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Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, April 13, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 23, 2005 - The Gibbon Dinner - Market Square Restaurant - Mukwonago - 6:30PM
- Wednesday, May 11, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM
- Monday, May 30, 2005 - Memorial Day Parade & Cemetery Ceremony - Waukesha
- Saturday, June 11, 2005 - 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment - Carroll College, Waukesha

From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

I hope you all had a happy Easter with your families and loved ones. Spring has certainly "sprung" in the last few days. It is nice to be able to enjoy some warmer weather!

Our plans for our Annual Gibbon Birthday Celebration are well under way. You should have received your invitation in the mail by now. Please return your reservation slip, along with a check, to Secretary/Treasurer Bob Mann as soon as possible, but remember our deadline is April 15th.

I would like to thank Ammi Hawks Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Cieszki for volunteering to coordinate our Memorial Day festivities in Waukesha and at Prairie Home Cemetery. Ammi Hawks President Chris Zahn and Camp #4's Secretary/Treasurer Bob Mann will assist her in putting the program together. I hope we will have a great turn out!

I am currently working with PDC Randy Novak on putting together a information packet for the 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment. Our meeting will be in the Oak Room of the Campus Center at Carroll College. The Auxiliary will be meeting in another room in the same building. Lance Herdegen, Director of Carroll College's Institute for Civil War Studies will be giving us a tour of the Museum in McAllister Hall.

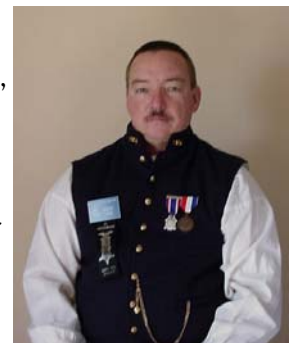
With the Department Encampment approaching, the Department Council is looking for nominations for Department Awards. The Awards are for Brothers in

the Department whose efforts reinforce the Missions of the Order: Patriotic Education, Honoring Union Veterans, and Perserving and Perpetuating the Grand Army of the Republic. If you would like to nominate someone, please let me know. I will get you the necessary paperwork.

Our next meeting is on April 9th, please do what ever you can to attend. We have important issues to discuss and vote on! I am looking forward to seeing you there.

In Fraternity,
Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce C. Laine
Camp Commander



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From the Ammi Hawks President

Sisters and Brothers,

The reenactment season is about to begin. As we begin to prepare for this, let's look at how we may be of service to each other. Let's get into the mood at the Gibbon Dinner on April 23, with the following weekend at the Brookfield event.

Memorial Day is coming up the Sons' and Auxiliary's most revered holiday. I think the events with the Civil War Roundtable will make it most memorable. Here's a wee bit about the origins of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the

Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states.

We are booked for the Education Day at the VA Reclaiming our Heritage, and will be packing popcorn instead of beans. The popcorn can be used by the kids once they get home. I think we will be needing a wooden bucket or barrel in order to accomplish this.

Remember, the sisters have set aside the 3rd Sunday as a work day at Kathy's house. If any of the brothers wish to join us, that would be fine too.

My unit at work had been planning a picnic during the summer, and the weekend we all have available (except me) is June 18th... they have decided that it would be fun to join us at the event should it take off. So, I'm really hoping it will work out.

Don't forget the Department Encampment. If we can have a majority of our members attend, it would be great, especially since we are co-hosting it. We would not be in period clothing for this.

The Trimbom Farm event is now the first weekend in October. Last year was a lot of fun last year and they had even more people than anticipated. They will also be hosting a quilt show in July. I was asked to participate to demonstrate working on Kathy's

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quilt. Who knows it may actually get finished this year!

We have a lot of activity ahead of us, let's keep of the good work and commeraderie that we have had to this point! Personally, I enjoy getting together with every one of you.

In FC&L,
 Chris



The Waukesha Freeman
 March 22, 1864

**From the First Wisconsin
 Infantry**

TYNOR'S STATION, TENN.

