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Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
“Old Abe” Camp #8
Wisconsin Department



**NEXT
MEETING**
**Nov. 15 ,
2010**

Omro Historical
Society building,
Omro, WI.

Bean Dinner
starts at 6 PM,

Meeting Begins
at 7:00 PM

Downtown -
At the corner of
Madison and Main.



~ November Meeting ~
Annual Bean Supper

Our November meeting will be preceded
by our **ANNUAL POTLUCK BEAN SUPPER,**
starting at 6:00 PM

(Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM)

Sons' members and their guests who would
like to wear their Civil War period clothing
and uniforms are welcome to do so,
but **PLEASE – no metal heel plates,**
we do not want to scratch the wood floor!
Bring enough of your favorite bean dish to
share with your comrades (other
appropriate items also appreciated!)

RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING

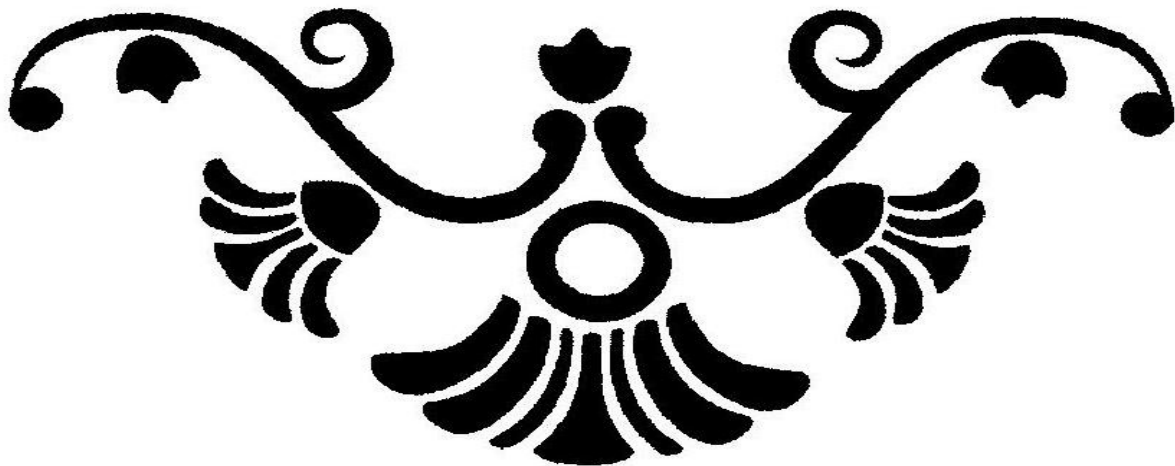
If you still have money and ticket stubs, don't
forget to **bring them to the November meeting**
with you! Ticket sales have been good this year,
thanks to the efforts of all those who helped out
with the Camp 8 display at the various events
this year! We will pick the winners at the
November meeting!

Camp Calendar

- ◆ November 11th – Veterans Day Services, Oshkosh.
- ◆ November 11th – Annual Veterans Day Dinner, Oshkosh.
- ◆ November 15th – Annual Bean Supper, Camp 8 Meeting, Omro, WI.
- ◆ December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day Services, EAA Vette Theater, Oshkosh.

~ NOTICE ~

2011 Dues Are Payable
as of January 1st.
Please send \$40.00
to the Camp Secretary



In Memorium -

We mourn the passing of Brother John Kelly.

John W. Kelly, 76, of Wausau passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, WI after a valiant battle with cancer.

Memorial donations may be made to the Professor John W. Kelly Scholarship Fund and can be made payable to the UWMC Foundation and sent to:

UWMC Foundation UW-Marathon County 518 South 7th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401

All of us in Old Abe Camp #8 wish John's family our sincerest condolences.



Commander's Corner by Kim J. Heltemes



The November meeting will be back at Omro for the traditional “Bean Dinner” and elections. Doors will open at 5:30 and the dinner will start at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. Please try to attend. This is the most important meeting of the year. Also, the Dept. Commander will join us. Let’s have a good showing. This is the time for anyone that wants to have an officer’s role to step up. Let me know if you would like to run for an office.

Raffle tickets need to be turned in with any money. Get them before the drawing.

I have scheduled a Christmas Dinner for the Camp members and their spouse. It will be at Jimmies Whitehouse Inn in Butte Des Morts (outside of Winneconne) at 5776 Main St. We have had dinners there before. The date is on January 9 (Sunday) at 5:30 pm.

