



***Camp Orders 2013-02***  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
*Grand Army of the Republic*  
**“Old Abe” Camp #8**  
Wisconsin Department



March 2013

## **Camp March 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Will Be Held At The Oshkosh Public Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

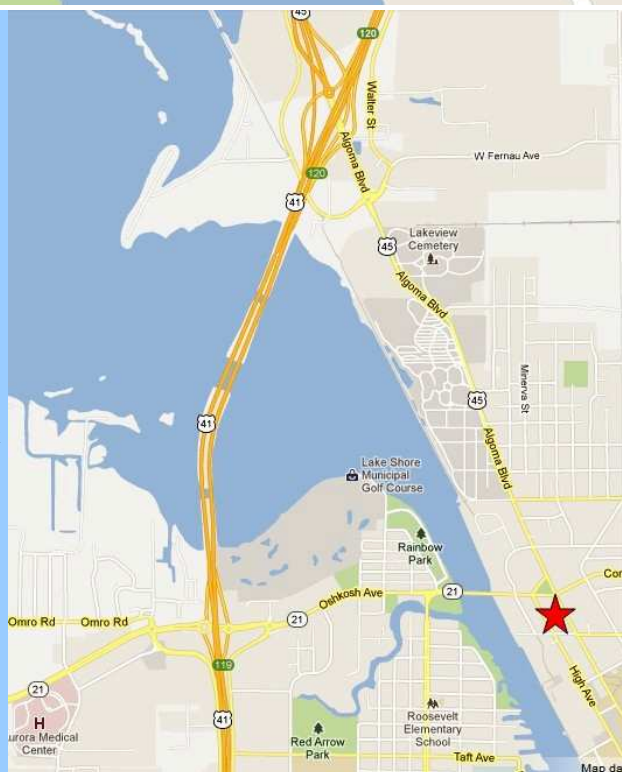


**Next Old Abe  
Camp 8 Meeting  
will be on  
March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting starts at  
7:00 PM**

**Location is:  
The Oshkosh Public  
Museum  
1331 Algoma Blvd.  
Oshkosh, WI.**

**Wear Your  
Membership Badge**



Our March meeting, Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, is being held at the Oshkosh Public Museum 1331 Algoma Blvd. In Oshkosh, WI.

It is housed in the Edgar and Mary Jewell Sawyer House, which is part of the Algoma Boulevard Historic District



## Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander  
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all made it thru another Wisconsin winter! Spring is almost here and our SUVCW activity season is approaching fast. Memorial Day, marker dedications, the department encampment, and the National Encampment in Brookfield are all on the horizon. Our next camp meeting is on March 18th at the Oshkosh Public Museum. We will be getting a special viewing of the Company B, 3rd Wisconsin flag, that Camp 8 helped financially to restore. Please try to attend! Also I received some wonderful news on behalf of Camp 8 from Mark Rohloff, the Oshkosh City Manager. He informed me that Camp 8 is being honored with the "Community Partner Award" by the City of Oshkosh for our on going contributions and activities to honor the City's history. The award will be presented by the Mayor and City Council at the Oshkosh Convention Center at 6pm, Monday, March 25th. All camp members are invited to attend. It is proof that all of our hard work and dedication is not going un-noticed by the community, and is a great venue to increase public awareness of our organization. Congratulations to all of you!

Lastly, every so slowly, public awareness of the Civil War Sesquicentennial is increasing. The upcoming 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg should help somewhat as well. The topic is coming up more and more in the various media outlets. Please do not let this opportunity pass by. RECRUIT! There is no better way to recruit new members than by your own word of mouth. The future of our Order and our Camp lies with all of us, not just the camp officers. If you have someone who may be interested talk to them! If you would like assistance from one of the camp officers or former camp officers please let us know. There will be no better chance in our lifetime to promote our Order than right now!

Hope to see you on the 18th,  
In F, C, & L,

Vince



SUVCW Department of Wisconsin Mid-Winter meeting at Bluemound Gardens in Wauwatosa, WI.

Left to right: Tom Mueller Camp #1, Kent Peterson Camp #1, Alan Petit Camp #8, Kim Heltemes Camp #8, Steve Michaels Camp #1, National C-N-C Perley Mellor, Wisconsin DC Tom Brown, Brian Peters Camp #8, Alan Hembel Camp #2, Brian McManus Camp #1, David Howard Camp #1

### Veterans Home at King

Camp #8 and Bingo

*Submitted by Kim Heltemes*

On January 12, 2013, members of Old Abe Camp #8, with the help of their wives, hosted Bingo at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. This is about the fifth year of hosting Bingo so the members know what they are getting into – large prizes. We started using quarters for prizes instead of the traditional dime, making the members excited to see us. We also gave away dollar door prizes.

