

July 12, 2011

**Next Old Abe
Camp 8
Meeting
July 18th**

**Meal Starts at
6:00 PM
Meeting starts at
7:00 PM**

at

Historic Walter Beltz Church north of Auroraville on Highway 49.

Wear Your
Membership Badge

“Social Hour” before the business portion begins.

Snacks & treats
are ALWAYS appreciated!

Our July meeting will be at the Walter Beltz Church located North of Auroraville on Hwy 49. This is the old small wood Church that sits next to the present Immanuel Lutheran Church. The old Church still stands, courtesy of the local Historical Society. This is not our first meeting at this location – many of you will recall our meeting at this location last year.

The standard meeting times apply – please plan on meeting at about 6:00 PM for the meal. Parking is available in the new Church parking lot next door. After the meal we may adjourn into the Church building for the business meeting. There is no electricity in the old Church – so if need be the meeting can be held by candlelight.

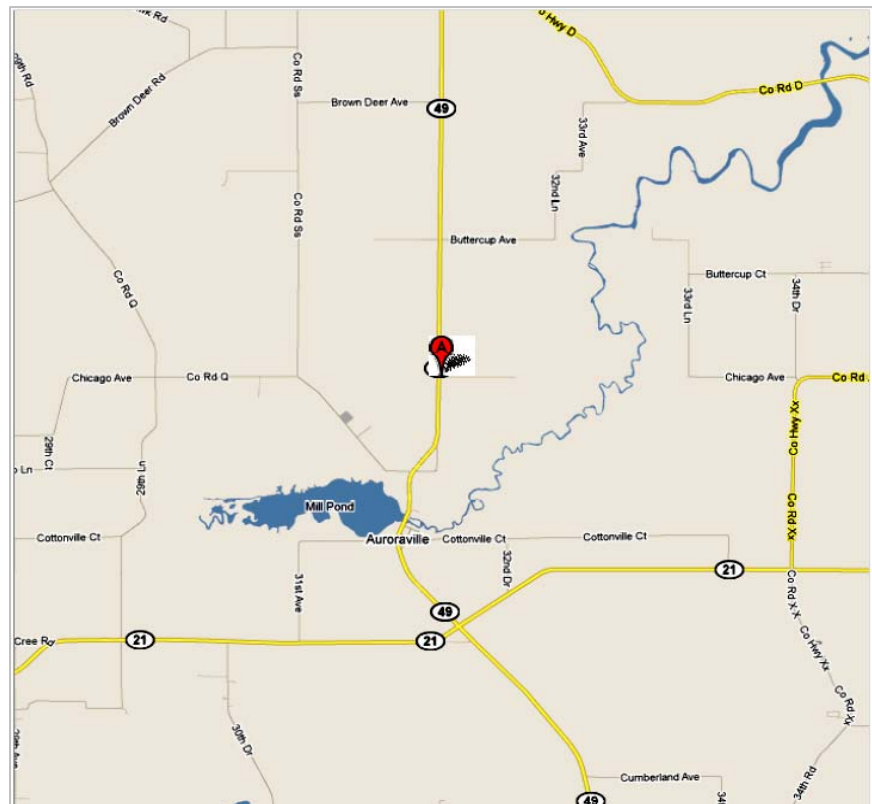
The Camp will provide brats and chicken breasts, baked beans, and lemonade. Please bring a dish to pass – salads and desserts would be appreciated. Rumors have it that Alan is bringing

potato(e) salad, Kirby is looking for a source of chocolate brownies to bring, and Bill Parker cookies.

The organizer for the event is our Camp Treasurer **Kurt Kirk**, with help from Anne. **Kurt is looking for a volunteer to bring condiments (ketchup, mustard, & onions).** Kurt is bringing relish and home canned pickles.

Please contact Kurt by Friday, the 15th, if you plan to attend, how many will be attending with you, AND what you plan on bringing. This will help with his food planning. Respond via e-mail, replying to ALL so everyone can see what you plan to bring. If not able – Kurt's contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

Bring your own folding chairs and kitchenware. Mosquito repellent would also be a good idea.



