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Calendar of Events

- Friday, June 10, 2005 Prep for Dept. Encampment ~ Carroll College ~ 7:00PM
- Saturday, June 11, 2005 ~ 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment at Carroll College
- Thursday, June 16, 2005 ~ West Allis Western Day Parade
- Wednesday, July 13, 2005 ~ Camp #4 & Auxiliary #5 Meetings ~ Place and Time TBA

From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters –

It is that time of year again! The weather is getting better and the reenacting season has started up again. At the beginning of the month, brothers and sisters participated in the event at Dousman Stage Coach Inn in Brookfield. We are now preparing for the Waukesha Memorial Day Parade and our annual ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery. Our ceremony, this year, will be earlier than in the past, taking place at approx. 12:30PM. The Waukesha Civil War Roundtable will be joining us and talking about a few of the Civil War Veterans buried at Prairie Home.

I am pleased to announce three new members: David Jones of Waukesha, Timothy Grover of Waterloo and Alfred Schroeder of Sussex. We are hoping to initiate all three of these gentlemen at the Old Falls Village Event in July.

David Brenner of Prairie Home Cemetery has told me, that one of the four headstones will be set this week. The marker is for Byron W. Sears who served in Company K of the 28th Wisconsin Infantry. We will have a dedication ceremony at some time in the future. I'd like to thank Sister Kathy Cieszki and Brother Richard Rohan for their donation of \$75.00 to the Headstone Fund. We now have enough money to pay for setting the four stones. Also, VFW Post 721 of Waukesha has made a donation of \$75, directly to Prairie Home Cemetery. So, we are ahead of the game!

Earlier this month, JVC Michael Jones, Sister Charlotte Jones and their children joined me at Eagle Elementary School. We talked to the 5th Grade about the Civil War and what it was like to be a soldier and what life was like for a soldier's family. The 5th Graders were very interested and asked a lot of questions. This is turning into an annual event. We need to work this into our schedule for the same time next year.

Remember the first weekend in June is the "Reclaiming our Heritage" Multi-Era Encampment at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home. It is always an excellent event and is a very worthy cause. I am planning to be there, I hope to see you there!

On Monday, June 6th, Co. B 28th WI Vol. Inf. (Our SVR Unit) will be presenting the colors at Miller Park before the Brewers game. Thank you to JVC Michael Jones for arranging this. It was a great idea!

Lastly, remember the Department

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Encampment is on June 11th, please get your registration mailed in. We have changed our June Meeting to the 10th (the night before the encampment), to prepare the site and tie up any "loose ends".

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce C. Laine
 Camp
 Commander



Civil War Believe It or Not!
No Idle Boast: This Union regiment boasted that "When printers of the Wisconsin regiment finish up the war on hand, these American soldiers will return to the desk and the case. The next number will be issued 'The day after the editors get to Richmond!' 21 June 1861 from *The Camp Record*, Hagerstown, Maryland. Editor: Since the 2nd Wisconsin was the only Wisconsin regiment out East at the time it is likely this was the regiment that made the boast. It contained a number of printers from the state.
An Officer and an Indecisive One: An officer with the 81st Ohio Regiment was puzzled at the inability of one of his sergeants to make up his mind. Major W.H. Chamberlain while in the midst of the Battle of

Jonesboro in Georgia encountered Sergeant J.C. Michie, who carried with him three commissions: one as a major of Colored Infantry, a second as a captain of volunteers and the third a lieutenant in the 52nd Ohio.

Caveat Emptor: Civil War sutlers always have a tawdry reputation that is unfortunately well deserved. The *New York World* reported on September 12, 1861 that two St. Louis women of doubtful loyalty to the Union were caught selling deadly wares. One, a Mrs. Willow, and her African-American maid "were arrested yesterday for selling poisoned pies to the soldiers at Camp Benton," near St. Louis.

Anecdotes courtesy of *Civil War Stories; Strange Tales, Oddities,*

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**MG John Gibbon Camp #4
 Meeting Minutes May 11, 2005**

The Meeting was opened at 7:20pm.
 By Commander Laine
 The Roll Call of Officers
 Commander: Bruce Laine - Present
 Senior Vice-Commander: Thomas Sobotke, PCC - Present
 Junior Vice-Commander: Michael Jones - Absent
 Council #1: Jeremy Johnson - Absent
 Council #2: James Johnson, PCC - Present
 Council #3:
 Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mann - Present
 Patriotic Instructor: James Johnson, PCC - Present
 Chaplain: Jeremy Johnson - Absent
 Guard: Tony Wank

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as they were read.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Sec/Treasurer Bob Mann and approved unanimously by the Camp, until audited.

Sick Brothers: None.

Guests: Alfred Schreoder

The Camp was honored by a visit by Auxiliary Camp #5.

