



John Gibbon

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## 2005

### Calendar of Events

- Saturday, November 5, 2005 - Milwaukee Veterans' Day Parade - 11:00AM
- Tuesday, November 8, 2005 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable - The Giving Tree, Westbrook Shopping Center, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, November 9, 2005 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, November 16, 2005 - Auxiliary #5 Meeting - Muskego Library, S73 W16663 Janesville Rd. - 7:00PM
- Saturday, November 19, 2005 - Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies - Gettysburg, PA

## From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

The year is quickly coming to an end. At our November Meeting we will be looking for nominations for our 2006 Officers. It is time for those who have not served to step up. We need everyone's help to keep our camp moving forward and growing.

On the SUVCW National website, there is a link to [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org), this is a on-line petition to restore Memorial Day to May 30th. I encourage you all to sign this petition to try and persuade our government to observe the holiday on the day that was originally set aside for it. The website also has a number of other ways to contact your local and state representatives, to gain their support in this worthy cause.

**"Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."** - VFW 2002 Memorial Day address

I pleased to report that we will be initiating at least one new member to Camp #4 at our November Meeting. We will also have a guest, who is also interested in attending. It will be greatly appreciated, if we get everyone possible at the meeting to welcome our new Brother(s).

Looking forward, we are in the planning stages of the Gibbon Dinner,

(April 22nd?). Last year, we had a enjoyable event at the Market Square Restaurant. We will need help planning this event and it should start now! We need to decide if we want to keep it at Market Square or go somewhere else.

Next weekend, is the Milwaukee Veterans' Day Parade. Camp #1 has invited us to march with them. We will be meeting by 10:30AM at the corner of Fourth St. and State St., at Gate F. I hope to see you there.

In Fraternity,  
Charity &  
Loyalty,  
Bruce C. Laine  
Commander



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### Civil War Quilts

Many women in Wisconsin made quilts at aid society meetings. Many of the quilts sent to the soldiers had messages inserted with them, like these;

"For the gay and happy soldier  
 We're contented as a dove,  
 But the man who will not enlist  
 Never can gain our love.

If rebels attack you, do run with the quilt

And safe to some fortress convey it;

For o'er the gaunt body of some old seccesh

We did not intend to display it.

Twas made for brave boys, who went from the West;

And swiftly the fair fingers flew,

While each stitch, as it went to its place in the quilt,

Was a smothered "God bless you, boys," too.

from; Wisconsin Women in the War, by Ethel Hurn

Yours in F. C. and L.

Kathy

**Nominations for  
 Camp #4 2006  
 Officers will be  
 needed at our  
 November Meeting.  
 Elections will take  
 place at the  
 December Meeting.  
 2006 Officers will be  
 sworn in at the  
 January Meeting.**



### MG John Gibbon Camp #4 Officers for 2005



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## From the Ammi Hawks Auxiliary President

Sisters and Brothers,

While the Auxiliary has not been able to meet since May, due to quorum issues, we do continue to be active.

Sister Charlotte has been assisting her husband, Brother Michael at reenactments. Sister Kathy continues to head up the Waukesha Civil War Round Table and she assures me that their scheduled speakers are not to be missed. Sister May continues to be active with her WAVES organization. It's an honor to have a female veteran amongst our ranks. Both sisters Kathy and Chris are serving on the Reclaiming Our Heritage School Day committee. We anticipate a very successful event for 2006. Sisters Kathy, Charlotte and Chris participated in a sewing day at the Giese residence, and out of that may be blooming a regular gathering to work on our various projects.

We do wish to remind everyone that the Auxiliary is currently meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Muskego Public Library.

Please offer your prayers and well wishes for all both sisters, brothers and all others who are experiencing challenges in their lives.

