



Camp Orders 2012-03
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
“Old Abe” Camp #8
 Wisconsin Department



May 15, 2012

**Next Old Abe
Camp 8
Meeting**

May 21th

**Doors Open at
6:30 PM
Meeting starts at
7:00 PM**

at

**Oshkosh
Public Museum,
Oshkosh, WI.**

At the corner of Algoma
Blvd and Oshkosh Ave.

Wear Your
Membership Badge

“Social Hour” before the
business portion begins.

Snacks & treats
are ALWAYS appreciated!

**- May Meeting -
Oshkosh Public Museum**

Our **May 21st** meeting will be held in the Oshkosh Public Museum, at the normal times.

At the beginning of the meeting (7:00PM) Museum Director Brad Larson will speak briefly on several topics, including:

- Restoration of the Civil War 3rd Wis Inf silk flag, present status and future plans.
- Possible move of the Hicks “Hiker” statue (SpanAm soldier) to the museum grounds.
- Discuss cannon cleaning work party.

Following the featured presentation, we will have our normal business meeting.

From the museum website we learn that the award-winning Oshkosh Public Museum was founded in 1924 and is the second oldest public museum in Wisconsin. It is operated for the public good through a unique blend of public and private funding. A seven-member citizen board, plus two alternates, governs the museum. For over eight decades, the museum has been entrusted with the documentation, preservation, care, management, and exhibition of artifacts, photographs, film, and archival materials representing all aspects of Oshkosh's people and heritage.

The museum has an extensive Civil War collection, some of which can be viewed via the online exhibits section of their website at <http://www.oshkoshmuseum.org>.

**King Veterans Home
Open House, May 20th**

This is the annual Open House and Old Car Show held on the grounds of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wis.

Camp 8 has participated in this event for many years along with members of McAllister’s Battery. For those Camp 8 members who have not yet participated, you should consider doing so. It provides a great opportunity to visit with the veteran residents of the home.

PCC Kim Heltemes reports that this year our group will be posted near Marden Hall, intended as a featured location for the event, in recognition of the Civil War anniversary and origins of the King facility. **The event opens at approx. 10:00AM. Members should show up at about 9:00/9:30 AM for set up.**

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**Old Abe Camp 8
2012 Memorial Day
Activity, May 28th**

We all need to be aware of our fraternal obligation to Memorial Day. In 1868 the GAR National Commander, John Logan, wrote Order #11 which established the future of Memorial Day; stating that *“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion...with the hope it will be kept up from year to year”*. Originally the GAR members, and now all of us as members of the “Sons”, are obligated to fulfill this pledge.

**Oshkosh Memorial
Service For Sailors**

The morning of May 28th begins with a

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150 Years Ago, Oshkosh and the Civil War

Late in 1861 Dr. B.S. Henning and a group of Oshkosh men decided to raise a company of calvarymen. The thought of being a calvaryman had a strong appeal to some men, and in Oshkosh the recruiting was under way as autumn gave way to winter. Alexander Davids was picked as Captain of the group that would become Co. B of the 3rd Wis Cav. In June of 1862 Davids resigned and Lt. William Wagner moved up to lead the company.

The first year the group operated mostly from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Its duties took them on extensive expeditions. Later the group would clash with rebel Indian (Cherokee and Choctaw) and Texas forces. The Regiment was also attacked by Quantrell’s rebel forces where 22 men of Co. I were killed, but fortunately the Oshkosh men were not part of that detachment.

During 1864 and 1865 Co. B spent much of their time around the Little Rock, Ark. Area.

Commander's Remarks



By Camp Commander
Vince Barker

Brothers,

After meeting with members of the Omro Historical Society on two occasions, Camp 8 has decided to move out of the OHS building. We will no longer meet at that location. This decision was not made lightly and was only done after serious and lengthy thought and discussion as to what was best for the future of our camp and our membership. We can address the details of the meetings and the reasons why we chose to leave at our next meeting. Our main concerns with moving were storage for our ceremony and display items, and of course a meeting place.

The storage issue is resolved. Kirby Scott is storing our ceremony items and other non-display items in his garage. They are safely stored in storage containers, marked, and on elevated storage shelves.

Kim has our display items. We are still looking at options as to where these will be on display. The display location will coincide with one of our meeting places such as the Oshkosh Public Museum or the King Veterans Home.

