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Calendar of Events

- 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
- Tuesday, March 7, 2006 - Waukesha Civil War Roundtable - The Giving Tree, Westbrook Shopping Center, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, March 8, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, 100 E. Main St., Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 22, 2006 - Gibbon Celebration Dinner - Market Square Restaurant, Mukwonago - 6:00PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the Camp Commander

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to thank Bruce Laine PCC and all the Brothers of MG John Gibbon Camp #4 on a truly successful 2005. With everyone's efforts we were able to participate in a wide variety of events and activities.

Although our numbers are small we cast a large shadow. In April we hosted a very successful Gibbon Dinner. For Memorial Day we marched in the Waukesha parade followed by modest but eloquent ceremonies at Prairie Home Cemetery. In June, Brother Jones scored one of his coups in getting our SVR unit the opportunity to serve as Color Guard at Miller Park for a Brewer game. It was a moment that those who participated in will not soon forget.

Also in June we hosted the 122nd Department of Wisconsin Encampment at Carroll College. The encampment brought a lot of conflicting emotions. It marked a lot of preparation in a setting that the Camp considered home for several years. Carroll College closed its Civil Institute, which required the Camp to find a new place to stake our tents. Yet at this same event Lance Herdegen shared with those present plans for a new Civil War museum to be open in conjunction with Kenosha Public Museum. It should be truly remarkable.

The Carroll College encampment was quickly followed by the Camp's SVR unit participation in the West Allis Western Day's Parade. To be a marching unit at the end of one of the world's largest equestrian

parades should not be wished on your worst enemy. Yet we accomplished it with panache. To close the month of June several members participated in Camp #1's parade in Kenosha. What a month, I'm still not convinced we survived it.

In July we renewed a relationship with the 1st Brigade Band in the Watertown 4th of July parade. We assisted Camp #1 at the Old Falls Village event. It was at this event that National Commander Steve Michaels presided over the initiation Ceremony of our new members. These accomplishments within a very busy re-enacting schedule are amazing. Brothers, I salute you.

We have built a friendship with the 1st
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Brigade Band. After the 4th of July parade we formed their Color Guard at Irish Fest. This was followed by acting again as Color Guard at a concert in Oshkosh with our Brothers there, and yet again in Waupan. We plan to continue to participate in other concerts this year.

I must emphasize the Camp's reliance on all its Brothers. You need not march in parades to help. We need Brothers to attend events to assist at manning tables and talking to people about our favorite subject. To maintain our level of activity we have to focus on increasing our numbers. This means recruiting, which is each Brother's responsibility. To facilitate this, I will coordinate efforts to create a Camp display board to be used at events. I am sure with your continued cooperation we will complete this.

It was my honor to work with you shoulder to shoulder this season and to see what we accomplished and am looking forward to that privilege again this year.

In Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity

Robert Mann
 Camp Commander



Major General John Gibbon
 1827-1896



Born: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1827. As small boy, he was taken to Charlotte, North Carolina, from which state was appointed to West Point. He graduated in 1847, ranking in middle of his class; his most famous classmates were Ambrose P. Hill of the Confederate Army and



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Ambrose E. Burnside of the Union.

Before outbreak of Civil War, he saw service in Mexico, against Florida Seminole Indians, and at West Point where he was on duty for 5 years as an artillery instructor and Quartermaster.

In 1861 he was Captain of the 4th Artillery stationed at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas. Although his wife was from Baltimore and three of his brothers entered the Confederate Army, he adhered to the Union.

After some months as Chief of Artillery in Irvin McDowell's Division, was made Brigadier General of Volunteers May 2, 1862, and assigned to command of the "Iron Brigade," which he led at 2nd Manassas and in the Maryland Campaign. In November 1862, he was advanced to command of the 2nd Division of John F. Reynolds' I Corps and was badly wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg the following month.

Back to duty after a 3-month convalescence, he directed the 2nd Division of Winfield S. Hancock's II Corps - and on two occasions the Corps itself - with conspicuous gallantry and distinction at Gettysburg, until he was again wounded and carried from field. Upon recovery he commanded the Cleveland and Philadelphia draft depots until commencement of US Grant's Overland Campaign in 1864, when he assumed command of his old Division. With it he fought in all the battles between the Wilderness and the investment of Petersburg, and was promoted Major General to rank from June 7, 1864.



ATTENTION!

We have a number of Brothers who have not paid their 2006 Dues, \$25.00 needs to be mailed to Secretary/Treasurer Jeremy Johnson @ 100 East Main St. Waukesha, WI 53186

Camp #4 Treasurer's Report as of January 10, 2006 Submitted by Sec./Treas. Bob Mann

Balance as of December 13, 2005:	\$741.11
Deposits:	
Dues: B.Laine, Ertel, Peterson, Sobottke, Mann & Schroeder	\$197.00
Dues: Grover, Gutzke	\$53.00
Returned Check #1017 to be re-issued to Thomas Brown	\$50.00
Charitable Contributions:	
Disbursements:	
National Organization SUVCW (Badges, Ribbons & Membership Cards)	\$141.00
Department of Wisconsin (Dues & Initiation fees for Schroeder & Jones)	\$41.50
Bruce Laine: Postage for newsletter	\$4.75
Honorarium to Thomas Brown re-issued check # 1022	\$50.00
Balance as of January 13, 2006:	\$803.86
Working Capital for 2005	\$303.36
Headstone Fund	\$225.00
Memberships	\$275.50

In January 1865, he was given command of newly organized XXIV Corps, Army of James. At Appomattox he was one of commissioners designated to receive surrender of Army of Northern Virginia.



