



John Gibbon

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## 2006

### Calendar of Events

- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 5, 6 & 7, 2006 - Civil War Days - Dousman Stagecoach Inn, Brookfield
- Saturday, May 6, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting - Dousman Stagecoach Inn - 3:00PM
- Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, 2006 - Mt. Horeb School Day & Event, Mt. Horeb
- Tuesday, May 16, 2006 - Miller Park Color Guard
- Sunday, May 28, 2006 - Medal of Honor Grave Re-dedication - Woods National Cemetery, Milwaukee
- Monday, May 29, 2006 - Waukesha Memorial Day Parade - 9:00AM
- Monday, May 29, 2006 - Memorial Day Ceremony - Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha - 2:00PM
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 2, 3 & 4, 2006 - Reclaiming Our Heritage - Woods Veterans Hospital Grounds - Milwaukee
- Saturday, June 10, 2006 - Wisconsin Department Encampment - Saukville
- Thursday, June 15, 2006 - Western Days Parade - West Allis

## From the Camp Commander

Greetings Brothers and Sisters;

April has arrived and almost passed! Little time is left to spruce up that uniform. Polish that brass. Parades and re-enactments will be upon us in the blink of an eye. After this winter there almost seems as if there had not been any let up of activity. However, I must encourage you that you continue to support your Camp and the SUVCW by your attendance and participation at this seasons events. We realize that Families come first and support your decisions based on those priorities. Unfortunately, we are all torn by conflicting priorities. Try to be creative and we realize there are different ways that you support the camp that often go unnoticed. We thank you and appreciate your help.

I would encourage the members of the Camp to put April 15<sup>th</sup> of next year aside right now. I had the privilege to attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony this year. The ceremony was terrific and visiting Lincoln's Tomb is moving. It's a trip that every member of the SUVCW should consider on a regular basis. I actually was convinced to make the trip by my wife and glad she encouraged me. Plan to spend a couple of days if you can. The new Lincoln Presidential Museum is worth the trip on its own. The museum has made the best use of current media techniques and have applied it to history that creates an amazingly moving experience. You can visit Lincoln's home, the 4 square blocks around are now a National Historic district. There are many additional museums,

including the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum. Lincoln's New Salem is less than a half-hour away. Obviously there is more than one can see in a single visit. I hope to attend again next year and hope you can to.

This past Saturday 4/22 the Camp and friends celebrated at the Gibbon Dinner. In my opinion it was the best one yet. David Coverdale made a terrific presentation on John Gibbon. I want to thank all those who helped plan and execute this success. Thanks to Bruce Laine, the Johnson's, Kathy Ciezki and Chris Zahn, without them we could not have staged such an event. I also want to thank those who brought items for the raffle items and encourage you to do so again next year. Lastly, I want to thank all  
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who attended for without you it would not have been enjoyable.

Thank you all again for your help and support it is really appreciated.

Unveiled at the Dinner was a preliminary version of Camp display board. Hopefully when completed it will be a useful tool for instruction and recruiting. Jim Johnson has been very helpful in its construction.

In Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity

Robert Mann

Camp Commander

At this Month's meeting we determined the Camp would meet next on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn in Brookfield. So please adjust your calendars. We plan to hold the meeting in public and hope to get some exposure. You do not have to be in uniform to participate, in fact I encourage those without uniforms to attend. Please plan to come to the event earlier Saturday and on Sunday to help us man the table and talk with the public.



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The Waukesha Freeman

April 12, 1864.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT. ~  
Among the recent changes in our Wisconsin Regiments, we notice the following promotions in the Twenty-Eighth Regiment: Lieut. Col. E. B Gray, as Colonel, vice Lewis, honorably discharged. 1st Lieut. James Murray, as Captain Co. H, vice Meyer, resigned. 2d Lieut. Wallace Goff, as 1st Lieut Co. F, vice Murray, promoted. 2d Lieut. Chas. B. Slawson, as 1st Lieut. Co. B, vice Davis, honorably discharged. 2d Lieut. Chas. J. Collier, as 1st Lieut. And Quartermaster, vice Wylie, honorably discharged. 2d Lieut. Willis V. Tichenor as Capt. Co. G, vice Enos, honorably discharged.