Lu Ann Williams, who is trying to resurrect the Auxiliary to the Camp, was there to meet some of the Camp members as well as to introduce herself. She helped with making the deserts for the members. We make cookies in advance and pre-package them with two cookies per bag. They are served with coffee and were a great hit with the members. In the end, we made about seventy-five members really pleased. A member of the Home was the caller.

Thanks to Brian and Lucy Peters, Jim and Susie Waid, Alan Petit, Kim And Kathy Heltemes, and Lu Ann Williams, for all the cookies and help. It is an event that we look forward to each year. It doesn't cost that much money to make the people happy that served this country. We will schedule another Bingo afternoon next January so if you would like to help, keep an eye on our event schedule. If you would like to donate towards the Home or to the event, please let Kim J. Heltemes know at [heltemesk@centurylink.net](mailto:heltemesk@centurylink.net) so he can get you in touch with the right people. All in all, everyone had a good time.



## Echoes of the Past Trade Fair Feb 23-24, 2013



*In the picture above behind the table are Vince Barker & Kim Heltemes. LuAnn Williams is on the right side of the display talking with a member of the public on Saturday.*

Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair was this year a bit smaller in size and crowd but was an enjoyable and relaxing time showing the public who we are and what we do.

Our Camp display was in a new location this year and because of this we were exposed to many more people walking by and stopping to check us out.

Thanks to Vince Barker, William Parker, Alan Petit, Denny Egan, LuAnn Williams, and Kirby Scott for staffing our display table for this event.



*In the picture above Vince Barker & William Parker sit behind our display table while LuAnn Williams talks with a member of the public in front.*

## 2013 Camp Calendar

### March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Oshkosh Public Museum Oshkosh, WI

### April 13<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Springfield, IL

### May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

King Open House Veterans Home, King, WI

### May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: t.b.d.

### June 15<sup>th</sup>

130<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin State Department Encampment

Boscobel, Wisconsin

### July 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic

Location Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church,  
Auroraville, WI

### August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

2013 National Encampment

Brookfield, Wisconsin

### August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Stevens Point Living History encampment

Pfiffner Park Stevens Point, WI

### September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Veteran's Home, King, WI

### September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Wade House Civil War Weekend

Greenbush, Wisconsin

### November 18<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting

Annual Bean Supper & election of officers

Location: t.b.d.

Please send information on events that you are aware of to  
kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com

## RENEWAL - NOTICE -

2013 Dues Were Payable as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**If you have not yet paid, please send \$40.00  
to the Camp Secretary: Alan Petit E7602 Cutoff Road  
New London, WI 54961**

## AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Are you looking to give back to your country? Honor your Civil War ancestor?  
Do more with your husband who is a Sons of Union Veterans member?

**Join me in becoming a charter member of a new auxiliary and...**

- Instill love of country in yourself and others
- Assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Properly observe Memorial Day
- Support our troops
- Help with headstone dedications
- Support our Veterans at King Veterans Home
- Learn and teach proper flag etiquette
- Learn more about the Civil War
- Care for and support your fellow Auxiliary members
- Meet new friends and have fun

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# Br. David Dresang 1958-2013

## Old Abe Camp #8 brother David Dresang passes away January 12, 2013

David Lee Dresang, Jr., 54, De Pere, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2013, as a result of a Brain Stem Stroke. He was born in Alaska to David Lee and Jeannie Marie (Wiedenhaupt) Dresang, Sr. on June 5, 1958. He was a 1976 graduate of Appleton East High School. He achieved a Machine Tool Operation degree from Northeast Wisconsin Tech College in 1998. On May 31, 1996 David married the love of his life, Theresa Lynn Wellens in Green Bay.

Many hours of enjoyment were spent discussing movies and music facts with his daughters, Tiana and Amber. Bryan will always remember the morning horse play while waiting for the bus. He also enjoyed spoiling his grandchildren with his time...and COOKIES!!!

David was very active with the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association--Civil War Re-enacting family, where he served as current President and past Secretary of the association. He also served as 1st Lieutenant, past secretary and 1st Sergeant of Company E within the association. He was a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans Camp 8. These civil war groups enabled him to keep history alive and educate many minds, young and old, on the importance of history.

