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Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, February 13 - Waukesha Public Library, Waukesha - Camp #4 Meeting & Installation of Officers 7:00PM Wednesday,
- Saturday, February 17 - Member Orientation, Milwaukee VA Soldier's Home Bldg. 1, second floor, 12:30PM - 4:30PM
- Wednesday, March 12 - Waukesha Public Library, Waukesha - Camp #4 Meeting 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 19 - Gibbon Dinner, Heaven City Restaurant, Mukwonago

From the Camp Commander

Greetings Brothers,

Winter is upon us and we begin a new year of activity. We have had couple of meetings in our new home the Waukesha Public Library. It is a very nice environment for our meetings. Now the challenge is to make the best use of it. We can bring light treats and non-alcoholic beverages. But most importantly bring yourselves. Your attendance at the meetings is important. We will be having installation of the camp officers at the upcoming meeting.

We have a great opportunity becoming available to use. Please plan to attend The Member Orientation Course February 17th.

After attending the meeting, members should:

- know the SUVCW mission, purpose and programs
- understand the SUVCW organization and structure
- recognize and wear SUVCW insignia properly
- observe correct SUVCW customs and protocol
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of SUVCW values, history of the SUVCW and local Camp, role of the Auxiliary, members' responsibilities, membership benefits, and more.

I request that all members of the Camp forward their dues to the Treasurer as soon as possible. The combined Camp and SVR

dues are \$28. The SVR has requested that we return our unit forms and dues by the end of February. This does not give us a lot of time. Brother Lynch and I will greatly appreciate it.

Planning for the Gibbon Dinner continues. The date is April 19th. Lance Herdegen has confirmed that he will speak at the event and it will be held at Heaven City. We filled the rooms last year, so consider getting your tickets as quickly as you can to facilitate planning.

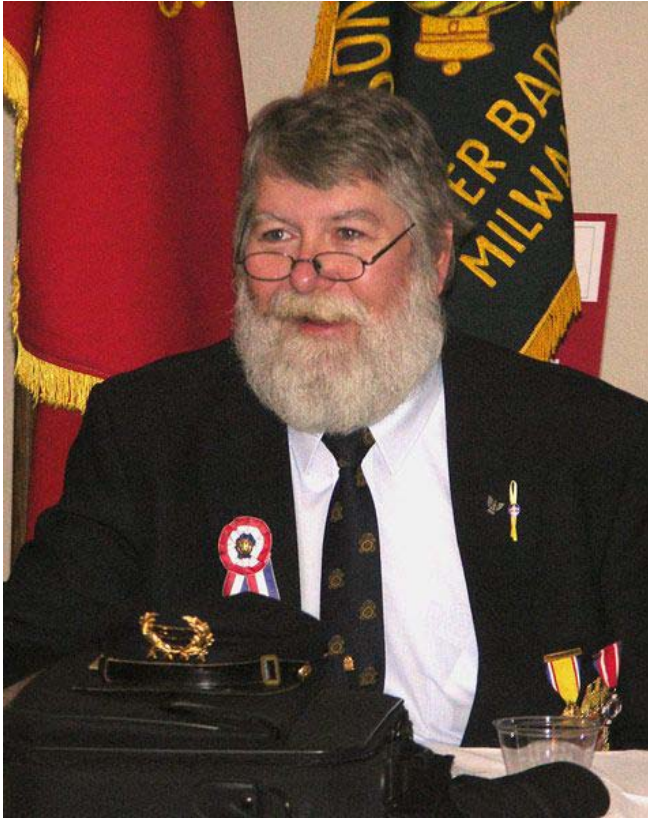
I am looking forward to seeing you, in Camp.

Your commander,
Bob Mann



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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander in Chief Charles Kuhn (from Pennsylvania) joined the Wisconsin Department at the 2008 Mid-Winter Meeting and Camp #1's Patriotic Luncheon.

BROTHERS!

Please remember to send your
2008 Dues to:

Patrick Lynch

Secretary/Treasurer

5830 S. 92nd St.

Hales Corners, WI 53150

Camp #4 Dues are \$25.00

28th WI Co. B SVR are \$3.00

Please Pay Now!



