



*Camp Orders 2011-06*  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
*Grand Army of the Republic*  
"Old Abe" Camp #8  
Wisconsin Department



Nov. 9, 2011

**Next Old Abe  
Camp 8  
Meeting**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors Open at  
6:00 PM  
Meeting starts at  
7:00 PM**

at

**Omro Historical  
Society building,  
Omro, WI.**

Downtown -  
At the corner of  
Madison and Main.

**Wear Your  
Membership Badge**

"Social Hour" before the  
business portion begins.

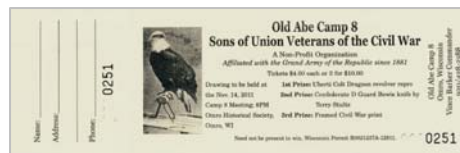
Snacks & treats  
are ALWAYS appreciated!

**- November Meeting -  
Annual Bean Supper**

As with last year the November meeting will be held one week earlier than our typical meeting. **November 14<sup>th</sup>** is the day. This was done to better accommodate the deer hunting season.

As in past years, the business meeting will be preceded by our **annual potluck bean supper**, starting at **6:00 PM**. Sons members and their guests who would like to wear their Civil War period clothes and uniforms are welcome to do so, but **PLEASE, no metal heel plates**, we don't want to scratch the wood floor!

Bring enough of your favorite bean dish (other appropriate items also appreciated!). You should bring your own dishes and utensils (tinware will be permitted!).



**Raffle Ticket Drawing**

If you still have money and ticket stubs, please **bring them to the November meeting** with you!

**If will not be able to attend the meeting, please get them to Kurt Kirk or another member who will be attending. Thanks.**

**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** - So far; this editor is not aware of any nominations. Please talk to one of the current officers if you are interested in either an elected or appointed position in your Camp.

**- NOTICE -**

**2012 Dues Are Payable  
as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please send **\$40.00**  
to the Camp Secretary:

**Alan Petit**  
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New London, WI 54961

**Camp 8 Participation in  
2011 Veterans Day  
Observances in Oshkosh**

Veterans Day Memorial Services will be held Nov. 11 at the South entrance of the Winnebago County Courthouse. The service will begin at approx. 10:40 a.m. with a short procession of the Colors by local Veterans and Patriotic

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## Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander  
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

Its hard to believe the summer is long over and the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Camp 8 closed out our dedication season on a beautiful fall day on Oct. 8th at the Red Springs Cemetery near Bowler with members of the Mohican Native American tribe. The event was organized by PCC Kim Heltemes. Ten Mohican Civil War veterans were honored. The Mohican Color Guard was in attendance as well as many tribal members and friends. After the ceremony the tribe donated \$50.00 to the camp. It was a great way to end our summer activities. Photos from the event are in this newsletter. Thanks Kim for all your hard work with this event!

Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11th. If possible please participate in or attend the ceremonies in your area. Camp 8 needs members to provide a color guard for the Oshkosh services. Br. Mike Boldon, who is also Command Sergeant Major Boldon, US Army Reserve, will give the keynote address at the Oshkosh service so please try to attend!

Our November meeting will as in past years include our annual elections and bean supper. If you are attending the meeting please bring a dish to share and consider running for an elected office or volunteering for an appointed position. We need active members to continue our various projects and activities and keep our camp the largest and most active in the department!

See you there,

In F, C, & L,  
Vince

## Camp 8 10 Years Ago

- The Camp Orders announce the annual bean supper for the November meeting.
- Featured speaker for the meeting would be Bob Cloud of Waupaca, who spoke about the planning for Waupaca's Civil War Weekend.
- The Stevens Point Journal published a story about Camp 8 members Brian Peters and Don Strube replacing grave markers in the Forest Cemetery. Brian was Camp Vice Commander, Don the Patriotic Instructor.
- The National Auxiliary is collecting food coupons to send to service men and women overseas.
- The Wisconsin Veterans Home in Kng promotes Adopt a Veteran, where participants are paired up with residents as pen pals.
- The Camp Orders contains the meeting minutes of Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary 6. They report the passing of Auxiliary PNP Ellinore Johnson, wife of long time member PDC Tom Johnson. The Johnson's were from Milwaukee.
- Camp Commander Randy Novak is negotiating with the owners of the Camp Bragg Memorial city lot. The property is offered to the Camp. After review the decision is made to coordinate transfer of ownership to the City of Oshkosh.