Regarding a meeting place - we basically need to cover 4 times meetings per year since our January meeting is the dinner at the White House Inn in Butte Des Morts and the July meeting is the cook out at the church in Auroraville. **Our next meeting as previously planned will be at the Oshkosh Public Museum on May 21st, and our July meeting will be the picnic in Auroraville.**

We are working on a rotation schedule for our other 4 meetings. We would like to accommodate those members who live on outer edges of our

Tomah, WI Grave Dedication June 2

Wayne Klinge has once again invited the Camp to participate in an event that will honor the Civil War veterans in the Tomah, WI area. Camp members are needed to perform the grave dedication ceremony. PCC Kim Heltemes is coordinating the Camp 8 efforts for this event, please contact him for any additional information.

More than a grave dedication, the days' schedule includes -

Morning:

- 9AM - Cemetery walk at Oak Grove with actors portraying Civil War veterans buried there.
- 11AM – **Grave Marker Dedication with SUVCW Camp 8:** Pvt. Lucian Wyatt, Co. A, 1st Wis Cav. There will be descendants present. Location is **Oak Grove cemetery** (same place as our last dedication there).

Afternoon:

- "Civil War" band performance.
- Artifacts display at the local Historical Society Museum.
- Living History encampment at City Park, provided by area re-enactors.

The event appears to be associated with the Tomah Area Historical Society & Museum. **Oak Grove Cemetery is located along Hwy 131 just North of I-90 (South edge of town).**

PCC Heltemes recently noted - We need to support Wayne and perform this dedication. He has done a lot of work in the area and your support would be appreciated.

Fox Valley base. Options we are looking at are the Veterans Home in King, the Oshkosh Library, and the Appleton American Legion. In any case, we will have no trouble obtaining a place to conduct our meetings, and you will be notified well in advance as to where the meeting will be.

I will follow up this email with a formal, hard copy letter for those who may not have an active email. I know the temporary lack of a home base will be inconvenient for some, but change is sometimes good, and perhaps new scenery and surroundings will invigorate camp participation. Thank you for your continued membership and dedication to our organization and to the Boys in Blue.

In F, C, & L,
Vince

2012 Camp Calendar

May 20th

King Vets Home Open House
Featuring the Civil War
Camp 8 display.

May 21st

Camp 8 regular meeting
Oshkosh Public Museum

May 28th

**Memorial Day observances
Participate in Oshkosh,
King, WI,
or in your town.**

June 2nd

Grave Dedication, Tomah, WI
11:00 AM
Contact: Kim Heltemes

June 9th

Grave Dedication,
Wittenberg, WI
Contact: Vince Barker

June 16th

129th Department Encampment
Saukville Community Center
Saukville, WI

July 16th

Camp 8 regular meeting
Auroraville, WI

September 17th

Camp 8 regular meeting
Location TBD



Remember Memorial Day

Camp 8 10 Years Ago

- Camp member is scheduled to be the featured speaker for the May meeting, speaking about Wisconsin units and the first day of Gettysburg.
- Camp 8 plans for a flag disposal ceremony on June 14th in Omro.
- The Camp 8 and Aux 6 members participate in Waupaca's Rally Around the Flag Civil War weekend on May 18th, organized in large part by area Camp 8 members (Kim Heltemes, Jim Waid, Dan Wilson, etc). Battery D participates with an encampment in Riverview Park near downtown Waupaca. The Civil War Regimental Band also participates. Camp 8 members assist Camp 2 member Dale Brassler to hold a Civil War recruiting rally in downtown Waupaca.
- May 19th Camp 8 sets up a display at the King Vets Home Open House. The 1st Brigade Band also participates.
- The newsletter carries a story about the Dual graveside service (SUVCW/SCV) performed in Crandon, WI – by Vince Barker.
- The upcoming Wisconsin Dept Encampment (Randy Novak Commander) will be held in Manitowoc, hosted by Camp 5.

Camp Orders Newsletter & Camp 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 suvchw-wi.org. Hard copies will also be mailed to any member upon request to the Camp Commander or the Newsletter Editor (contact info on last page).

All photos and stories are provided by the *Camp Orders* Editor unless otherwise indicated.

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.

Welcome New Member!

Sorry – no reports this month.

Oshkosh is not the only place where Camp 8 members will be participating in Memorial Day observances.

Memorial Day in King, WI

Several members will also be at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, WI.