We also had a member, John W. Kelly, pass away in September. His notice to us came after the funeral so we were not able to attend. This brings up the question – do you want the SUVCW to attend your funeral or be part of the ceremony? The question has been discussed some time ago but further action, maybe in a form or paper for the family, is needed. Your desire to have the camp present needs to be brought to the family and to us. Please give us your thoughts on this matter.

This will be Kim's last Commander's Corner for a while, as he is stepping down as Camp Commander for a time. From all the Men of Old Abe Camp # 8 ~ Thank You, Kim, for all your hard work and dedication!



November Meeting Includes Election of Camp Officers

Here is a brief description of the **elected** positions (all other officer positions are appointed by the Camp Commander). These descriptions are abbreviated and some detail traditional responsibilities within Camp 8.

Camp Commander – Is responsible for and directs the operation of the Camp, it's officers, and members; he is the executive officer of the Camp and is it's primary representative.

Senior Vice Commander –He represents the Commander in his absence, and is often responsible for public relations for the Camp and often the Camp newsletter.

Junior Vice Commander – He is responsible for Camp membership recruitment and membership retention. He also provides information and assistance to applicants, and assists them through their initiation process and their introduction to Camp activities. This is an important position!

Camp Secretary – He keeps meeting records and membership records for the Camp, submits reports to the Department Secretary, and accomplishes correspondence on behalf of the Commander. He also provides the meeting minutes for publication in the newsletter.

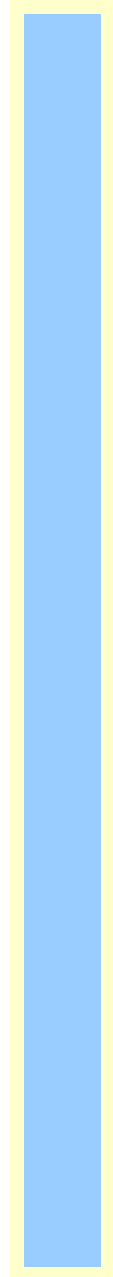
Camp Treasurer – He keeps the financial records of the Camp, maintains the Camp banking account, and pays expenses as approved by the Commander.

Camp Delegate – Traditionally; the Delegate represents the Camp at Departmental and National Encampments (not enforced).

Camp Council – consists of **three positions**, whose jobs are to recommend and advise the camp in various capacities, traditionally financial. Conducts and reports on the annual audit of the Camp financial records.

Nominations - Please talk to one of the current officers if you are interested in either an elected or appointed position in your Camp.

written by Randy Novak



At our Sept. meeting,
at the Marden Center,
King, Wisconsin,
a new Brother was
welcomed to our ranks:
Sgt. Richard Roberts
(a fulltime soldier in the
Army Reserve) who hails
from Weston, Wisconsin.
His ancestor was
Pvt. Elijah Smallwood
of Co. I, 15th Iowa.
Welcome, and Huzzahs!





October 30th, 2010 – the Veterans' Home in King, Wisconsin - Old Abe Camp 8 served up Coffee, Cookies & Bingo to about 65 happy men! Kim gave a short talk before Kathy called out the numbers ~ a good time was had by all!





REMEMBER OUR VETERANS!

Oshkosh Area Hosts
Three Patriotic Observances

There are three upcoming patriotic events for the area. Veteran's Day services are organized by the Oshkosh Patriotic Council .

Veterans Day Observances, November 11th

Representatives of all the veterans and patriotic organizations in the area will meet behind the Winnebago County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30AM. At 10:45 all participants march around to the front of the Courthouse where a service is conducted, including a featured speaker and rifle squad. Units (including Camp 8) are expected to bring their Unit and National colors, and two color bearers.

It is a fairly short ceremony, the featured speaker will talk for about 10 minutes. The Oshkosh area United Honor Guard will be functioning as the rifle squad. Please contact Sr. Vice Jim Schumann, or Randy Novak if you plan to attend.

Veteran's Day Dinner

November 11th

On the evening of the 11th, the American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70 of Oshkosh will again host a dinner for area vets organizations and patriotic groups.

Dinner will be at "The Waters", the old American Legion Post building located near the south side of Menominee Park on the shore of Lake Winnebago. Tickets must be reserved (purchased) in advance.

Social hour begins at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and must be purchased in advance, by Nov. 8th. Tickets can be purchased and held for pick up on the 11th.

Tickets are available by mail from Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1393 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901. You can also order by telephone from Roy Helms at 920/231-5310, Rosemarie Pitz at 920/235-3713, or any past Post 70 Commander.