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Commander's Remarks



By Camp Commander
Vince Barker

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. The Civil War Sesquicentennial is well underway and Camp 8 has been accordingly busy. On May 14th we conducted dedication ceremonies at Plummer Cemetery and Winneconne Cemetery for several Boys in Blue. There were roughly 30 family members at the Plummer dedication and several at Winneconne as well. On Memorial Day camp members marched in the processions at King and Oshkosh and Br. Paul Johnson was involved in ceremonies in Marshfield, which included a procession and dedication. On July 4th several of us marched in the Omro 4th of July parade, which is always a fun event. The number of spectators at the parade is nothing short of amazing.

We have several more events planned for the summer season. Our 2nd Annual July Cookout & Meeting is the 18th, at the old church on Highway 49 just north of Auroraville. Food will be served starting at 6pm. The church is now owned by the local historical society and the day prior, Sunday, July 17th, they are holding an Open House in the building from 2pm to 4pm. They have asked us to participate. If you have any Civil War or local history items to display please bring them!

On August 13th at the Little Wolfe Cemetery in Manawa we are dedicating the new marker for Pvt. Zebulon Williams, 141st NY INF. Start time is TBD but will probably be 11am. On September 17th we are dedicating a marker for Pvt. Louis Beaupre, 36th WI INF at St. Thomas Cemetery in Poygan. Descendants will attend both ceremonies. Please mark your calendar for these events.

Old Abe Camp To Feature Civil War Items

By Nelma Stertz

The follow story was recently published in the Oshkosh Northwestern, submitted to the Community Newsroom column by Stertz, and re-printed here for the Camp Orders. rkn

On Sunday, July 17 from 2 – 4 PM, Old Abe Camp #8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will have a historical display at the Walter A. Beltz Historical Landmark in Auroraville.

The display will include numerous photos of Civil War veterans from the Auroraville area, information on the area's contribution to the Civil War, and photos of various Civil War encampments. Also on display will be weaponry, uniforms, and other memorabilia, as well as photos and information on Camp 8 activities and how to learn more about this organization.

The Walter A. Beltz Historical Landmark is a community museum located on the grounds of Immanuel Lutheran Church, one mile north of Auroraville on highway 49.

Old Abe Camp #8 is part of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and is a federally chartered nonprofit dedicated to honoring the Civil War veterans and supporting the veterans of all wars. Camp 8 replaces Civil War veterans' headstones, does grave registration, registers and restores Civil War monuments, is involved in Eagle Scout recognition and many other programs.

Brothers, several of our more active members are no longer able to participate in our dedications or parades due to physical infirmities or relocation. I am asking other members who may not have been as active in the past to step up and help us with our activities. We have over 50 members on our active roster yet only a few show up for our events, and those that do are usually our "regulars". If you live in the general area of our scheduled events, please consider participating. No uniform is required, just wear your badge. See you on the 18th!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Vince

2011 Camp Calendar

July 17th

Open House, Camp 8 display, Walter Beltz Historical Landmark (Church) in Auroraville.

July 18th

Camp 8 Regular Meeting.
Historic Walter Beltz Church north of Auroraville on Highway 49
6:00 PM meal, 7:00 meeting

August 18th

Grave dedication - Little Wolfe Cemetery in Manawa, Pvt. Zebulon Williams, 141st NY INF. Start time is TBD but probably @ 11am.

September 17th

Grave dedication - Pvt. Louis Beaupre, 36th WIS INF, at St. Thomas Cemetery in Poygan.

September 19th

Camp 8 regular meeting.

November 21st

Camp 8 regular meeting.

CampOrders Newsletter & Web Page

NOTICE: The full *Camp Orders* are available "on line" (in color!) and can be accessed in PDF format from our Camp 8 web page, on the Wisconsin Department Website at suvvw-wi.org. Hard copies will also be mailed to any member upon request to the Camp Commander or the Newsletter Editor.

To submit an article or information for the Camp Orders Newsletter or website, contact the News Letter Editor. Deadline for a submission is 3 weeks prior to a meeting.

