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The Limber Chest

Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5
Cushing's Battery and Historical Association

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Camp Commanders Column

Having only officiated over two meetings, and being the youngest in the camp by nearly 20 years and the least experienced, I hope to bring my wide eyed youthful exuberance (LOL) to the position.

At my suggestion the camp is exploring round table discussions 3-4 times a year in conjunction with the Saukville Historical Society in an attempt to increase membership in the camp, and perhaps it will help spur interest in the war and possibly Cushing's too. If this doesn't work I might suggest dancing girls, or bring your cannon to work day.

Camp Commander
Richard Young

Battery Commander's Corner

From: Lt. Richard Young

Commander Cushing's Battery

To: Cushing's Battery members, family, friends, and supporters,

A new season is already here, it was good to see many of you at D.D.B. Sitting out Saturday night before a crackling campfire with music being played in the background talking with friends and looking off into the night sky, it was as good as it gets.

People got a little nitpicky about marching, i.e. going to fast, orders out of sequence etc. Please don't sweat it, by the end of summer we move like a well-oiled machine, until then its ok we're not perfect because, we're not perfect.

Looking forward, we will need to clean the cannon and touch up the paint before Memorial Day. Also the trailer brakes need to be adjusted, and the awning needs some work. So a work day is coming.

Val Marek made arrangements for us to receive a large hickory log that will be cut for a reasonable price and eventually will become a new longer limber pole, making it easier to be pulled by horses. Thank you Val.

I am looking forward to this season with all the authentic weather and smoke in the eyes, because that's when I get to go and play with all my friends.

Rich

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We finished our first two events of the season at the Elm Grove Historical Society – DDB, and the Memorial Day Ceremonies. They were successful, and safe events. There was some rust to remove, but after winter that is to be expected. I am proud of the professionalism displayed.

One bit of bad news was the cancellation of artillery school in Boscobel. In typical Cushing's fashion this was accepted as a challenge. Immediately our members looked for a way to turn the problem into a challenge to be resolved. Ron Aronis agreed to take on that challenge. Through the work and cooperation of all we made it a successful and educational school.

For our observances at Cushing Park I am making the following permanent appointments. They are permanent until the individual voluntarily resigns, or their replacement is voted in at one of our regular offseason meetings. Dean Collins Chaplain, Rick Gross master of ceremonies, and Val Marek Media Liaison.

Ron Miswald-President



Newly elected Camp Commander Rich Young receiving the gavel from Dept. Commander Kim Heltemes during officer installation ceremony.

Who Are We?

For the benefit of new members, and prospective members, there are three main groups. The groups are Sons (Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War), Our mission is to keep green in our minds the sacrifice made by many so that our nation may be preserved. The Battery (Cushing's Battery), and Cushing's Historical Association an umbrella organization for Cushing's Battery, and civilians. You can be a member of any or all at your discretion. If you are a member of the Sons you do not have to be a battery member, and vice versa. If you are a civilian you do not have to take on any military duties.

Note from the Editor: The next Newsletter will be published in August. All pictures and columns and articles must reach me by July 15th. This will give me time to set it up for publishing our newsletter. Tom Brown– E-mail all items to tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net. Remember this your news letter I put in what I receive. So lets fill it up, I can add pages.



CC Rich Young, Council member #1 Andy Bollen, JVC Ron Aronis, Patriotic Instructor Richard Rohan, DC Kim Heltemes, SVC PDC Tom Brown and Secretary Treasurer Ron Miswald, after Officer Installation.



Ramona Tritz and Don Rogers at the Civil War Expo at the Kenosha Civil War Museum, March 24, 2014



Ron Aronis and Andy Bollen of Cushing's Battery Falling out for Flag ceremony at

Civil War Trivia

What is the Name of the first Wisconsin Civil War Soldier to Die in the Civil War?

E-mail answers to tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net. The answer will be published in our next Quarterly Newsletter along with the names of the people with the correct answer.



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**Regulars By God!
Regulars!**

In 1991 a group of re-enactors came together to form a unit that would represent Battery A of the 4th U.S. Light Artillery. The organization currently owns one 3-inch ordinance rifle and limber, which we use at events. Members of our organization portray both military and civilians from the 19th Century. The military side represents the regular army soldiers of Cushing's Battery as they appear in Spring of 1863. The Civilian side is for those who wish to portray the civilian aspects of people during the Civil War such as laundresses, soldier's wives, nurses and refugees. Our organization is family friendly and we always welcome visitors to our Camp during events.

Schedule for the 2014 Season

Subject to changes and additions

- May 2-4 20th. Annual Civil War Encampment Dousman's Stage Coach Inn
- May 5th. Kohler School Day
- May 13th. Manitowoc School Day
- May 17th. Artillery School Brookfield WI. Dousman Stage Coach Inn ?
- May 26th. Memorial Day Service at Calvary Cemetery-Milwaukee, WI
- May 26th. Memorial Day Service at Cushing Park- Delafield, WI
- May 27th. Alonzo H. Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting at 7:00p.m. Saukville Community Center
- June 7th. Department Encampment SUVCW Madison, WI . At 8:45 a.m.
- June 13-15 Civil War Encampment at Sauk City, WI.
- June 21st. A Salute to Freedom 1864 Encampment and Soldiers Fair, Kenosha Civil War Museum Kenosha, WI.
- June 24th. Alonzo H Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting 7:00p.m.Saukville Community Center.
- July 6th. Cannon Firing At Lakeshore Chinooks Baseball 5:05 PM We arrive 4:10.
- July 11-13 Civil War Days Wauconda, Il.
- July 18-20 Old Falls Village Civil War Encampment. Menomonee Falls, WI
- July 29th. Alonzo H. Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting and Civil War Round Table Saukville Meeting starts at 6:30p.m.