



CAMP ORDERS
 January 2010 ~ 1
OLD ABE CAMP #8
 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**NEXT
 MEETING**
Jan. 18,
 2010

JANUARY
 MEETING
 SITE:

Omro
 Family
 Restaurant

(the old Hardee's
 restaurant,
 corner of Main
 and Quincy,
 328 E Main St.)

Arrive at 6PM
 or earlier
 Meeting
 Begins at
7:00 PM

**Restaurant
 closes at 8PM**

“Social Hour”
 before the
 business portion
 begins.

Commander's Corner
 by
Kim J. Heltemes

Old Abe Camp #8 had a successful year in 2009. We did several late commitment dedications, held a raffle that took us to different events, and had some interesting graveyard work done. There was a gain in membership – always a good thing.

We were able to support different organizations, especially the Oshkosh Public Museum. This couldn't have happened without the work of the membership.

The January meeting will also be something different. It will be at the **Omro Family Restaurant at 6 pm. on Jan 18.** We can order from the menu at 6 and eat first. The place is open till 8 pm so we will have a limited time to finish. Response to have the meeting there was positive. Please try to attend.

During the officer's meeting, it was decided to tone down the raffle for the year 2010 with a firing cannon, a black powder pistol and a book. We have another year of activities ahead of us. Also, dues are due again. Please send your payment of \$35 to Alan Petit and made out to Old Abe Camp #8. Please send all dues to:

Alan Petit
 E7602 Cutoff Rd
 New London, WI 54961





Who will win the Henry, our Grand Prize for the 2009 Raffle?



THE BEAN DINNER



Department Commander Bruce Laine was in attendance



**Old Abe Camp
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Events for 2010

**Feb. 27,28 – Echoes
of the Past,
Oshkosh**

**April 17th –
Lincoln's grave,
Springfield, Illinois**

**May 16 – King
Open House**

**May 31 (observed) –
Memorial Day**

**August 7,8 – Iola
Military Show**

**August 21,22 –
Pinecrest Village,
Manitowoc**

**August 28-29
Stevens Point**

**September 10-12 –
Waupaca
Encampment**

**Sept. 25-26 Wade
House, Greenbush**

From the United States Department of
Veterans Affairs:

Louisville, Kentucky ~

On Dec. 17th, 1861, a battle ensued at Rowlett's Station in western Kentucky in which the 32nd Indiana Inf. Regiment, composed almost entirely of German immigrants, deflected a Confederate attack. On the 147th anniversary of this battle, in Dec. 2008, the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) commenced a comprehensive effort to preserve the "Bloedner Monument," our nation's oldest Civil War memorial – this unique memorial was carved in the weeks following the battle by Private August Bloedner, a member of the 32nd, utilizing a natural outcrop of limestone; it was placed on the graves of his fallen comrades at Munfordville, Kentucky, by the end of January 1862 before the 32nd Indiana marched on. There are 12 names on the monument as well as an inscription that displays the fierce Germanic pride in serving the Union despite some unfamiliarity with the language of the United States:

Here rest the first men of the 32nd German Regiment of Indiana who gave their lives for the free institutions of the Republic of the United States of North America. They fell on 17 December 1861 in the encounter at Rowlett's Station, Kentucky, in which 1 regiment of Texas-Rangers, 2 regiments of infantry and 6 cannons of the Rebels, more than 3,000 strong, were beaten into flight from the battlefield by 500 German soldiers.

This fragile limestone monument was initially transported to the curatorial facility at the University of Louisville – only about 50 percent of the original inscription survived. Professional conservators treated the limestone to retard any further loss of material.

Concurrent with this work, a replica of the original based on a 1955 photograph is being created and will be placed in the Cave Hill National Cemetery sometime next year.

It was announced recently that the Bloedner Monument will soon be permanently moved to Louisville's Frazier International History Museum – the original will be on display in the Frazier lobby, so visitors will not have to pay museum admission to view it. Online, visit: <http://www.cem.va.gov/hist/BloiderMon.asp>

CAMP MINUTES 16 Nov 09

1. Opening Ceremony. – 7:00 p.m. (16 members present)
2. Roll Call of Officers:
 - a. Commander – here
 - b. SVC – here
 - c. JVC – here
 - d. Secretary – here
 - e. Treasurer – here
3. Minutes from last meeting.

