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Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, February 14, 2007 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, April 11, 2007 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 14, 2007 - 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL - 10:00AM
- Saturday, April 21, 2007 - Gibbon Dinner, Heaven City Restaurant, Mukwonago (see details on page 5)

From the Camp Commander

Brothers,

Yet another season begins. We all have great expectations for this upcoming season. I would like to thank Tom Brown, Commander Camp #1 for joining us to perform the installation of our camp officers. I also want to thank those members who accepted the responsibility of becoming officers. With your continued efforts and enthusiasm, you will see those expectations to fruition.

Our schedule is beginning to fall in place. Many of the events seem to be very slow in getting the word out. Details for the Prairie Home Cemetery school day are still being worked out. I have been in touch with Nancy Faulk and we maybe able to receive payment for this event. Additional Items to add to your calendar that were not mentioned in our meeting are is the Old Falls Village. July 20-21

No word has been received from the Elm Brook Historical Society regarding the event. Their recent newsletter sets the dates at May 5 & 6th for the Dousman Stagecoach Inn Civil War Days, but no mention of the school day.

For members in the SVR participating in parades and ceremonies interested in improving their drill skills, they are in luck. Company K of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry has extended an offer for us to participate in their drills. They are scheduled for February 17, March 3rd and

April 14. Company K is considering participating with us in the Lincoln Tomb day ceremony on April 14th so the later drill may or may not take place. For further details and to arrange car-pooling contact Brother Patrick Lynch or myself.

The Gibbon Dinner planning is well on its way. The tentative date is set for 4/21 at the Heaven City Restaurant. Since our meeting Marc Storch has agreed to be our speaker. Marc is a leading authority on the Iron Brigade and John Gibbon. He has written several articles and been a contributing author for several books. In the Blue & Gray magazine Marc along with Alan Nolan presented "The Iron

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Brigade Earns Its Name ..." Marc has provided several tours at Brawner's Farm and the Manassas Battle Fields. It should be a great evening.

There are some upcoming events that we all should give high priority to. First of all, on February 3 is the Winter Department of Wisconsin meeting at the Bluemound Gardens. And as long as you are there, join in some fraternal activity by attending the Patriotic Luncheon at the same location. Secondly, please plan on attending the New Member Orientation meeting, 2/17. These sessions are full important information for all Sons. I have attended in the past and am planning on participating again this year.

Again Thank you for your efforts!

F. C. & L,

Bob Mann

Camp Commander



2007 SUVCW & SVR Dues

2007 SUVCW & SVR Dues should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Lynch by January 15, 2007.

Mail a check, made out to: MG John Gibbon Camp #4, SUVCW, to Brother Lynch.

5830 S. 92nd St.
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Camp #4 Dues ~ \$25.00
28th WI, Co. B, SVR Dues ~ \$3.00



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Minutes January 10, 2007

Members Present

Commander Bob Mann
 Counsel #1 James Johnson
 Guide Dan Palama
 Patrick Lynch
 Jeremy Johnson
 Chad Weitner
 Commander Camp 1 Tom Brown
 Vic Share
 Dennis Villwock

Members absent/excused

Tom Sobottke
 Tony Wank
 Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Laine

Minutes

Minutes appeared in the last issue of the Messenger. It was moved by Commander Mann and seconded by Brother Dennis Villwock to accept the minutes as published. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Given by Jeremy Johnson. Commander Mann moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending an audit by the Camp Counsel. This was seconded by Br. Dan Palama and passed unanimously.

Report of Sick Brothers

Brother Tom Sobottke is still having some heart issues but hopes to join us soon. Most of the camp members were present at the memorial service for Br. Dave Coverdale.

Committee Reports

Gibbon Dinner

The Dinner will be April 21st. Several members had dinner at Heaven's City and briefly met with the owner, Jimmy Wade. He was very enthusiastic about hosting our program. We will communicate further plans with him. The date for the dinner may not be the best night for them but they should still be able to accommodate us. Commander Mann followed up with Marc Storch about the possibility of speaking at the dinner. He will get back to us.

Memorial Day

Readings and Dispositions of Orders and Communications

Report from Camp 1 was given by Tom Brown:

1. Mid Winter meeting will be held on Feb. 3 at 9:30 AM at Bluemound Gardens in Milwaukee.
2. Patriotic Luncheon to be held the same day as the Mid Winter meeting.
3. Member Orientation class will be held on February 17 from 12:30-4:30 in Building 1 of the Soldier's Home.
4. Work days at the VA start on February 24th. One will also be held on March 24th.
5. Soldier's Home Foundation meeting will be held at the end of the month.
6. Member Orientation will be held at Boscobel on March 10.
7. On April 14 in Springfield, Il,

the Lincoln tomb ceremony will be held. A military presence from all camps is encouraged.

Brother Dennis Villwock announced that the 5th Wisconsin Co A will be holding their annual meeting on February 10th at the 128th Air Refueling base at Mitchell Field. Anyone interested in attending should contact Dennis for more information.

Br. Jim Johnson announced there is a meeting at the Wade House to discuss the future of the event. This will be at the Greenbush town hall on Saturday January 20th at 11:00AM.

Unfinished Business

Discussion on the brick for the Soldier's Home was deferred to next meeting.

Commander Mann encouraged Camp participation in the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on April 14th. He will pass this invitation on to members of the 2nd Wisconsin, Co. K.