Committee Reports:

June 11th Department Encampment:

As previously reported:

Camp #4 will be hosting the Department Encampment. The Camp has accepted Lance Herdegen's offer to hold the event at Carroll College. Lance Herdegen will speak about Carroll College's involvement in the

Civil War and about the new Civil War museum in Kenosha. The lunch will be served in the Union and meeting rooms will be arranged for both the Sons and the Sisters. Rev. Maury Felton will be the Chaplain, since Brother Dean Collins is unavailable. Tom Sobotke and Kathy Ceiske will take charge of the registration tables. The Auxiliary will be reimbursed \$3.00 for each sister in attendance. The Auxiliary is interested in selling copies of plates from Frontis' War of the Great Rebellion, printed in 1862, for the price of \$1.00. Commander Laine has obtained approval from the Department for this.

Randy Nowak Dept. Secretary has sent out the registration forms to the Department.

The May 8th meeting has been rescheduled for Friday May 10th at 7:00pm and will be a working session to set-up rooms for the Encampment.

Gibbon Dinner:

It was declared a very successful evening. We all agreed what a major contribution that the Auxiliary made to make it the success that it was. The Camp cleared \$70.37 on the dinner. More importantly it was a terrific evening of comradery and we were able to honor our Camp's namesake,

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Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of May 10, 2005

Balance as of April 12, 2005:	\$982.57
Deposits:	
Nat'l Organization SUVCW for PCC Badge	\$7.50
Reimbursement for Rituals & Badges	5.00
Charitable Contributions:	
Headstone Placement Fund from R Rohan & K. Cieszke	\$50.00
Gibbon Dinner Receipts:	
Reservations:	\$450.00
Door Prize	\$93.00
122nd Department Encampment:	
Registrations:	\$70.00
Disbursements:	
2005 Dues (SUVCW Dept. Wisconsin)	\$362.00
Bruce Laine (Postage & Gibbon Dinner Expenses)	\$143.26
Dr. James Marten (Gibbon Dinner honorarium)	\$100.00
Market Square (Gibbon Dinner Meals)	\$298.81
Balance as of May 10, 2005:	\$754.00
Working Capital for 2005	\$354.10
Headstone Fund	\$300.00
2005 28th WI Co. B SVR Dues	\$27.00
122nd Department Encampment	\$70.00
Due Auxilary for Gibbon dinner	\$2.90

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Major General John Gibbon. Dr Martin gave an informative and enjoyable presentation on Children in the Civil War. Dr Marten enjoyed himself and was honored to participate at our shindig. The Camp is determined to continue the dinner as an annual event. PCC Johnson suggested we should contact history departments at local schools and sponsor a student to present in addition to a featured speaker. This also can be viewed as a possible recruiting opportunity. It was also suggested that we consider making it a collaborative event. We could consider co-sponsoring with the Milwaukee CWRT and the Iron Brigade Association. A site to consider for next year is the Stonebank Pub and the Golden Corral. This led to discussion for the future site of our monthly meetings since Carroll College has given us notice that McAllister Hall will no longer be available to us beginning in September. Brother Jim Johnson also suggested the Waukesha Historical Society as a possible location.

Memorial Day:

Planned activities for the Camp on Memorial Day include participation in the Waukesha parade and ceremonies at Prairie Home Cemetery. For the parade show-up at Arcadia at 9:30am. The parade ends at Cutler Park.

Prairie Home Cemetery:

The traditional SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremony will be the center of the observation, which will start immediately following the Marine Corps Ceremony, to keep the crowd.

This will be at approximately 12:30pm. It is planned to provide tours of several gravesites and have the Waukesha Civil War Club members make presentations. The Club has selected to present brief biographies of Andrew Bennett, John Valentine, Mary Wardrobe and Henry Schneider. The graves are located relatively close together near West Ave. The Camp has accepted Pastor Ingrid Huebner offer to speak at the ceremony. Commander Laine will contact Joel Fredrickson to bugle for the occasion. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the pavilion. The Camp should assemble immediately after the parade at the cemetery.

As of the afternoon of the meeting the headstones had not yet been placed, in spite of the good weather. Some preparations have been made at the Cemetery, but they have made no guarantee that all stones will be in place for Memorial Day.

Brothers Jones and Laine had observed that on the Sunday afternoon prior to Memorial Day the Brewers would 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. Since there has been no response, it was decided to dismiss the idea.

Western Days

West Allis Western Days found a sponsorship and will be held again this year on June 16.

Amami Hawks has a sponsor for participating in the parade. A banner for the sponsor must be carried. The

Auxiliary has offered Camp #4 \$100 to participate. They have offered the same to the 5th Wisconsin, which has accepted the offer. 12 Parking passes will be available.

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 no discussion was held. The resolution was approved unanimously. This resolution has now been read and approved at three consecutive and now takes effect.

