



Camp Orders 2010-03

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Grand Army of the Republic

“Old Abe” Camp #8

Wisconsin Department



**NEXT
MEETING
May 17th,
2010**

Omro Historical
Society
building, Omro,
WI.

Doors open at
6:00 PM,

Meeting Begins
at
7:00 PM

Downtown -
At the corner of
Madison and
Main.

“Social Hour”
before the
business portion
begins.

Commander's Corner by Kim J. Heltemes



As Memorial Day gets closer, we need to be thinking of how we are to honor the day. We have traditionally participated in several events that are happening in the area. The main one is the Oshkosh Procession and ceremony. A picnic has also been traditional afterwards. Several members have attended the ceremonies at the Wisconsin Veterans Home. The point is that we should set aside the day for the occasion.

We have also been invited to be part of the Mohican ceremony at 2 PM in Red Springs. I accepted the invitation so there would be representation at the ceremony but the invite was for everyone. The invite was a result of the Shawano dedication from last August. The dedication was meaningful and honorable and it was appreciated by the Mohicans. We can help make the bridge to further the relations between the Camp and the Native Americans, with the same traditions of honoring our forefathers.

Most citizens are unaware of the Native American's help in the Civil War. Our Camp has been fortunate in the past few years to participate with several different tribes while learning about their ancestor's part in the Civil War. We look forward to being there. I hope it is only the beginning of as long relationship.





SUVCW MEMBERSHIP BADGE PRESENTED IN COMBAT ZONE

In April 2010, Old Abe Camp # 8 member, Lieutenant Colonel Vince Barker, USAR, presented the SUVCW membership badge to Lieutenant Colonel Jason Walrath, USAR, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Vince and Jason are serving together with the 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters at Bagram. They have been friends and military acquaintances for some time and after discussing the Civil War and family genealogy, they did some research and learned that Jason has several Union Civil War ancestors, including, coincidentally, a gg-grandfather, James L. Chadwick, who served in Company D, 8th Wisconsin Infantry, the "Old Abe" Regiment, and, he enlisted at Oshkosh, WI, which is near the current home of Old Abe Camp # 8. Jason also has two ggg-uncles who served in the 24th Michigan Infantry (Iron Brigade), and three ggg-uncles who served in NY regiments. He also has 4 Confederate ancestors from Arkansas.

Jason lives in Salado, TX, and is a corporate pilot in civilian life. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is married with two children. His 10 year old son Jake is now a SUVCW Junior Member.

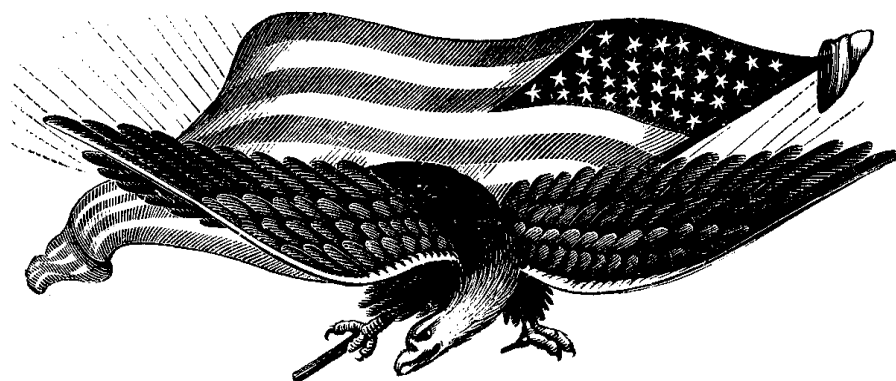
Jason and Vince will both return home in June. We all send them our very best wishes.





Kirby Scott, Junior Vice Commander, Old Abe Camp # 8, SUVCW, presenting the Ulysses S. Grant Award Of Excellence award to Cadet Scott M. Delsart at the Fox Valley Senior Army Battalion Spring Awards Ceremony held at the Kolf Sports Center University Of Wisconsin - Oshkosh on April 22, 2010.

Fine effort, Scott! Many thanks, Kirby!



