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Calendar of Events

- Thursday, September 15, 2005 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, September 21, 2005 ~Auxiliary #5 Meeting—Muskego Library
- Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26, 2005 - 15th Annual Wade House Civil War Weekend, Greenbush
- Wednesday, October 12, 2005 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, October 19, 2005 ~Auxiliary #5 Meeting—Muskego Library
- Saturday, November 19, 2005 - Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies - Gettysburg, PA

From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

It has been a very busy summer! Unfortunately, due to work and family obligations, I was not busy doing "Sons" activities. I am grateful to all of you that have participated in the Watertown Parade, Old Falls Village, Dousman Derby Days Parade, and others, representing our Orders. I apologize for not being there, myself.

The one event I was able, to attend, was the 124th National Encampment in Nashua, NH on August 3-7. This was my fourth Encampment and it was interesting and enjoyable. This year was special for the Wisconsin Department, it was Commander in Chief Steve Michaels' event. PC in C Michaels did a fine job, during his time as C in C and has made Wisconsin proud. Our new Commander in Chief is Donald Darby from Ohio. His first order, as Commander, is for every Camp to write a Camp History. Fortunately, most of our history has been preserved in our newsletter, but we do not have much information on the first year, or so, of our camp. I have asked our first two Commanders, PCC Eric Peterson and PCC Scott Gutzke to assist with their memories of that time. If anyone is will to assist with putting our history together, please let me know.

Our Camp will be meeting in the Board Room of PCC Jim Johnson's apartment building at 100 East Main St. in Waukesha, until further notice. Thank you to PCC Johnson for arranging this! The building is at the intersection of East Main

and East Ave in Waukesha, on the Northeast corner. Our meetings will continue to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM (Our next Meeting is Sept. 15th).

At our August Meeting, the newsletter was discussed. The publishing cost is of concern, we do not have enough money in our treasury to continue to send "hard" copies out to everyone. Going forward, we will be sending electronic copies out to all brothers and sisters that are able to receive them. There are a few members who will receive printed copies, since they do not have computers and there will also be a few copies printed for our archives.

Lastly, over the past 3 years, I have been working on getting the headstone of 2nd Lt. Jesse O. Barber replaced. He is buried in Little Prairie Cemetery, just over the Waukesha County line in

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Walworth County. He was a 2nd Lt. serving in the 6th Mississippi Colored Troops Regiment, later designated as the 58th U.S.C.T. Infantry. Jesse Barber was a Sgt. with the 12th WI Inf. And was promoted to 2nd Lt. of the 6th MS on 17 Oct. 1863. 2nd Lt. Barber's headstone and flag holder are marked as C.S.A. I have been in touch with the Walworth County Veteran Services office and the Little Prairie Cemetery Association, trying to rectify this mistake. A few weeks ago, I received a letter from Richard Baker, of the Little Prairie Cemetery Association, and he is willing to work with us to get a corrected headstone. Unfortunately, the Association does not have funds for this, so I think we will be putting our Headstone Fund to use. I believe we will be allowed to install this headstone our selves! Hopefully, I will have more

information at the September meeting..

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
 Bruce Laine
 Camp Commander



**Congratulations
 to Ammi Hawks
 Auxiliary #5
 President
 Chris Zahn
 for being elected
 Auxiliary President
 for the Department
 of Wisconsin!**



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**Major General
 John Gibbon Camp #4
 Meeting Minutes
 August 10, 2005**

The Meeting was opened at 7:20pm.
 By Senior Vice Commander Thomas Sobbotke

The Roll Call of Officers

Commander: Bruce Laine – Called into the meeting

Senior Vice-Commander: Thomas Sobotke, PCC – Present

Junior Vice-Commander: Michael Jones – Absent

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 – Absent

Guard: Tony Wank

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

There was not a meeting held in July. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as they appeared in the Camp newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sick Brothers: None.

The Brother-in-law of Patrick Lynch Camp #1 has died in an accident that resulted from a heart attack. The Camp will send its condolences. Also George Doire of Company E 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry has had a relapse in his battle with cancer. Jim Johnson will send a card from the Camp.

Committee Reports:

June 11th Department Encampment:

It was agreed that the encampment was a successful event for the Department. It was well attended and offered a great opportunity for fellowship. It also was an occasion for sadness for Camp #4, since it was the last event to be hosted and held at

Carroll College. Financially the event was a \$91.45 loss for the Camp. However the Camp agrees that it was well worth the effort and expense.

Headstones for Prairie Home Cemetery

Commander Laine and Brother Sobbotke will check on the status of the Headstone placement. The Cemetery had received and has retained a donation of \$75.00 on behalf of the camp for the placement of headstones. The Camp has collected \$300.00 for this purpose. The Camp will pay the remaining amount due upon completion of the placement of the remaining four stones. This should amount to

**Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of May 10, 2005
 Submitted by Sec./Treas. Bob Mann**

Balance as of July 12, 2005: \$1445.00

Deposits:

None

Charitable Contributions:

None

Gibbon Dinner Receipts:

122nd Wisconsin Dept. Encampment	Carroll College	\$529.45
Membership Badges (Schroeder & Jones)		\$40.00

