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## 2005

### Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, October 13, 2005 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable - The Giving Tree, Westbrook Shopping Center, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, October 19, 2005 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, October 19, 2005 ~Auxiliary #5 Meeting - Muskego Library, S73 W16663 Janesville Rd. - 7:00PM
- Saturday, November 5, 2005 - Milwaukee Veterans' Day Parade - 11:00AM
- Saturday, November 19, 2005 - Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies - Gettysburg, PA

## From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

Well, Fall is finally upon us! I hope you were all able to take advantage of the extended period of warm weather. Maybe we will be lucky and get a dose of "Indian Summer" later in the month or Veterans' Day!

Speaking of Veterans' Day, Milwaukee's Veterans' Day Parade will be on Saturday, November 5th. PC in C Steve Michaels has provided us with the following information and has invited to participate on behalf of Camp #1: "The parade steps off at 11am and proceeds about 14 blocks east to the War Memorial and Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront.

The SUVCW and Auxiliary have been assigned to "Gate F," at the corner of 4th and State Street, as its staging area. All participants are requested to park their vehicles at the Tropic Banana parking lot, at 300 N. Van Buren. A heated shuttle bus will transport everyone to the staging area.

To get to the parking lot, take I 94 east to 794 east. Exit at Jackson St. Go south on Jackson for 2 blocks to Buffalo. Turn left on Buffalo and go straight one block to Van Buren. The lot is on the corner of Buffalo and Van Buren.

If you arrive early, a Continental breakfast will again be served at the Milwaukee County Historical Society (3rd & Kilbourn) at 9am. I would suggest not arriving at the staging area any later than 10:30am.

Buses are available to take you back to the parking lot at the end of the parade route.

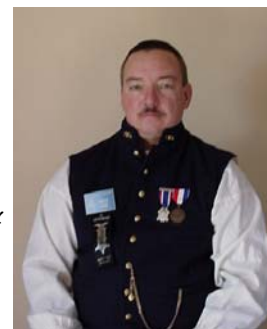
A fee has been requested. If approved, a portion of the proceeds will be forwarded to the Camps participating."

PCC Eric Peterson has e-mailed me an invitation, open to anyone interested, to join in a Command Exercise of the Battle of Antietam. See page 4 & 5 for details. It looks interesting! The deadline for signing up is next Wednesday, October 12.

Our next meeting has been changed to Wednesday, October 19, same time and location. Please make every effort to attend. We are planning to initiate some new members.

In Fraternity,  
Charity &  
Loyalty,

Bruce Laine  
Camp Commander



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## Upcoming Soldiers Home Activities

Saturday, October 8, 2005  
**HISTORIC SOLDIERS HOME WALK - A 10K Walk Event with a 5K Option**

Sponsored by the Soldiers Home Foundation with support of the Madison Area Volkssport Association "Dairyland Walkers"

Registration on day of event only. The start location for this walk is the picnic shelter located north of the main hospital building (5000 W. National Ave.). Look for walk signs and the AVA banner. Start from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All walkers should be finished by 3:00 p.m. Pets welcome as long as they are on leashes.

For a walk brochure, leave your name and address on our voice mail: 414-389-4135.

June 2-5, 2006  
**RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE and CIVIL WAR SCHOOL DAY 2006 - SEE HISTORY UNFOLD** on the grounds of the NATIONAL SOLDIERS HOME HISTORIC DISTRICT

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## Major General

### John Gibbon Camp #4

### Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2005

The Meeting was opened at 7:15pm.  
 By Camp Commander Bruce Laine

#### The Roll Call of Officers

Commander: Bruce Laine - Present

Senior Vice-Commander: Thomas Sobotke, PCC - Absent

Junior Vice-Commander: Michael Jones - Absent

Council #1: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Council #2: James Johnson, PCC - Present

Council #3: Thomas Sobotke, PCC - Absent

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mann - Present

Patriotic Instructor: James Johnson, PCC - Present

Chaplain: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Guard: Tony Wank - Absent

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 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.

#### Committee Reports:

#### Gibbon Dinner 2006

The dinner is tentatively scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> with April 15<sup>th</sup> being an alternate date. It was suggested that Ernst Von Frankenberg one of the Camp's founders be invited to attend. Most importantly we must begin aggressively looking for a prospective speaker. Possible speakers suggested were Lance Herdigan and Kristen Gilpatrick. Commander Laine urged us to think of additional possible speakers.