Old Abe Camp # 8 Schedule of
Events for 2009 ~

May 16th – King Open House

May 31st – Memorial Day observances

June 12th - 127th Annual Department
of Wis. Encampment, King

* * * Hosted by Old Abe Camp 8 * * *

June 26,27 – Heritage Hill, Green Bay

July 24th – Dual Dedication, Berlin
(Federal & Confederate headstones)

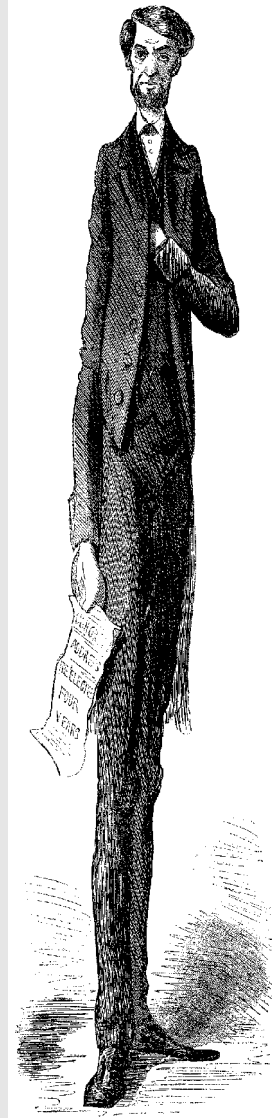
August 21,22 – Pinecrest Village,
Manitowoc

August 28, 29th – Stevens Point
Encampment

September 10-12th – Waupaca
Encampment

September 25,26th - Wade House,
Greenbush

Nov. 1st – Smith dedication, Auroraville



Please note: the Iola Military Show is no longer on the schedule ~ it was decided that we have too many events, and dedications should take first position. We have a Brillion dedication for later this year as well, on date set yet. More news to come.

A couple things for the May newsletter. We should mention that SGM Mike Boldon is returning home from his deployment in Iraq and MAJ Rich Williams is deploying very soon to Iraq. Mike lives near Camp Douglas and Rich now lives in Des Moines, IA. God speed to Rich for a safe return and welcome home Mike! Thanks, Vince

* I will talk with Mike when he returns about possibly doing a dedication at some point for his ancestors who are buried in the hills and hollers of rural Vernon County.

Vincent B. Barker
LTC, LG
CAG XO, CJTF-82 and RC-E
Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

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FLIGHT OF A LIFETIME – Old Glory Honor Flight provides Veterans the chance to tour Washington, D.C.

Clintonville Mayor (and Camp brother) Richard Beggs knows what it feels like to serve his country – only 10 days after he graduated from Clintonville High School in 1954 he was in the service, attending the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

“As a 17-year-old I went off to serve what I thought might be 4 years,” Beggs says.

“Little did I know it would take 32 years to return to my hometown.”

Beggs graduated from Annapolis, saw duty on five ships and six stations ashore – his speciality was Ordinance (guns, ammunition, missiles, torpedoes, etc.)

“I spent 3 years in Cuba – that was really hot – and several years each in San Diego and Long Beach, Calif., Charleston, S.C., Newport, R.I., and a few others. Toward the end of my career I spent 3 years in the Pentagon working on budgets and helping plan surface ship repair and modernization efforts, followed by 3 years in gun and ammunition design.”

On Oct. 27, 2009, Richard Beggs added another honor to an already proud record of service to his country ~ he acted as a “Guardian” on the first ever Northeast Wisconsin Old Glory Honor Flight, consisting of 95 WW II Veterans and 50 Guardians.

The Honor Flight Network is a national non-profit organization created solely to honor America's Veterans for all their sacrifices, transporting our Heroes free of charge to . . .

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. . . Washington, D.C., where they could visit the memorials and reflect on their time in service. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – WWII survivors, along with those veterans who are terminally ill. Korean War, then VietNam veterans, are next in line for consideration and inclusion on an Honor Flight.

Harold Laatsch, 94, of Clintonville served nearly three years during wartime as a dentist. After reading about the Honor Flight in the Legion newsletter and discussing it with Legion Commander Vern Pitt, Laatsch signed up for the program: “I was thrilled to find out I could go,” Laatsch says.

“They had everything a person could need on that plane – wheelchairs, walkers, canes, blankets, ponchos, umbrellas – you name it.” Laatsch said. “And we had the big tour – the hundreds of acres of Arlington Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Changing of the Guard; Iwo Jima, Korean and VietNam memorials, and then of course the new World War II memorial.”

“What shakes a person up is all the people who were at the airport to see us off in the morning, and twice the crowd – they said like a thousand people – when we came home at night. They were there welcoming us home and thanking us for the service we gave to our country.”

Beggs concurred - “There were American Legion riders, choral groups, and hundreds of others waiting in the terminal. There was barely room for the Veterans to be wheeled through.”