Last Soldier Project

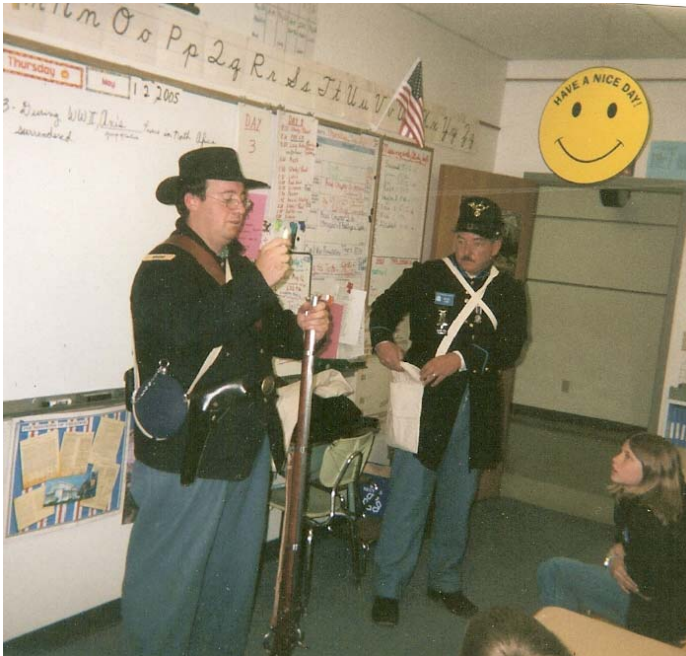
The last soldier for Waukesha County is James F Jones, buried in Oconomowoc at LaBelle Cemetery. It was suggested that we appropriately mark this grave. Custer Camp #1 has created a medallion flag holder to commemorate a similar veteran. It was suggested that the camp create a fund to collect money for this purpose. It was further suggested that The Milwaukee CWRT be contacted due to their association with the Iron Brigade Association and our Camp being MG John Gibbon. Commander Laine presented a brochure for the medallion.

New Business:

The three applications for membership were presented and

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Educating the 5th Grade at Eagle Elementary



On May 12, Commander Laine JVC Jones, Sister Jones, and their family, spoke to the 5th Grade at Eagle Elementary School. Sister Charlotte spoke about the life of a soldier's family during the war. Brother Michael explained the role of the Provost Marshall and demonstrated how a musket was loaded and fired (no shots were fired!). Brother Bruce talked about Wisconsin's participation in the Civil War. The class asked many questions!



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discussed.

Alfred Schroeder is applying as lineal member. We received Al's application from the National Organization. Al responded to an advertisement for the SUCVW in the America's Civil War magazine. Al is sponsored by Commander Laine.

David Jones applies as a lineal member and is sponsored by Tom Sobotke, who encouraged David to join during a class trip.

Timothy Grover applied as a lineal member. He is a member of Company K, 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and sponsored by Brother Mann.

The Camp unanimously accepted all three members. Initiations are planned for July 13th meeting or July 16th at the Old Falls Village Reenactment.

Tom Sobotke, our editor of the newsletter, is looking for contributions from the brothers. He further suggested that the brothers should consider writing an article honoring their Civil War ancestor.

Patriotic Instruction:

PCC Johnson reminded the Camp of the upcoming 141st anniversary of the 2nd Wisconsin being removed from

duty, since their numbers were less than 100.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM

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

Respectfully submitted by
 Secretary/Treasurer Robert Mann

May 11, 2005 Meeting Minutes of Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5

The meeting convened at 7:15 pm at Mac Allister Hal on the Carroll College Campus in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Members present; President, Chris Zahn, Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Cieszki, and Sister Danielle Laine and guest Brittany Buboltz.

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

1. Correspondence received from Sister Margaret Zerwekh with a donation for a memorial to honor Sister Ruth. Auxiliary voted to add \$20.00 to memorial. The \$40.00 will be sent to National for the 2005 National Encampment program.
2. Sister's Chris and Kathy attended Sister Ruth's visitation service. Brother Bob Nuoffer asked that the Auxiliary not perform their Funeral

Service because Sister Ruth belonged to so many organizations that he felt the evening service would become too long.

3. Brother Nuoffer sent a thank you card for the flowers sent to the funeral home.

4. Sister May Zinda sent a card of well wishes and a note stating that she was under the weather most of the winter. We hope she is recovering because she plans to ride in the Derby Days Parade with the Auxiliary this summer.

5. The Soldiers Home Sewing Circle will be hosting a quilting social on May 22, 2005.

6. A workday was planned at Sister Kathy's house for May 21, 2005, at 1:30pm. We will fill popcorn bags for the June 3rd school day and create small "Crazy Quilts" as a fundraiser.

7. Treasurer's report; Balance \$622.48. No activity since last

month.

8. The Auxiliary joined Camp 4's meeting to debrief the Gibbon Dinner. Camp 4 presented the Auxiliary with a \$3.00 profit. We also discussed the final plans for Memorial Day Services and parade. Line up at N. Hartwell Ave. between Lincoln Ave. and Arcadian Ave. about 9 am.

9. The Auxiliary returned to our meeting room and debriefed the Stagecoach Inn School Day event and final plans for the Soldiers Home School Day, June 3rd, 2005.

10. Sister Chris is putting the finishing touches on the Memorial Day Program for Camp #4 and Auxiliary #5 at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
Respectfully submitted
Kathy Cieszki



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