



# Camp Orders 2012-04

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Grand Army of the Republic*

### "Old Abe" Camp #8

Wisconsin Department



July 11, 2012

## Camp July 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting In Auroraville

### Next Old Abe Camp 8 Meeting

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

at

**Walter Beltz  
Historical  
Landmark,  
Auroraville, WI.**

One mile North of  
Auroraville on Hwy 49.

**Wear Your  
Membership Badge**

Picnic, bring utensils and  
lawn chairs.

Our July meeting will be at the Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church located 1 mile 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.

Wives and/or guests are welcome. Camp 8 will be providing brats, chicken breasts, and buns.

The organizer for the event is our Camp Treasurer **Kurt Kirk**, with help from Anne. Kurt reports that Anne is making potato salad, and Kurt will have a large cooler of ice water. Please remember to bring a lawn chair and eating utensils.

**Please contact Kurt by Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>,** 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. If responding via e-mail, please reply to ALL so everyone can see what you plan to bring. If not able to e-mail – Kurt's contact information is

on the last page of this newsletter.

Note - Someone will need to bring condiments (ketchup, mustard, & onions).

**Bring your own folding chairs and kitchenware.** Mosquito repellent might also be a good idea!



## 150 Years Ago, Oshkosh and the Civil War

A prominent member of the Oshkosh German community, Martin Scherff, was a leader of Germania Fire Company No. 2, and owner/operator of the New Lager Beer Hall. In 1862 he organized men of the German community into forming the "German Rifles" militia. They began conducting drill exercises, and by March of 1862 Captain Scherff had a full complement of 52 men. His unit was assigned to the 19<sup>th</sup> Wis. Inf and entered Federal service in April.

The 19<sup>th</sup> was organized in Racine, Wis. They traveled East and spent much time on garrison duty at various locations. The 19<sup>th</sup> fought in North Carolina in 1864, and was then assigned to the Army of the James. The unit participated in the siege of Petersburg, and heavily engaged at the battle of Fair Oaks, where Captain Scherff was captured.

The 19<sup>th</sup> was one of the first regiments to enter Richmond, Virginia on April 3, 1865. When the 19<sup>th</sup> raised the regimental flag over Richmond City Hall, it was the first Union regimental flag to fly over Richmond.

Ref: When Oshkosh Went To War by Jim Metz.

## Commander's Remarks



By Camp Commander  
Vince Barker

Greetings

Brothers,

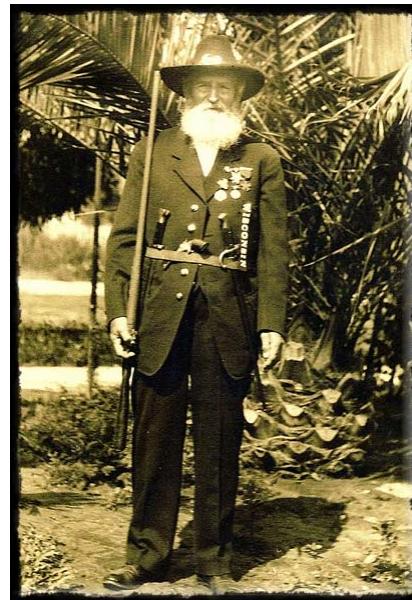
Well summer is moving on all too quickly and I am proud to say that Camp 8 has again been active so far this summer in various ceremonies honoring our Union ancestors. On Memorial Day members participated in ceremonies in Oshkosh and at the Veterans Home in King and the same week Br. Paul Johnson gave a presentation on the Civil War to over 200 middle school students in Wisconsin Rapids. On June 2 several camp members travelled to Tomah to conduct a dedication service as part of Tomah's Civil War Day festivities and on June 9th several of us conducted marker dedication ceremonies for two Union veterans buried near Wittenberg and Mattoon in Shawano County. The Mattoon dedication was well attended with several family members and about 25 spectators present.

