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2005

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, May 11, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM
- Monday, May 30, 2005 - Memorial Day Parade & Cemetery Ceremony - Waukesha
- Wednesday, June 8, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM
- Saturday, June 11, 2005 - 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment - Carroll College, Waukesha
- Wednesday, July 13, 2005 - Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings - Carroll College - 7:00PM

From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

We are all saddened by the sudden passing of Sister Ruth Nuoffer, a long time member and Vice President of Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5. Our condolences go out to her husband Bob and the rest of her family.

The Gibbon Dinner was held on Saturday, April 23rd and was a big success. Dr. James Marten gave an excellent talk on the lives of children during the Civil War. I think all in attendance, 24 in all, were satisfied by the meal provided by Market Square Restaurant and had an overall good time! My thanks go out to SVC PCC Tom Sobottke for arranging our speaker, JVC Michael and Sister Charlotte Jones for obtaining the door prizes, Sec./Treas. Bob Mann for collecting all the registration fees (and paying the bill!), PCC Jim Johnson for making nice photo of Major General John Gibbon for display at the dinner, Chaplain Jeremy Johnson for preparing a Blessing for our meal (even though time and logistics did not permit us to use it) and Ammi Hawks Pres. Chris Zahn and Sec./Treas. Kathy Cieszki for organizing the raffle. At our May meeting, a committee will be formed to start working on next year's event.

Our next major event will take place on Memorial Day at Prairie Home Cemetery in Waukesha. I know the Memorial Day Committee has been

working hard, with the Cemetery's Management and the Waukesha Civil War Roundtable, on making this a Memorial Day to remember.

On June 11th is the 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment at Carroll College. I hope to see everyone there. Since we are the Host Camp, it is important that we have good attendance.



In Fraternity,
Charity &
Loyalty,

Bruce C. Laine
Camp
Commander

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Department Orders #3 Series 2004-05

1) As this year draws to a close, It is a pleasure to be able to submit this final Order. A report summarizing the year's activities will be made at the Annual Encampment in June.

2) To every member of the Department Staff, my sincere thanks for the manner in which the affairs of the Department have been conducted. Let's strive to continue to improve our service to the Sons and the Department as the Encampment nears.

3) If you have received any recommendations from other Camps or Departments in regard to nominations for National Officers, please forward them to the Department Rules and

Recommendations officer Brian Peters 646 Rays Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481-9260.

4) All Camp Chaplains are to send an official report to the Department Chaplain, Dean Collins, 2809 N. 70th St., Milwaukee, WI 53210-1224. Please advise the Department Chaplain on the names and dates of members who died during the last year: 6/01/04 to present. If no one in your Camp passed away, send a report noting such. Updates may be made orally at the Encampment.

5) All Camp Commanders are to submit a written report of activities to the Department Secretary, Randy Novak, 641 Bowen St., Oshkosh, WI 54901-4630, either before or at the Encampment.

6) All Camp Patriotic Instructors

are to provide a written report to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Richard Rohan, W181 S8290 Pioneer Drive, Muskego, WI 53150. A form from the National Patriotic Instructor will be furnished and mailed out soon.

7) The 122nd Department Encampment will be held at Carroll College in Waukesha, WI on June 18, 2005. Packets have or will be sent for registration. I have been advised by Lance Herdegen that parking restrictions will be eased for us that day -- a real bonus. The anticipated schedule is:

7:30 AM Doors Open

8:30 AM Final Registration

8:45 Opening Ceremony

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11:30 Lunch

1:00 Encampment Resumes

4:30 Memorial Service

8) Committees will be appointed by the Commander, as appropriate, at the Encampment.

9) The books of the Department will be audited by the incoming Department Council and reported to the Commander at that time. This because of the difference in the election year and the fiscal year. The Treasurer will make a report of the last year's final account and this year-to-date.

10) During the months of April and May, the Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Awards are presented to worthy Cadets and Midshipmen at Marquette University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield.

Unfortunately this year there were some mix-ups in the ordering of medals and certificates. Just shows how much we miss Brother Tom Johnson. Certificates should have been able to be given out and the medals will be sent to the cadets when they arrive. My thanks and apology to the presenters who may have had to improvise.

11) The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony held in Springfield, IL at Oak Ridge Cemetery on April 15th saw C-in-C Steve Michaels and other dignitaries present, and the Department wreath was presented by Commander Ron Aronis. The Department flag was carried by Department Flagbearer Pat Kulas.

