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## 2007

### Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, October 10 - Citizens Bank of Waukesha - 7:00PM (see directions on page 4)
- Sunday, November 4 - Department of Wisconsin, Leadership Conference, Milwaukee Soldiers Home, Bldg. #1, 12:30PM - 4:30PM
- Saturday, November 10 - Veterans Day Parade - Milwaukee - 11:00AM
- Sunday, November 11 - Veterans Day Parade - Madison

## From the Camp Commander

Brothers and friends,

I've been out and exercising my new hip. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend

the UW Badgers football game against Iowa. It was an exciting game and I got to once again to visit Camp Randall. What a facility Camp Randall has become. Any one from Wisconsin can be proud of it.

For us, Camp Randall has a more significant meaning than just being a place where football is played. Often I've heard complaints that the stadium is on the site. The Camp Randall GAR Memorial Arch is an impressive piece of architecture. My impression is that it has to be one of the most trafficked Civil War Memorials in our State. No one can pass the Arch, without being impressed. On a game day thousands of Wisconsin fans pass through and around the Arch. You almost always overhear someone giving an explanation of the arch to a friend or loved one. If you want a stirring experience, be at the Arch as the UW Band marches through it to and after the game. Its enough to give you goose bumps to hear the brass band belting out very martial tunes and those associated with the state. Indeed, our forbearers in the GAR selected a great site for their Memorial. Many of our nation's future leaders will pass beneath the Arch. Hopefully it provides these students an appreciation at one point or another of what the men of the GAR and their comrades sacrificed and endured.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting. We will be trying out several sites over the next months, to help

us pick our future home. So please carefully watch your e-mails.

Your Brother and commander,

Bob Mann



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The Waukesha Freeman

September 27, 1864

## Glorious News – Gen. Sheridan Gains Another Great Victory

We again have the satisfaction of recording another great Union victory. Gen. Sheridan, the second time in the past two weeks, has fought the enemy, and won a great and decisive victories. On Friday last, Gen. Sheridan attacked the rebels under Gen. Early near a place called Fisher's Hill, in the Shenandoah Valley, and after a sharp and obstinate battle, he captured Fisher's Hill, taking over 3,000 prisoners, and 16 pieces of artillery, and killing and wounding large numbers of the rebels. The rebels threw down their arms and fled in the greatest confusion, abandoning most of their artillery which fell into our hands.

Thus, during the past two weeks, Gen. Sheridan has fought two great battles with the rebels in Virginia – capturing from ten to fifteen thousand prisoners, and putting great numbers *hors du combat*, and taking a large number of pieces of valuable artillery. In reference to this topic, a telegram says:

It has been ascertained that Early's shattered forces, or what is left of them, have abandoned the road to Stanton and are retreating in disorder to Culpepper and Gordonville directly towards Richmond leaving the road to Lynchburg unobstructed, while Lee is unable to spare another army of sufficient strength to oppose the progress of the victorious Sheridan. The news from Sheridan's army this p.m. has created a wild excitement throughout the city.

The capture of Fisher's Hill, that great stronghold and key to the upper part of the Shenandoah Valley, and the addition of 16 cannon and several thousand prisoners to the trophies already won by the victorious army of Sheridan, is regarded here as conclusive evidence of the complete destruction of the rebel army in the valley, and the opening of the whole route to Lynchburg, which necessarily must bring about the speedy evacuation of Richmond, or the capture of the rebel Capital and Lee's whole army. There are in progress other movements not proper to be disclosed now, which lend to render this result inevitable within perhaps a very few days.



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## Major General John Gibbon Camp #4 Financial Status Report as of October 10, 2007

<b>Balance as of September 12, 2007</b>	<b>\$961.60</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
SVR Refund	\$10.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
Charge for Analysis (from April Statement)	\$18.00
<b>Balance as of October 10, 2007</b>	<b>\$953.60</b>
<b>Earmarked Funds</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
Headstone Fund	\$225.00
CWPT	\$100.00
Patriotic Fund	\$25.00
<b>Working Capital for 2007</b>	<b>\$603.60</b>

Respectfully Submitted, Respectfully Submitted,  
 Patrick J. Lynch  
 Treasurer

The Waukesha Freeman  
 September 20, 1864

### An Immediate Draft

Gens. Grant and Sherman have both written to the War Department an earnest appeal in favor of the immediate enforcement of the draft. - Gen. Grant in his letter says.

“Prompt action in filling our armies will have more effect upon the enemy than a victory over them. -

They profess to believe, and make their men believe there is such a party North in favor of recognizing Southern independence, that that the draft cannot be enforced.” In the same spirit Gen. Sherman urges the draft “because the enforcement of the law will manifest a power resident in our Government equal to the occasion. - Our Government, though a Democracy, SHOULD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE AND DANGER BE ABLE TO WIELD THE POWER OF A GREAT NATION.”

Accordingly, the Government to meet the exigencies of the case, and with determination to strike

the rebellion a crushing blow the present fall, has ordered that the draft should commence on Monday (yesterday) and continue until all deficient districts shall have been filled.

September 27, 1864

## THE DRAFT!

The Draft for the counties of Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth and Waukesha, commenced on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> inst., at 2 p.m. The Drawings

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was held in the Academy of Music at Milwaukee. The immense building was packed – from day to day – with an eager and anxious multitude, awaiting the ‘turn of the wheel,’ to see if they or their friends are called upon to go ‘to the front.’ Thus far, the utmost quiet has prevailed, and no signs of disturbances have been visible – the people everywhere conceding the justice and necessity of the draft, as a necessary means to secure men to put down the great mob which is desolating the country.

On Friday at about 9 o’clock the Draft wheel commenced its evolutions for the county of Waukesha, and below we give our readers a full and complete list of the names of the drafted men of the county.