On June 30th PCC Kim Heltemes, PCC Alan Petit, Br. Kirby Scott, and myself attended the rededication and 100th anniversary ceremony of the Camp Randall Memorial Arch. The arch was originally constructed and dedicated in 1912 to honor the 70,000 men from Wisconsin who were mustered in and trained at Camp Randall during the Civil War. It was a wonderful ceremony that was well attended by the public and various veterans organizations and included performances by the 1st Brigade Band. There is more on the ceremony in this newsletter.

On July 4th, Camp 8 will again be marching in the Omro 4th of July parade. This is a fun event that is attended by several hundred spectators each year. We will also have our information/recruiting

## One proud Draftee!

By CC Vince Barker



*Photo is of Henry Hildemann taken in California the early 1900's  
Born in Prussia in 1832  
Resident of Watertown, WI.  
Drafted into Co. C, 6th Wis Vol Inf.  
on Oct. 6, 1864.  
Mustered out on July 14, 1865.  
Wounded in the foot  
Lived in Dodge and Shawano Counties  
after the war. Died in Los  
Angeles, CA, on June 23, 1922.*

### Old Abe Camp 8

**Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty**  
*Supporting the Grand Army of the Republic & Wisconsin's Veterans*

booth set up and have our raffle tickets on sale near the Veteran's Memorial in the city park near the river. Please join us for this event. We are always a crowd favorite!

Also, remember our next camp meeting is our annual cookout on July 16th at the historic Walter Beltz Church just north of Auroraville on State highway 49. Br. Kurtis Kirk and his wife Anne spend the entire day preparing the grilled chicken, burgers, and brats, so please try to attend! Meal time is 6pm with meeting to follow. Hope to see you there!

In F, C, & L,  
Vince

## 2012 Camp Calendar

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Camp 8 regular meeting  
Auroraville, WI

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Grave Dedication  
Wausauke, WI PCC Vince  
Barker is your contact for this event.  
Post event cookout at Dan McGraw's  
place.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Portage County Civil War Living  
History at Pfiffner Park, Stevens  
Point, WI. JVC Bill Parker is  
your contact for this event.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Camp 8 regular meeting  
Wisconsin Veterans Home  
King, WI.



Brother Paul Johnson spent Decoration Day (May 30) at D.C. Everest Middle School in Weston, WI speaking to 400 middle school students in their annual Civil War Day wind up of their week long study of the Civil War. After a morning session in which the students heard both Johnson and Brian Williams, as Wausau area Civil War soldier Van Willard, they moved through 16 different stations that presented such diverse topics and characters as abolitionist John Brown, nurse Emma Quiner, a field doctor and a cannon, all to a background of a band from the high school playing civil war songs. The classes are divided up into "regiments" representing both Union and Rebel units. Wandering about the field in the afternoon were parents and other interested adults who commented on the positive effect of the day.

2012 was the 9<sup>th</sup> year of this event.

*Photo & story submitted by Paul Johnson.*

## Camp 8 10 Years Ago

- The National Encampment is in Springfield Illinois, with several Camp 8 members attending.
- Members of Camp 8 and Aux. 6, along with McAllister's Batty participate in the "Salute To The Armed Forces" event in Shawano. There was also a WWII encampment, displays by the West Point Military Academy, Coast Guard, and others.
- Policy on Camp Financial Structure and Policies is approved and published in the Camp Orders.
- Members participate in the King Veterans Home Fathers Day celebration, organized by Dan Wilson.
- Members performed a Grave Dedication for Lt. Sydney Waterman (ancestor of member Don Strube), 7<sup>th</sup> Wis, in Plainfield.
- The Camp Orders carries a short notice about the restoration of the Fox Lake GAR Post 100 banner.
- Camp 8 and Aux. 6 members had performed a flag disposal ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Omro.
- Camp 8 participates in the Oshkosh Public Museum art fair with a recruiting and informational display.
- Camp Commander Brian Peters reports the Camp had good representation at the recent Dept Encampment in Manitowoc.