## 2011 Veterans Day,

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organizations (including Camp 8).

**Camp 8 member CSM Michael Boldon**, U. S. Army Reserve, will be the guest speaker. Memorial wreaths will be placed at the entrance of the courthouse and the ceremony will conclude with a rifle salute and the playing of "Taps". Veterans' units planning to participate should arrive at 10:15 a.m. to form up on the North side of the Courthouse.

This annual event is organized by the Oshkosh Patriotic Council, which is composed of representatives from Oshkosh area veterans' and patriotic organizations.

"Armistice Day" was established in 1938 as a day dedicated to world peace and to honor World War I veterans. The

## 2011-2012 Camp Calendar

### November 11<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Services  
Winnebago Co. Courthouse  
Jackson St., Oshkosh

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting.  
Omro, WI  
Bean Supper  
Election of Officers for 2012

### November 29<sup>th</sup>

Bingo at King Vets Home

### December 7<sup>th</sup>

Pearl Harbor Day Observance  
Location and time to be  
Confirmed. Oshkosh

### January 16<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting

### March 19<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting

### May 21<sup>st</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting

### May 28<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day observances



*Veterans & Patriotic groups participate in the 2010  
Veterans Day ceremony, Oshkosh.*

date commemorates the armistice that was signed by the Allies and Germany and that took effect at the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. In 1954, the name was changed to "Veterans Day" to honor American veterans of all wars.

NOTE – there is road construction in the downtown Oshkosh area, please allow a few extra minutes for travel.





## Command Sergeant Major Michael Boldon



In early October Commander Vince Barker advised that after the Mohican grave dedication scheduled for October 8th there would be an additional ceremony for the members of Camp 8 to participate in.

Camp members and representatives from the Mohican Veterans were privileged to witness the pinning ceremony as Brother Michael Boldon was promoted from Sergeant Major to Command Sergeant Major.



As we fell into ranks and observed, Brother Lt. Colonel Dan Barker (U.S. Army Reserves retired) read the orders as Colonel Vince Barker and Michael's wife Debra performed the honors of the pinning. The camp offered three cheers, and congratulations. Barker pointed out that "promotion to CSM is the pinnacle of the



enlisted soldier's career". I believe I can speak for all of the Camp members present that we were truly honored to be a part of this special day for one of our fellow members.

What follows is a brief summary of CSM Boldon's military career.

Boldon first enlisted with the United States Marine Corps in 1976. He then joined the U.S. Army Reserve in March 1992. He is presently assigned to the 452<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Hospital based in Milwaukee, WI, and also currently works for the 88<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, Fort McCoy, WI, as the Senior Safety &

Occupational Health Specialist.

CSM Boldon has accumulated almost 30 years of military service. He has had numerous assignments both stateside and offshore. In that time he has also accumulated an impressive listing of military decorations and awards.

Michael and his wife Debra live in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin. They have 7 children. He is also currently working on his Masters degree in Military History.

### MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS:

Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, CA  
Camp Butler, Japan  
Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA  
Marine Corps Base Albany, GA  
651<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence, Pasadena, CA  
368<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence, Reserve Center, Bell CA  
104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Ft. Lawton, WA  
84<sup>th</sup> Training Command, Ft. McCoy, WI  
561<sup>st</sup> Regional Support Group, Baghdad, Iraq  
84<sup>th</sup> Training Command, Ft. Knox, KY

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster,  
Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters,  
Army Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Cluster,  
Army Good Conduct Medal,  
Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal,  
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf Clusters,  
National Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Service Star,  
Iraq Campaign Ribbon w/ Campaign Star,  
GWOT Service Medal,  
Humanitarian Service Award,  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Ribbon,  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Silver Hour Glass and M-Device,  
NCO Professional Development Medal w/Numeral 4,  
Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Ribbon,  
Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon,  
Overseas Training Ribbon,  
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation,  
Army Superior Unit Award, and the Ancient Order of Dragon.

## Horace Smith 16<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf



Commander Vince Barker provided this photo to me, reporting that Kurt Kirk had found this Library of Congress photo in a recent issue of Civil War Times Illustrated.

Kurt's research determined the Times article had incorrectly identified the soldier's unit.

Kurt reported that Smith enlisted in the 16<sup>th</sup> in 1861, and was discharged in March 1863 due to disability. In Feb. 1865, he later enlisted again in Co. G, 48<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf, was promoted to Corporal, and was again discharged in September 1865.

