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Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, December 13, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting & Election of 2007 Officers - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, January 10, 2007 - Camp #4 Meeting & Installation of 2007 Officers - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Saturday, February 3, 2007 - 37th Annual Patriotic Luncheon (see page 6 for details)
- Wednesday, February 14, 2006 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM

From the Camp Commander

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Robert Mann
Commander



Well brothers, another season of campaigning is drawing to a close. And naturally it's a time to reflect on the past year. I'm sure each of us realizes there were things done and not done that could have improved on the over all performance of the Camp. I myself hope to perform my duties on a more timely and efficient manner. It is now time to start our planning for next year and to re-dedicate ourselves as Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have greatly admired the devotion many of you have paid to Major General John Gibbon Camp #4. The school days this year put us in front of more children than any other Camp in the Department and probably most other Camps in the nation. We performed several re-dedication ceremonies, that were carried off very well. We marched down many a street in parades. Our last in Madison, I want to particularly thank you for your participation. The ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda really demonstrates what cooperation and effort can accomplish. It made me personally very happy to see us fill out the entire front rank of our formation we marched. Henry Harden Camp #2 really appreciated our support of the event.

Brothers, I salute you.!

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Major General John Gibbon Camp #4 Financial Status Report 13-November-2006

Balance as of 9-October-2006: \$1067.39

Deposits: None.

Disbursements: None.

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Working Capital for 2006: \$775.39

Headstone Fund: \$292.00

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Johnson

Treasurer & Secretary



Camp #4 at the Prairie Home Cemetery headstone dedication ceremony on October 21st.



Dept. Commander Brian Peters, Dept. SVC Bruce Laine & Dept. JVC Tom Brown at Camp #1105th Anniversary Meeting.



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Meeting Minutes November 15, 2006

Members Present

Commander Bob Mann
Counsel #1 James Johnson
Guide Dan Palama
Jeremy Johnson
Patrick Lynch

Members absent/excused

Jr Vice Commander Tom Sobotke
Tony Wank
Dave Coverdale
Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Laine

Minutes

Minutes were read by Br. Jeremy Johnson. It was moved by Cmdr Mann and seconded by Br. Dan Palama to amend the minutes to show that Br. Jeremy Johnson will be submitting a camp check for CWPT membership. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Given by Jeremy Johnson. Moved to accept as presented and seconded by Br. Patrick Lynch pending an audit by the Camp Counsel.

Report of Sick Brothers

Tom Sobottke is still having some health issues and sends his regards to the Camp. Br. Jim Johnson's nephew died suddenly. Susan Johnson has also had some health problems. Br. Dennis Villwock continues to undergo treatment. On Dec. 11 Cmdr Mann will have surgery.

Committee Reports

Cmdr Mann will chair the Memorial Day Committee. A ceremony is planned for Prairie Home Cemetery at 2:00pm on Memorial Day.

Br. Jim Johnson will assume the role of coordinator of the Gibbon Dinner Committee with assistance from other brothers. Possible speakers for the dinner include Mark Storch, David Eicher, or Bill Beaudot. A tentative date of April 21 was mentioned.

Headstone Committee- We are searching for stones to re dedicate.

Readings and Dispositions of Orders and Communications

President Bush's recent veteran's day speech was circulated.
General Orders #3 by CinC James Pahl read by Cmdr Mann regarding a change in the relationship of the SUVCW with the Lincoln Tomb Association.
The CW Round Table of Milwaukee will have a social on Dec. 10. It will be held at the Wisconsin Club on Dec. 10. The cost is \$23 per person. Music and dancing are included.
West Side Soldier's Aide Society Victorian luncheon will be held at Heaven's City in Mukwonago at 12:45 on Dec. 2. The cost is \$21 per person. If interested reservations should be made with Heaven's City.

Unfinished Business

Prairie Home Cemetery grave rededications were held on Saturday October 21 at 10:30am. The three veterans honored were Walter Derring, Byron Sears, and Norman McBeath. The weather cooperated. The mist let up just prior and the rain started at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Jeremy submitted the Camp check for CWPT membership.

Camp 4 fulfilled Veteran's Day obligations in Milwaukee and Madison. Veteran's day parade activities in Madison took place Nov. 11. There will be a very dignified and appropriate ceremony in the capitol rotunda followed by a march down State Street.

Milwaukee Veteran's Day parade took place Nov 4. There was a very good showing by the Camp and was only exceeded by the turn out the following week in Madison.

Jeremy Johnson announced that due to school plans he will not be seeking camp office and will be leaving Camp 4.

Prairie Home Cemetery grave re-dedication was held on October 21. The event went on as scheduled and was very well received.

Cmdr Mann reported on his attendance at the Leadership Conference sponsored by Camp 1 and held at the Milwaukee Soldier's Home.

Br. Patrick Lynch reported on the Camp 1105th Anniversary celebration. Br. Bruce Laine was in attendance also.

Br. Jim Johnson will re-convene committee to create verbiage on brick to be placed at the Milwaukee Soldier's Home.

New Business

Guided by the General Orders the Lincoln Tomb Observance Ceremony will be held in Springfield, IL on April 14. A luncheon will also be held fol-

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lowing the service.