### 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 [suvcw-wi.org](http://suvcw-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.

### Bro. Denny Egan Update

Vince had reported a couple of weeks ago that Denny would be going to Madison for several weeks of intense radiation treatment for prostate cancer. Please keep Denny and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Denny can be contacted at: [Dervla.the.Furst@yahoo.com](mailto:Dervla.the.Furst@yahoo.com), or 1541 Lake Breeze Road, Oshkosh, WI 5904.

### Bro. Dave Dresang Update

The last word we had from Dave was that his Infectious Disease Doctor reported that the infection which had developed in his brain area seems to have been eliminated. He feels very fortunate. However, due to the harshness of the treatments he will need to take it easy for a while to recover. He is not expecting to be very active through this fall and winter. Please do continue to support him during this period of recovery. Dave can be contacted at: [ddresang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddresang@sbcglobal.net), or 2890 Monroe Rd., DePere, WI 54115

### Coincidence or Fate? Discovering a Long Lost Union Ancestor

By Commander Vince Barker

Once in awhile when researching our ancestry an event occurs that is beyond explanation and reminds us of the importance of learning our family history. This was the case recently while helping a friend research his Civil War ancestors.

I command an Army Reserve unit at the Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL. Recently our HHC First Sergeant, 1SG Paul Stout of Des Moines, IA, overheard me discussing the Civil War and the SUVCW. He mentioned he would be very interested in learning if he had any

ancestors who served in the Civil War. I told him I would be glad to look into it. After providing me with some information on his grand parents, some quick research revealed that he did in fact have two great-great grandfathers who served in Iowa regiments. Paul was excited and immediately filled out his application to join the Gen. Grenville Dodge Camp # 75 in Des Moines. However it was later at my hotel in Rock Island while researching additional lines in Paul's family that I discovered something truly amazing.

The next day after final formation I told Paul "1SG, get in your truck, we are going for a ride". I told him to drive to the Rock Island National Cemetery which is a short distance from where our unit is located. When Paul kept asking me what the heck we were doing out here I just replied "you'll see". We walked up to grave 209 in Section SW. The grave belonged to Pvt. Thomas R. Elder, Co. D, 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa Vol. Infantry. I pointed and said "First Sergeant, this is your 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather". Well, to say Paul was surprised and excited would be an understatement. He immediately called his mother and told her as she had been helping Paul with names and dates for ancestors in her line. She said she was very familiar with the Elder name but had no idea they had an ancestor buried at the Rock Island National Cemetery. I told Paul that the 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa, known as the "Gray Beard Regiment" was unique in the Union Army. All of the soldiers in the regiment were over the age of 45. Many of the men were in their 60's and 70's, with one soldier enlisting at the age of 80! Tom Elder was 54 when he enlisted in October 1862. The State of Iowa had received special permission from the War Department in 1862 to form a regiment made up of older, able men, with the stipulation that they would not participate in active field service, but would be assigned to garrison and guard duty. It was while the regiment was assigned to guard prisoners at the Rock Island Confederate Prison where Pvt. Elder became ill and died on May 12, 1864.

Paul has been a member of the Army Reserve unit at Rock Island since October 2011 and has driven by the national cemetery many times, never knowing his direct ancestor was buried just yards away. He could not believe his ancestor is buried in the very place where he is assigned as an Army Reserve Soldier. Is it fate, or just coincidence?

# June 30<sup>th</sup>, Camp Randall Arch Re-Dedication, Madison, Wisconsin

By Vince Barker



*Post 8 GAR re enactors at the arch with the proclamation signed by Gov Walker declaring June 30, 2012, as Camp Randall GAR Memorial Park Day in Wisconsin.*

There was really no official SUVCW participation since it was focused on the 100th anniversary of the original arch dedication. The WVM did not want anyone in CW uniforms, only the GAR Post 8 re-enactors.