1st Lieut. David Turner, of Co. G, has been transferred to 3d Regiment Arkansas Cavalry, and is Captain of Co. A.

April 19, 1864

Written for the Waukesha Freeman

## The Color-Bearer

BY CORA HARPER

When first our country pealed her tomb,  
Sounding forth war's wild alarms,  
And through every town and hamlet,  
Rung the fearful cry "to arms,"  
Then 'twas from an eastern village,  
Come three brothers stout and brave ~  
From foul treason, spoil and pillage,  
Their own native land to save.

That success (in faith believing),  
Would their noble efforts crown,  
Sad farewells of friends receiving,  
Marched to put rebellion down;  
In Antietam' bloody battle,  
'Midst the thickest of strife,  
And the clashing saber's rattle,  
There the oldest lost his life.

But the others pressing onward,  
Never wavered in the cause ~  
One upbore his country's standard,  
Nobly fighting for his land;  
And through many a gory conflict  
Proudly waved that starry sheen ~  
Where the leaden hail fell thickest,  
There the stripes and stars were seen.

Then came on that fearful contest,  
Its sad details all have heard,  
Where it rained an iron tempest  
On the field of Gettysburg;  
For a while the valiant brothers  
Stemmed the conflict side by side,  
Till at last, with many others,  
They were parted in its tide.

But the brother from a distance,  
With a heart alive to pain.  
Watched the colors as they floated  
O'er that death-strewn battle plain ~  
And amid the smoke and tumult,  
Rose his hopeful earnest prayer,  
That the savior, in His mercy,  
His young brother's life would spare.

But, alas! The swift-winged bullet,  
With a foe's unerring aim,  
Pierced the faithful color-bearer,  
And he fell amid the slain;  
Where the hostile foes engaging,  
And the ground was wet with gore ~  
Where the struggle fierce was raging,  
There he fell to rise no more.

His brother saw the colors falter ~  
But his feelings none can tell.

When they drooping, fluttered downward  
And amid the smoke of battle fell;  
From his bosom wrung with anguish,  
There escaped one low, sad moan ~  
And his lips were heard to murmur  
The sad words ~ "alone," "alone."

When the fearful strife was over,  
Twilight gathered o'er the plain,  
He went forth to seek his brother  
'Mong the valiant heroes slain;  
There upon the gound they found him,  
With the damp dew on his breast ~  
And the starry flag around him,  
Which his dying hands had prest.

With sad hearts a grave they made him,  
Hallowed with fraternal care ~  
And they sadly, gently laid him  
With the other heroes there!  
Soldiers sleep! ~ the booming cannon  
Will no more your rest disturb ~  
Sleep ~ till the last trump shall summon  
All the dead from Gettysburg!



ELMBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**CIVIL WAR DAYS RE-ENACTMENT**

**Dousman Stagecoach Inn, 1075 Pilgrim Parkway, Brookfield, WI**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>BOTH DAYS</u>
10:00 Flag Raising Assemble of troops	10:00 Flag Raising Assemble of troops	Tours of the Inn Artillery displays
10:30 Artillery demo Cannon firing	10:30 Worship service 11:30 Artillery demo	Kids games Silent auction
1:00 Style show President Lincoln Address	Cannon firing 12:30 President Lincoln Address	Smithing Historic displays
2:15 Skirmish	1:00 1860's Baseball game	Cavalry & Infantry
3:15 Artillery demo Cannon firing	Soldiers vs. Cream City 2:30 Artillery demo	Sutlers Drilling
4:00 Closing ceremony Flag lowering	Cannon firing 3:45	Closing ceremony

Demonstrations include carving, weaving, cooking, stitching, undertaking and embalming and more.

Visit the graves of Civil War Soldiers at Pioneer Cemetery located at North Ave. and Pilgrim Rd.

Park at Pilgrim Middle School on Pilgrim Parkway---Free shuttle to the site.

Admission: Adults \$4.00-----Children (6-12 years)\$1.00-----Under 5 years free



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