Camp 8 and the 4th of July in Omro!



Camp 8 again participated in the 4th of July parade in Omro where we bring up the rear of the veteran's section – being the last color guard in that group. It's not a long parade route, but the sidewalks are crowded. The people of Omro are very appreciative, many of them going out of their way, both during and after the parade, to thank us for participating. This year we had Alan

Petit, Don Blaney, Vince Barker, Randy Novak, Kirby Scott, and Jim Schumann. It would be nice to see a few more members participating – especially a few without uniforms to reinforce that we are not a re-enacting group.

The weather was hot! Afterwards we cooled down with a bit of pie and ice cream available from the Historical Society's ice cream and pie stand. We also had the opportunity to visit with a few of the Society members. All in all, a nice way to spend a few hours, and an opportunity to show the people of Omro we are in the area.

While waiting in the parade line-up we were passing the time visiting with some of the VFW members from Neenah. One of them recognized our group from their Isle of Valor ceremony that we participated in a few years ago. He asked why we did not march with them in the Appleton Flag Day parade –



After the parade, we caught with Gordon Moran and his son Greg, who were firing Gordon's gun from the park.

and so took our information to provide to the parade organizers. The important thing to me was that he remembered us from years ago – and apparently we left a reasonable impression with them.

A Rare Photograph

By PCC Kim Heltemes



A few months ago, I came across a photograph of 7 men delivering the Soldier's Monument to Weyauwega, WI on July 4, 1901. While the monument is of a fair size, it seems that no one can remember where it was placed or what happened to it. One of the descendants has asked me to trace down the history of the monument and find out some details. So far, all leads have failed. It almost seems that it was placed in the cemetery or park from the appearance of the background. There are several similar monuments in the Oakwood

Cemetery but they are for individuals. Too bad it didn't take in more of the monument as it was photographed. Should anyone know more about this monument, please contact me at heltemesk@vbe.com.

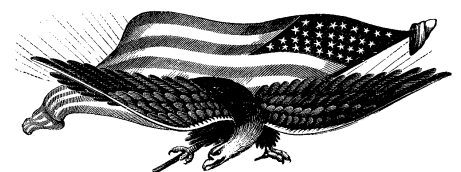
Monuments like this also need to be registered with the Sons, so as you travel around the countryside, please take a camera with you. Snap a few photos and send them to me or Brian McManus, the Dept Memorials officer. Please take note of the condition of the memorial and location.

GAR Members In Wisconsin

By Vince Barker



WI GAR members from 1935. Left to right are:
Lansing Wilcox - Co F, 4th Wis Cavalry (last surviving GAR member in WI),
Ansel Gailsburg - Co. C, 7th Minn Inf.,
Elmer Sorkness (in wheel chair) - Co. A, 12th Wis. Inf.,
Balthasar Regli - Co. G, 25th Wis Inf.



2011 Memorial Day Activities For Camp 8

Photos provided by Kirby Scott, Mary Schumann, Rick Hanson, and Paul Johnson.



Brian Peters, Jim Waid, Kirby Scott and Dan Wilson at King, WI



Paul Johnson organized a Civil War focus for a memorial service in Marshfield.



Early morning in Oshkosh - Alan Petit, Jim Schumann, Kirby Scott, & Randy Novak participated in the water front memorial service for sailors.



Our friends in Co. E of the 2nd Wis fall in with Camp 8 for the Oshkosh procession to Riverside Cemetery. Our annual picnic in the GAR section followed the main memorial service.



May 21st Grave Dedication at Plummer Cemetery Near Winnconne

The Oshkosh Northwestern carried a nice story about Camp 8, and took many photos of the morning grave dedication for Ambrose Clark, buried at Plummer Cemetery near Butte des Morte. Later that day, Camp 8 also provided a service for another veteran in Winnconne. Photos by Adam Jungwirth of the Oshkosh Northwestern.