On the flight out and back, and during the time in Washington, D.C., Richard Beggs saw to the safety and comfort of two of America's Heroes - “Every minute of the day was an honor for me,” Beggs said with pride.

For more information on the Honor Flights, go to:

www.honorflight.org

There you will find this statement: Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation – and as a culturally diverse, free society. Now, with over 1,000 World War II veterans dying each day, the time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran, who would like to travel to Washington, D.C., or you would like more information on the Honor Flight, please contact Richard Beggs at (715) 823-2772.

Springfield, 2010 ~ by Kirby Scott

This year I traveled to Springfield, IL on Wednesday just so I could get some extra time to see the sites and do things I haven't had time to do in the past.

Thursday morning I went to the Abraham Presidential Library to see a copy of a document "History of the 17th Illinois Cavalry Volunteers". This document is available at the Wisconsin State Historical Society on microfiche but that copy was so poorly copied and some of the pages were out of focus that you were not able to read some of it. This document at the Presidential Library was in excellent condition and I was able to make a copy of it to take with me.

Jefferson Barracks

Having finished my research early at the Presidential Library I decided to travel to Saint Louis, MO to Jefferson Barracks. This place, located on the southeast side of Saint Louis is on the Mississippi River. This was where my great great grandfather and his cavalry unit, the 17th Illinois Cavalry, were outfitted before chasing Price throughout the state of Missouri. The state of Missouri is in the process of building a Civil War Museum on these grounds. This museum's web site is www.mcwm.org.

Alton Prison

After Jefferson Barracks I traveled to the northeast side of Saint Louis to Alton, IL where a confederate prison once was. Today all that is left of that prison is part of a wall. My great great grandfather and his unit, the 17th IL Cavalry were one of regiments to guard the prisoners here. This prison was so bad that Confederate soldier deaths averaged 6 to 10 per day.

Illinois State Library

Friday, I spent time in the Illinois State Library doing research. I found a book there that answered a question about my g-g-grandfather. The information that I had on him told me that he first enlisted in the 12th Illinois Cavalry and then was in the 17th Illinois Cavalry. I could never find any records that listed him in the 12th but did find him in the 17th. This book told me that several men went to try and enlist in the 12th but because the 12th was at the maximum number of men of 1,256 Cavalry officers and men that 400 of them that were turned away went and joined the 17th Illinois Cavalry instead. While I was at the state library the woman behind the circulation desk ask me if I played the French horn. I didn't know what she was talking about until she pointed to the logo on my sweatshirt, which was the infantry logo of the 28th Wisconsin. I guess the bugle kind of looks like a French horn.

Lincoln's Tomb

Saturday was a perfect day to have the tomb ceremony as it was sunny and 65 degrees and not a cloud in the sky. This year I got to lay a wreath at the tomb. I also was able to go inside and have my picture taken next to the headstone inside of the tomb. The tomb was open before the ceremony.





Story and Pictures by Kirby Scott, Junior Vice Commander, Old Abe Camp # 8, SUVCW





Luncheon

After the tomb ceremony I headed back to the State House Inn for a Luncheon with President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln presenters Max and Donna Daniels who were the same ones that did the luncheon in 2009. This luncheon was held at the State House Inn this year in their new banquet facility which last year was the Inn's parking lot. Our luncheon was the first event to be held in this new facility.

Petersburg

After the luncheon and buying a bunch of items from the table set up I headed out to Petersburg, IL to the Memorial Ceremony for Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson who founded the Grand Army of the Republic. This cemetery is located on the east side of Petersburg, IL. This was the first time I had gone to Petersburg and found it quite interesting. After the ceremony as I was going back to my car an older gentleman approached me and asked where I was from. Wisconsin was my reply. He thanked me for coming all the way down for the ceremony and then told me that he was the former mayor of Petersburg, IL.

All in all it was a perfect April weekend in Illinois and I look forward to coming back here again next year.