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Major General John Gibbon Camp #4
 Financial Status Report as of January 10, 2008

Balance as of December 12, 2007	\$828.60
Deposits	\$25.00
Adjustment to April Deposit(documentation supports this)	\$25.00
Disbursements	\$50.00
Tabernacle Cemetery	\$50.00
Balance as of January 10, 2008	\$803.60
Earmarked Funds	\$250.00
Headstone Fund	\$225.00
CWPT	\$0.00
Patriotic Fund	\$25.00
Working Capital for 2008	\$553.60
Respectfully Submitted, Patrick J. Lynch Treasurer	

Minutes January 9th, 2007

Members Present

Commander Bob Mann
 Counsel #2 James Johnson
 Secretary Treasurer Patrick Lynch
 Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Laine
 Chaplin Jeremy Johnson

Members absent/excused

Counsel #1 Dan Palama
 Council #3 Tom Sobottke
 Jr. Vice Commander Dennis Villwock

Minutes

It was moved to accept the minutes as read by Br. Bruce Laine and seconded by Br. Jim Johnson. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Commander Mann and seconded by Br. Bruce Laine to accept the Treasurer's report pending

an audit by the Camp Council.

Report of Sick Brothers

Brother Vic Share is ill. Br. Dennis and Br. Tom also continue to recover.

Committee Reports

Gibbon Dinner--No response as yet from Heaven's City. Br. Patrick Lynch will follow up.

Readings and Dispositions of Orders and Communications

Received an acknowledgement from the Carter House Foundation acknowledging our donation. Also received an acknowledgement from the Soldier's Home Foundation for the brick we purchased.

Unfinished Business

Brother Bruce contacted Randy Novak of Camp 8 and Camp 4 about the use of Camp 8's raffle license. Br. Bruce will work with Randy to use the license. Br. Randy also suggested we apply for a raffle license for our camp.

Commander Mann requested that we ask Br. Randy to pursue that option also.

Br. Bruce will contact Br. Tom Brown of Camp 1 regarding the installation of officers for our camp;

New Business

February 19th, the West Side Soldier's Aide Society will hold a Valentine luncheon at Heaven's City.

An audit of accounts was conducted by Brs. Jeremy and Jim Johnson and Commander Mann at the close of the meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

Br. Jim Johnson shared some reminiscences of the late Gov. Lee Dreyfus.

Next Meeting: February 13th, 2008 at the Waukesha Public Library

From the Waukesha Freeman, February 21, 1865

A Permanent Home for Wisconsin Soldiers.

To the people of Wisconsin:

It is proposed to establish in Milwaukee a permanent Home, the object of which shall be to furnish temporary rest and refreshment to soldiers passing through Milwaukee on their way to and from the fields of active operation, and an Asylum for soldiers honorably discharged from service, who have no homes, and, disabled by wounds or sickness, are unable to support themselves.

Chartered by the Legislature, it is designed to make it an Institution of the State, yet the property of the people, reared by their liberal contributions, and fostered by their tender care.

When an appeal has been made to your patriotism it has never been in vain. Those noble charities, the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, attest your liberality, and it is our pride that Wisconsin, in proportion to her population and wealth, in contributions of this kind, of all the loyal States, leads the van. But the time is coming when the duties of these charities will have been performed; -- when our scarred and war-worn veterans will return, when many of those who went forth in the vigor of youth and prime of manhood, wasted by disease, or maimed in battle, will have no homes. Shall we, who have been protected by the living rampart which they have thrown between us and war's desolations, sit down and quietly say to them: "The counties have their poor

houses; the cold charities of the world are open to you to beg where you will?" -- or shall we, with grateful hearts say: "Wisconsin's soldiers are Wisconsin's sons, and as the mother takes to her heart her firstborn, with willing hands we gather into our folds, our helpless warriors, our proudest and happiest duty to repay the sacrifices they have made for us?" Their wasted forms, their maimed bodies, their heroic sacrifices, their gallant achievements, and their undying patriotism, all appeal to us -- PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN! Through the charity, which we seek to foster, we ask you, shall that appeal be made in vain?



For the purpose of raising money for the construction of a suitable building, a Fair, designed to embrace contributions from all parts of the State, will be held at the city of Milwaukee, commencing on the 28th of June next. All the appliances of art and genius, taste and skill, will be sought to make it attractive. Several thousands of dollars have been already raised to defray the expenses incident to so large an enterprise.