Nominations for Office

Commander Bob Mann
Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Laine
Jr. Vice Commander Dennis Villwock
Counsel 1 James Johnson
Counsel 2 Dan Palama
Counsel 3 Tom Sobottke
Secretary Treasurer Patrick Lynch

West Side Soldiers Aid Society By Patricia Lynch

Blame it on the Honey Bees! This West Allis quilting group helped set us on the path to official non-profit status by listing West Side Soldiers Aid Society as the payee for an April 2006 presentation on Civil War sewing techniques. I thought about returning the check before deciding that perhaps their error was a blessing. After participating in reenactments, living history events and school days for four years, here was an opportunity to affirm our identity and refine our mission.

Reenacting guidelines drafted for Society members state: WSSAS is a researched-based living history organization created to promote awareness of the Wisconsin Soldiers Home/National Soldiers Home movement in Milwaukee and its place in history. While education of the public is our primary goal, we want our common interest and "work" to be beneficial and enjoyable for members as well.

In the passion of the moment, some preservationists have shaped Soldiers' Home history to serve their cause, attributing the selection of the site for the Milwaukee branch of the National Home to President Lincoln, drawing a tenuous connection to Cordelia Harvey, and overlooking the harsh realities of day-to-day care for displaced and disabled veterans. We hope our research and impression can shed light on the benevolence of Wisconsin citizens during the Civil War and the complex history of the development of the National Home.

The activity of the Society includes monthly Civil War dancing and the dream of creating a Civil War dance ensemble. Talented quilters have produced four reproduction quilts for Reclaiming Our Heritage and are hard at work on a fifth quilt for the 2007 event. The Society

works closely with the librarians of the VA Medical Center to research, acquire and transcribe documents and to protect artifacts. Members hope to offer programs for patients and other veterans similar to last year's President's Social. Monthly meetings focus on member research and various aspects of nineteenth-century life and the Civil War. Two classes of WSSAS membership are available: supporting membership at \$10 per year and living history membership at \$25 a year. The living history fee includes some event support.

4th Annual New Years Gala!

Period formal wear requested

Date: Sunday Dec. 31st

Time: 7:30pm. – Midnight

Place: Faith United Church
4242 N. 78th St. Milwaukee, WI 53222

Hosted by: The Historical Timekeepers

Cost of admission: \$4 per adult,
Children under 12 free.

Cost of admission includes beverages and
entertainment

**Everyone is asked to bring a dish or dessert to
share.**

Please contact Sue regarding what you
would like to bring.

**This event is a smoke free and alcohol free
event.**

Smoking is permitted outside,
absolutely no alcohol will be allowed on the
grounds

Reservation are requested!

Please contact Sue Giese at:

Starliters@hotmail.com or by phone at 262-
679-1895

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Brotherhood

By Robert Mann, Camp Commander

The Camps have had a very busy year so far. A few devoted brothers continue to keep our presence before the public.

Yes in our correspondence and greetings we often refer to each other as Brother. Our predecessors used the term because they had shared a common experience, the Civil War. They were in fact brothers in arms. They served on the battlefield, marched and sweated along many a mile, suffered the weather and disease together. Although many may try to replicate their activities, we can never duplicate the ties that bound them.

Between all the parades, school days and ceremonies and through the heat and rain, we try to serve our Camps in fulfilling their goals. And, through these same activities, we have the opportunity to experience the same sensations of brotherhood.

- Marching in Watertown as the Color Guard of the 1st Brigade Band on the 4th of July.
- Smartly stepping down Kilbourn Ave on Veterans Day shoulder to shoulder.
- Stepping out onto the field at Miller Park and presenting your country's colors while the national anthem is sung and performed
- Doing the Mt Horeb School Day for 2,000 students in a single day till you're hoarse or footsore, yet your heart is filled with a warm sensation.
- Manning a table in Muskego or at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn talking with the public
- Sharing a meal and fellowship at the Patriotic Luncheon or at the Gibbon Dinner while hearing an inspirational presentation on a favorite personality.
- Observing the solemn ceremonies at Calvary and Prairie Home Cemeteries on Memorial Day or a headstone rededication at Little Prairie.
- Seeing the excited faces of the students at Mukwonago High School. And at Reclaiming Our Heritage.

These are but some of the opportunities your camps have offered this year for you to become a Band of Brothers. But as you can see, this sense of brotherhood is earned and when we are not among our brothers it rapidly depletes.

Your Camps need your support and just as importantly your presence to continue their activities.

Oh Brother, where art thou!



Camp #4 at the Madison Veterans Day Parade -
Holding Banner: Sandy Grover, Wil Mickelson
First Row: Ugi Pirocinic, Patrick Lynch *, Tim Grover *, Jim Johnson *, Jeremy Johnson *, Bob Mann *,
Second Row: Wayne Vater, Dan Palama *, Erin Roth, Jonathan W., Victor Penman
Third Row: Roger Weisinger John Theisman, Wes Severson
Fourth Row: Norm Goth, Lyle Lautenbach, Dan.
* Camp #4 members Others are 2nd WI Co K and Battery B 4th US Artillery



Don't Miss the 37th Annual
Patriotic Luncheon
Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 12:30PM



Bluemound Gardens
11703 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa

Hosted by C.K.Pier Badger Camp #1 & Auxiliary #4

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. J. David Hoeveler
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Professor and Author

“Morality & Politics: The Genius of Lincoln”

\$18 per person
For more information, call (414) 425-4648



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