March 5, 1864

FRIEND WRIGHT – It may interest you to hear from the 1st Wisconsin Infantry, and it's whereabouts. Without doubt you have heard of the battle at Tunnel Hill, in which our Regiment took a part.

Our forces left Chattanooga on Monday, the 22^d of February, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance in the vicinity of Dalton, and to ascertain the strength and position of the enemy.

We marched on the first day within 1 ½ miles of Ringgold, where we encamped. Early on the morning of the 23rd we resumed our march, passing through Ringgold, lying on

the Memphis & Charleston Railroad, formerly a nice little village but now but a mass of ruins, or nearly so – all the large buildings and some of the smaller ones having been burned.

Three miles beyond Ringgold a portion of our Division had a skirmish with the enemy, losing one killed and 10 wounded. Our regiment was not engaged, being held as a reserve.

Again marched about 1 ½ miles and went into camp for the night. The next morning (Wednesday) we were drawn up in line of battle. Col. Harrison's 39th Indiana Mounted Infantry leading the van, followed by Brig. General Carlin's – a portion of whose command was employed as skirmishers; the latter was protested by Brig. Gen. King's Brigade, who skirmished with the enemy; our Division deploying to the right, through the woods, to flank the enemy. About 12 o'clock the enemy commenced throwing shells in the

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**Brothers &
 Sisters!**

The Gibbon
 Dinner is April
 23rd @ Market
 Square
 Restaurant in
 Mukwonago.
 Remember to
 register w/Camp
 #4 Sec.~Treas.
 Bob Mann before
 April 15th!

Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of March 9, 2005

Balance as of February 9, 2005:	\$691.72
Deposits:	
2005 Dues & Initiation Fee (includes SVR Dues) from Tim Grover	\$33.00
Charitable Contributions:	
None	
Disbursements:	
Postage for February Newsletter	\$14.80
Nat'l Quartermaster - Member Badge (Tim Grover) & SVR Tie Clasp (Bob Mann)	\$33.00
Balance as of March 9, 2005:	691.72
Working Capital for 2005	\$206.72
Headstone Fund	\$125.00
2005 SUVCW Dues	\$336.00
2005 28 th WICo. B SVR Dues	\$15.00

Major General John Gibbon Camp #4

Meeting Minutes March 9, 2005

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary/Treasurer Robert Mann

The Meeting was opened at 7:06pm.
By Commander Laine

The Roll Call of Officers

Commander: Bruce Laine - Present

Senior Vice-Commander: Thomas
Sobotke, PCC - absent

Junior Vice-Commander: Michael
Jones - Present

Council #1: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Council #2: James Johnson, PCC -
Present

Council #3:

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mann -
Present

Patriotic Instructor: James Johnson,
PCC - Present

Chaplain: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Guard: Tony Wank

Camp Commander Bruce Laine
called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sick Brothers: None.

Guests: Auxiliary Camp #5

Committee Reports:

Gibbon Dinner:

Dr Martin of Marquette Univ. has
agreed to speak at the dinner. The
Camp will provide an honorarium
and meals for Dr Martin and his wife.
Brother Laine presented the Market
Square in Mukwonago as a possible
site. After discussion it was decided to
hold the dinner there. It was decided
to hold a raffle. A copy of Dr Martin's
book will be included. The Brothers
of the Camp and our Sisters are
encouraged to bring other items to
raffle off. In addition the Sisters of the
Auxiliary will provide table
centerpieces, which will also be
raffled off and will provide tickets. It
was also agreed that the Camp should
provide a birthday cake. It was
suggested that a letter be created to
solicit donations from businesses for
the event. It was further suggested
that a jar be present to solicit
donations for the Headstone Fund.

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 attempted contacting the
Brewers organization to volunteer our
services as a Color Guard, honoring
the 140th anniversary of the ending of
the Civil War. People in the Brewers
front office have suggested that
contact be made again once the
Brewers have returned from Spring
Training.

Other planned activities for the
Camp on Memorial Day include

participation in the Waukesha
parade and ceremonies at Prairie
Home Cemetery.