12) The Camp 1 Washington-Lincoln-McKinley luncheon was held February 5th at Bluemound Gardens in Wauwatosa WI. Before the luncheon, an informal Department Midwinter meeting was held.

13) On May 30th, many Camps are planning to observe Memorial Day in some fashion. Please take the time and effort to participate with your Camp in this worthy activity. We must carry on the traditions of our ancestors and the GAR.

14) Don't forget the 124th National Encampment. Although it is quite far away, visiting New Hampshire will add a state to that list of states visited by many of us. Please make an effort to attend at Nashua on the 4th to 7th of August.

15) October 1st is the date of the next Central Region Conference, this time in Lawrence, Kansas. More details will be sent in future mailings.

16) Best wishes to our Auxiliary and the Department President, Gloria Murphy, for a successful Encampment

and our thanks for the courtesies shown us during the year.

17) To those members who are ailing, keep in good spirits. We hope and pray for your speedy recovery.

18) Those members who have had hardship or heartbreak, our condolences and a wish for better days soon.

19) For our friends and Brothers involved in the Armed Forces, our wish for your safety and a safe return, and our thanks for keeping Freedom alive in the world.

RONALD M. ARONIS
 Department Commander

Attest:
 RANDY NOVAK PDC
 Department Secretary



Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of April 12, 2005

Balance as of March 9, 2005:	\$659.07
Deposits:	
2005 Dues (includes some SVR Dues)	
James Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Anthony Wank	\$81.00
Reimbursement for Rituals & Badges	
Charitable Contributions:	0.00
Headstone Placement Fund from Waukesha Civil War Club	\$75.00
Headstone Placement Fund from Tony Wank	\$50.00
Gibbon Dinner Reservations:	
Reservations:	\$125.00
Disbursements:	
Nat'l Organization SUVCW for PCC Badge	\$7.50
Balance as of April 12, 2005:	\$982.57
Working Capital for 2005	\$218.57
Headstone Fund	\$250.00
2005 SUVCW Dues	\$362.00
2005 28th WI Co. B SVR Dues	\$27.00
Gibbon Dinner Reservations	\$125.00

Meeting Minutes of Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5, April 13, 2005

Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. at MacAllister Hall on the Carroll College Campus in Waukesha, WI.

Members present: President, Chris Zahn, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, and Sister Charlotte Jones.

Guest, Department President, Gloria Murphy presented information regarding the upcoming Department Encampment;

- Meeting participation with the Sons
- Registration fee, \$3.00
- General rules and tradition

Auxiliary was invited to join the Sons meeting to discuss plans for the Department Encampment and Gibbon Dinner.

- Room arrangements are made for the Encampment
- Sister Kathy will man the registration table with Brother Bob Mann
- Sister Kathy will sell postcards at the Encampment and donate the profits with Camp #4 and Auxiliary #5. The postcards are copies from a "History of the Great Rebellion" by Thomas P. Kettle, Vol 1, 1862
- Lance Herdegen will conduct a tour of Carroll College
- Registration for the Encampment is available on the Sons Department Website
- Auxiliary #5 has agreed to cover half of the guest speakers book

(Gibbon Dinner), and honorarium

- Door prize and raffle items are being collected for the dinner
 - Auxiliary #5 donated table center pieces as door prizes
- Memorial Day Ceremony was also discussed;
- Brother Bob Mann and Sisters Kathy and Chris will work on a program that will be based on the Sons Ritual. Included in the program will be a tour of several veterans' graves.
 - Joel Fredricson will be the bugler
 - Battery B will be invited to bring their cannon

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Cieszki

Secretary/Treasurer Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5

It is with great sadness that we have lost one of our charter members of Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5.

Sister Ruth Nuoffer passed away on April 18, 2005. Sister Ruth served as President and Vice President for many years.



From The Waukesha Freeman April 26, 1864

From the 28th Regiment
 Pine Bluff Ark., April 5th '64.