May 15th King Veterans Home Open House

Photos by Kirby Scott



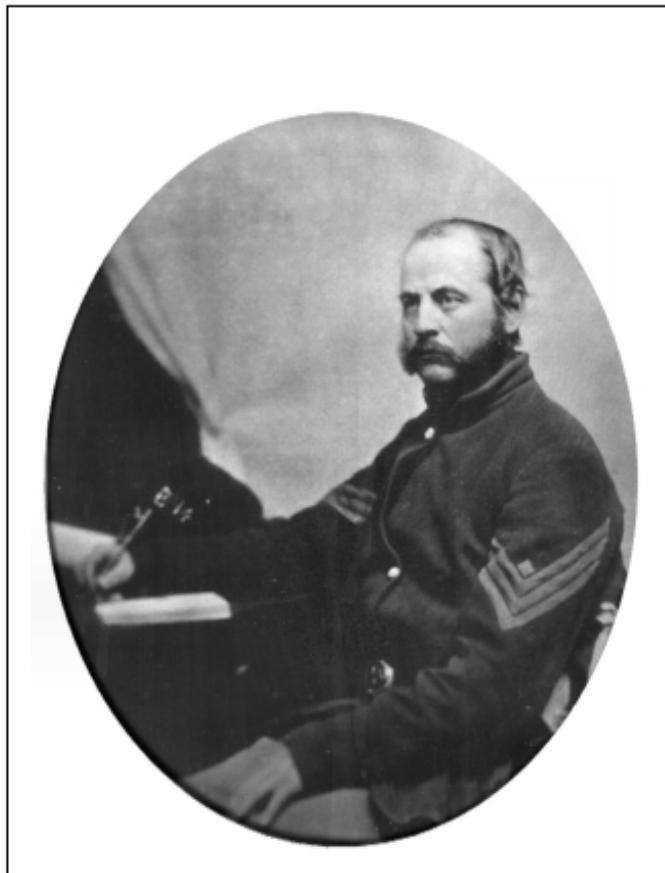
LT. SAMUEL A. TINKHAM

"Upon our last battlefield I lost three of my bravest and best: Captain L. W. Vaughn of Kewanee County; Captain Samuel Harrison of De Pere, Wisconsin, and Lieutenant Samuel A. Tinkham of Waupaca. They were all my friends. After I assumed command of my Regiment, I had Lieutenant Tinkham promoted for bravery at Shiloh and had Captain Harrison promoted from a Lieutenancy to Captain, for I had faith in him. I saw him at Shiloh, where the Captain and 1st Lieutenant had deserted the company. He, the Second Lieutenant, stood bravely and nobly by the boys. All three were in the prime of manhood and were looking forward to many days of happiness to be spent in the bosom of their families."

John Hancock

Corinth, Mississippi October 20, 1862

"John enlisted at Oshkosh in Company E, 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry on April 21, 1861. This was the first company raised in Oshkosh to serve during the Civil War. He was commissioned as 1st Lieutenant in that company on April 23. John began a faithful correspondence shortly after his enlistment with his sweetheart back in Oshkosh, Jennie Reardon. John served with Company E during the Battle of Bull Run, Virginia on July 20, 1861."



"John Hancock was commissioned as Major in the new 14th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry on October 3, 1861. This regiment was formed at Camp Wood in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin."

From the Oshkosh Public Museum
RG102.121

Note: This is from one of the letters that Old Abe Camp #8 has helped acquire for the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Tinkham settled in Waupaca, WI, enlisting into the 14th Wisconsin, Co.B, on Sept. 16, 1861. He was promoted to 1st. Lt. on June 23, 1862. The photograph of Tinkham is rare. He wasn't the SGT too long before getting promoted. It was taken while he was the Master of the Waupaca Masonic Lodge #123. He is shown as the First Sergeant. Samuel was killed in the opening moments of the Battle of Corinth. His wife, Mary E. was buried at the Cedar Lake Cemetery, Lind, WI. The cemetery is also known as the Mumbrue Cemetery.

You will notice that his hat is positioned so you can see the "B" and "14", indicating the company and regiment.