After the war, he received the usual brevets and was appointed Colonel of the 36th US Infantry and 1869 of the 7th US Infantry. His service was mainly against Indians on the frontier, where the fallacy of pursuing the world's finest horsemen with foot soldiers was indelibly illustrated. Nevertheless, his overall conduct of operations was highly commendable. He shared no

blame in Custer's headstrong conduct at Little Big Horn, arriving in time only to rescue survivors of Custer's command and bury the dead. The following year he conducted a successful campaign against Nez Perces and on July 10, 1885, was made Brigadier General in the Regular Army.

After retiring in 1891, he made his home in Baltimore where he died February 6, 1896, serving at the time as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Author: The Artillerist's Manual, published by the War Department in 1860 and Personal Recollections of the Civil War, written in 1885 but not published until 1928. Wrote "Hunting Sitting Bull," American Catholic Quarterly (2), 1877, "Last Summer's

Expedition Against the Sioux," American Catholic Quarterly, (2), 1877, "The Battle of the Big Hole," Harpers Weekly (39), 1895, "Gibbon on the Sioux Campaign of 1876." He is buried in Section 2, Grave 986, Arlington National Cemetery.



Major General

John Gibbon Camp #4

Meeting Minutes

11-January-2006

The Meeting was opened at 7:15 PM. by Senior Vice. Tom Sobottke

Roll Call of Officers

Commander: Bruce Laine – **Not Present**

Senior Vice-Commander: Thomas Sobottke, PCC – **Present**

Junior Vice-Commander: Michael

Jones – **Not Present**

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 – **Present**

Also in attendance: Dan Palama, Dept. Commander Kent Peterson.

A quorum was achieved.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 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.

At this point the installation of new officers occurred. Since there were no contested positions, the officers installed reflect the list of nominees in the December newsletter. The

installation of officers occurred without incident.

Sick Brothers

No new health issues were revealed to the camp at this time.

Reports

Gibbon Dinner, 2006

22-April-2006 is still the working date for the event. Although Market Square is still the front-running restaurant for the event to take place at, anyone may post an alternative. Suggestions for an alternate location should be sent to Bruce Laine. Final details will be decided very soon.

Memorial Day Parade

It was agreed that we would again participate in the Waukesha Memorial Day Parade. It was also decided that we would 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.

Other Events

The 2006 National Encampment

The 2006 National Encampment will be held on 10-August-2006 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the Hilton Harrisburg Towers. The event will end on 13-August-2006. Planned are the following; Thursday Gettysburg battlefield tour. Friday Campfire Program and on Saturday evening a banquet at the National Civil War Museum. See the National website for registration materials.

Event at the Wood VA Grounds – Sons' Orientation

On 18-February-2006, there will be a membership orientation for SUVCW members in Building #1 of the Wood V.A. Center in Milwaukee, WI. It will run for four hours (from 1pm to 5pm). All Sons members (new and old) are recommended and encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact Kent Peterson.

Brother Sobottke – High School Presentation

PCC Tom Sobottke has asked for the participation of any other interested Brothers in a High School presentation that he is putting together for one of his classes. This presentation will take place on either 12-April or 13-April. Contact him for more information if you are interested in helping out.

Patriotic Instruction

PCC James Johnson presented some interesting information on trench warfare during the Civil War.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next Meeting: 8-February-2006
7:00 PM at "The Landing" Apartment Complex in Waukesha, WI.

Respectfully submitted by

Secretary/Treasurer

Jeremy Johnson



The Annual
Gibbon
Birthday
Celebration
Dinner will be
held at Market
Square
Restaurant on
Saturday,
April 22nd.

Mark it on your
calendar!

More
information will
be coming soon!

This Day in the Civil War

January 31, 1865

House passes the 13th Amendment.

The U.S. House of Representatives passes the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in the United States. It read, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude...shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

When the Civil War began, President Lincoln's professed goal was the restoration of the Union. But early in the war, the Union began keeping escaped slaves rather than returning them to their owners, so slavery essentially ended wherever the Union

army was victorious. In September 1862, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves in areas that were still in rebellion against the Union. This measure opened the issue of what to do about slavery in border states that had not seceded or in areas that had been captured by the Union before the proclamation.

In 1864, an amendment abolishing slavery passed the Senate but died in the House as Democrats rallied in the name of states' rights. The election of 1864 brought Lincoln back to the White House and significant Republican majorities in both houses, so it appeared the amendment was headed for passage when the new Congress convened in March 1865. Lincoln preferred that the

amendment receive bipartisan support--some Democrats indicated support for the measure, but many still resisted. The amendment passed 119 to 56, seven votes above the necessary two-thirds majority. Several Democrats abstained, but the 13th Amendment was sent to the states for ratification, which came in December 1865. With the passage of the amendment, the institution that had indelibly shaped American history and had started the Civil War was eradicated.



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