last appearance, in 2004.

He also served as President of the Lincoln Deathday Association in 1989-1990 and was the group's Secretary/Treasurer at the time of his death.

In 1979, he joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and soon after, organized the Wisconsin Department. He served as Dept. Commander from 1996 through 2000. PDC Johnson is



survived by a brother, Coe Johnson.

On June 9, 2001, PDC Johnson was awarded the SUVCW 50 year badge at the 118th Wis. Dept. Encampment, held in Waukesha.



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unanimously to pay \$75.00 to Prairie Home Cemetery, for each of the headstones that are currently at the cemetery.

June 11th Department Encampment:

Camp #4 will be hosting the Department Encampment. Brother Sobotke has had discussion with Lance Herdegen of the Civil War Institute of Carroll College to hold the event at the College. The lunch could be served in the Union and Lance Herdegen would conduct a tour of the Institute and its collections. We need to determine the availability of the facilities and at what cost. Brother Sobotke will obtain a letter from Lance Herdegen and the College indicting their involvement and at what expense, before the next Camp meeting.

Camp Goals:

Commander Laine requested each of the Camp officers to review Kent Peterson's document on establishing camp goals and present the goals for each of their positions at the next meeting

Camp Calendar:

Commander Laine is compiling a Camp Calendar. Those wishing to add items should submit them to the Commander before the next meeting.

SVR Unit:

It was determined that the SVR Unit functions as a Committee of the Camp. Scott Gutske has resigned as commander of the unit. An election of the commander will take place at the next meeting. Send your nominations to Commander Laine by January 31.

New Business:

The by-laws of the Camp were distributed. Commander Laine asked the Camp to review Article III

Section 2, which defines a Quorum. This is important for our meetings, due to the current size of our camp. Please bring suggests for new language to the next meeting.

Membership:

Terry Brown, one of the Charter members of Camp #4, sent an e-mail to then Commander Sobotke indicating he would not be continuing as a member. Due to Terry's charter status and his previously active involvement in Camp #4, it was suggested the Camp pay one additional year's dues for Terry, hoping he will have a change of heart. Brother Sobotke will make the offer and report back to the Camp on Terry's response.

Patriotic Instruction:

PCC Johnson described the Cone River Expedition of 25th February 1863, by units of the Iron Brigade.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 9th at 7:00PM in McAllister Hall, Carroll College.

This is Ash Wednesday.



From the Camp #4 Junior Vice Commander

Brothers;

As your newly elected Junior Vice Commander, I wanted to take a few minutes and fill you in on some of the things I will be working on for the next 12 months. My responsibilities for the camp include; recruitment and retention of prospective members, public relations, and fund raising for the camp. First and foremost, I would like to remind the membership that it is up to all of us to promote the SUVCW as much as possible. A few of the things I am trying to put together include a rummage sale, a brat fry, meet and greet, and the Number 1 thing I am working on to promote the unit this year, is to have Our S.V.R. Unit present the colors for the National Anthem at The Brewers game on May 29th of this year to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the end of the war between the states. I have pledged myself to make at least 3-5 contacts per month. I look forward to serving you this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns.

Thank you

JVC Michael Jones



From Ammi Hawks Sec./Treas. Kathy Cieszki

September 4, 1862
 The Charleston Mercury

KNITTING FOR THE SOLDIERS. - This is an important matter, and one which we hope will engage the early and earnest attention of all the women of the country who have it in their power to aid in providing for the wants of our brave soldiers. The season for cold weather is rapidly approaching. In a very few weeks our soldiers will require their supplies of winter clothing. Among the articles they will need, and which should be furnished them with as little delay as possible, are good, warm, comfortable socks. The pittance which the soldiers receive from the Government for clothing, is not enough to supply them with outer clothing alone; and hence many are unable to pay for the underclothing which their necessities compel them to have. Last year at this time there were thousands of fair gingers busily employed in knitting for the soldiers, and, thanks to the untiring efforts of the noble hearted women of the South, the defenders of the country were as comfortably clad during the last winter, as could have been expected. Next winter there will be more than double the number of soldiers in the field that there was last, and renewed and redoubled exertions will be necessary in order to prevent suffering in their ranks from the want of sufficient clothing. It is the duty of those who remain at home to provide for those in the field, and we feel assured that those who have fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and friends in the army, will not fail to do all that

love, patriotism and duty require.

February, 1862, Godey's Lady's Book, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vol LXIV Page 157

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SHAKESPEARE tells us that "an old cloak makes a new jerkin;" and with such authority and sanction for turning old materials to new purposes, we will make no apology for giving our readers a chapter of advice and instruction on some of the most feasible plans of turning old garments to good account.

Many are obliged by necessity, or as a matter of good economy, to do this; and those who are richer, and can afford frequently to purchase everything new for themselves, will greatly add to their kindness to their poorer neighbors, if, when they give a cast-off garment, it is accompanied by a little judicious instruction as to how to make the best of it....

Hearthrugs are sometimes made by cutting cloth into strips, half an inch wide and two inches long, and knitting them together with string. This is done by inserting the piece of cloth exactly at the middle, in the loop of the knitting, and drawing it in very tight: it is rather hard finger work, and some make the rug by sewing the strips of cloth on to a piece of old carpet, or any other strong material that may be at hand. This sort of rug will in winter form a very comfortable addition to a poor man's fireplace.

Camp #4 January Patriotic Presentation by Patriotic Instructor PCC Jim Johnson

A little known story of the 2d and 6th Wisconsin on the 25th of March in 1863

EXPEDITION TO NORTHERN NECK A LARGE QUANTITY OF SUPPLIES CAPTURED, & C. HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC MARCH 30, 1863

The expedition of Col. Fairchild of the Second Wisconsin to the Northern very successful trip.

The command consisting of two hundred and forty on from the Second Wisconsin regiment and twenty cavalry left Belle Plain in steamers on the night of the 25th and arrived at the landing on lower Machodoc. In Westmoreland County, the next morning at daylight, Lieut. Col. Kriss immediately stated across the Neck with the cavalry for the purpose of breaking up the ferries and capturing rebel cavalry reported to be in this section while the infantry debarked and marched up to Newton's plantation where a large quantity of grain was stored. A few shots were fired at the infantry by the bushwackers; but the scouts sent out after the guerrillas returned unsuccessful.

At night Colonel Fairchild surrounded his force with a breastwork of cordwood in anticipation of an attack; but no hostile demonstrations were made; the next day the work of loading the barges was resumed. Three hundred

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pounds of bacon, one thousand pounds of pork, two hundred and thirty bushels of wheat, three thousand bushels of corn, fifteen bushels of white beans and a large quantity of oats were secured. The teams of the farmers were impressed;



Col. Lucius Fairchild

and the slaves, jubilant at the

prospect of freedom, worked faithfully. A number of the latter returned with the expedition. The cavalry seized a number of valuable horses and mules, captured several prisoners and broke up the ferries at Union wharf and Rappahannock. Colonel Fairchild also burned a schooner engaged in smuggling contraband goods into Virginia, bringing away her anchors, chains, cables &c.,

A number of citizens begged permission to come on board the steamers and come up to Belle Plaine. They report terrible suffering on the part of those suspected of loyal sentiments and state that there are now on the Neck, hundreds on the poorer classes who would rejoice at an opportunity to escape from the rebel army.

Some of the leading inhabitants have oppressed the populations most outrageously and are employed as tools by the rebel authorities to enforce the conscription and spy upon the movements of our army.

In today's value the EXPEDITION captured over a quarter of a million dollars in goods. And added greatly to the concerns of the Confederate Government.



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