New Business

In addition to the Memorial Day program, Prairie Home would like us to do a small school day. This was discussed by the Camp and feasibility will be further explored.

An initial discussion of Camp goals was discussed. This was deferred to the next meeting. The main categories for goals planning will include: Patriotic Education, Honoring Veterans, and Graves Registration. Each member is asked to reflect on these for the next meeting.

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Installation of Officers by Brother Tom Brown, Dept. JVC & Cmdr Camp 1

Commander	Bob Mann
Sr. Vice Commander	Bruce Laine
Jr. Vice Commander	Dennis Villwock
Counsel 1	Dan Palama
Counsel 2	James Johnson
Counsel 3	Thomas Sobottke
Patriotic Instructor	James Johnson
Sec./Treas	Patrick Lynch
Chaplain	Jeremy Johnson
Grave Reg. Officer	Bruce Laine
Historian	Bruce Laine

Patriotic Instruction

Brother Jim Johnson read an account of the prisoners from the 1st Battle of Bull Run. This would have included Bill Upham.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

January's Patriotic Presentation

Presented by PCC Jim Johnson, Patriotic Instructor

From the Second

Correspondent of the Sentinel

Fort Monroe, Jan 3, 1862

The steamship George Washington left Old Point at 11 o'clock this morning and proceeded up James river, about nine miles above Newport News, when the rebel steamer Northampton was met with Union prisoners from Richmond; then stepped on board under the protection of the National flag. As their names were called, such happy looking men are seldom seen. Cheer after cheer arose from each boat as they approached, and the band of the Fourth Artillery played "Home Sweet

Home," which added to the enthusiasm. As the boat passed Newport News, the crews of the US FRIGATES, CUMBERLAND AND CONGRESS MANNED THE RIGGING, AND THE TROOPS AT CAMP BUTLER CROWDED THE BEACH AND THE WHARVES, AND SENT OVER THE WATER THEIR SHOUTS OF WELCOME.

The George Washington arrived on her return about half past five o'clock, and the Baltimore boat, which was detained for the purpose, took the released prisoners to Baltimore. The prisoners left Richmond about seven o'clock this morning. The number released is 240 nearly all of whom were taken at the battle of Bull Run. On arriving here, all who needed clothing were immediately supplied by the Quartermaster's Department.

Major General John Gibbon Camp #4

Financial Status Report

8-January-2007

Balance as of 11-December-2006: \$1067.39

Deposits: None.

Disbursements: None.

Balance as of 8-January-2007: \$1067.39

Working Capital for 2007: \$775.39

Headstone Fund: \$292.00

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Johnson

Treasurer & Secretary



Major General John Gibbon Birthday Celebration Dinner

Sponsored by Major General John Gibbon Camp #4, SUVCW

Saturday, April 21st

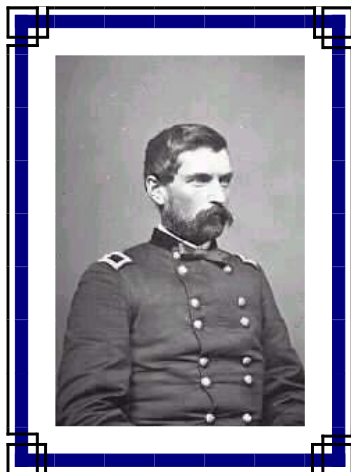
Heaven City Restaurant

S91 W27850 National Ave., Mukwonago

(262) 363-5191

Please arrive at 6:30PM, dinner will be served at 7:00PM

Guest Speaker will be Marc Storch. He is a leading authority on the Iron Brigade and John Gibbon. He has written several articles and been a contributing author for several books. In the Blue & Gray magazine Marc along with Alan Nolan presented "The Iron Brigade Earns Its Name ..." Marc has provided several tours at Brawner's Farm and the Manassas Battle Fields.



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Altoona Pass, Georgia

Gentlemen,

Elias Moon Camp #2, SUVCW is actively involved with the Etowah Valley Historical Society to raise funds to build monuments to the Civil War soldiers that fought at Altoona Pass. The attached flier provides additional detail about the project.

Since moving to Georgia from Wisconsin I have been shocked at the disregard the State of Georgia has for its' Civil War sites. If it were not for the efforts of private non-profit organizations such as ours and the EVHS many of these sites would be neglected or disappear all together. Most of the sites relating to the Battles for Atlanta are already gone.

We still have a chance to save this one. The concept is to create a memorial park at the entrance to the Allston Pass. There will be 10 monuments in the park honoring the soldiers from each of the states that fought there. Wisconsin's troops were represented at the battle by the 12th Wisconsin Battery. A marker with the Artillery Symbol and Wisconsin state motto and possibly the names of the battery members is planned. There will also be a Minnesota Monument there to honor the 4th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

The project is being privately funded through donations. Each monument will cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. They will stand at the entrance to the park as a reminder of the sacrifice these men made to save

the Union. There are already two monuments in place at the park; one for Texas and one for Missouri.

I am asking your assistance in raising funds for the project. Please inform your membership about this project. Also, if anyone knows of any Wisconsin or Minnesota corporations or businesses that may wish to donate to this project please let me know. I would be happy to contact them.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Camp Commander Eric Peterson

Elias Moon Camp #2, at Large
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