He reported the photo was taken shortly after his first enlistment with the 16<sup>th</sup>.



*Camp 8 members all, at the pinning ceremony for CSM Boldon. Photos by Terry Novak*

# Robert Wilson, Mexican War Veteran, Civil War Veteran, Dan Wilson's g-Grandfather

By Dan Wilson

*Dan Wilson supplied this biography of his great grandfather. It was the first two pages of a packet of materials he had prepared and distributed at his last family reunion. He had located 247 pages of documents and passed it out in a CD format to other family members.*

Robert H. Wilson was born in Ireland in 1822 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1840. He was accompanied by at least two younger brothers, William and Andrew, all of whom were naturalized on the same day in 1854 in Waupaca. The naturalization papers claim the family emigrated in 1849. Whether the date is an error or a deliberate fabrication is unknown.

They lived in New York State (Steuben County) where Robert enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Dragoons in 1846 at the outbreak of the War with Mexico. Robert enlisted for five years, serving through the entire Mexican War under Gen. Zachary Taylor and then was sent to the New Mexico territory to police the area from Apache Indians (and, no doubt, any Mexican holdovers).

The dragoons were essentially a mobile infantry force and only two regiments existed. They were the predecessors of today's First and Second Stryker Brigades. According to the unit history, they were present at most of the major engagements in the Mexican War.

One officer he served under was Lt. Henry Sibley, who later became a Confederate general during the Civil War. Sibley was also known for his development of the Sibley tent and Sibley stove. A roster of the dragoons during that time period reveals a number of officers who later gained fame in the Civil War, including Richard Ewell, the Confederate General who played a key role in the battle of Gettysburg.

After his enlistment expired in 1851 Robert came to the Town of Springwater. Why is anyone's guess. It would appear his brothers had already settled in the area, according to land transactions. Also Waushara County was just created and its land, recently taken from the Indians, was open for settlement.

In 1859 Robert met and married

Sarah Wade who settled in the Mt. Morris area with her family after moving from Jericho, Vermont in 1856. She was 19 and he was 35. Over the course of 20 years, they had eight children, seven girls and one boy. Two girls died at a very young age. Mary died at the age of 3. Another daughter, Jane, their first born, apparently died in infancy. She is listed on the 1860 census report and no records exist after that. Another daughter, Lizzie, died of tuberculosis at the age of 22 in 1895—just a year after Sarah died and one year before the death of Robert. The four surviving daughters Lucinda (Hanford), Clara Woosly, or Woosly or Woolsey), Sarah (Terrill), Mary (yes, another Mary) (Leach) all settled in the Plainfield area. Robert E. (Elmer) was the youngest, born in 1880.

Shortly after they were married the Wilsons moved to Crystal Lake in the Town of Dayton, Waupaca County where they lived until around 1864 when Robert enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry.

Although Robert was subject to the Civil War draft, he chose to enlist (at the age of 41) perhaps feeling comfortable in the cavalry, and served from January 1864 to the end of the war. He served in the western arena of the war, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. There is little in the record of engagements in which he was involved except for an injury he reported after a clash in Tennessee with Confederate cavalry under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest. Robert claimed, in his later application for a pension, his horse reared and fell on him.

Robert returned to his family in the Town of Springwater and here the story travels on two different tracks.

Because of his service in the Mexican War, Robert qualified for a pension in 1887. All that was required was some proof that the applicant be disabled and unable to work, not necessarily service-related. He also applied for, and was approved, for a Civil War veteran's pension. However, the applicant had to show his disability was service-related. Robert claimed he was disabled as a result of an illness during the war which led to his deafness and other long-lasting ill effects from the fall under the horse. Robert also claimed he was in dire

## National SUVCW Member Survey

In October C-N-C Donald Palmer issued General Order #6. These orders request members to complete and return a survey that had been originally supplied at the 130<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. If you have not received it, contact your Camp officers for assistance.

poverty, and, at one point, responded to a letter by writing on the back of the envelope "because he could not afford to buy paper."

Then the authorities discovered Robert was "double-dipping", receiving two soldier's pensions, which was not allowed. He was billed for the overpayments and he again pleaded poverty. He was docked \$4 a month from his \$8 pension until the debt was paid off.