The ceremony was a rededication of the Camp Randall Memorial Arch originally dedicated in 1912 to honor the 70,000 soldiers from Wisconsin who passed thru Camp Randall. The ceremony included performances by the 1st Brigade Band and speeches from Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs John Scocos, noted Wisconsin Civil War author and Chairman of the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Lance Herdegen, and Alan Hembel, President of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation, SUVCW member and MOLLUS Associate Member. I was there representing the Wisconsin Commandery MOLLUS and Camp 8, Kim as Dept SVC and Camp 8, as well as Alan and Kirby. Dale Brasser and Kent Peterson were there from Camp 1.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Omro

*Photos by Terry Novak and Kirby Scott.*



*Camp members Vince Barker, Terry Stults, Randy Novak, Mike Bolden, Jim Schumann & Alan Petit marched in the parade. Not pictured is Alan who wisely dropped out a little earlier due to the heat.*



*Kirby Scott arrived early to set up the Camp display near the veterans memorial, and manned in during the day*



*What a day for a parade, with the temperature pushing 100F, we put on wool clothes and go marching in the sun! However, we survived and there was heavy turn out from the public – who seemed to appreciate our attendance by providing much applause. After the parade most of us retired to the Omro Historical Society for fresh pie and ice cream.*

*Camp 8 was represented in the parade, and through the Camp display that was set up by Kirby.*

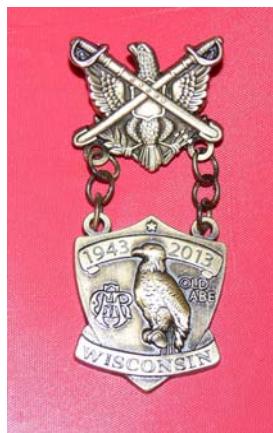


*The old soldier, Jim Schumann, had to take a break to cool down after the march. Our in-house medic Terry Stults provided assistance to several auxiliary police members who were struggling with the heat.*

# June 16<sup>th</sup> Department of Wisconsin Encampment, Saukville, WI



Here's PDC Brian Peters at his station as the Dept. Secretary. Dept. JVC Alan Petit provides his report as Dept. SVC Kim Heltemes looks on.



This is an advance sample of the souvenir medal for the 2013 National Encampment, which will be held in the Milwaukee area.

**PLEASE NOTE – OLD ABE** is featured predominantly on the medal. This should be a good incentive to have one of these in your collection!



Camp 8 representation at the Encampment, Dept. officers all. Camp 8 is well represented on the Dept. Officer listing.



Officers for the next term are installed by C-in-C Donald Palmer

## June 9<sup>th</sup> Grave Dedication, Wittenberg & Hutchinson, Wisconsin

Photos courtesy of Kirby Scott.



The Woodlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson.

On the morning of June 9<sup>th</sup>, members of Camp 8 performed grave dedication ceremonies to re-dedicate the cemeteries of Robin Rd. in the Town of Wittenberg, and Woodlawn in the Town of Hutchinson. This effort was organized by Richard Beversdorf, Chairman of Wittenberg Township, and Larry Olson, Commander of the American Legion Post Mattoon.

Amy Damveld (Shawano) had brought the need for headstone maintenance to Beversdorf. They worked with Nick Benzinger, Shawano County Veterans Service Officer, to replace damaged markers.



The Robin Road Cemetery in Wittenberg.



Camp 8 was represented by Jim Waid, Dan McGraw, Alan Petit, Kirby Scott, Brian Peters, Paul Johnson, Dan Wilson, Vince Barker



# Tomah, WI Grave Dedication June 2

Photos courtesy of Terry Novak.



There was good attendance by the general public.



The Tomah area veterans again provided excellent support – it's always a pleasure to work with them. In case you were wondering, that's our guys leaving the smoke.