He always had a special place in his heart for scouting and was a Merit Badge Counselor with The Bay Lakes Council and Troop 1043 of The Boy Scouts of America. He himself was a life Scout.

Many fun filled hours were spent by David volunteering at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay with close friends Bob and Julie and other museum family.

David is survived by his loving wife, Theresa; daughters, Tiana Dresang and Amber (Chris) Dresang-Charlier; son, Bryan Dresang; grandchildren, Talon, Serenity and Atreyu; brothers and sisters, Barb Ashton, Anchorage, AK; Sally Montulli, Rochester, NY; Randy (Angie) Dresang, Hubert, NC; Mary Kay Dresang (Jim), Appleton; Misty (Jerome) Wilen, Olympia, WA; mother, Jeannie Rice; aunt, Jackie Spielbauer, Kaukauna; in-laws, Bob and Helen Wellens, De Pere; mother of his daughters, Susan Fontaine; cats, Shadow, Lefty and Smeagol; many relatives and friends.

He is preceded by his parents, David and Mary; sister, Amy Trowbridge; uncle, Donald Spielbauer; grandparents, Anna and Arthur Wiedenhaupt and



Dave Dresang at a Green Bay, Wisconsin event in 2004. Photo from *secondwi.com*.



Dave Dresang sitting on the right at a Boonsboro, Maryland event in 2005. Photo from *secondwi.com*.



Mildred and Pat Zellmer.

Family and friends may call at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 651 Pinehurst Ave. (corner of Finger Road & Pinehurst Ave.), Green Bay, on Friday, January 18, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., where there will be a Celebration of David's life at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Cotter Funeral Homes and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to David's family at [www.cotterfuneralhome.com](http://www.cotterfuneralhome.com).

A special thank you to Tiffany at Green Bay Home Medical, ResCare—Kristy, Truda and Ginger, Hospice Advantage—Paula and Lynn, VNA Hospice—Sam and Lynn, and St. Luke's NICU staff—especially our angel nurse, Rachel.



Dave Dresang standing in the middle at a Boonsboro, Maryland event in 2005. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang kneeling on the right at an event in Perryville, Kentucky in 2006. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang standing on the left at a Boonsboro, Maryland event in 2005. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang at a School event in 2006. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang at the Winter Dinner event in 2005. *Photo from secondwi.com.*





Pallbearers from Company E carry the casket of Dave Dresang from the church after his funeral. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*



Dave Dresang on the left at an event in Menominee Falls, Wisconsin 2009. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang at Echoes of the past in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2012. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*



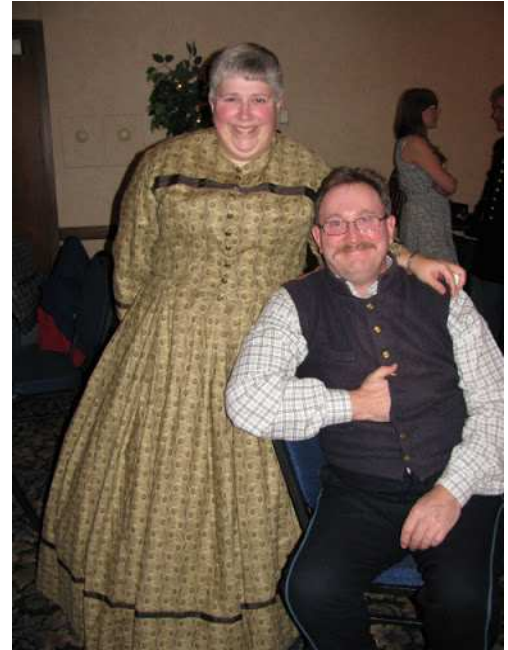
Dave Dresang on the right at the Living History in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 2012. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*



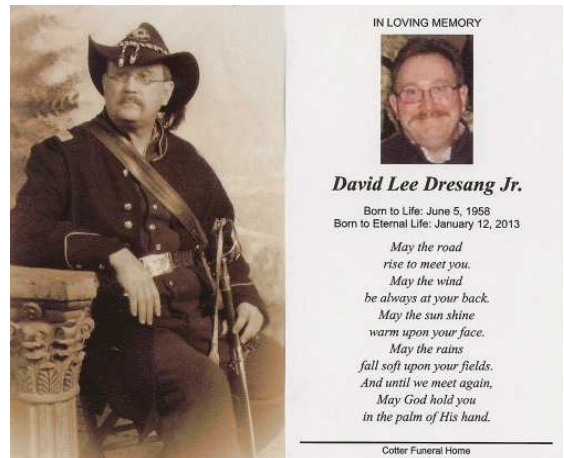


Dave Dresang on the right at the Living History in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 2012. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*