Prairie Home Cemetery:

Commander Laine has invited the
Waukesha Civil War Club to attend
the ceremony. The Club has donated
\$75.00 for the placement to
headstones. The Club has prepared
biographies for many of the Civil War
veterans buried at Prairie Home
Cemetery. It is planned that we will
provide tours of several gravesites and
have the Club members make
presentations. It was decided that the
Club would be permitted to set-up
their own presentation table. The
Camp has accepted Pastor Ingrid
Huebner offer to speak at the
ceremony. Pastor Huebner has also
offered an invitation to the Camp to
participate at Civil War day at her
church on North Cape Rd. This event
is tentatively scheduled for June 18.

It was unanimously decided by the
Camp to make a payment of \$150.00
to Prairie Home Cemetery towards
the fee they charge for the placement
of the headstones. The remaining
\$150 will be paid on Memorial Day or
when funds have been raised. The
stones will be placed in the cemetery,
when the weather has improved to
permit their placement.

June 11th Department Encampment:

Camp #4 will be hosting the
Department Encampment. The Camp
has accepted Lance Herdegen's offer
to hold the event at the Carroll
College. The lunch could be served in
the Union and Lance Herdegen
would conduct a tour of the Civil War

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Institute and its collections. We need to determine the price of the meals in the Union and any other costs to determine the price of the registration fee. The Auxiliary is interested in selling copies of plates from Frontis' War of the Great Rebellion, printed in 1862. Commander Laine will determine and seek approval from the Department if it is required.

SVR Unit:

Based on the responses Commander Laine received nominations for Commander of the Camp's SVR Unit, Robert Mann was appointed and will assume the rank of 1st Sergeant. The first event of the year for the SVR will be the Waukesha Memorial Day Parade and the Prairie Home Ceremony.

Change to the By-Laws

Commander Laine presented to the Camp Article III Section 2, which defines a Quorum. This is important for our meetings, due to the current size of our camp. It is proposed that the ¼ minimum referenced in the by-laws be removed and the number 5 be replaced with 4, for the official conduct of business. It was seconded and discussion was held. The resolution was approved unanimously. This resolution must be read and approved in the next two consecutive meetings and must be published in the newsletter.

New Business:

Brother Mike Jones has been able to secure a display case for the Camp. It fits into the back of a van.

Brother Jones is scheduled to participate in a radio interview on

AM1580 in Watertown. He will discuss the SUVCW, the Auxiliary and the Civil War in general. The entire Camp wished him well.

Commander Laine offered the Camp the opportunity to participate in a Rummage Sale in Eagle, WI on the 2nd weekend in May. Donations and help from the Camp would be needed to man the table.

Brat-Fry Brother Jones has investigated the opportunity to participate in a Brat Fry at the Village Market in East Troy. Two individuals would be required to cook and three others as workers. We would be required to man the stand for a Saturday from 9:00am to 3:30pm, sometime in June through September. We would sell and reimburse the Village Market for what we use. Brother Jones reported that this would be below the actual cost to the market. The Brat Hut is under an awning. The Village Market reserves the right to cancel the date for bad weather. If the weather is poor but the date is not cancelled, the Village Market would donate \$100, if we failed to raise that amount. Interest by the Camp was expressed and tentative dates of June 25 and July 30 were determined. Brother Jones will contact the Village Market on the availability of these dates and will seek confirmation from Camp members by e-mail.

Commander Laine indicated that he had been contacted by Carroll College and informed that the Camp's current meeting space in McAllister Hall will no longer be available this fall. The Camp was encouraged to seek potential meeting place sites.

Patriotic Instruction:

PCC Johnson shared some thoughts about the end of the War of the Rebellion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday
 April 13th at 7:00PM in
 McAllister Hall, Carroll
 College.**

Meeting Minutes Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5

March 9, 2005

Members present; President Chris Zahn, Secretary/treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, Sister Charlotte Jones.