#### Memorial Day

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2006 We plan to request Waukesha Co. Alderman Andrew Kallin to deliver an address.

#### Prairie Home Cemetery and Headstones

Two additional headstones have been placed. An invoice from Prairie Home has been received. Our Treasurer was asked to send \$150.00 from the Headstone Fund to Prairie Home, for laying the foundations for the stones. The ceremony for rededicating the stones will be next Spring. A specific date will be determined, as our schedule develops.

The headstone for 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jesse O. Barber, at Little Prairie Cemetery in Walworth Co., is inaccurate. It states that he was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Miss. CSA. He actually was a member of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin and an officer in

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

**Balance as of August 10, 2005:** \$875.55

#### Deposits:

None

#### Charitable Contributions:

None

#### Disbursements:

T. Sobotke \$19.39

**Balance as of August 10, 2005:** \$856.16

**Working Capital for 2005** \$370.16

**Headstone Fund** \$300.00

**122nd Department Encampment** \$144.00

**Memberships** \$42.00

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the 58<sup>th</sup> USCT. Commander Laine will investigate arranging for a replacement of the inaccurate stone

The extra Henry Welcome stone will be donated by the Camp to the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Welcome belonged to 1<sup>st</sup> WI Heavy Artillery Co L. For the interim the stone will be kept at Prairie Home Cemetery.

### 2006 National Encampment:

Next year's encampment will be held August 10 – 13 in Harrisburg, PA. Friday evening there is a roast. Saturday during the day is the business meeting followed by the ball in the evening. A tour of Gettysburg is planned.

**2006 Central Region Conference** is September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> in Lawrence, KS. The Banquet will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### SUVCW Merchandise Order

Commander Laine presented an Order Form from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. The list will be distributed with the next newsletter. Those brothers interested in ordering from the form can submit their orders along with payment at the next Camp Meeting.

### Camp Location

Scott Gutske has suggested that we contact the Masonic Lodge in Waukesha. Also, Kent Peterson is a friend of Andrew Kallin, Waukesha Co. Alderman, and will approach him to see what is possibly available.

### Camp Newsletter

As previously decided the newsletter will be sent out primarily

electronically. We will only send hardcopy to targeted audiences and members without e-mail. Hard copy distribution will be limited to a copy for the archives, the Veteran's Museum, Waukesha Co. Historical Society and the National Camp Commander.

### Camp History

The new National Camp Commander has emphasized that each Camp should create a history. Our Camp is fortunate in that our newsletter was started 11/2 years after the founding of the Camp. Eric Peterson and other founding members will be contacted to fill the gap.

### Events

Brother Mann and other Brothers from Camp 1 & 8 participated as an honor guard for the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band Concert in Oshkosh September 10th. The band was impressed with us on this date and other dates we have assisted them and have asked us to assist them again next year.

March 19 Jefferson, WI

March 25 Kenosha, WI

March 31 Monroe, WI

April 7 Middletown, WI

We will request the assistance of other Camps and re-enactors for these performances.

### Ancestor Reports

Members are encouraged to write up biographies of their ancestors. These will be included in the newsletter.

### Gift for Steve Michaels

The Camp unanimously decided to send a check to Tom Brown for

\$50.00 payable to Camp #1, with instructions to apply it towards the purchase of a brick from the Soldier's Home to honor of Steve Michaels' term as National Commander.

### Patriotic Fund:

In lieu of making this donation, the Camp decided to make a donation of \$25.00 to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

### Patriotic Instruction:

PCC Johnson briefly reminded that we are two days from the anniversary of the battle of Antietam. Brother Johnson stated firmly that September 17<sup>th</sup> 1862 was a day "that turned the lives of many".