This year PCC Kim Heltemes will be a speaker for the service, where he will tell the story about the origin of the home and how those who helped to create it influenced it's beginnings.

For more information contact PCC Kim Heltemes.

Memorial Day in Crandon, WI

Commander Vince Barker reported that he will be a speaker for the Memorial Day Services in his home area of Crandon.

King Open House,

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Camp Members Sick Call

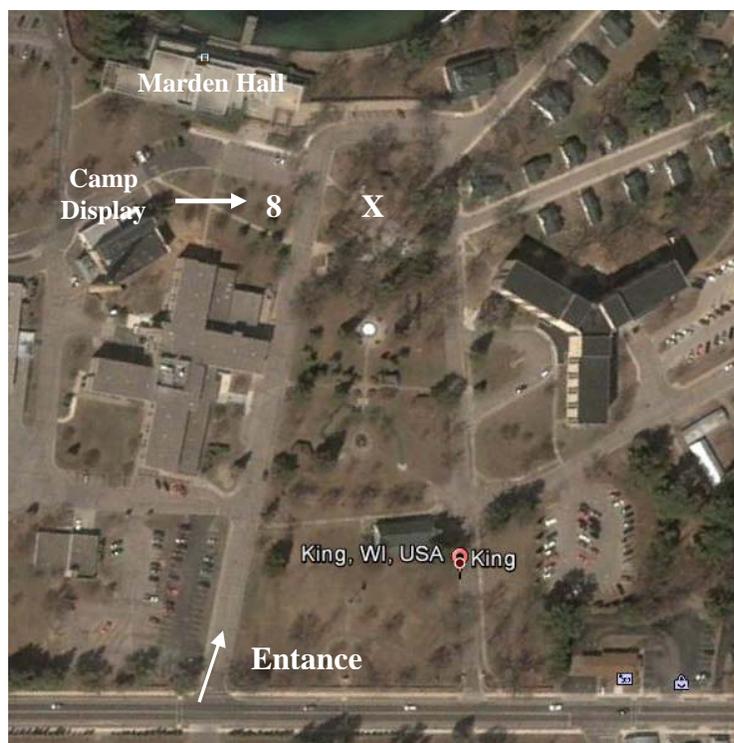
Commander Barker reported that our own "Brigadier", **Don Blaney** was to have cataract surgery on May 1st.

Alan Petit had an operation for a bad hernia on Apr. 5, and reports that only now, May 15, after 6 weeks, is he just about able to go back to work. We was afraid that he might not be able to make the Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession, but is now more optimistic, and also hopes to see everyone at King, and the Camp meeting.

Dave Dresang has undergone another surgery to help create past errors. He reports his neurologist was very pleased with the outcome. All involved are confident the recent surgery and post operation medications are providing a big improvement in his condition.

In a recent note, Dave finished with "I wish to thank all of you that have supported myself and my family while we have been going through this, all the prayers and kind words have meant the world to me and there is know way for me to say "THANK YOU" enough all I want you to know is that it comes straight from the heart.

The future is very bright and I look to a long life making your lives pleasant with my presence!" Now – there is a promise we all look forward to Dave making good on!



King Veterans Home Site

X – Marks the spot where many of the days activities are focused around.

The **Camp 8** display will be located adjacent to that area, just across the street and near Marden Hall.

Event opens at 10:00 AM.

Memorial Day, *from page 1*

memorial service for sailors, at the edge of the Fox River near the Main St. Bridge. This is followed by the procession to Riverside Cemetery, where the main memorial service occurs.

Oshkosh Riverside Cemetery Procession and Service

Old Abe Camp 8 is again invited to participate in this year's Memorial Day procession in Oshkosh. For those who have been involved in past years; it is pretty much the same. The members of Co. E (2nd Wisconsin Infantry re-enactors) have again been invited to join with us.

All Camp 8 members are encouraged to participate in the procession from downtown Oshkosh to Riverside Cemetery and attend the following service. Wear your membership badge. Camp members marching in the procession should dress appropriately (dark conservative clothes) and Camp Guard members may wear their CW period uniforms.

All members of the other Allied Orders (WRC, Ladies of the GAR, DUV, SUVCW Aux) are also welcome to join us. The Oshkosh procession is intended to be a reserved/somber event to show respect to our Nations' deceased veterans. There are no floats, no commercial displays, etc.