Camp member Wayne Kling invited the Camp to participate in this event. Thank you to Wayne, Alan Petit, Matt and Ron Arndt, Brian Peters, Randy Novak, and Kim Heltemes for participating.

The new grave marker for Lucian Wyatt, 1<sup>st</sup> Wis Cav

## Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Oshkosh

Photos courtesy of Mary Schumann unless otherwise indicated.



After the Procession – we had to take a break. Alan, still recovering from surgery, didn't march with us, but guarded the ice water and waited for our return! Bill Parker, Jim Schumann, Alan Petit, & Randy Novak represented Camp 8.



Between Camp 8 & Co. E we were able to muster a reasonable unit to represent the Civil War veterans. Many thanks to our friends in Co. E!



This photo from the Oshkosh Northwestern featured Alan Petit and Jim Schumann at the early morning Memorial Service for Sailors.



Camp members Jim Schumann and Randy Novak were speakers during the main Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery. Terry Novak helped with the pre-event planning & preparation and distributed programs the day of.

# King Veterans Home Open House, May 20<sup>th</sup>



The Camp 8/McAllister's Battery display is always a popular attraction. Items on display, information available, and raffle tickets to sell! Thank you to Camp members Kurt, Paul, Brian, Alan, Ron & Matt, Kirby, Kim, and Randy for helping (who did I miss?).



Now this was different. A few guys, some are past Civil War re-enactors who are no longer suited to that hobby, who have decided to re-enact GAR members! Their presence seemed appropriate for King. Some of you may recognize a couple of past Camp 8 members in the group.

One of the members of the group appeared to think that we were re-enacting the "Sons", but that's another story.

It did demonstrate that you don't need a Civil War uniform to look the part!

The DUV tent from Manitowoc was represented for the day.

## Camp 8 May Meeting

The Camp's May 21st meeting was held at the Oshkosh Public Museum. We had 14 members present, 1 Allied Order (Terry Novak, WRC), and 1 guest (Brad Larson).

Camp SVC, PDC Randy Novak chaired the meeting at Commander Vince Barker was not able to attend.

Brad Larson was our featured speaker for the evening. He spoke about the need for maintenance on the museum's cannons that are displayed outdoors. He discussed in good detail the restoration process used by the textile conservator for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin flag. It is being attached to a fine cloth mesh. The approximate total cost is around \$25K, and about \$4K is still needed to complete the funding. When finished the flag will be displayed on the museum's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as part of the museum's Civil War exhibit. Larson requested the Camp help with a installation ceremony – the flag should be ready near the end of 2012. Larson also reported of their plans to move the "Hiker" monument (Span-Am Monument) from its present site to a site better suited for visibility/viewing.

Thank you to Brad Larson for sticking around to keep the building open for us, and allowing us the use of the facility. Brad did offer that we could use it at any time for meetings with no charge if they are providing a presentation, and a nominal charge otherwise. They prefer meetings not run past 9:00PM.

During the reporting of sick or distressed Brothers – a number of members reported either having or recovering from various health issues (see meeting minutes). Our best to them all and wishes for speedy recovery.

We discussed the need for work parties for grounds & cannon maintenance both at the Oshkosh Public Museum, and the Camp Bragg Memorial Park. The Memorial Park is more or less our site and much work is needed on the flower beds, benches, cannon mounts, and the tubes themselves. Randy will set up work parties for each – so far it's been a busy season and there should be time once Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July are past.



Brad Larson (center) Director of the Oshkosh Public Museum was our host for the evening.