In FC&L,

Chris



## ATTENTION!

2006 Dues, \$25.00,  
 need to be mailed to  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 Bob Mann @ 2375  
 Rockway Lane E  
 Brookfield, WI 53005  
 before  
 December 31, 2005



### Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of October 18, 2005 Submitted by Sec./Treas. Bob Mann

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

**Deposits:**

**Charitable Contributions:** None

**Disbursements:**

Dept Wisconsin 122nd Encampment \$42.00

Dept Wisconsin SUVCW 122nd Encampment \$102.00

Prairie Home Cemetery Headstone Placement \$150.00

C.K. Pier / Badger Camp#4 Memorial Brick \$50.00

American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief \$25.00

**Balance as of September 10, 2005:** \$487.16

Working Capital for 2005 \$295.16

Headstone Fund \$150.00

Memberships \$42.00

# Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5

## News



Ammi Hawks Auxiliary has not had a business meeting in a few months; however, the Sisters of the Auxiliary have not been idle. In addition to marching in parades we have been participating in School activities, and Living Histories. Sister Chris heeded the plea of Governor Randell and is working on a quilt for the soldiers. Sisters May Zinda, Chris Zahn, and Kathy Cieszki represented Ammi Hawks and the Wisconsin Department in the Dousman Derby Days Parade this summer. Sisters Danielle Laine and Brittany Bulboltz lead our group in the Western Days Parade in June.





PDC Herman Black (left) with PC  
 in C Steve Michaels

## Past Department Commander Herman Black 1920-2005

Herman was born November 3, 1920, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and moved to Milwaukee as a young man, where he worked as a truck driver and porter. In 1955, he married Raeona Ollenburg, who was active in both Auxiliary #4 and the Wis. Dept. Auxiliary, and recruited him into the Sons. She preceded him in death in 1994. They had no children.

He joined C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 on June 8, 1956 and served in various positions before becoming Camp

Commander in 1963, a position he held for 20 years. In preparation for each Memorial Day, with the help of area Scouts, Herman placed hundreds of Flags on veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery. He also actively supported the Camp's annual Patriotic Luncheon.

Herman and Raeona were regular attendees at the National Encampment. He served one term as National Historian. In 1963, he represented his Camp and Dept., accepting the U.S. Grant trophy for the greatest increase in membership. For many years, he presented one of the Department's U.S. Grant awards to a deserving ROTC cadet at Marquette University.

Herman was elected Wisconsin Dept. Commander in 1966 and re-elected in 1967. Previously, he had served as Dept. Press Correspondent, Chaplain and Council member. After the top slot, he served as Dept. SVC, Secretary/Treasurer and Council member.

He joined the Sons of Veterans Reserve in 1972 and was commissioned a 2Lt. in 1977, shortly after the 4th Military District organized a Headquarters Company. He was promoted to 1Lt. in 1988. He was very proud of his uniform, participating in parades and ceremonies throughout southeastern Wisconsin. During more recent Memorial Day parades in Milwaukee, when he could no longer march, he took his post as guard, next to the

reviewing stand.

After the death of his wife, Herman continued to volunteer several days a week at St. Camillus Health Center in Wauwatosa.

During Camp 1's dormant period, Herman safeguarded the Camp's records and memorabilia. When Camp 1 was reorganized in 1995, Herman willingly took an active role as JVC, often attending activities in uniform. His declining health forced him to retire to a nursing home in 1999.

Herman left no immediate family or next of kin. His family and social life for much of his life revolved around the SUVCW. His power of attorney, a nursing home staffer, recognized this and welcomed the Sons' participation in Herman's life.

Visitation is scheduled from 5-6 pm, next Wednesday, October 26th, at Harder Funeral Home, 18700 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Camp 1 Brothers will conduct the Sons funeral ritual at that time. A short religious service will follow at 6pm. Herman's ashes will be interred at Valhalla Cemetery.



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**General Order 006 2005-2006**

1. Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Leroy Roberts. PCinC Roberts passed away on 12 October 2005.
2. Brother Roberts was Commander-in-Chief from 1985 to 1986 and hailed from the Department of New York. He

claimed his eligibility through his maternal grandfather, Byron Cronk of Company B, 121<sup>st</sup> New York Cavalry. PCinC Roberts was very active in the SUVCW at all levels of the Order. He also shared equal commitments to his Church, the Grange and Cub Scouts.

3. A memorial service will be held on Monday, 17 October 2005, at the Candor Funeral Parlor, 137 Main Street, Candor, New York. Viewing hours are 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday prior to the 7 pm service. Brothers wishing to make donations in memory of PCinC Roberts should send them to the MARCH OF DIMES. Please remember

PCinC Roberts' family in your thoughts and prayers during their hour of need.

4. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Donald E. Darby  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil  
War

Ordered this 14th Day of October  
2005

Attest:

Michael Bennett, Secretary, Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War



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