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## 2005

### Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable - The Giving Tree, Westbrook Shopping Center, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, January 11, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting & Installation of 2006 Officers - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Tuesday, February 7, 2006 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable - The Giving Tree, Westbrook Shopping Center, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, February 8, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Sunday, February 18, 2006 - Member Orientation, sponsored by Camp #1 - Milwaukee Soldiers Home, Building A - 1:00PM to 5:00PM
- Saturday, April 22, 2005 - Gibbon Celebration Dinner - Market Square Restaurant, Mukwonago - 6:00PM

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### From the Camp Commander

Brothers & Sisters -

Well, 2005 seems to have gone by in a flash! I hope you all were able to have an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends. I also hope you will have a great 2006!

The year started out with a flurry of activity. In April, we had a successful Gibbon Celebration Dinner at the Market Square Restaurant in Mukwonago. Then, in May, we marched in the Waukesha Memorial Day Parade and had a nice ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery, honoring some of the Union Vets that are buried there. The Waukesha Civil War Roundtable helped us with the event, and did a great job! A few days later, JVC Michael Jones arranged to have our SVR unit, Company B, 28th Wisconsin Infantry, present the colors at Miller Park, before the Brewers vs. Yankees game on Monday, June 6th. On Saturday, June 11th, we hosted the 122nd Wisconsin Department Encampment. In June, we also marched in the Western Days Parade in West Allis. So, as you can see, April through June was very busy and productive for both Camp #4 and Auxiliary #5.

Unfortunately, my job has required me to be away from home a lot and I was not able to work on Camp matters as much as I would have liked to. We were unable to get a newsletter published every month, for the first time since The Messenger was first published. As SVC, I will strive to get The Messenger out on a monthly basis in 2006.

We also had a number of meetings, at which we did not have a quorum. After changing our By-Laws, I had hoped that this problem was solved. It is important to have enough members at our meetings, each month, to conduct the business of our camp. Hopefully, Commander-elect Bob Mann, will have better luck getting people to attend our meetings in 2006!

Brothers, please remember we need your dues! There are still a number of you who have not paid for 2006. The deadline is tomorrow, December 31st.

Looking ahead to the new year, Camp #4 will conduct the Installation of 2006 Officers on Wednesday, January 11. Camp #1 is holding a Member Orientation, on Sunday, February 18, at

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the Soldiers Home. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the traditions of the SUVCW. I urge all members to attend this informative event. We are starting to plan the Gibbon Celebration Dinner on April 22nd. The location will be the same as last year, the Market Square Restaurant, in Mukwonago.

I would like to thank all the officers for serving this past year, it was an honor to serve with you. The Ammi Hawks Auxiliary was a vital part of getting most of our events "off the ground", so thanks to them, also.

Good luck to our new Commander, Bob Mann and his staff. We have many upcoming opportunities to remember those who served 145 years ago. I am sure he will do a great job in leading the camp in

2006.  
 In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Bruce Laine  
 Camp Commander



## Congratulations & Good Luck to the 2006 Officers!

Camp Commander

Bob Mann

Senior Vice Commander

Bruce Laine

Junior Vice Commander

PCC Tom Sobottke

Secretary/Treasurer

Jeremy Johnson



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## From the Ammi Hawks President

Sisters and Brothers,

As this year is coming to a close, the sisters have found it difficult to get together for a meeting due to our hectic schedules.

Sisters Charlotte, Kathy and Chris have become involved with a sewing group that looks like it will be meeting on a monthly basis. We will be working on UnFinished Objects (UFO). The goal of the group is to have fun. We all need more of that, you know.

Please offer prayers for Sister Kathy's husband, Richard Rohan who just had a quad bypass. They ask that calls remain brief. They are both thankful that he otherwise is a healthy man.

The sisters did fulfill our pledge to the Soldiers' Home Foundation of contributing \$300 to the Chapel fund, as well as assisting the Sons with the headstone fund, and the Reclaiming Our Heritage School Day event.

May all the sisters and brothers have a relaxing and joyful holiday season.

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 December 13, 2005 Submitted by Sec./Treas. Bob Mann

<u>Balance as of November, 9, 2005:</u>	<u>\$578.61</u>
Deposits:	
Ammi Hawks #5 (Head Stone Fund)	\$ 75.00
Robert Fenn Membership	25.50
Charitable Contributions:	
Adjustment	62.00
Disbursements:	0.00
<u>Balance as of December 13, 2005:</u>	<u>\$741.11</u>
Working Capital for 2005	\$448.61
Headstone Fund	\$225.00
Memberships	\$67.50



Commander - Elect Robert Mann congratulates Dan Palama, the newest member of Camp #4. Brother Dan was initiated at the December Meeting. Welcome Dan!