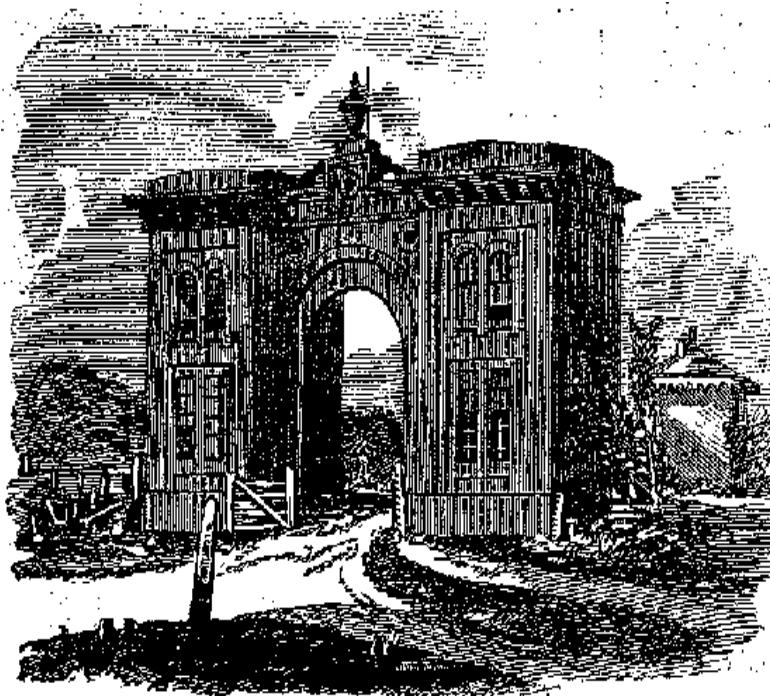
You are encouraged to bring a guest. Please contact Randy Novak for more information or to advise in advance if you are planning to attend.

Pearl Harbor Day Observances

December 7th

As in the past this service will probably be conducted during the morning hours of December 7th.

**This information was contributed by Randy Novak, who is
always working for the Good of the Order! Thanks, Randy!**



**Many of the Members of Old Abe Camp 8
are now or have been in the Military -
I hope Vince Barker will not mind if I share
a communication he sent recently with all -**

Gents,

Wanted to mention that Br. Jason Walrath was also selected for promotion to Colonel. Our camp is becoming military rank heavy...we now have two soon to be COL's, one retired COL (Dan McGraw), a soon to be LTC (Rich Williams), a retired MAJ (Don Jager), and a Sergeant Major (Mike Boldon). Good thing we now have a junior NCO, SGT Richard Roberts, to keep us straight! Speaking of Don Jager, he emailed me saying he will be in the states in NOV and will try to come up for a visit. It would be great to see him again.

Vince

**Lt. Col. Vince Barker has been selected for early promotion to full Col., a distinct honor. Congrats, Vince!
Here is a bio, somewhat dated, of then-Major Vince Barker - the second half brings Vince's history up to day -**

Major Vince Barker

Commander, 757th Transportation Battalion, U.S. Army Reserves

(Introduction)

He grew up in Crandon, part of a family with a long history of military service to our country: a father who served in Korea, uncles who served in Vietnam, Korea and WWII, and ancestors in the Civil War (both sides).

Given Vince's heritage, it seems only natural that in 1981 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving that enlistment he returned to school, and graduated from UW – Stevens Point in 1988 with a 2nd Lieutenant's commission he had received a year earlier through the Army ROTC program. From 1987 through 2000 he served with the Wisconsin Army National Guard, in various capacities including battery commander, and battalion fire support officer. He transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves in 2000, and deployed to Kuwait in 2003, serving as liaison officer with Reserve Affairs at headquarters of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command, 3rd U.S. Army, while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. From 2004 to 2006 he was mobilized at Ft. McCoy, served as Chief, of the Mobilizing Unit In-Processing Center (MUIC) and later Joint Training Coordination Cell Operations Officer. This past August he completed his Master's Program at Silver Lake College, and in September assumed command of the Milwaukee based 757th Transportation Battalion.

Vince, his wife Stephanie and son Seth reside in Appleton.