We call upon the people to give in proportion to their means.

The farmer, of the produce of his farm: -- horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, grain, vegetables, eggs, butter, milk, cheese -- anything that will realize money.

The merchant, of his stock; the mechanic of the fruits of his cunning handiwork.

Let woman weave the fairy fabrics which render beauty more attractive.

Let contributions of the products of the mine, the field, the forest, the loom, and the ocean, indicate an appreciation of that patriotic spirit which has protected these interests from utter desolation.

We want evergreens, flowers and fruit -- contributions of whatever is rare and beautiful in nature and art; relics from the battle-field, and the tattered flags, which in a hundred triumphant conflicts have made our soldier sons immortal.

For our tables we want in abundance, everything that can gratify the taste or tempt the palate.

We ask citizens of foreign birth to join us. Let the German give us something from the Father land, and the Irishman, from the Gem of the Ocean, and the Scandinavian from his northern home, to make our Fair both profitable and attractive.

During the Fair, places of amusement will be open, and the musical talent of the city will lend its aid.

If any county desires a separate department for the display and sale of

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its contributions, a place will be provided. Please notify the Secretary of the fact before the 2d Wednesday of April next.

All articles forwarded must be directed: "Soldiers Home, Milwaukee, (for the Fair), together with a letter by mail to the Secretary, containing a schedule of articles sent, and their value.

A separate department will be provided for the sale of such articles as may be sent to be disposed of with tickets or raffling. Those making donations of this character will please notify the Secretary of their wishes in that respect.

Those desiring to contribute money, who live out of Milwaukee, can forward it directly to the Treasurer, John J. Tallmadge, Esq. Milwaukee.

Let every social, Christian, and charitable association in the State, take the matter in hand, and stimulate the prosecution of labors which shall result in material benefit to this great work.

Bear in mind that we seek to establish an institution organized under the fostering care of the State. It is to last during the generation in which we live. It is to establish a home where helpless men, yet in their youth, may grow gray, and in their second childhood recount to a generation yet unborn, the glories of that triumph which saved a nation, and preserved to us and them a home.

Dated Milwaukee, Jan. 26 '65

E. L. BUTTRICK, Sec'y.

JOHN J. TALLMADGE, Treas'r.

Mid-Winter Meeting Blue Mound Gardens, Wauwatosa February 2, 2008



Department Patriotic Instructor Alan Petit gives his report at the Mid Winter Meeting.



DC Brian Peters assists as True Son William Upham (right) autographs a copy of the book "Civil War Fathers" which he then presented to Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn (center).

The Waukesha Freeman, February 28, 1865:

From the New York Times, February 21.

Sherman's Great Triumph

Sherman marches like an Emperor. All the adverse elements and rebellious powers fly in confusion before him. – After conquering the bogs of the State and outmaneuvering the forces of the enemy, he planted his troops in the capital of South Carolina on Friday; but he seems to have remained there only long enough to complete his work, and perhaps to offer up a *Te Deum* early on a Sunday morning. For Lieutenant General Grant forwards to the War Department official rebel intelligence, published in the Richmond papers of yesterday, that upon Sunday, Sherman's main force

was striking north from Columbia, and was advancing towards Winnsboro, and toward Charlotte, in North Carolina, whither Beauregard had fled. Another force had also been moved down the Charleston road, probably to threaten Hardee, so as to hasten his evacuation of that city; and we have a brief but thrilling official dispatch from Admiral Dahlgren, dated on Saturday last, that Charleston was then abandoned by the rebels, and that our forces were then on their way up to and into that city. Thus Beauregard fled in one direction and Hardee in another; while the Southern papers show that those of the Palmetto chivalry who are not clad in gray, are fleeing westward into Georgia and eastward into North Carolina.

Thus passeth away the

Confederate power from South Carolina.

It is a wonderful ending.

The direction that Sherman's army has taken from Columbia is rather surprising. It had been supposed that it would be necessary for him to march toward Florence, and thence to the seaboard, to form a new base, perhaps at Wilmington. But his march is directed straight across and up, through the central part of South Carolina, and nearly on a bee-line for Richmond. It is a characteristic of our great military commanders, this doing of unexpected things; and if the rebels in the South, or any one here, fancy they know the future course of his movements from what they have seen thus far, they may yet find themselves mistaken.



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