A Few Comments About The Oshkosh Procession

The traditional Memorial Day observances in Oshkosh are conducted in pretty much the same manner and marching the same route that were used by the G.A.R. and the first generation of the "Sons" members since 1871. As we march down Algoma to the cemetery we are marching down the same route that previous generations of our organization marched.

This is not a parade. It is conducted more like a funeral procession. The intent is to honor the memory of DECEASED veterans. There are no floats, politicians, car clubs, etc. permitted in the line up.

Also, and take particular notice of this – this is an invitational event. Only

veteran's organizations, and patriotic organizations recognized by the Oshkosh Patriotic Council are invited to participate in the procession. Over the years the Patriotic Council has taken precautions to maintain the somber atmosphere of the event.

This year Camp 8 members Randy Novak and Jim Schumann will be speakers during the main Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery.

For more information about Memorial Day in Oshkosh contact: PDC Randy Novak.

Oshkosh Memorial Day Schedule May 28th, 2012

7:45AM

Sailors Memorial Services, downtown Oshkosh near the Main St. bridge, on Ceape Ave.

8:45AM

Assemble for Procession in Beech Building parking lot, 200 block of Algoma St.

9:00AM sharp!

Procession Steps Off

10:15AM (approx.)

Memorial Services at Riverside Cemetery in the new veterans section.

NOTE – no potluck picnic is planned for this year.

Getting Around In Oshkosh On May 28th, 2012

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSIDE CEMETERY:

Arriving from Interstate 41 – Because of the road construction in process: On the North side of Oshkosh, take the Hwy 76 exit south into Oshkosh, this becomes Jackson St.. After a couple of miles you will come onto a round-about, turn right going West on Murdock Ave. At the end of Murdock; turn right onto Algoma Blvd, and Riverside Cemetery will be on your left. Continue on Algoma until you are able to enter the cemetery near the tall obelisk soldiers' monument located near the north end. This is the location of the memorial service at the end of the

procession, what is often referred to as the "new veterans section". Camp members will sometimes meet in this section, and then car pool to the lineup area by the scheduled time – allow 15 minutes for driving downtown to the procession lineup and parking area.

The GAR/Civil War section of the cemetery is located at the south end, near the river. You can easily find it by driving to the cemetery chapel, and turn right proceeding down to the river. You may also leave your car near the "GAR section" if you prefer.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE PROCESSION LINE UP AREA:

For 2012 Oshkosh will again have street construction in progress, making travel through the city difficult at times. From the Cemetery, take Rt. 45 (Algoma Blvd.) into town. Algoma will turn into High Ave. as it changes into a one-way street. Continue on High St. into the downtown area. Turn left onto Division St. and drive north approximately 1½ blocks and park in the public parking lot between Division and Brown streets (behind Kitz & Pfeil Power Center). The staging area for Camp 8 is in the Beech Building parking lot, next to the Christine Ann Center, just West of and visible from the parking lot area. Assemble there no later than 8:45AM.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE RIVERSIDE SAILORS MEMORIAL SERVICE:

To get to the Main St. Bridge area (site of the Sailors service): The river front park area is accessible from Ceape Ave., near the intersection of State St., about 1 block East of Main St. Continuing with the driving instructions above, you may continue going East on High Ave., cross Main St., and then turn right going South on State St.. State St. will end at Ceape Ave. and the site of the Sailors Memorial Service will be in front of you.

Memorial Day Was Born In Bitterness

by Dan Wilson, Chaplain, Old Abe Camp 8 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

A visitor to the first observance of what is now our Memorial Day holiday in 1868 would have looked out at the approximately 15,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery and noticed that only selected graves were decorated with the requisite flowers.

Those graves with unidentified remains (about 4,000) and those of Confederate soldiers (a few hundred) were not included in Gen. John A. Logan's order because the honor of Decoration Day was reserved for those "soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion."

The reason for the observance and even the spot chosen for the ceremony occurred against the backdrop of the bitter divisions that still existed in the post-civil war political atmosphere described as "waving the bloody shirt." So it was not surprising when a contingent of Southern women arrived at Arlington to decorate the graves of their loved ones were turned away and were banished from the grounds.

Arlington was the estate belonging to Gen. Robert E. Lee which, situated on the heights across the Potomac River from the nation's capitol, was seized in the early days of the Civil War by Union forces. It became part of the defensive perimeter around Washington, D.C. and was a billet area for troops and even hosted a "Freedman's Village" of escaped slaves.