But Robert may not have been as poor as he let on. It appears Robert and Sarah made a living off of numerous land transactions. Because of Robert's service in the Mexican War he qualified for a bounty land warrant. In the early days of the Republic, dating back to the Revolutionary War, soldiers were promised land grants for their service in lieu of the low pay. I came across many land transactions in the Waushara County Register of Deeds office involving Robert, Sarah and the Wilson brothers.

In 1865 Robert received a Mexican War bounty warrant for 160 acres of land. I am unable to discern from the documents how or when or where the warrant was redeemed. In 1859 Robert received a 40-acre parcel through some of kind of land grant. There is also an abstract for Wilson Lake. The family dredged a cranberry bog, called it Wilson Lake and sold off the parcels.

According to the burial record Robert died at the age of 73 from a cancer on the face, (or he died of cancer of the stomach if his obituary is accurate) and Waushara County footed the bill for \$35 to cover the cost of embalming and the casket. Robert spent the last couple years of his life living with the daughters in the Plainfield area. Elmer, my grandfather, was only 15 at the time.

## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

1. Opening ceremony-7:00 P.M. Omro Historical Society. (12 members present)
  2. Roll call of officers:
    - a. Commander-absent-SVC presided.
    - b. SVC-here-substitute appointed.
    - c. JVC-here.
    - d. Secretary-here.
    - e. Treasurer-here.
  3. Minutes of July, 19, 2011-approved as printed in the newsletter.
  4. Treasurer's report:

As of 9-19-11, \$3567.00 in checking & CD's of \$4183.00 and \$1006.00.
  5. Any sick or distressed brothers? Mike Bouchette is recovering from his heart surgery and Dave Dresang is still feeling very poorly.
  6. Introduction of guests: Scott Jorgenson of the Omro Historical Society was present and gave us a very nice talk on clothing of the 1850's and 1860's.
  7. Any new applications for review or acceptance? None
  8. Any bills and/or communications to address? The C-in-C's General order #3, pertaining to a mourning period of 30 days for the 10<sup>th</sup>. anniversary of 911.
  9. Prior business:
    - a. Donation for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wisc. flag restoration at OPM. Discussion tabled until Nov. 14 meeting.
    - b. Donation to "Field of Honor" Museum of \$100.00. Motion from 5-16-11 meeting, tabled at 7-18-11 meeting was approved.
  10. Past events:
    - a. Zebulon Williams dedication-8-13-11-Manawa. Went well-large turnout of family. Family donated \$350.00 to the camp as thanks.
    - b. Marshfield Memorial Day festivities. Went well. Around 500 spectators.
    - c. Stevens Point-8-27&28-11. Lot of participants-low numbers of the public.
    - d. New London cemetery walk-9-17-11. Went well.Good attendance.
    - e. Shawano 911 event. It was a timeline type event and went well.
    - f. Oak Creek 911 ceremony.
  11. Future events:
    - a. Wade House-Sept. 23-24-25. Sign up sheet passed around. Watch the emails for details.
    - b. Oct. 8-Rufus King Memorial dedication. Watch the emails for details.
    - c. Oct. 8-Bowler-Mohican grave dedication ceremony-3:00 P.M.- Watch emails for details.
    - d. Nov. 14-Omro-Annual Bean dinner at 6:00 P.M.-meeting and elections at 7:00 P.M. see newsletter for details.
    - e. Nov. 29-King-May be bingo event this date. Watch emails for further developments.
  12. New business:

Raffle status. As of 9-19-11, expenses are \$568 and ticket sales are \$318
  13. Patriotic Instruction: See item #6.
  14. Any other old or new business? None.
  15. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order?

There may be a cemetery walk in Weyewega at a future date. Volunteers needed ?
  16. Closing ceremonies. Closed at 8:42 P.M.
- Submitted by PCC Alan O. Petit, Secretary Ola Abe Camp #8, Dept. of Wisconsin



# Wade House 2012, A Wet One

Jr. Vice Kirby Scott reported that the weather was not too good on Sunday (I heard that most of the re-enactors were packing up wet gear). Regardless, they still sold about \$500 in raffle tickets. Kirby reported the general public attendance was down. Likewise, the re-enactor attendance was very low.

From what I've heard, interest from military re-enactors for supporting the Wade House event is nothing at all like it was, say 10 years ago. Apparently, gone are the days when we would have a dozen guns on the field and 1000+ re-enactors.



