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Calendar of Events

- 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)
- Wednesday, May 9, 2007 - Camp #4 Meeting - The Landing, Waukesha - 7:00PM

From the Camp Commander

Dear Brothers,

After digging out of the snow, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Spring. We will certainly be busy as usual. Chores and yard work will abound. Please remember to place the Camp on your calendar. Your participation in Camp meetings and events is always appreciated and actually needed. Please coordinate with Jim Johnson or myself for the Gibbon Dinner activities. We are hoping to make it a particular memorable event. Please start looking for items to donate for the raffle and for decorating or any ideas that you think would contribute. Hopefully we will meet at the Heaven City Restaurant for our next meeting to get a good idea of the layout and ideas to cooperate with the management there. Word will be sent out when those arrangements have been made. If this does not work out we'll meet at the Landing as usual.

Please, put May 5th and 6th on your calendar as well, for the Dousman Stage Coach Inn Civil War Days. This is an event in our backyard and should be an excellent opportunity for talking to people about the SUVCW and for recruiting.

Most importantly, put May 28th on your Calendar, Memorial Day. The Camp will be participating in the Waukesha Parade in the morning and for a ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery in the afternoon. This will be followed by a gathering to eat and socialize at Brother Villwock's home. I realize we all have commitments that day. If you can find an opportunity to join us in at least one of these activities, your help

would be appreciated.

Yes, its going to be a busy Spring.

With Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Bob Mann

Camp
Commander



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The Wisconsin Department held its Annual Mid-Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Bluemound Gardens in Wauwatosa. Several members of Camp #4 received certificates for their participation in the Wisconsin Department's 1st Annual Leadership Conference, held in November of 2006. The photo above shows Camp #4 member PDC Kent Peterson (right) accepting a certificate from Department Commander Brian Peters (center) and PCinC Steve Michaels (left).

2007 SUVCW & SVR Dues

2007 SUVCW & SVR Dues should have been sent to Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Lynch by January 15, 2007. If you have not already done so, please mail a check, made out to: MG John Gibbon Camp #4, SUVCW, to Brother Lynch.

5830 S. 92nd St.
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Camp #4 Dues - \$25.00
28th WI, Co. B, SVR Dues - \$3.00



MG John Gibbon Camp #4 Officers for 2007



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Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2007

Members Present

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

Members absent/excused

Vic Share
 Tom Sobottke
 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 Dan Palama accept the minutes as published. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Given by Patrick Lynch. 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 quite ill. He is optimistic about his recovery. He plans on attending the Gibbon dinner in April. Commander Mann read an email from Brother Tom.

Committee Reports

Gibbon Dinner

Brother Jim Johnson reported on his discussions with Jimmy Wade. They are very excited about hosting the dinner. The cost will be \$25 per person. The menu for the evening is outstanding. Our next meeting will be held at Heaven's City in order to finalize arrangements. They will also assist us in promoting the event.

Kathy Cieski has volunteered to assist us with the raffle. We will all try to gather some possible raffle items.

Memorial Day

Commander Mann sent an email to the Waukesha District Business Improvement Group who hosts the Memorial Day parade. He received a letter from Karen Richards indicating that parade arrangements will be finalized in March. It will likely kick off at 10:45AM. The camp will also have a ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery at 2:00PM

Readings and Dispositions of Orders and Communications

Order # 9 by James Pahl was read. It indicated the appointment of two committees. One to help identify the location of Union battle flags and another to explore erecting a monument to members of the Union army from Canada.

Commander Mann announced that Company K of the 2nd will hold its drill on Saturday, February 18th at 8:00AM. The Camp is welcome to participate in preparation for our parades and ceremonies.

The National Encampment will be

held in St Louis, MO. The dates are August 9-12th. It will be at the Hilton-St. Louis. Links to register are on the SUVCW website.

Unfinished Business

No action taken on the brick for the Soldier's Home. This was again deferred.

Commander Mann presented a membership badge to Brother Villwock for his support of the 2nd Wisconsin school day at Mt. Horeb last May.

Commander Mann again encouraged Camp participation in the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on April 14th. Members of the 2nd Wisconsin will also be participating. Commander Mann will arrange for a wreath to be presented on behalf of the camp.

New Business

Although the possibilities of a school day are on hold we may still be able to host a 1/2 day encampment with presentations, demonstrations etc.

The new member orientation will be held on Saturday February 18th at 12:30PM at the Milwaukee Soldier's Home, Building 1.

It was moved by Brother Jim Johnson for the camp to pay for Maurice Young's dues and an associate badge for 2007. He is on active duty service. This was seconded by Jeremy Johnson and passed unanimously.

The camp received a print from the Civil War Preservation Trust a print of the charge at the Slaughter Pen in Fredericksburg. It was agreed that we will use that in the raffle at the

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Gibbon dinner.