In 1864 Quartermaster General Montgomery Meigs, who lost a son in the war, ordered the estate turned into a cemetery for the war dead and, acting on his thirst for revenge, ordered that the first graves be placed as close to the Custis-Lee mansion as possible, to foreclose any possibility the Lee family would reclaim the grounds after the war.

Unlike today where burial at Arlington is a high honor, those buried at Arlington in the early years were those whose families could not afford transportation and burial in a family plot - essentially it was a pauper's graveyard.

At that first ceremony, on May 30, 1868, the featured speaker was Congressman James A. Garfield, a veteran of the war and later to become president. His speech contained all the usual soaring classical references along with the bloody shirt rhetoric of the times. "This one fell on the field, in

sight of the spires of Richmond, little dreaming that the flag must be carried through three more years of blood before it should be planted in that citadel of treason," Garfield said.

However, in one of the ironic footnotes of history, the landscape in front of Garfield was changed somewhat from the night before. On the night of the 29th a fierce thunderstorm struck the area and scattered the flowers so that it was no longer possible to distinguish the decorated graves from the undecorated. While divine providence may have intervened it would be many years before the actual healing would begin.

As the southern states held their own, separate observances, however it was the U.S. involvement in the Spanish-American War which did more to unite the nation in the common cause of remembrance to heal the wounds. In 1914 a Confederate monument was erected in Arlington National Cemetery and a section of the cemetery was set aside for Confederate soldiers. President Woodrow Wilson spoke at the dedication. After WWI the holiday was incorporated to honor all the war dead and eventually the southern states adopted the holiday.

The observance was officially named Memorial Day in 1967 and gradually flags replaced flowers to decorate the graves. In 1971 the holiday was turned into a three-day weekend. There are other ironic footnotes to the holiday worth mentioning:

--James A. Garfield, the, keynote speaker at that first ceremony, was elected to the Presidency in 1880 only to be struck down by an assassin's bullet four months into his term. In those four months he signed only one executive order, an order making Decoration Day a federal holiday.

--Descendants of Robert and Mary Lee sued the federal government for the loss of the estate and, in 1883, were paid \$150,000 by an act of Congress for compensation. This would have been a bitter pill for Montgomery Meigs had he not died the year before, and was buried, next to his son, in Arlington National Cemetery.

Source material: Arlington National Cemetery website; *Civil War Journal*; *The Legacies*, by William C. Davis and Brian Pohanka; Wikipedia, James A.

Garfield; The Center for Civil War Research website; usmemorialday.org website and *Memorial Day (Decoration Day) ; Its Celebration, Spirit and Significance*, edited by Robert Haven Schauffler.

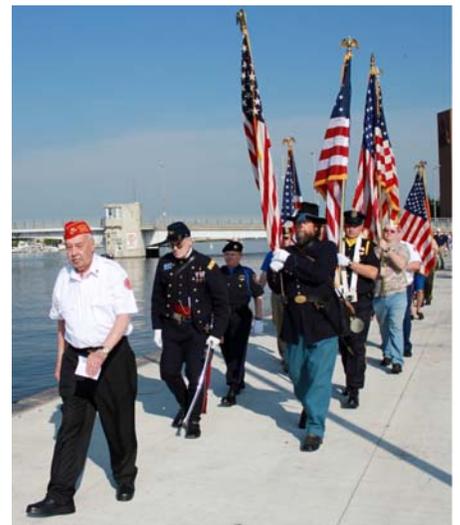
2nd Wis Inf Co. E to Again Help Camp 8 in Representing the Civil War Veterans



photo courtesy of Mary Schumann.

We are fortunate to again have participating with us this year members of **Co. E, 2nd Wis. Inf.** re-enactors. We always appreciate their participation, and their desire to honor the memory of the Civil War veterans.

Co. E will march in the procession with us and are welcome to participate in the Memorial Day services.



In 2011 Bros. PCC Alan Petit and Jim Schumann participate in the Oshkosh Memorial Service for Sailors.