Balance as of August 10, 2005: \$875.55

Working Capital for 2005 \$389.55

Headstone Fund \$300.00

122nd Department Encampment \$144.00

Memberships \$42.00

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approximately be \$225.00

Camp Location

The present location at the Landing (residence of the Johnsons) is of adequate size and the setting is quite comfortable. The price is free, since the Johnsons are residents. It was agreed that the Camp should continue to meet at the Landing, through the end of the year. Jeremy was requested to make the reservations. This is beneficial in that we should not feel pressured to find a permanent location. Ideally we looking for an appropriate location that is available at minimal or no cost. Importantly we are looking for a location that would permit the storing of the camp effects. Several suggestions have been made. Brother James Johnson has met Waukesha Co. Supervisor Andrew Kallin, he will be looking into a room for us. We should invite him to our October meeting. Brother Mann suggested the use of the Dousman Stagecoach Inn owned by the Elm Brook Historical Society. He also suggested that another alternative would be the Brookfield Public Library. Brothers Tony Wank and Tom Sobbotke suggested the soon to be completed Pewaukee Library. Vic Shearer Commander of Camp #1 had suggested the Waukesha Gun Club. Brother should investigate their suggestions and report at the next meeting.

Camp Newsletter

As previously announced Commander Laine can no longer get materials donated for the newsletter. We need to be very aware of the costs entailed in publishing it. Suggestions

were that we reduce publication to six times a year. Send more copies out electronically. For the electronic version, it is suggested that the pdf format be used. Reduce the number of copies that are sent to those who are not Brothers. Only send hardcopy to targeted audiences. The hardcopy versions of the newsletter should contain the Camp minutes, Treasurers Report, Schedule and the Commander's message. The hardcopy version should be in black & white. It was also suggested that, we could post it on the Camp page of the departmental website.

Camp History

Tabled.

Recruiting

We have three new members but still need additional numbers in the camp to share the number of tasks necessary to make the camp dynamic. It was suggested that we make presentations to the Milwaukee CWRT and the Waukesha Civil War Club. For these and other events we need to create a display table for the Camp. For the SVR local re-enactors are very likely candidates. They have an interest in the Civil War and already have uniforms to participate in parades. We need to take responsibility for local events. That would include manning tables. This is a great value that non re-enactors in the camp can perform.

Events

Irish Fest will be held August 18-21. Camp member should consider helping at the Johnson's "Trace your Civil Ancestor" table at the event and marching in the parades. Jim will distribute Camp materials during the

event.

Gift for Steve Michaels

The Camp unanimously decided to make available to the commander \$50.00 of Camp Funds to use at his discretion for a gift to Steve Michaels, in honor of his completing his term as Commander in Chief.

Patriotic Instruction:

PCC Johnson remarked on the 60th Anniversaries of WWII battles and of the ending of that war makes the 140 odd years since the Civil War not seem as long ago. We discussed how both those generations made exceptional sacrifices. Today's population is not committed to our current struggle. Currently the administration has not put the country on a war footing. There currently is no perceived threat.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

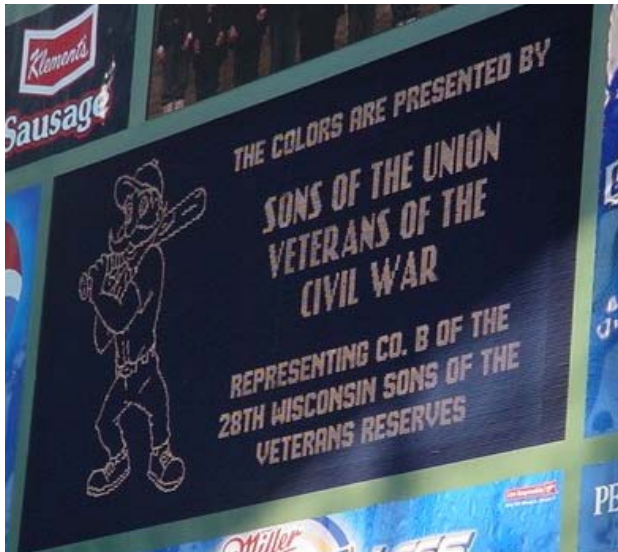
Next Meeting: Wednesday September 14th at 7:00PM at the Landing, 100 East Main St., Waukesha

Respectfully submitted by
 Secretary/Treasurer Robert Mann

Post Script

The Soldiers Home Foundation is sponsoring a Star-Spangled Concert to Honor Anthem Anniversary Twilight Event at Historic Chapel Set for September 14 at 7:00pm. I strongly recommend that we change the date of our meeting or hold an abbreviated one at the Soldiers Home after the concert.

Color Guard at Miller Park



On Monday, June 6th, Brothers from Camp #4, Camp #1 and the 5th Wisconsin, presented the colors before the Milwaukee Brewers vs. New York Yankees game at Miller Park. JVC Michaels Jones came up with the idea and got it done! Great Job! Thanks also go to Bob Mann for arranging to have everyone there!

Wisconsin Department well represented at 124th National Encampment in Nashua, NH!



PC in C Steve Michaels congratulates the 118th Commander in Chief of the SUVCW, Donald E. Darby (left). The Wisconsin Department Delegation (L to R) Dept. Treas. Dale Brassler, PDC Ron Aronis, Dept. Patriotic Instructor Tom Brown, PC in C Steve Michaels, Dept. JVC Bruce Laine, Camp #56 SVC Brent Norlem and PDC Fred Murphy.

Headstones Set at Prairie Home Cemetery

After several years, it is done. The headstones of Walter E. Dewing, Byron W. Sears and Norman McBeath have been set at Prairie Home Cemetery. The fourth stone, for Welcome Henry, was not needed because he already had a stone marked "Father". The Government issue stone will be donated to the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Prairie Home Cemetery will store the stone until the museum is ready for it.



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