Patriotic Instruction

Brother Jim Johnson read a letter from a 2nd Wisconsin soldier that had early Valentine's Day references.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2007. It's likely this will be at Heaven's City. Further details will follow.



Heaven City
 S91 W27850 Hwy ES • Mukwonago, WI



**Major General John Gibbon Camp #4
 Financial Status Report
 as of February 13, 2007**

<u>Balance as of January 8, 2007</u>	<u>\$1067.39</u>
<u>Deposits:</u>	<u>\$363.00</u>
Badge Purchases Coverdale and Mann	\$60.00
Dues (Villwock, Laine, Lynch, Mann, Share, Schroeder, Peterson, Gutzke, Neubauer)	\$256.00
Payment for Shirt from Kent Peterson	\$25.00
Contribution (Schroeder)	\$22.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$94.25</u>
M&I Analysis Service Charge	\$ 9.00
SUVCW Department of WI (2006 Nowak, Villwock)	\$41.00
SUVCW Department of WI (2006 Patriotic Fund)	\$25.00
The Swann Group (payment for shirt)	\$19.25
<u>Balance as of February 13, 2007:</u>	<u>\$1336.14</u>
<u>Farmarked Funds:</u>	<u>\$606.00</u>
<u>Headstone Fund:</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>
<u>Memberships</u>	<u>\$256.00</u>
<u>SUVCW Department of WI (2007 Patriotic Fund)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>CWPT Membership</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Working Capital for 2007</u>	<u>\$730.14</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Patrick J. Lynch
 Treasurer

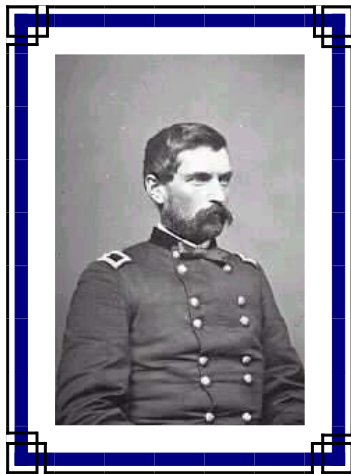


At the Mid-Winter Meeting, National Commander in Chief James Pahl, Wisconsin's True Son Bill Upham and Past National Commander in Chief Steve Michaels.



Major General John Gibbon Birthday Celebration Dinner

Sponsored by Major General John Gibbon Camp #4, SUVCW



Saturday, April 21st

Heaven City Restaurant

591 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.

Fill out the information below and mail a check for \$25 per person to:

Patrick Lynch, 5830 S. 92nd St.,
Hales Corners, WI 53130
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Buffet Menu

- Slow roasted Beef Brisket lightly smoked with Bourbon BBQ sauce
- Farm raised Pheasant Hazelnut encrusted
- Pork Roast Pepper encrusted lightly smoked with Apple Aus Jus

- Fish Catch of the day grilled or baked
- Sides: Green beans, mixed grilled Vegetable, roasted Potato, Wild Rice
- Bread & Butter
- Dessert: Seasonal Fruit Cobbler with warm Fudge Topping

----- PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND DETACH THEN MAIL TO PATRICK LYNCH AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE -----

Name _____ Organization _____

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Major General John Gibbon

John Oliver Gibbon was born at ten o'clock in the morning on April 20, 1827, near Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, now within the boundaries of the city of Philadelphia. He was the third son and the fourth of seven children that blessed the marriage of Dr. John Heysham Gibbon and Catherine (Lardner) Gibbon. Although the family name was originally "Gibbons," the doctor dropped the final "s" upon attaining his majority, so that by the time Doctor Gibbon had married and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, the change was permanent. Catherine and the children followed Doctor Gibbon to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he had accepted an appointment as chief assayer at the United States Mint. While living in

Charlotte, young John Gibbon was selected to be a cadet at the United States Military Academy, thus beginning a career in the United States Army that would last until his forced retirement almost fifty years later.

Officially entering the Military Academy at West Point, New York, on September 1, 1842, Cadet Gibbon was an average student who soon proved deficient in the study of English grammar. Paced with the choice of being dismissed or repeating a year, Gibbon chose the latter and consequently did not graduate until July 1, 1847, ranking twentieth in a class of thirty-eight and receiving a commission as brevet second lieutenant in the 3rd Artillery. Sent off to Mexico City and Toluca in the waning months of the Mexican War,

the new officer missed the battles in which other West Point graduates won praise and fame. While graduates of the class of 1846--his original classmates--emerged with brevets to the ranks of first lieutenant, captain, and even major, John Gibbon's only promotion was to the permanent rank of second lieutenant in the 4th Artillery on September 13, 1847. However, the young lieutenant did learn an important lesson one night at a card table. As the story went, "He had joined with a few dollars, a horse, equipments, and pistols, and was urged to take a hand, 'just to make up a game.' The next morning, going on detached service, he was compelled to borrow a horse, saddle, bridle, spurs, pistols, and money for his expenses, but never again played cards for a stake".



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