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



Dave Dresang at the Civil War Dinner in 2011. *Photo from secondwi.com.*



Dave Dresang on the left at the Living History in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 2012. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*



**Wisconsin Veterans Home Open House and Old Car Show**  
**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Wisconsin Veterans Home N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI**



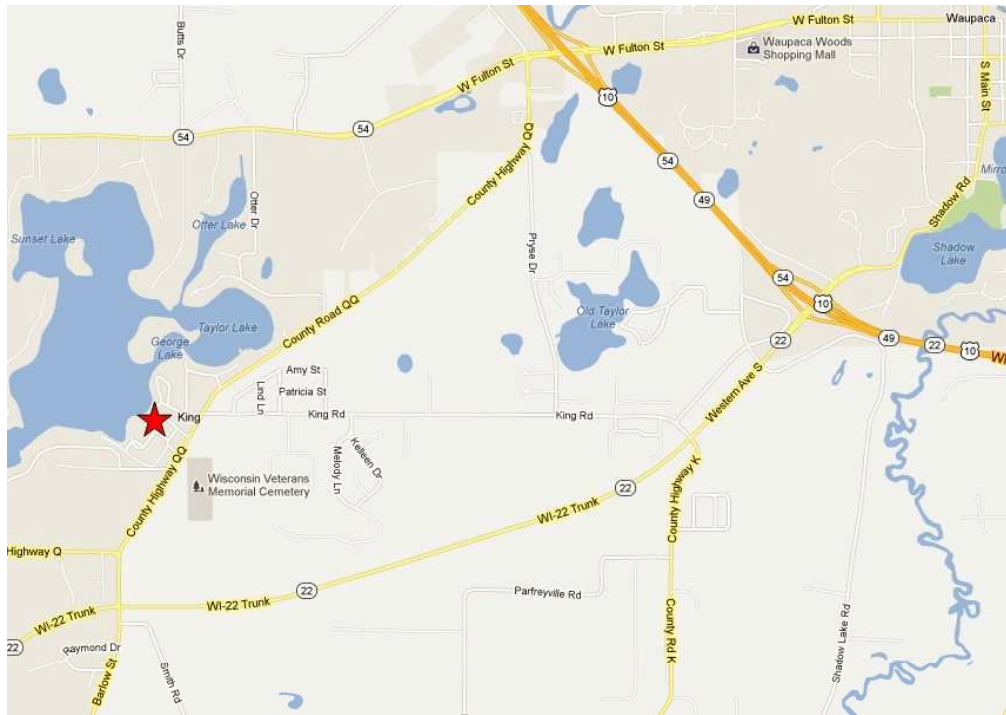
On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Old Abe Camp #8 will participate in the open house event at the Veterans Home in King, WI.

The red star above indicates where our Camp information display will be set up. Parking for this event will be in the parking lot in the lower right of the above picture.

This is a very nice one day event for the veterans of the home.

This event will run from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm.

Please see the map below for the location of this open house.





## Camp 8 January 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Our November 12th meeting was at Jimmy's White House Inn in Buttes Des Morts.

With wind chills well below zero our meeting and excellent dinner were enjoyed by those who attended.

Our invited guests were Scott Cross, archivist for the Oshkosh Public Museum and LuAnn Williams who is in the process of forming an Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. See more information on page 4 of this newsletter.



Above left to right; Brian & Lucy Peters, Scott Cross, Alan Petit.



Above left to right; Jim & Sue Waid, LuAnn Williams.

## AWARD FOR CAMP #8

Every year the City of Oshkosh selects three or four organizations and/or individuals to be recognized for their service to City departments through a community partner award. The award is presented at the annual "State of the City" event, which this year is March 25 at the Convention Center.

Old Abe Camp # 8, has been selected for a community partner award based on the Camp's long standing support of the Oshkosh Public Museum. Among many other activities, Camp #8 is being recognized for helping the Museum acquire the John Hancock Collection, as well as helping sponsor the conservation treatment of Scott's Volunteers Civil War flag.