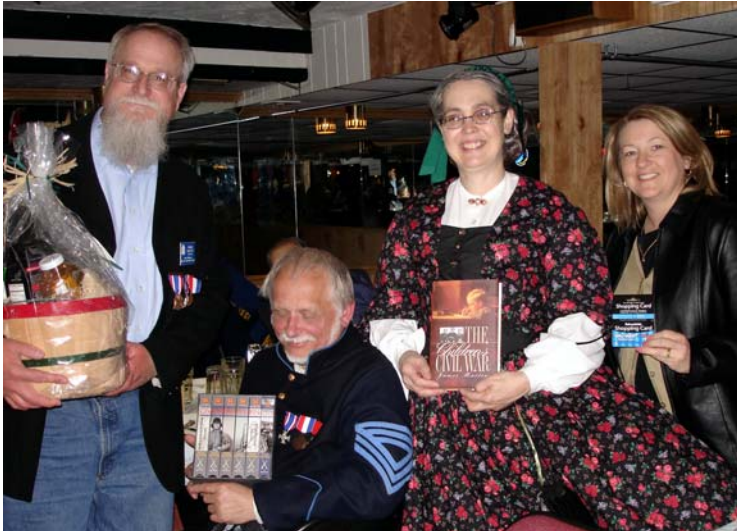
Friend Wright:— A few items that may be interesting to the readers of the FREEMAN, have been presented to my notice in addition to those forwarded to you two or three days since, which I have gleaned from others who were witnesses of the taking of those prisoners at Mount Elba and in that vicinity, and is, perhaps, as near correct, as we can expect to arrive at for the present at least.

General Steele left Little Rock with a strong force from this point and went *via* Arkadelphia toward some point on the Red River. We have not heard much directly from him since he left, but suppose he is having a cotillion with the rebs every now and then, just according to their disposition to join in the amusement. Our Infantry that went out on the march from this place on the 27th ult., halted to guard a pontoon bridge that our army had just stretched across the Saline River. While the Cavalry crossed the bridge to reconnoiter, Col. Clayton commanded the movement in person. Some twenty miles below here the rebels had an excellent bridge—also pontoon—across the Saline. The Col. sent a detachment of sixty men of the 5th Kansas Cavalry, under the command of Lieut. Young, and fifty men of the 1st Ind. Cavalry under Lieut. Greathouse—both of whom are excellent young officers.

This force of 112 proceeded down the stream on the other side, rode into a rebel camp and ordered them to 'fall in' without arms to do some fatigue duty, for Col. Clayton was coming, [I mentioned this affair in my previous letter, but it is good enough to bear repeating.] The rebels taking

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Gibbon Dinner Keep's General's Memory Green



With the Loot From Door Prize Drawings: (left to right) PCC's Thomas Sobottke and Jim Johnson, Patricia Lynch and Linda Mann.



Dr. James Marten of Marquette University speaks of the children's Civil War experience.



Junior Vice Commander Michael Jones appearing this past month on the Wisconsin airwaves informing listeners of AM1580 Watertown about the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the world of Civil War reenacting. JVC Jones' "radio show" is part of his and the camp's efforts to expand our membership and increase our visibility in the area.

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them for friends, 'fell in' with alacrity, and did not discover their mistake until informed they were prisoners. There had been a party of men sent out foraging and as evening came on they were returning, and about to cross the Bridge going west to their old camp, when Lieut. Young ordered the train across, and as many of the men as he thought he could manage. As soon as the men reached the opposite shore, such as retained their arms were disarmed, and ordered to fall into the ranks as prisoners. At this moment the bridge was reported to be out of order and, with the help of a lot of negroes, it was cut loose from the shore, and in an instant it was floating away, while the rebs were in wild excitement because they had not been permitted to cross with the rest of the party. There was two yoke of oxen hitched to a loaded wagon, and the load was set on fire as it floated

away. One of the rebs, a large, powerful man, seized one of the 5th Cavalry Boys when he was ordered to give up his arms, and attempted to drown him by throwing him off the bridge. The young man called for help, and soon was released by Lieut. Young's presenting a revolver in close proximity to the rebel's head and ordering him to be quiet.

Such was the expedition with which this brilliant maneuver was accomplished, and with so little confusion that the work seemed more like magic than fact, and the prisoners would not believe that they were in the hands of the Yankees for half an hour afterwards. The wagon train was set on fire, and ere long the discharge of guns pistols and the explosion of shells with which the train was loaded in part, sounded like the roar of battle. The horses and mules, in number perhaps two hundred, were mounted

by the rebs—some of the animals carrying two men—and hurried off to where the Infantry had been left. This party claims to have taken about 290 prisoners, all told. When they returned to the place where the Infantry had been left, the fight there was at an end, Col. Clayton following the enemy with a strong force of cavalry. Here the number of prisoners was increased to perhaps 350, and all started for Pine Bluff—the Infantry, as many as practicable, mounted on the captured animals, and the prisoners on foot. It is a [sic.] singularly fortunate that none of our Infantry were wounded in the skirmish, although there were many narrow escapes. There are many rumors but nothing definite concerning the success of our moving forces. We expect stirring news very soon now.

V.H.P.



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