By Kim J. Heltemes, PCC
Dept. SVC

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, MAY 16,2011

1. Opening ceremony-7:03 P.M.-Omro Historical Society. (14 members present)
2. Roll call of officers:
 - a. Commander-here,
 - b. SVC-here,
 - c. JVC-absent-place holder appointed,
 - d. Secretary-here,
 - e. Treasurer-here.
3. Minutes of Mar. 21,2011-approved as printed in the newsletter.
4. Treasurer's report: As of 5-16-11, \$3378.81 in checking & CD's of \$4182.79 and \$1005.05.
5. Any sick or distressed brothers:

Dave Dresang is not feeling well (see his letter in the 2011-3 camp orders). Alan Petit had Type A flu in March and several pulmonary emboli in April. Mike Bouchette will be having heart valve surgery in June.
6. Introduction of visitors and guests. Mike Wertel was here. He paid up and is reinstated.
7. New applications for review or acceptance. None.
8. Any bills and/or communications to address:

Letter from the "Field Of Honor" military veteran's museum of Oshkosh soliciting funds. Dan Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Kurt Kirk to donate \$100.00. Motion will be tabled for further discussion and a vote at the next meeting.
9. Prior business: Donations to Oshkosh Public Museum for 3rd. Wisconsin flag restoration. They have already collected \$22,000.00 towards their goal. How much does Camp 8 wish to donate . More discussion at the July camp meeting.
10. Past Events:
 - a. Presentations at three different area genealogical societies by Vince and Kim. Well done.
 - b. Apr. 16-Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies. Went well, rained as usual. We received a flag streamer and an extra mourning badge.
 - c. Kirby Scott set up his portable photo display at the Oshkosh Public Library, where it was well received. It helps to get the word out about the SUVCW. Well done.
 - d. May 14-three grave markers were installed in the Plummer Cemetery and one in the Winneconne Cemetery. All went well.
 - e. May 15-King Open House. The weather was good and we had the usual turnout.
11. Future Events:
 - a. May 21-grave dedications at Plummer and Winneconne Cemeteries. 10:30 A.M. at Plummer. Lunch at Jimmy's. 1:00 P.M. at Winneconne. Watch your emails.
 - b. May 30-Memorial Day Oshkosh and King. See email fliers for details. Picnic at Oshkosh.
 - c. May 30-Memorial Day activities at Marshfield. See Paul Johnson.
 - d. Jun. 11-Waukesha- Wisconsin department Encampment. See all the details in the Wisconsin department newsletter online.
 - e. Aug. 13-Manawa. Zebulon Williams dedication. More to follow.
 - f. Jun.25-26-Heritage Hill CW event. Will try to get more information.
 - g. Possible dedication for Dave Dresang's ancestor in Marinette. More to follow.
 - h. Aug. 27-28-Stevens Point CW living history event.
12. New business:
 - a. Dresang ancestor story and possible dedication.
 - b. 3rd. Wisconsin flag restoration and donation.
 - c. Raffle 3rd. prize(print) is taken care of.
13. Patriotic Instruction.

Presentation on the movies, in particular about Ft. Sumpter.
14. Any other old or new business?

Motion by J.Schumann, and second by K. Heltemes to donate \$75.00 to the department patriotic fund. Tabled to the next meeting for a vote.
15. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order?

Kirby's display at the Oshkosh Public Library.
16. Closing ceremonies. Approx. 8:45 P.M.

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



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OSHKOSH and the OLD ABE Camp

In 1885 the Old Abe Camp, located in Oshkosh, was the largest SUV camp in Wisconsin. Old Abe was the famous mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, popularly known as the Eagle Brigade, a unit heavily involved in the campaigns of the western armies. Old Abe the battle eagle became a real war hero - used for recruiting during the war's later years, attending veterans reunions for years after, and finally becoming a National icon for Wisconsin.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US

Contact the officers shown below. Visit the Department of Wisconsin website, and Camp 8 WebPages, at suvchw-wi.org. Also, visit the national SUVCW website at suvchw.org.

Membership is open to male descendants of a Union Civil War soldier. Application is made through National, Department, or local channels to become a member of a Camp. Some documentation about your ancestor is required - assistance is available through the Camp.

Membership is also available for males who cannot prove lineage to a Civil War soldier.

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