- Native of Crandon, WI
- **1981 to 1984** - enlisted and served 3 years in the U.S. Marine Corps
- **1987** - Commissioned a 2LT through the UW-Stevens Point Army ROTC program
 - **Dec 1988** - graduated **from UWSP**

- **1987 through 2000** - served in a variety of positions in the Wisconsin Army National Guard to include battery fire support officer, fire direction officer, battalion S-2, battery commander, and battalion fire support officer.
- **2000** - transferred to U.S. Army Reserve - served as battalion Logistics Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer.
- **Sep 2003** - deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Liaison officer with Reserve Affairs at HQ, Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), 3rd U.S. Army.
- **May 2004 to Aug 2006** - mobilized at Ft. McCoy, WI, served as senior operations officer and later Chief, Mobilizing Unit In-Processing Center (MUIC), and later Joint Training Coordination Cell Operations Officer.
- **Aug 2006** - completed Master's Degree program - Silver Lake College
- **Sep 2006** - Selected for and assumed command of the 757th Transportation Battalion based out of Milwaukee, WI

Also, yes my Dad served in the Army from 1954-57. He went to Korea in 1954. Two uncles and a grand-uncle served in combat in the Army and Army Air Corps in WWII, and one the same uncles also fought in Korea, another uncle was career Air Force, and I have an uncle that served in the Army in Vietnam.



OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, SEPT. 20,2010

1. Opening ceremony-7:15 P.M. (13 members present & 1 guest

2. Roll Call of officers:

- a. Commander-here.
- b. SVC-substitute.
- c. JVC-here.
- d. Secretary-here.
- e. Treasurer-here.

3. Minutes of July 19, 2010 meeting. Approved as printed in the newsletter.

4. Treasurer's report:

\$3413.61 in checking & \$4158. in current CDs plus \$1000.00 in new 6mth. CD.

5. Any sick or distressed brothers?

Jim Waid is having heart troubles. Tom Jones was hospitalized for 6 weeks for appendicitis and blood clot. Paul Johnson is having cataract surgery. John Kelly is still in poor condition.

6. Visitors:

Richard Roberts, a CW reenactor, doing gravestone work, and a prospective member.

7. New applicants to accept and review .

Richard Roberts was initiated, per standard ceremony.

8. Any bills and/or communications to address?

8 names were preregistered for Wade House by the commander.

9. Old business:

a. Raffle. Can't mail tickets to members. Must receive them in person.

b. 3rd and last installment of \$500.00 to the Oshkosh Museum for the Hancock Collection. Approved unanimously. (Their flag from the 3rd. Wisc Inf may be the next item for a fundraiser.)

10. Past Events:

a. Pinecrest-\$230.00 for raffle.

b. Stevens Point-\$138.00 for raffle-bills are all paid.

c. Waupaca-\$50.00 for raffle-very flat response.

11. Future events:

a. Sept 25-26-Wade House-signup sheet circulated-questions on being registered as military or civilian.

b. Oct. 30-King Veteran's Home-bingo-Approx. 1:00 P.M.-4:00P.M.-coffee ordered-will have

bagged treats like last time.

c. Nov. 1-Auroraville-cancelled for now.

d. Nov. 1-Kim's place-1:00P.M.-work date for concreting GAR flag holders and placing them in Oakwood Cemetery in Weyawega. Emails to follow. See new business.

12. New business:

a. Per capita tax increase. Council unanimously recommends a \$5.00 increase in dues or we will be operating at a loss. To be voted on at November election meeting.

b. More Memorial Day requests-2011-for Marshfield, WI. More discussion needed?

c. Place a stone at Little Wolf Cemetery, near Weyawega.Do on Nov.1 work date. See above.

d. Dedication of William Bridge in Merrill on June 11, 2011-same date as 2011 Department Encampment. Needs resolution.

e. Plummer Cemetery-on Hwy 110-Near Oshkosh-a dedication next year.

f. IRS forms for EIN #. Forms and additional information has been supplied to the govt.

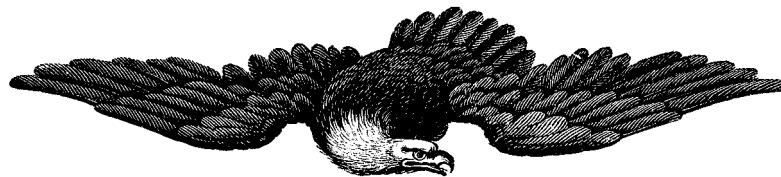
13. Patriotic presentation. None. The video projection device did not work.

14. Any other old or new business? Next meeting is at Omro. Door opens at 5:30P.M. Annual bean dinner is at 6:00P.M. Annual elections and meeting will follow at 7:00P.M. DC Tom Brown will attend to swear in the new officers. CC Heltemes is stepping down at the end of the current term. Do we have any volunteers interested in the good of the order?

15. Has anyone anything for the good of the order? Terry Stults and Kim Heltemes both had their pictures in "The Waupaca County Post West".

16. Closing ceremony. Done at approximately 9:00P.M.

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



Respectfully submitted by James C. Schumann,
S.V.C., Old Abe Camp 8