Report on Gene-A-Rama Green Bay

Photo by Jim Waid,
story by Paul Johnson & Vince Barker

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society held its annual 2 day event "Gene-a-Rama" April 28 and 29th and the KI Convention Center in Downtown Green Bay. MOLLUS and the SUVCW appeared as joint Exhibitors. Figuring that a group of genealogist could be a prime target for membership, representatives of both groups appeared with WiFi equipped laptops, brochures, relevant handouts and "how can we help you smiles"

Those manning the computers actually were able to find a few relatives for people who did not believe they had any. About a dozen or so people became aware of their Civil War heritage.

The booth was adjacent to the Sons the American Revolution. On Sunday the SAR and the SUVCW did gain a member when a Marine Corps Veteran mom came through with her Marine son, who is headed to Afghanistan, to make sure he had all of his paper work correct and ready to send in before deployment.

Several of the brochures, redesigned by Kirby Scott, were given out One to a judge who was attending a different conference and didn't think he had an ancestor, until Vince looked one up, and another to a father and son from Madison also found an unknown ancestor through our efforts.

Vince added – "The average age of attendees was a little "older" as you might expect at a genealogy convention but there were more younger/middle aged people there than I had expected. I think it was definitely worth our while to be there if nothing else because of public awareness."

A Final Thought About Memorial Day

"These survivors of Perryville, Shiloh, Antietam, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and dozens upon dozens of other locations, renowned or unknown, where they fought or skirmished or did camp duty or caught fever or languished in captivity; these men who somehow made it back, continued to receive the community's recognition and gratitude.

Generations stood attentive and inspired as the men in blue resolutely fulfilled their Memorial Day obligations, marching as they had learned to march in the bloom of their manhood, to Riverside Cemetery.

Marching, then walking, then shuffling as their ranks thinned and their steps became less sure.

Generations to whom Antietam was only a history book word and Shiloh Church was nothing more than a legend shrouded by the mists of time: They also paid homage as the stooped men of the Grand Army of the Republic rode stoically, solemnly, in automobiles out Algoma Boulevard to meditate one more time amid the gravesites of their comrades.

Each of them was honored by their fellow citizens of Oshkosh – and deservedly so - so long as any of them lived."

From "When Oshkosh Went To War"

by James L. Metz



DECORATION DAY, OSHKOSH, MAY 31, 1886.

POST No. 10, G. A. R.
G. A. R. Drum Corps and Juvenile Drum Corps.

Companies B. and F., 2d Regiment, W. N. G.
CITIZENS in Carriages.

ATTENTION!

Department Encampment Credentials

By Alan O. Petit, Secretary, Camp #8

Notice camp 8 brothers. Anyone attending the Department Encampment on June 16th will need a SUVCW Annual Encampment Credentials Card, by order of the Dept. Commander. As your Camp Secretary, I can provide these cards. I will give these cards out at the King Open House, May 20, the May 21 camp meeting, by mail on request, and at the Department Encampment prior to voting. This card is SUCW Form 2a and the Department has been neglectful of this for several years. This is an attempt to re-establish the proper SUVCW protocols as listed in our constitution. **NOTE – See page 9 for the Encampment registration form.**