# **OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, May 21, 2012**

1. Opening ceremony-7:20 P.M. Oshkosh Public Museum. (14 members present)
2. Roll call of officers:
  - a. CC-(SVC Randy Novak filling in), SVC-(Kirby Scott filling in), JVC-present, Secretary-present, Treasurer-present.
3. Minutes of Mar. 19, 2012-approved as printed in the newsletter.
4. Treasurer's report: As of 5-21-12, \$4033.88 in checking, \$4245.82 in CD1, \$1010.83 in CD2. \$1227.00 was sent to Department for department and national per capitias. \$198.00 was received at King for raffle.
5. Any sick or distressed brothers? Don Blaney had cataract surgery. Alan Petit is recovering from hernia surgery. Dave Dresang had more surgery to repair difficulties from a previous surgery. Dennis Egan has prostate cancer and is undergoing hormone and radiation treatments. Al Heise and Mike Bouchette had heart surgeries. All are doing well and should recover.
6. Introduction of guests and visitors. Brad Larsen brought us up to date on the conservation work done on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wisconsin flag. It is going slowly. We may participate in a return ceremony using the SUV monuments ceremony when the flag is done. A session to paint and wax the cannons at the museum is to be scheduled. Hiker statue may be moved to the museum. At this time a check for \$500.00 from Camp #8 was presented to Brad for application to the flag restoration fund.
7. Any new applications to review and accept? None.
8. Any communications and/or bills to address?
9. Old business.
  - a. Dues to the Oshkosh Military Veterans Museum have been Paid. (\$100.00).
  - b. Camp Bragg guns need paint (or wax?). Date to be set.
  - c. OPM guns need paint and/wax. Date to be set.
  - d. SUV fountain at King. Base parts are needed. Mike will check with Arien's foundry. Others will keep checking around.
  - e. GAR cemetery stars. Kim has a bunch that need to be concreted. \$200.00 was allowed on 3-21-11 for more stars. Kim and Kurt will buy some.
  - f. A flag burning ceremony needs to be scheduled as we are running short of ashes and grommets for grave dedications. Ron has the burner. Kim will set it up.
10. Past events:
  - a. Apr. 15-Lincoln Tomb Ceremony-went well -cold rain as usual- A. Petit was only member of Camp 8 there. 4 other Wisconsin Department people were there.
  - b. Apr. 28-29-Gen-O-Rama-a fair amount of interest. Laptops were used to log up CW data for several of the public.
  - c. May 19-Mattoon Grave dedication-went well.
  - d. May 20-King open house-good turnout-1<sup>st</sup>. Brigade Band played-MOH monument picture unveiled-about \$200.00 in raffle tickets sold.
  - e. Kim has several more headstones to dedicate in Ogdensburg and Weyewega. More details will follow when set.
11. New business:
  - a. Exiting the Omro Historical Society Hall. More discussion of where do we go from here at next meeting. All suggestions will be welcomed and considered.
  - b. Next meeting at the historic church on Wis. Hwy 49 in Auroraville, July 16. Picnic time.
12. Future Events:
  - a. May 28-Memorial Day -3 events. Take your choice, or attend another one closer to home.
    - 1) King-Kim will speak.
    - 2) Oshkosh- Randy and J. Schumann will speak. No picnic this year.
    - 3) Crandon-Vince will speak.
  - b. June 2- Tomah dedication-see Kim-sign up sheet passed.
  - c. June 9-Wittenburg dedication-see Vince-sign up sheet passed
  - d. June 16-Department Encampment-Saukville-get credentials from camp secretary-everyone that can come is welcome.
  - e. July 16-next camp meeting at the historic church on Wis Hwy 49 near Auroraville-Picnic time Kurt will coordinate.
  - f. July-some Saturday-work day for OPM and Camp Bragg cannon maintenance
  - g. Aug 25-26-Stevens Point- CW event- Contact J.Schumann, B. Peters , or Wid Bill.
13. Patriotic presentation: None.
14. Anything for the good of the order? None.
15. Closing ceremony. Closed at 8:50 P.M.

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



**Camp 8 Newsletter**  
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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](http://suvcw-wi.org). Also, visit the national SUVCW website at [suvcw.org](http://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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