



Camp Orders 2013-03
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
"Old Abe" Camp #8
Wisconsin Department



May 2013

**Camp May 20th Meeting Will Be Held At Marden Hall At
The Veterans Home In King, Wisconsin**



**Next Old Abe
Camp 8 Meeting
will be on
May 20th**

**Meeting starts at
7:00 PM**

**Location is:
Marden Hall at the
Veterans Home in
King, WI.**

**Wear Your
Membership Badge**

Our next Camp meeting will be held at the Veterans Home located in King, Wisconsin.

We will meet in Marden Hall, which is located where the red star is in the above picture.

Enter through the main doors and go to your left. When you get to the elevators then take a left then a right to get to the meeting room.

AWARD FOR CAMP #8



On March 25, 2013 Camp #8 received the "Community Partner Award" from Oshkosh Mayor Burk Tower during their annual State of the City meeting & Open House at the Oshkosh Convention Center, downtown Oshkosh, WI.

This recognition by the city of Oshkosh is designed in part to help Camp #8 build pride and awareness of what we do and stand for and we could not have done this without the fantastic members of our Camp. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*

Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

With the arrival of spring and warmer weather the active "season" for the SUVCW is upon us. Our camp and department have several important events coming up soon beginning with the King Home Open House on May 19th and culminating with the Department of Wisconsin hosting the SUVCW National Encampment in August. Memorial Day is of most immediate importance. Camp 8 has traditionally participated in the Oshkosh procession and ceremonies and the ceremonies at the King Veteran's Home. We need maximum participation from all brothers who are able to participate in these events. Remember as SUVCW members and descendants of the GAR, we swear an oath to honor Memorial Day, which as we all know began with General Logan's Order # 11 in 1868. Details on our Memorial Day activities are in this newsletter.

On April 13th, myself along with Camp 8 members Alan Petit, CSM Michael Boldon, and Kirby Scott, participated in the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL. This event is co-sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS (Military Order of the Loyal Legion). I am proud to say that of the five brothers who were present from the Department of Wisconsin, four of us were from Camp 8! Huzzah! Alan presented a wreath on behalf of Camp 8 while I presented one on behalf of the Wisconsin Commandery, MOLLUS. As always it was a wonderful and moving ceremony and this year we were finally blessed with beautiful weather.

I hope to see you all on Memorial Day!
In F, C, & L,
Vince

Oshkosh ROTC Award.



On April 18, 2013 Old Abe Camp #8 Sr. Vice Commander Kirby Scott presented ROTC Cadet Jack Roets a certificate and medal from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the Spring Awards Ceremony held at the Kolf Sports Center on the University of Wisconsin campus in Oshkosh, WI.

Photo courtesy of Ruth Eberwine.

ATTENTION!

Department Encampment Credentials

Notice. Anyone attending the Department Encampment on Jun. 15 will need a SUVCW Dept. Annual Encampment Credentials Card, by order of the Department Commander. As your camp secretary, I can provide these cards. I will give them out at the King Open House, May 19, the May 20 camp meeting, by mail on request, and at the Department Encampment in Boscobel, Jun. 15, prior to voting. This card is SUVCW Form 2a. The department has only just re-established their use last year after several years of neglect. See you at the encampment.

Alan O. Petit, Secretary, Camp #8, Dept. of Wisc.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Monday, May 27th

Oshkosh, WI.

7:45AM

Sailors Memorial Services, downtown Oshkosh, near the Main St. bridge, on Ceape Ave. Parking available behind the Oshkosh Convention Center.

8:45AM

Assemble for Procession in Beech Building parking lot, 200 block of Algoma St. Due to construction downtown the staging area may be a block west of the normal staging location.

9:00AM sharp!

Procession Steps Off

10:15AM (approx.)

Memorial Services at Riverside Cemetery in the new veterans section.

Veteran's Home – King, WI.

9:30 AM

Lakeside memorial service. Boat dock behind the Marden building.

10:00 AM

Cemetery memorial service

****Remember**** - as SUVCW members and descendants/legal heirs of the GAR, Memorial Day is our most revered event, and we swear an oath to honor it when we become members.

Please participate with your fellow camp members in the ceremonies in Oshkosh or King.

If you are unable to join us then please attend the ceremonies in your area.

2013 Camp Calendar

May 19th, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

King Open House Veterans Home, King, WI

May 20th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Veteran's Home – King, WI.

May 27th, Memorial Day Activities

7:45 am. Sailors Memorial Service – Oshkosh, WI.

9:00 am. Memorial Day Parade – Oshkosh, WI.

9:30 am. Lakeside Services – King, WI.

10:00 am. Cemetery Services – King, WI.

June 15th

130th Wisconsin State Department Encampment

Boscobel, Wisconsin

July 15th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic

Location Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church, Auroraville, WI

August 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

2013 National Encampment

Brookfield, Wisconsin

August 24th & 25th

Stevens Point Living History encampment

Pffifner Park Stevens Point, WI

September 16th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Veteran's Home, King, WI

September 28th & 29th

Wade House Civil War Weekend

Greenbush, Wisconsin

November 18th

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. 1st.