Mike Bouchette motioned to approve minutes from last meeting on July 21, 2009.
Jim Schumann seconded the motion to approve minutes from last meeting
Minutes from Sept 21, 2009 approved.
4. Treasurer's Report.

\$4,597.76 in bank
\$4,160.00 in CD.
5. Any sick or distressed brothers?
 - a. Sam Solberg is on painkillers for nerve pain in his head.
 - b. Dave Dresang told us that his pain has been getting worse.
 - c. Kurtis Kirk's mother in law passed away.
6. Introduction of Guests.
 - a. Department Commander **Bruce Laine**
7. New applications for review?
 - a. Michael Calda., Des Plaines, IL.
8. New bills or communications?
 - a. \$30.00 for the coffee at the bingo event payable to the WI Veterans Home.
 - b. \$24.00 refunded for door prizes at the bingo event payable to Kim Heltemes.
9. Prior business.
 - a. Voted on motion from September to donate \$500.00 to the Oshkosh Public Museum to help pay for the Hancock Collection which the museum purchased..
Motion carried.
10. Past Events.
 - a. September 26-27 – Wade House Reenactment
 - b. October 17 – Marinette dedication Woodlawn cemetery
 - c. October 31 – Bingo at Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
 - d. November 1 stone setting over by Auroraville for William Henry Smith.
 - e. November 11 – Veterans Day in Oshkosh
11. Future Events.

None scheduled.
12. New Business.
 - a. Raffle.
 - 1st place winner Daryl Sampson, Plover, WI.
 - 2nd place winner Henry Cook, Manitowoc, WI.
 - 3rd place winner Jessie Schultz, Waupaca, WI.
 - b. Mike Bouchette donated a book, "Congressional Medal Of Honor Winners From The Civil War" as a prize in the 2010 camp raffle.
 - c. Should the camp invest in 20 – 30 flag holders for needed gravesites?
 - d. Jim Waid motioned that the camp donate \$100.00 to the G.A.R. museum in Springfield, IL to help with the repair of their roof.. Tabled till next meeting.
 - e. Camp Elections 2009 - 2010
 1. Camp Commander.

Jim Waid nominated Kim Heltemes to be Camp Commander
Mike Bouchette seconded the nomination for Kim Heltemes to be Camp Commander.
Kim Heltemes elected Camp Commander
 2. Senior Vice Commander.

Paul Johnson nominated Jim Schumann to be Senior Vice Commander
Mike Bouchette nominated Alan Petit to be Senior Vice Commander
Runoff conducted..
Jim Schumann elected Senior Vice Commander.
 3. Junior Vice Commander.

Kim Heltemes nominated Kirby Scott to be Junior Vice Commander

Kurtis Kirk seconded the nomination for Kirby Scott to be Junior Vice Commander
Kirby Scott elected Junior Vice Commander.

4. Treasurer.

Kurtis Kirk nominated as Camp Treasurer.

Kurtis Kirk elected as Camp Treasurer

5. Secretary.

Kurtis Kirk nominated Alan Petit as Camp Secretary.

Alan Petit elected Camp Secretary.

6. Council

Randy Novak nominated for Camp Council.

Brian Peters nominated for Camp Council.

Alan Petit nominated for Camp Council.

Randy Novak elected to Camp Council.

Brian Peters elected to Camp Council.

Alan Petit elected to Camp Council.

7. Delegate.

Jim Waid nominated to be Camp Delegate.

Jim Waid elected Camp Delegate.

f. Paul Johnson and Bill Parker agreed to share the roll of Camp Patriotic Instructor.

g. Installation of officers.

13. Patriotic Instructor presentation, by James Schumann

Women in Camp / Vivandieres

14. Any new or other old business?

a. A PA system for the camp to use at future events.

b. Replacement of wreaths the camp uses in ceremonies.

c. Replacement of the bags that carry the flags.

15. Has anyone done something good for the Order?

None noted.

16. Closing Ceremony. (9:08 p.m.)

Minutes by Kirby Scott, Acting Camp # 8 Secretary



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