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



## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, JAN. 21, 2013

1. Opening Ceremony-7:20 P. M. Jimmie's White House Inn-Butte des Mort. (9 members present + about 6 guests)

2. Roll Call of officers:

- a. Commander-Kirby filling in for Vince.
- b. SVC-Kim filling in for Kirby.
- c. JVC-here.
- d. Secretary-here.
- e. Treasurer-here.

3. Minutes. Approve minutes from last meeting. Dan moved and Kim seconded. Approved.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Raffle prizes were awarded and sent out. \$446.42 net income from raffle. \$682.50 was paid out in donations. \$425.00 was received in donations. B. Peters presented a \$60.00 donation from Stevens Point. \$6054.33 in checking. CD's same as last time.

5. Any sick or distressed brothers?

Dave Dresang has passed on. Wake and funeral services have been held. Camp participated. Good turnout. Burial in the spring. Stefanie Barker is having surgery.

6. Introduction of guests.

Scott Cross of OPM, invited camp to stop by the museum and see the restored 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin flag.

Luann and Jeff Williams. Luann is working to reactivate the SUVCW auxiliary for this area.

7. New applications for review and acceptance? None.

8. Any communications and/or bills to address? None.

9. Prior business: None.

10. Past Events:

a. Bingo at King. Several members there. Went well. Cost about \$90.00 plus coffee.

11. Future events:

- a. Feb. 2-Waukesha- Dept. Mid-winter meeting and luncheon-See department newsletter for details.
- b. Feb 23-24-Oshkosh- Echoes of the Past Trade Fair. See camp newsletter for details. Sign-up sheet passed around.
- c. May/June . Dedication for Dave Dresang.
- d. May 19-King-VA annual open house. 10:30 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.
- e. June 15-Boscobel-Dept. Annual Encampment. See dept. newsletters.
- f. Aug. 8-11-Milwaukee-National Encampment. See "Banner" and dept newsletters.

12. New business:

- a. Aaron Novak requests a discharge.
- b. March camp meeting. Oshkosh Public Museum. See newsletter.
- c. Raffle-application will be filed. Prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> -Henry .22 lever rifle, 2<sup>nd</sup> -repro. 1860 cavalry saber, 3<sup>rd</sup> -print?
- d. Weyauwega Horse & Buggy Days- second week end in September-Kim will try to organize a grave dedication and a candlelight cemetery walk.

13. Patriotic Instructor's presentation. None.

14. Any other old or new business? None.

15. Has anyone anything for the good of the order? None.

16. Closing ceremony. Closed at 8:\_\_\_ P.M.

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

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## 2013 National Encampment Commemorative Badge

— Artist's rendition, appearance of actual medal may vary slightly.

A special commemorative medal has been produced, celebrating the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Wisconsin. The badge also honors Wisconsin's Civil War eagle, Old Abe, mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, who became a living symbol of the Union at war. This is a limited edition—supplies are limited!

\_\_\_\_\_ [quantity] Commemorative Badges @ \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ Mail badge(s) to me ☐ Pick up badge(s) at Encampment

Shipping & Handling Fee @ \$3 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: shipping and handling fee waived if picked up at the National Encampment)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with check (payable to "National Encampment 2013 SUVCW") to:

**2013 Commemorative Badge**

**c/o PCinC Steve Michaels**

**6623 S. North Cape. Rd.**

**Franklin, WI 53132**

# ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPOKE HERE

*The Underground Railroad  
Stopped Here*

Four Union Generals and  
21 Colonels Made Their Homes Here

**The Grand Army Encamped Here (4 times)**

CONGRESS BUILT A NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CIVIL WAR VETS HERE

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THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN INVITE YOU TO THE

**2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**AUGUST 8 - 11, 2013**





**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 on page 11 of this newsletter. Visit the Department of Wisconsin website, and Camp 8 WebPages, at [www.suvcw-wi.org](http://www.suvcw-wi.org). Also, visit the national SUVCW website at [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org). Camp 8 also has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Abe-Camp-8-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-SUVCW/192313178329](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Abe-Camp-8-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-SUVCW/192313178329).*

*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 officer below for information.*

## **Join Old Abe Camp 8!** **Membership**

**\$40.00/yr. Annual Dues\***

**For New Membership, Contact:**

**Jr. Vice William Parker**

**351 17<sup>th</sup> St. North, WI Rapids, WI 54494**

**(715) 424-2627      wildbill@wctc.net**



**Old Abe Camp 8 Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War  
(SUVCW)**