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 16, 2012

1. Vince gave his presentation-About 7:15 P.M.
2. Opening ceremony-About 7:30 P.M. Omro. (19 members present)
3. Roll call of officers: Commander-present, SVC-present, JVC-present, Secretary-present, Treasurer-present.
4. Correction to minutes of Jan. 16,2012. Dave Dresang had a problem with a kitchen appliance, not with his vehicle. Rest of minutes approved as printed in newsletter.
5. Treasurer's report: As of 3-19-12, \$5803.93 in checking, \$4245.82 in CD1, \$1010.83 in CD2. \$225.00 was sent to Omro HS for dues.
6. Any sick or distressed brothers? Mike Bouchette is recovering nicely from his heart operation. Dave Dresang will have surgery on Mar. 29, in an attempt to repair some of the damage caused by his last surgery.
7. Introduction of guests and visitors. Thomas Jackson of Omro (Lyle's nephew) expressed an interest in joining Camp 8.
8. New applications to review and accept? Kyle Preusser and Thomas Jackson were initiated. Membership certificates in Camp 8 were given to Russ Buhr, Kyle Preusser, and Alan Petit.
9. Any communications and/or bills to address? Dues to the Oshkosh Military Veterans Museum are due. This was sent in February and was approved at the Nov. 14,2011 meeting.
10. Prior business: The May meeting will be at Oshkosh Public Museum, May 21,2012.
11. Past events:
 - a. Jan. 28-bingo at King. We had the regular caller. There was a scramble to get quarters, but we overcame that and all went well.
 - b. Feb. 4-Dept. mid winter meeting . Meeting and luncheon went well. Kim, Wild Bill, & Alan put up \$50.00 in the name of Camp #8 in answer to a challenge grant for funds for the Iron Brigade highway marker fund. R. Novak moved and J. Schumann seconded that the camp reimburse them. Motion passed.
 - c. Feb.25-26-Echoes of the Past Trade Show. Several members were there and talked to a number of people. Kirby put up a very superior new display that explains the SUV better than anything I have seen previously seen.
12. Future events:
 - a. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony-Apr. 14, 2012-Springfield, Ill. This is something that everyone should do, at least once. Alan Petit will be there representing Camp #8.
 - b. Gene-O-Rama Genealogy Conference-Apr.27-28-Green Bay-Good opportunity to contact the public and spread the SUV word. See Vince.
 - c. Marker dedications-Mattoon and Wittenburg-May 19-two cemeteries-10:00 or 11:00 A.M.- Need 8-10 guys-food after Mattoon dedication. More information will follow. (SPECIAL NOTICE! THIS HAS ALL BEEN CHANGED. NEW INFORMATION AT NEXT MEETING. CHECK THE EMAILS . A.O.P. 5-13-12)
 - d. King Open House-May 20-King-We will be in a featured position opposite the entrance to Marden Hall. We need bodies there. Governor Walker will be there and a possible MoH ceremony. Be there by 9:00 A.M. Come earlier if you want to help with setup. This is before the next meeting. Contact Kim or Vince if you have any questions.
 - e. Several other dedications are in the works, i.e. Williams in Ogdensburg.
 - f. Memorial Day-May 28-Oshkosh-King-More details at the May 21 meeting-follow the emails.
 - g. May Camp #8 meeting-May 21- will be at the Oshkosh Public Museum on Algoma St. at 7:00 P.M.
 - h. Dept. Encampment-June 16-West Bend-Watch the camp and department newsletters for details. More details available at the next camp meeting, May 21. Camp 8 is entitled to 11 votes in the proceedings. Last year we only mustered 3. You owe it to yourself to come and see.
13. New business:
 - a. Work parties. We need two work parties. 1) Clean up and maintain Camp Bragg Memorial Corner. 2) Cannons at Oshkosh Public Museum need clean up, paint, and wax. More details later.
 - b. Raffle. 1st. prize is the pistol from last year. 2nd. prize is a Terry Stults knife. 3rd. prize is a framed print from Kim Heltemes. Tickets will be printed soon
 - c. Information booth display. We need more focus on the grave marker replacements and dedications. Genealogical material is of great public interest. Paul Johnson will work up a new recruiting brochure.
 - d. Omro Historical Society Hall. There seems to be a storage problem and a large increase in dues. A meeting will set up with John Stein, OAHS, for further discussion.
 - e. Patriotic Instructors Presentation. Michael Boldon gave a talk on Shilo
14. Any other old or new business. Need representation on the Oshkosh Patriotic Council. They meet 4-6 times per year. Another group is the Winnebago County Council of Veterans Organizations. We also need a media contact list (newspapers, radio, TV) of any and all places that can get out word of camp #8's activities. Contact Randy Novak for details.
15. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order? None reported.
16. Closing ceremonies. Closed at 9:00 P.M.

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

Camp 8 March Meeting

The Camp's March 19th meeting was held at the Omro Area Historical Society in Omro. We had 19 members present, and 1 guest (Terry Novak, WRC).

Commander Barker and PCC Kim Heltemes provided an update on the health of Dave Dresang. We did have a pleasant surprise; Tom Jackson, nephew of departed Brother Lyle Jackson, was present for the purpose of joining the Camp.

PDC Randy Novak read a note from Dave Dresang, reporting that contrary to the minutes of the previous meeting his van had NOT caught fire. It was also reported that Bros Denny Eagan and Mike Bouchette were each experiencing their own health issues.

PCC Kim Heltemes talked about the King Veterans Home Open House in May. Heltemes commented that the SUVCW specifically was invited to attend and would be stationed closer to the center of activities. There has been talk that Gov. Walker would be on site that day to help commemorate Wisconsin's involvement in the Civil War.

Commander Barker talked about modifying the Camp Display to promote assistance with genealogy research.