## OLD ABE CAMP #8, WISCONSIN and the STOCKBRIDGE/MUNSEE MOHICAN NATION

By Kim J. Heltemes, Dept SVC



After marching to the headstone of Rueben Johnson, a Mohican Union soldier, the members above of Camp #8 take their places for the dedication. Shown in the Honor Squad, from l to r, are Jim Schumann, Dan Barker, Brian Peters, and Randy Novak. With the National colors is Mike Wertel and with the Camp colors is Mike Bolden. Standing at grave is Kim J. Heltemes as the Honor Guard.

Last year, Old Abe Camp #8, was asked by the Mohican Tribe to celebrate Memorial Day with them. They have stepped up the tradition of honoring their veterans – this time including the lost names of their tribal members. As they researched their history, the names of six Civil War veterans surfaced. Over grown tribal cemeteries were turned back over to the Mohicans. They began the task of decorating the known graves and finding out about the unmarked graves. Ten new markers were ordered and the dedication was planned.

The Red Springs Cemetery near Gresham, Wisconsin, was abandoned so the Mohican Tribe asked if they could have it returned to them. Usually, cemeteries are neglected by the owners and when that happens, the townships are given the rights to the property via a state law change from about 6 years ago. But in this case, the town wasn't taking care of the cemetery. Families were contacted about the cemetery and soldiers graves were getting identified for the first time in over a hundred years. The Stockbridge Mohicans then got ahold of Kim Heltemes so Camp #8 could combine with the tribe for a proper dedication.

Although the new markers were not delivered in time for the dedication, it still took place on October 8, 2011. When it came time to march into place the Mohican Veterans joined the Camp members with the National colors and their own staffs. These staffs signified their duties in service with eagle feathers. Each veteran wore an eagle feather as a sign of their bravery given to them from the tribe. The Native Americans honor their veterans with high esteem. The Mohican Veterans took their place as the Camp members took theirs.

Camp #8 uses a modified GAR 1917 funeral service for their dedications. It has places for music so the Mohicans were invited to play the drums and dance in to the dedication. However, the drums did not show up. It was somewhat disappointing but the dedication ceremony went on without them.

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## Mohican Dedication, Additional Photos

By Terry Novak  
(unless otherwise noted)



*JoAnn Schedler was instrumental in coordinating the tribes research and subsequent activity regarding their Civil War Veterans. A veteran herself, she is the financial officer of the Mohican Veterans organization and has been a major contributor to the organizations success.*



*Tribal members gather for the dedication. This event was part of the Mohican History Conference, a project to collect and share tribal history.*



Tribal members unveiled the grave marker, spread ashes of a properly disposed American flag as well as buried a grommet from the flag on the grave. It is part of the ceremony that has touched a lot of people through the years of Camp #8's dedications. There are times where up to 40 people are reduced to tears as that part of the ceremony when Taps is played and the flag portion is done with family members.

After the dedication, we were invited to a PowWow. There was a spread of food set up and we were the guests of honor. We felt really privileged to be honored by the Mohicans for the meal and then later as the Pow Wow started. Camp #8 members hope that this is only the beginning of a great friendship. There is a lot of research work ahead of us as the Mohican Tribe has asked if we could help them identify their ancestors and get the graves in proper order. We realize that the Mohicans and Camp #8 have the same goal in mind – honoring our ancestors that served with the Union.



*Members of the Mohican Veterans fell in with Camp 8 members. After the Camp ceremony they added an offering of tobacco to the gravesite. Above photo by Kirby Scott.*



With tall scared White Pine trees in the background at the Red Springs Cemetery, Camp #8 members are shown with the Mohican Tribal members. Camp members are Kirby Scott, Dan Wilson, Kim J. Heltemes, Denny Eagan, Brian Peters, Randy Novak, Mike Wertel, Mike Bolden, Alan Petit, Paul Johnson, Camp Commander Vince Barker, Dan Barker, Kim J. Heltemes, and Jim Schumann. The Mohican Veterans are shown to the right along with family members of Mohican soldiers.

*Photographs are the courtesy of Kirby Scott.*



*Mohican veteran Bob Little reads biographical information about one of the tribes Civil War veterans.*



*Tribal elders who are also veterans fell in next to the Camp 8 musket squad and color bearers during the ceremony.*



*Camp 8 Chaplin Dan Wilson assists tribal elders to spread ashes and grommets of disposed flags.*



*The graves of Mohican Civil War veterans, unmarked except for the presence of GAR flag holders.*



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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](http://suvchw-wi.org). Also, visit the national SUVCW website at [suvchw.org](http://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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