CAMP MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 15, 2010

1. Opening Ceremony-7:00 P.M. (13 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 January 18, 2010:
Minutes approved.
4. Treasurer's report:
\$5249.22 in checking.
\$4100.58 in CD's.
5. Any sick or distressed brothers?
Al Heise's wife is going in soon for very extensive and uncomfortable testing for a brain disorder
6. No guests or visitors.
7. New applications for review?
Two new applicants; Andrew Kiander of Tomahawk and David Wallace of Hazelhurst.
8. Communications and/or bills?
 - a. Event application for Pinecrest Village. Secretary will send it in saying yes.
 - b. Boscobel-School of the Piece(artillery)-May 15-16,2010. If interested contact the secretary for details.
 - c. Brother Don Jager is in Saudi Arabia training the Saudis. His current address is: Don Jager, Unit 61322 Box 811, APO AE 09803.
 - d. Camp 8 received a thank you from the Oshkosh Public Museum for a donation that we presented to them.
9. Prior Business:
 - a. Dinner meeting at Omro Family Restaurant. It went over quite well. Look for more in the future.
 - b. 2010 Camp 8 Roster is completed. Copies can be obtained from the secretary via email or regular mail or at the next meeting.
 - c. Randy Novak has filed our annual E.I.N. # paperwork with the feds.
10. Past events:
 - a. Mid-winter Dept. Meeting-Feb. 6. Went well. Camp 8 was represented, and we received a lot of useful information.
 - b. Echoes of the Past Trade Fair- Feb.27-28. Our display, with Kiby's new picture display, was well received. We talked to a lot of people and may have a couple of new prospects.

CAMP MEETING MINUTES-MAR. 15, 2010 (continued)

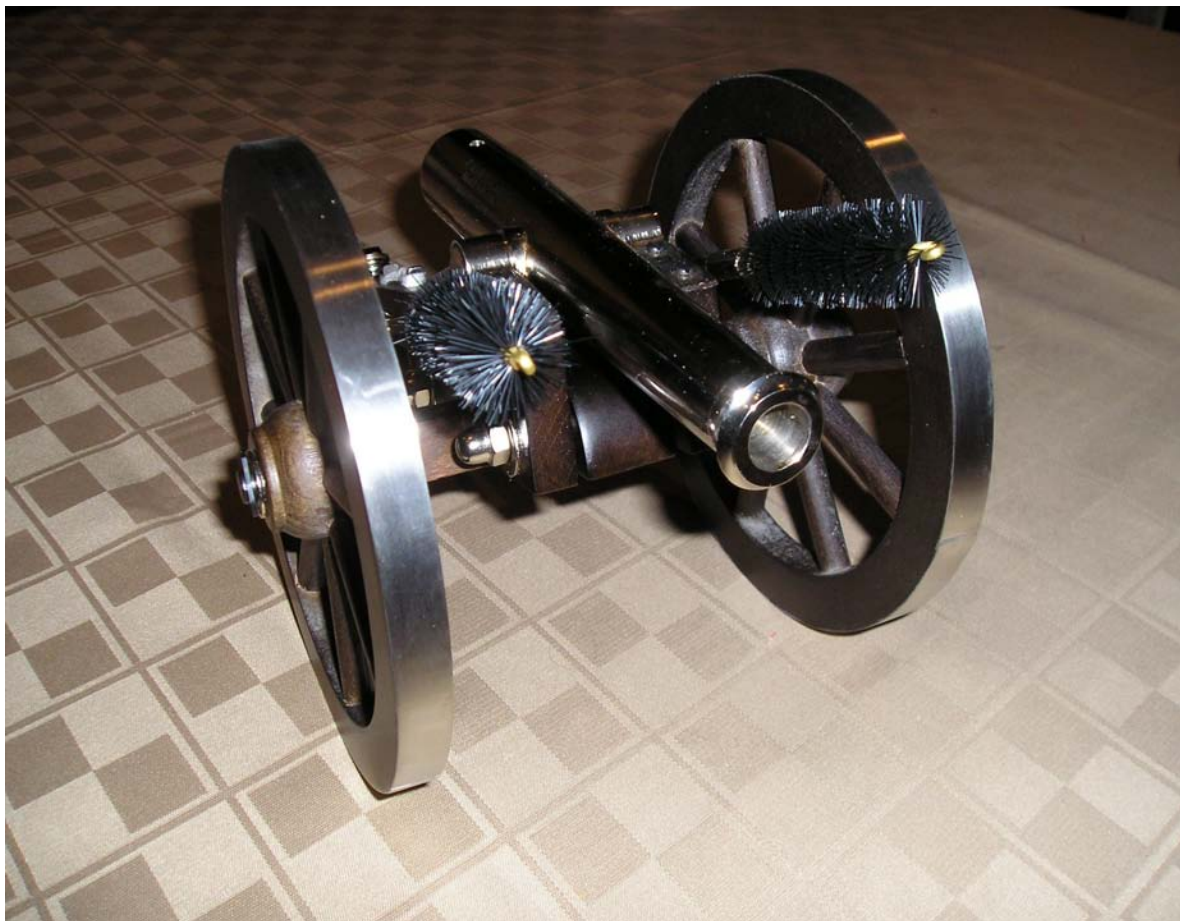
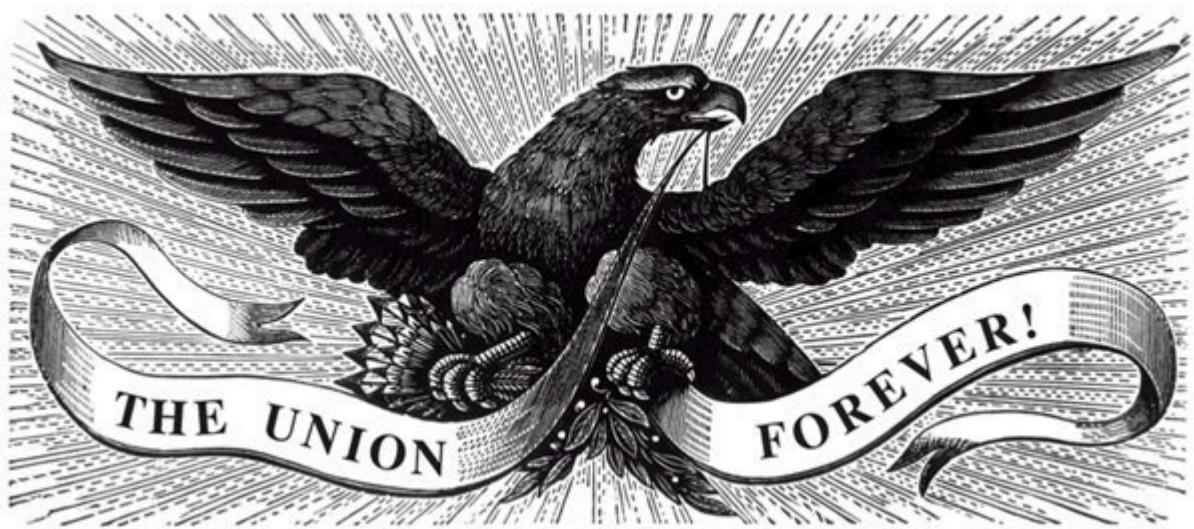
11. Future events and dedications:

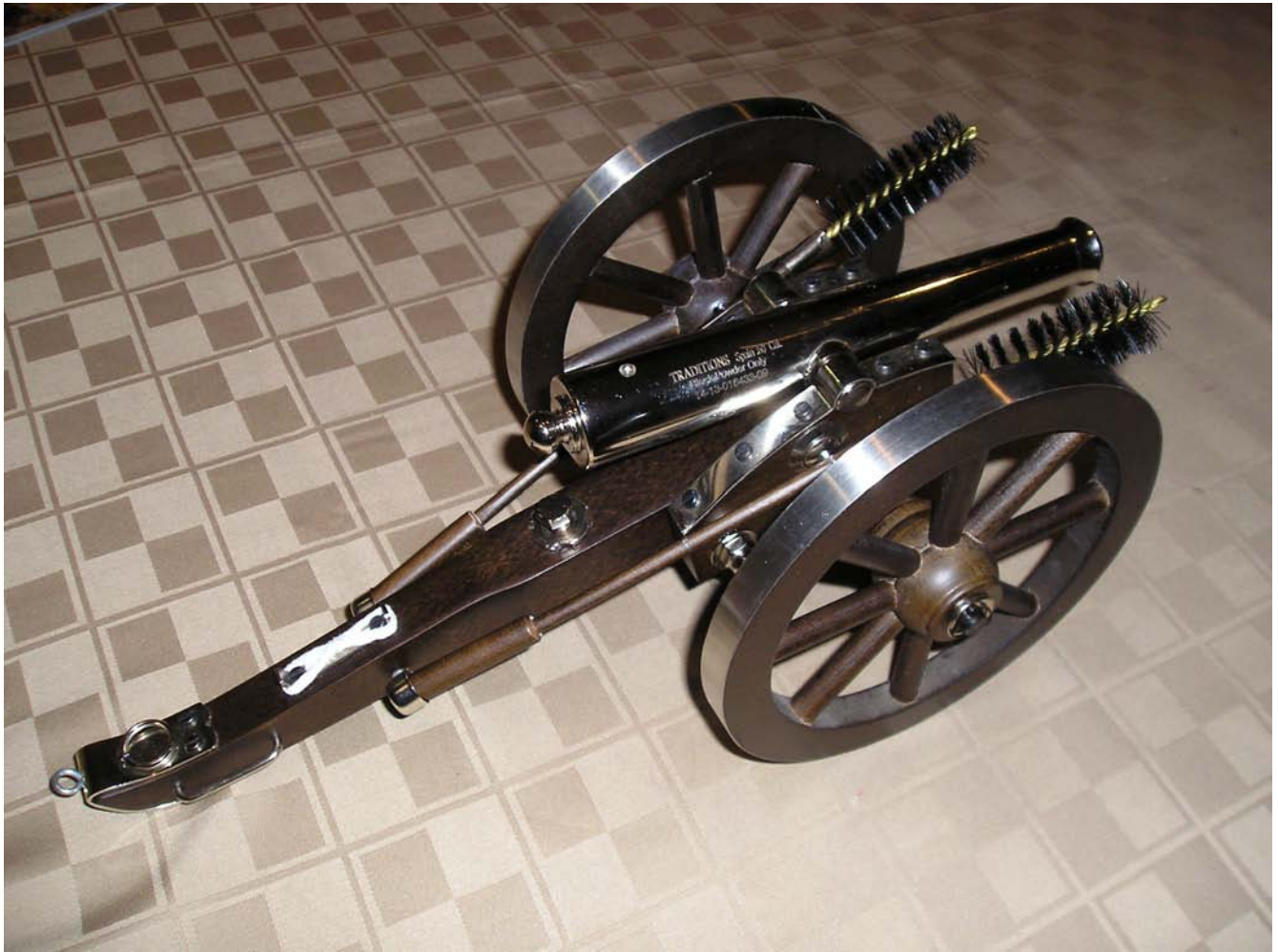
- a. May 16-King open house- Same as last yeear-setup at 9:00 A.M.- all are invited to come and see the sights and talk to thepeople.
 - b. May 31-Memorial Day-Camp 8 supports Oshkosh and King ceremonies-Please try to attend one or the other, or if not possible, support the ceremony in your locality-more later.
 - c. Jun. 12-Dept. Encampment-King-Camp 8 is host this year, so we need all the help we can get-this is mostly for setup. If you have never been to an encampment, this is the time to come-more details in future camp & dept. newsletters.
 - d. Jun.26-27-Heritage Hill CW event-Green Bay-2nd. Wisc, Co. E is hosting-living history and a battle-more later.
 - e. Aug.7-8-Iola Military Show-Iola-Camp 8 will NOT set up our display- this is due to schedule overload.
 - f. Aug. 21-22-Pinecrest Village CW event-Manitowoc. Camp 8 will attend-more later.
 - g. Aug.28-29-Stevens Point CW event-2nd. Wisc, Co. E and 10th. Tenn will host-several other groups will attend-same as last year-more later.
 - h. Sept. 10-12-Waupaca CW Encampment-Waupaca-Camp 8, and some others are invited to set up an encampment at South Park or another negotiated location-large Lincoln displays(and Lincoln impersonator) in the downtown-more later.
 - i. Sept.25-26-Wade House CW event-Greenbush-same as last year-more later.
 - j. Nov.1-Auroraville-Wm. Henry Smith headstone dedication-more details later.
 - k. Jul. 24-Berlin-dual headstone dedication-more details later.
 - l. possibility of more headstone dedications later-no set times-will post if and when details become available.
12. New Business:
- a. Raffle-have permit-decided on prizes-tickets will be printed-rules on mailing tickets and money discussed-we appear to be legal-clarification will be made before we actually do this.
 - b. Camp will send cards? ,To our members in the armed forces.
13. Patriotic presentation by Brother Parker on the myths of Appomattox.
14. Any other old or new business?
- None noted.
15. Has anyone done something for the good of the order?

Article in the Feb. 26, 2010 Appleton Post-Crescent on a presentation on Afghanistan given by Vince Barker to his son's class at his grade school.

16. Closing ceremony. (approx. 8:30 P.M.)

Submitted by PCC Alan O. Petit, Secretary Old Abe Camp #8, SUVCW.





**To any that may have missed the Emails,
here are some pictures of the small but working,
most elegant Cannon ~
one of the two main prizes in this years Camp raffle.
Thanks for your efforts in obtaining this, Kurt!!
It will generate a lot of interest!**