Auxiliary round table meeting convened at 7 p.m. and continued as a part of Camp #4's meeting. Items discussed:

1. Department Encampment in Student Union at Carroll College, Ammi Hawks will have a meeting room in the Union.
2. Investigate the auxiliary duties for Encampment, registration costs; consult with Department Commander regarding an Auxiliary sale table at the Encampment.
3. Gibbon Dinner preparations, raffle table and door prizes.

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4. Memorial Day Ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery
5. Present Colors at Brewers game before Memorial Day with Camp #4
6. Rummage items are being collected; Brother Bruce will host a rummage sale at his home in Eagle, May 12, 13, and 14th proceeds for Camp #4.
7. A work session is planned for April 17th, 1p.m. at Sister Kathy's house to assemble gift jars.

Meeting adjourned at 9p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Kathy Cieszki

Secretary/Treasurer



The Waukesha Freeman

March 15, 1864

Army Correspondence – From the 28th Regiment PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 28, 1864

FRIEND WRIGHT: – It is with a feeling of indignation that I seize the pen this evening to express my views upon the manner in which Bounty money is to be raised in Wisconsin to induce men to volunteer, so as to avoid the necessity of a DRAFT, that would otherwise be certain to fall upon some of the 'pet lambs' that are determined to roam *ad libitum*, and will do so as long as they can force those that are already in the army to pay a pretty good share of the sum required to induce certain ones to take the responsibility off from their selfish souls. How much better are those that are left in the State than those that in an earlier day buckled on their armor and left all of the endearments of home and friends to go among scenes of blood and carnage, to rescue a nation from shame, chaos, and ruin. Well, Mr. Editor, to tell the honest fact, we think some of them are not quite as good – and one thing that strengthens that opinion is that certain ones propose to tax us 'right smart', so as to raise convenient fund, wherewith to purchase the services of some more daring spirits and thus relieve them from a part of the most sacred duty that ever man was called upon to perform. I assure you that many others are of my opinion; we would not willingly give one dime to save any man from serving his country. Please give us your opinion upon this subject, – we may be in the dark, but we think

we can see holes through a ladder yet.

There was a fleet of nine or ten vessels arrived at this place from Helena, on the 18th inst. It consisted of two gunboats, two ferry boats, and several transports. – Their voyage was slow and tedious, and one of the transports ran upon a snag, and sunk some eight miles below here. As they came in sight, and near this place, a salute of – I think – 24 guns was fired in honor of the occasion. Yesterday one of the gunboats and a part of the fleet steamed on up the river; some of the others are loading with cotton at this place; a number of our boys helping to roll the bales to the boat, for which they receive fifty cents an hour.

As a Regiment we are in good health.

There will be a Grand Ball in this place to-morrow evening, in which officers and citizens will participate.

FEBRUARY 22nd. – There is something singular in the misfortune to a part of the Fleet that lately came up to Pine Bluff. – One of the transports, on its way up, ran upon some kind of a snag – backed down a little way, and soon sunk in shallow water, which came but little above her lower deck, rendering necessary the removal of a portion of her freight. The sunken vessel being but seven or eight miles below here, has been guarded by water and land most of the time to keep it from being destroyed by the enemy. The escort (gunboat) left at this place ran down yesterday to the unfortunate vessel, and returned last evening. This morning she ran down again, and

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about 9 or 10 o'clock news came back that she, too, was snagged and sunk very near where the other lies. We are very sorry for much misfortunes, but hope to see both vessels afloat again in few days.

That portion of the of the fleet that left here some days ago for Little Rock were making very slow progress, the stream being too low for any but very light draft steamers to run with safety.

The weather is very warm and pleasant – looks like rain. The seasons are at least two months earlier than they are in Wisconsin. Some early garden stuff has been planted fifteen or twenty days; the time for planting seeds here is not so precise as it is in a colder climate.

FEB. 23rd – Later reports are to the effect that the sunken transport has been raised and will be here to-day.

Sixteen new recruits arrived here last evening for the 28th Regiment.

'Washington's Birthday Party' was a pleasant affair, though the attendance of ladies was small, being about 20; – the males, (officers and citizens) numbered nearly one hundred, all told.

Accept my thanks for several copies of the sprightly little 'FREEMAN,' and believe me,

Truly yours,
V.H.P.