The first column of names are those for which towns are deficient on quota; these are all held for service unless they present substitutes or are exempted for physical disability. The second column is the 100 per cent. extra, and from these will be selected, in order, the number which may be exempted in the first column – the balance, if any, will be stricken from the roll:

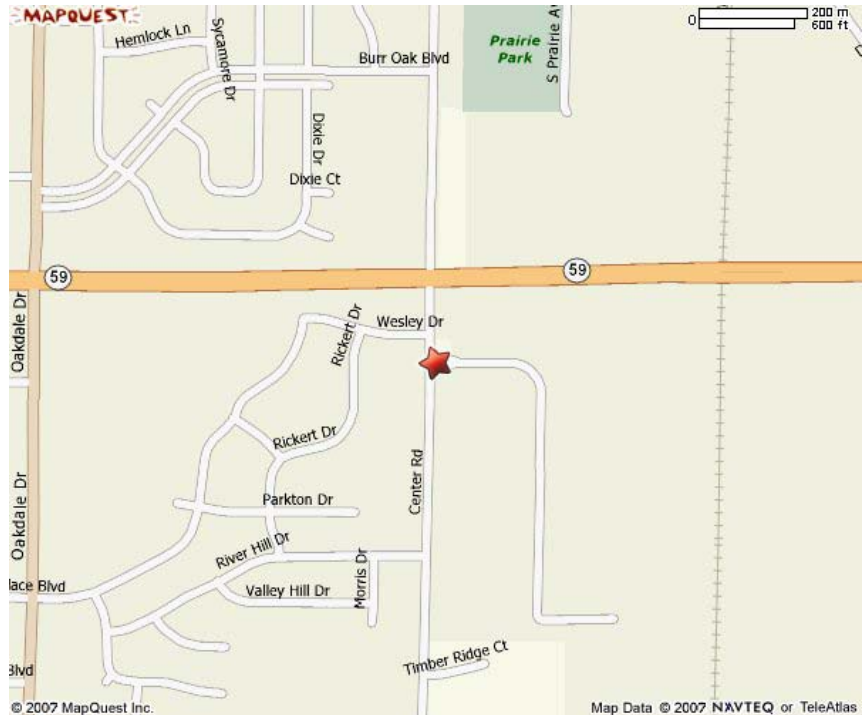
## NAMES OF DRAFTED MEN.

(The article lists the names of those drafted. If you are interested in a list of the names, please contact the Editor of The Messenger.)



October Meeting will be held at the Citizens Bank of Mukwonago ~ Waukesha Branch. @ 2109 Corporate Drive, off Center Road, near the intersection of Highway 59. The meeting will be at the usual time ~ 7:00PM

(see the map below)



Citizens Bank of Mukwonago  
 Waukesha Branch

## Minutes September 12, 2007

### Members Present

Commander Bob Mann  
 Counsel #2 James Johnson  
 Secretary Treasurer Patrick Lynch  
 Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Laine  
 Guide Vic Share  
 Jr. Vice Commander Dennis Villwock

PCinC Stephen Michaels

### Members absent/excused

Counsel #1 Dan Palama  
 Chaplin Jeremy Johnson  
 Council #3 Tom Sobottke



### Minutes

It was moved to accept the minutes as published by Br. Dennis Villwock and seconded by Br. James Johnson.

### Treasurer's Report

Moved by Br. Dennis and seconded by Br. Vic Share to accept the Treasurer's report pending an audit by the camp council.

### Report of Sick Brothers

Brother Tom Sobottke is gaining strength. Commander Mann is recovering well from hip surgery. Dale Brassers' (Camp 8) wife has had some health problems. Brs. Bob Wiesien and Harry Wallace (Camp 1) also continue to deal with health issues.

### Committee Reports

Brick for the Soldier's Home is in process. Secretary will follow up.

### Readings and Dispositions of Orders and Communications

Department newsletter discussed by Commander Mann.

There is much discussion on the future status of Jr. Members. This is not really a member category. Bringing in many of the current Jr. Members will likely require a change in the constitution. Until this is resolved camps are advised not to take new Jr. Members.

### Other announcements:

PCinC offered Tim Pletkovich's book to members for \$25. This book discusses Bill Upham's career.

A free concert will be presented on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pabst Theatre at 7:30pm on behalf of the Soldier's Home Foundation.

The Civil War Roundtable is hosting a symposium in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Club on October 21.

Veteran's Day Parade will be at 11:00am on Saturday November 10.

Camp 1 will host the second annual Leadership Conference at Building 1 of the Milwaukee Soldier's Home on Sunday November 4 from 12:30-4:30pm.

Trimborn Farm Event will be held on October 6 and 7.

Madison Veteran's Day parade may be held on November 11.

Remembrance Day is November 19<sup>th</sup> in Gettysburg.

February 2 is the date of the midwinter meeting and Camp 1's Patriotic Luncheon.

The Gibbon dinner will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Lance Herdeggen will be the speaker.

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NARA will raise the price of copying pension files to \$100 shortly.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Secretary will investigate the availability of the Citizen's Bank of Mukwonago in Waukesha for the next and future meetings. The Landing will not be available. Other sites include:

Brookfield Library

Waukesha Library

Lutheran Church in Waukesha behind the Library

Dousman stagecoach inn

Michaels (near Cutler Park)

### **New Business**

Br. Stephen Michaels pointed out the vandalism that is occurring at the Tabernacle Cemetery in Waukesha County. Several Civil War veterans are buried there. This will be further investigated.

### **Patriotic Instruction**

Br. James Johnson made some observations on the James Anderson (5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin) papers/letters.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at the Landing in Waukesha at 7:00PM. There will be no August meeting.



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