Bro. Kurt Kirk proposed having the May meeting at the Oshkosh Public museum, and volunteered to make the arrangements.

PCC Alan Petit reported he was planning to attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield on April 14th. Jr. Vice Bill Parker reported that he would be creating a Civil War display that would be set up in his home area throughout the summer season.



Prior to the business portion Camp Commander Vince Barker provided a brief review of the PowerPoint presentation that he uses when giving presentation about the SUVCW to other organizations.



New members Kyle Pruesser and Tom Jackson, were initiated into the Camp. Shown above with acting Color Guard Kurt Kirk and Chaplain Dan Wilson. Below, Jackson watches as Pruesser signs into the membership book.



Old Abe Camp 8
Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty
Supporting the Grand Army of the Republic & Wisconsin's Veterans



Patriotic Instructor Michael Boldon provided a presentation on the 150th anniversary of Shiloh.



Commander Barker and Patriotic Instructor Michael Boldon have known each other for quite a while. At the meeting Barker presented Boldon with a sweatshirt embroidered with the unit identification of Boldon's Civil War ancestor.

2012 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT FORM

This form is for Sons Only. Ladies Auxiliary use ladies form!

Department of Wisconsin
 129th Annual Encampment
 Hosted by Alonzo H. Cushing Camp # 5
 ***** Saturday, June 16, 2012 *****
 Saukville Community Center
 639 E. Green Bay Ave.
 Saukville, WI



NOTICE

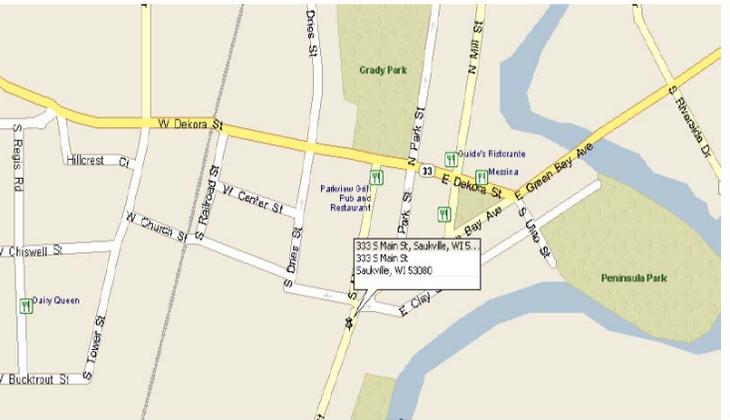
The Spring 2012 edition of the Dept. Newsletter contains full information about the Department of Wisconsin Encampment.

Registration should be received by Friday, June 8, 2012. The Registration Fee is \$6 per person. A Chinese buffet lunch is available for purchase at \$8 per person.
 SUCW Department of Wisconsin – 129th Encampment Registration
 Make checks payable to Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, SUCW and return no later than Friday, June 8, 2012.
 Mail registration form and payment to:

Ronald Miswald
 1023 8th Ave. Grafton WI 53024
 Deadline: June 8, 2012

Name (s) _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Affiliation _____
 Number of registrations _____ x \$6 = _____
 Number of lunches _____ x \$8 = _____

Below is a map of the encampment meeting place with area restaurants. The eating places are within a half mile of the meeting and easily just down the road. Guidos is Italian, Bubltz is a family restaurant, and Parkway is a bar and grill.



ENCAMPMENT INFO AND MAP 3

2012 Department Encampment

Please note that this newsletter includes the application form for you to attend the encampment. If you have never been to an encampment or it has been awhile since you have been to one, it will be a different method for you understand the business end of our organization. The summer encampment is where the election of next years officers takes place. New concerns are addressed that lead to new rules being incorporated. Grants for memorials are talked about. If there are issues that you think should be brought up, this is the right time and place. Also, most of us go to see others in the department that live in other places in the state or outward areas of the department's range. A great place to see old or new friends and a good opportunity to meet others- it doesn't always have to be about business. We must remember that the social arena gets the organization. So, fill out the form and send it in with the proper dollar amount, depending if you are going to eat there. There are other places to eat if you don't like Chinese.

SEE YOU AT THE ENCAMPMENT!



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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 suvcw-wi.org. Also, visit the national SUVCW website at suvcw.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.

** The initial dues for a new member are pro-rated through the year, and an initiation fee does apply. Contact the Jr. Vice for information.*

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