The Waukesha Freeman

March 15, 1864

From the Fifth Wisconsin

CAMP NEAR BRANDY STATION,

OCCASIONAL, Va., Feb. 24, 1864

Editor Freeman: – I arrived at the Camp of the Fifth Wisconsin, on Sabbath p.m. of the 19th inst. The boys seemed to be enjoying themselves well. The heavy timber that was at one time abundant, has now disappeared, and the little canvass-covered huts reminded me of the many little schooners at Baltimore harbor. But prospecting a little, I found to my satisfaction, a large cabin, built in the style of the boys' quarters – which I was informed was the "Church." On entering, I found seats sufficient to accommodate about 100 persons.

I could not refrain from uttering a prayer – "Lord bless this House dedicated to thy service, and, oh, especially bless the congregation that shall meet here from time to time."

A prayer-meeting was to be held that evening, and I resolved to attend. I did so, and witnessed a scene more interesting that similar gatherings in Wisconsin ever wore. To see a band of blue-coats – comrades in battle – for the preservation of these United States, against a rebel foe, meet together as brothers, to pray for each other, and speak for Christ, as their only hope and salvation – and to see the devoted interest each other took in the welfare of their unbelieving comrades, was truly a welcome and happy scene.

I saw, for the first time, the

Chaplain of this Regiment. In stature he is quite small, but his large devotedness to the cause of his Master, will, I am confident, have a deep impression for good in this regiment.

On the following Friday, there were dedication services performed at the new Chapel. At the appointed hour, the "assembly call" was sounded, after which the Brigade Band played the National Air, 'Star Spangled Banner,' next the 'Badger Glee Club' sung 'The Flag of our Union.' Then followed the reading of Scriptures by the chaplain of the 3rd Vermont Regiment. This was followed by a hymn by the choir, in which Col. Allen and other officers of the Regiment participated. Chaplain Mack, of the 3rd Vermont, then delivered a neat and eloquent oration. He was followed by the Chaplain of the 4th New Jersey, in a few pointed and appropriate remarks. The choir again sung an original Hymn, which those to interested in the good work, was as refreshing as the evening dew to the scorched and withering blade of grass.

I would here say to all interested in the welfare of their sons and brothers in this Regiment, that for social and moral opportunities, no other Regiment in the field is better provided. Every evening of each week – Sabbaths not excepted – is devoted to the growth of social and religious improvement at the Chapel. We have also a Debating Club, Spelling and singing school, and prayer meetings.

Yours, &c.

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woods, many of them passing over our heads, and saluting us in their ugly tones, anything but a pleasant 'good morning,' yet fortunately inflicting no injury.

We continued skirmishing through the woods all the afternoon, now and then giving the rebs one of Uncle Sam's 'blue pills.' On Thursday, the 25th, we encamped on Tunnel Hill – the rebels having evacuated it about 4 p.m. On the following day our Regiment took the advance, and marched on 'Buzzard's Roost,' where we lay on our arms all night. The next day we were under the fire of the enemy's artillery and musketry which played on us strong and lively.

We had but one casualty – one man was wounded in the hand, but

not seriously. Our Regiment stood their ground nobly, every man standing to his post and fighting like heroes, which disappointed many, who thought we were only conscripts, and would fail in our duty.

At 9½ in the evening, having accomplished our mission, we fell back from Buzzard's Roost. And here I will say that this spot is most appropriately named, for it is so steep that a man can't stand without holding to a sapling or getting astride a stump to prevent rolling down the hill.

On the morning of the 27th we had returned to within three miles of Ringgold where we stopped a short time and partook of our usual hard tack, coffee and bacon. Pushing on again, we found ourselves at about 7

in the evening where we now are, about 8 miles from Chattanooga, on the Knoxville and Chattanooga railroad. How long we will remain here, I know not. It is rumored that we are to go to Harrison – about five miles from this place.

Look out for stirring news before long – the whole army is on the move.

Yours, &c. W.H. Shoul
(Warren H. Shoul, Co. A)



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