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Landing**

Respectfully submitted by  
 Secretary/Treasurer Robert Mann



## Battle of Antietam Command Exercise

1. *Purpose: The purpose of a command exercise is to study a battle from the viewpoint of one or more commanders. The benefit for historians is that we often criticize the decisions of past battlefield commanders from the comfort of our easy chairs with the benefit of 140 years of hindsight. The exercise places you in the role of one of the battlefield commanders on a civil war battlefield. You will receive from your staff (the referee) only the information available to you as the situation develops. You will be called on to make decisions to influence the outcome of a battle with less than all the information, just as your civil war counterparts had to do. At the end of the exercise, you will be told the outcome of the battle and given the opportunity to discuss your performance compared to your real life counterpart. If you fancy yourself a better commander than Lee or McClellan or just want to see how you would have fared please consider taking part.*
  2. *REQUIREMENTS: You must have a working e-mail address capable of receiving attachments. No command experience or knowledge of history is needed. The troops will follow your orders or not based upon the developing situation. Orders should follow an appropriate format. You need to note who is to receive the order, and how it was sent (verbal or written). Orders can be issued "in person" if you are next to another commander. The referee will only allow two "player" commanders*
  3. *Scale: Each daylight "turn" represents 30 minutes of actual time. Night turns are considered to be 1 hour. The terrain is divided into hexes to aid in planning and movement. Each hex represents 200 yards of terrain. Units on the field are generally brigades. Turns will be executed by the referee on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. This battle begins at 0530 hrs on September 17<sup>th</sup> and ends at 1800 hrs on the 17<sup>th</sup>.*
  4. *COMMAND: Each player will be assigned the role of a corps or army commander. You will be provided with a situation at the start, and an order of battle to help you understand the organization of your unit and the Army. Be mindful that you may have a superior to report to and communicate with.*
  5. *FEEDBACK: You will receive status reports of your units and the enemy situation as they become available. You may request reports from subordinates or your staff. These reports and feedback will be subject to travel times on the battlefield, couriers getting lost, and enemy interference. Sometimes you will receive an update in the form of a map. This will either be what you can see with your own eyes or what your staff has pieced together from available*
- information. You will also have to order your HQ to move. You must inform the referee if you wish to travel with your HQ or with a specific unit. Keep in mind that YOU can become a casualty! A sample is below:*
- Placement of your HQ can be critical in effecting the timeliness of orders and reports. Anything you do not understand regarding the map can be clarified by asking the ref. In this sample you can see that elevations are noted by differing shades of earth tones. Different Corps units are denoted by various shades of blue for the Union and Gray or Butternut for the rebs.*
6. *COMMAND SLOTS: The various Army and Corps commanders are represented by players randomly chosen and assigned to the slot by the referee from the pool of available players. YOU then become that commander. The decisions are yours.*
  6. *ANTIETAM: This is supposed to be an exercise that allows you to explore various options available to the commanders. There are some special rules that we need to impose to replicate Antietam. We all know what would have happened if McClellan had attacked with his entire Army en masse. This would not be a very stimulating exercise for either side if I allowed that. Rather than absolutely forbid the Union Commander this option I have imposed a system whereby it costs McClellan victory points to use a large portion of his army at one time. Whenever McClellan has more than one Corps attacking on any given turn it will cost the*

Union side 1 victory point for each extra corps making an attack. It will also cost McClellan points to "activate" various Corps to move and attack. The first turn that a Union Corps attacks it will cost the Union side points as follows:

1,6 or 9 Corps 4 points

12 Corps 3 points

2 Corps 5 points

5 Corps 6 points

Cavalry Corps 1 point

To recommit a corps that has ceased its' attack costs the following:

1,6 or 9 Corps 2 points

12 Corps 1 point

2 Corps 2 points

5 Corps 2 points

Cavalry 0 points

If McClellan is killed, Burnside takes command and these point costs are doubled. These points will be deducted from the Union Total and game end. This is the best way I can think of to simulate McClellan's fear of Lee's Army without absolutely crippling the Union Commander.

Points are awarded to both sides based upon occupation of terrain at battle end. The Cornfield, West Woods, Dunker Church, Sunken Road, Lower Bridge, Sharpsburg, Blackford's Ford and Shepardstown Road are all key terrain and are worth points to the

last side to occupy them.

Points are awarded for total casualties inflicted and for inflicting leader casualties.

All points are used as a way to measure your performance against your counterpart.

Good Luck!

Eric Peterson

The Referee

**Anyone Interested in participating should e-mail PCC Eric Peterson by Oct. 12.**

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