Major General John Gibbon  
 Camp #4

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 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 Sobottke, PCC - Present

Junior Vice-Commander: Michael Jones - Absent

Council #1: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Council #2: James Johnson, PCC - Present

Council #3: Thomas Sobottke, PCC - Present

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mann - Present

Patriotic Instructor: James Johnson, PCC - Present

Chaplain: Jeremy Johnson - Present

Guard: Tony Wank - Absent

Also in attendance was Dan Palama.

A quorum was achieved.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as they

appeared in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The December Treasurer's Report prepared by Sec/Treasurer Bob Mann was presented and approved, pending an Audit by the Camp Council.

Sick Brothers: Commander Blaine has been in communication with Brother Michael Jones. The son of Brother Michael will continue to be effected by the malady. Due to the strain on the Jones family, Brother Michael informed the Commander that he would have to limit which avocation

activities he would engage in. Brother Michael regretfully informed the Commander he would no longer be participating with the Sons of Union Veterans.

The Camp reviewed the application of Dan Palama for membership. Dan was nominated for membership and was unanimously approved as a member of the Camp. His initiation was followed immediately.

### Committee Reports:

#### Gibbon Dinner 2006

Commander Laine suggested David Coverdale as a possible speaker. In the past he has been an instructor for the Civil War institute. The brothers present agreed the Commander should contact him to speak at the dinner. It is also thought that he may be interested in becoming a member of the Camp. Members are urged to look for possible sights for the dinner. Last year the Market Square was successful and should be considered again. They offer a good meal at a reasonable price, making the chance that it will also be financially successfully more likely. It was subsequently decided that April 22 be the working date for the event. The Camp will not have the support of the Ammi Hawks Auxiliary since it has closed. We will sorely miss their friendship and all the support they have provided our Camp.

#### Memorial Day

It was decided that we observe the day at Prairie Home Cemetery. The main ceremony will be held at the Civil War monument. Part of the

ceremony will include a march to the newly placed headstones and a firing of a volley, the laying of a wreath and a rose at each stone. It was agreed that we would again participate in the Waukesha Memorial Day Parade.

#### Other Events

36th Annual Patriotic Luncheon will be hosted by Camp #1. The luncheon, honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Bluemound Gardens, 11703 West Bluemound Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis. See the Department website for further details and registration information.

The 2006 National Encampment will be held August 10 -13th, 2006 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the Hilton Harrisburg Towers.

Planned are the following; Thursday Gettysburg battlefield tour. Friday Campfire Program and on Saturday evening a Banquette at the Nation Civil War Museum. See the National website for registration materials.

#### Meeting Location

We will continue to meet at the Landing. Brother Sobottke will investigate the possibility of using the Pewaukee Library for a meeting or two. Further investigation should be made into the availability of the Waukesha Library and to determine if the re-modeling there has been completed.

#### Little Prairie Cemetery

Further discussion was held about

having the ceremony at Little Prairie. Commander Laine has completed and sent an application for a replacement headstone for Jesse Barber. As part of this event it was suggested that a demonstration on completing grave registration paperwork.

#### Camp 4 Display Board

Brother Mann volunteered to organize efforts to create a display board for Camp 4. The Camp unanimously approved this. Brother Mann urges all brothers to forward to him materials for consideration to be included on the board. He will seek the aid of Patricia Lynch from the Soldiers Home Foundation. Brother Johnson has volunteered his assistance to the efforts as well. The importance of the board can not be stressed seriously enough. It will become an important tool for recruitment and will reflect on our Camp. Word has it that Camp #1 will relinquish participation at several Waukesha Co. events at we need to assume that responsibility. This is an opportunity for the Brothers of the Camp who are not re-enactors to participate.

Commander Laine urged brothers of the Camp to write biographies of their ancestors or choose a Waukesha Civil War veteran for their subject. These histories can be used in Camp Meetings and for the Newsletter.

Camp # 1 and Dean Collins has expressed interest in coordinating a Flag Retirement ceremony in Brookfield. He is looking for Camp #4 support. The Camp enthusiastically voiced its approval in

cooperating with Camp #1. Hopefully this will not conflict with any other event currently not in our schedule. The Camp did request that the name of Camp #4 appear in any publicity for the event.

The slate of candidates for the election of Camp Officers was presented.

**Camp Commander:**

Robert Mann

**Senior- Vice Commander:**

Bruce Laine

**Junior-Vice Commander:**

Tom Sobottke

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Jeremy Johnson

**Council #1:**

James Johnson

**Council #2:**

Tom Sobottke

**Council #3:**

Tony Wank

The slate was approved as the nominees for the camp offices.

The Candidates were unanimously elected.

**Patriotic Instruction**

Brother James Johnson presented an

anecdote of Abner Doubleday at Fort Sumter from Generals in Bronze.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 11th at 7:00PM at the Landing, Department Commander Kent Peterson will be present to conduct the installation of officers.

Respectfully submitted by

Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Mann



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