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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Lincoln's Birthplace

My wife, Susan, and I arrived at Lincoln's Birthplace on a beautiful Spring morning in early April. It was a pleasant break from the long Wisconsin winter. Lincoln's Birthplace is a National Historic Site and is located about 60 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky with easy access from Interstate 65. The area remains very rural with rolling hills, farms and wood lots. It reminded me of southwestern Wisconsin around Fort McCoy. The site is beautifully maintained by the National Park Service.

The log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born is enclosed by a marble building. Upon entering the building, the visitor is just a few feet from the log cabin which was disassembled and skillfully reassembled for preservation and display. The cabin is small and measures about 10 by 20 feet. It has a dirt floor, a window, a door and a fireplace. It is hard to imagine how a family lived in such small quarters.

The grounds are park-like and serene. The last witness tree died in 1976. There is a spring where the Lincoln family got water. A walking path is available for those visitors who wish to further explore the site and enjoy its natural beauty.

Sue and I enjoyed our visit and learned a lot about President Lincoln.

*Story & photos submitted by,
Br Dan McGraw*



Br McGraw standing on steps leading to building containing log cabin of Lincoln's birth.



The log cabin where Lincoln was born.



Building that encloses log cabin where Lincoln was born.



Split rail fence and stone wall marking the spot where the last witness tree existed before dying in 1976

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The 57th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was held on April 13th in Springfield, Illinois.

Old Abe Camp #8 members who went were Vince Barker, Michael Boldon, Alan Petit, and Kirby Scott. *Photos by Kirby Scott.*



Old Abe Camp #8 member Michael Boldon holds our Camp flag during the ceremony.



Old Abe Camp #8 members Vince Barker and Alan Petit watch as the colors are raised.



Old Abe Camp #8 member Alan Petit presents a wreath.



Old Abe Camp #8 Commander Vince Barker presents a wreath.



A group photo of all who presented wreaths for the ceremony. Camp #8 members Vince Barker & Alan Petit are in the second row.



Old Abe Camp #8 members Alan Petit, Vince Barker, Kirby Scott, and Michael Boldon pose in front of the entrance to the Lincoln Tomb after the ceremony.



Camp members standing next to the headstone inside of the Lincoln Tomb. Left to right: Alan Petit, Vince Barker, Michael Boldon, and Kirby Scott. *Photo by Kirby Scott.*

Below Camp member Alan Petit “chillin” before the Lincoln Tomb ceremony begins. *Photo by Vince Barker.*



Old Abe Camp 8

Patriotic Instructor

May 2013 Newsletter



Our camp commander has asked me to develop patriotic instructor articles to be used in the newsletter in lieu of presentations at meetings

I'd may willing to research and write about most any thing, address you suggestions to johhnson@newnorth.net

Loyally Paul Johnson

Much has been written about army chow during the Civil War. The quantity and quality certainly varied. With all due respect to veterans writing after the war and hard-core re-enactors, the men survived on more than hard tack and coffee. Essentially there were two main rations – camp and marching. In general this is the diet in both daily rations:

Articles	Quantities/ration [†]					
	July 1861		August 1861		June 1864	
	oz.	Tbsp.	oz.	Tbsp.	oz.	Tbsp.
Meat Components						
Beef, fresh	20		20		20	
or salt beef	20		20		20	
or pork	12		12		12	
or bacon	12		12		12	
Flour Components						
Flour	18		22		18	
or soft bread	18		22		18	
or hard bread	12*		16		12	
or corn meal	20		20		20	
Vegetable Components						
Beans	1.2		2.4		2.4	
or peas			2.4			
or rice	1.6		1.6**		1.6	
or hominy			1.6			
or desiccated potatoes	3		1.5		1.5	
or desiccated mixed veg.	2		1		1	
or potatoes			6.6			
Coffee & Sugar Components						
Coffee, green	1.6		1.6		1.6	
or roasted			1.28			
or tea	1.28		1.28		1.28	
Sugar	2.4		2.4		2.4	
Seasoning Components						
Vinegar		2.56		2.56		2.56
Salt	0.6		0.6		0.6	
Pepper					0.04	

The American diet, depending on region, consisted mostly of pork or beef, cornmeal or whole grains, Irish or sweet potatoes, and a limited variety of fruits. Americans had a propensity for meat and grease, according to theology historian Daniel Sack. Meat was very prominent in the American diet, with pork being the most popular. Beef came second and was more prominent in the North. Some of the most popular methods of preparing and serving meat included corning, stewing, boiling, frying, and baking in either butter or lard. Meat and grease, indeed

The army diet in many cases gave the men a greater variety of foods than did home. The army diet translates to a total calorie count of just under 4,000 in camp and just over 4,000 on the march. The recommended calorie level for active men of the same age today is about 2,600 –active men (as civil war soldier were in today's recommendation is about 3,500) Carbohydrate, protein, fat were all present in the Civil War diet in almost double the recommended amounts for today. Then why the number of deaths from food related causes.

The scanty diets and nutritional deficiencies suffered by the average soldier resulted from a number of determinants. Logistical difficulties, commissary neglect, and officer's ignorance denied many of their due rations. What food the men did receive was often of such poor quality as to make it inedible. A number of soldiers, lacking the basic culinary skills, ruined many a meal. However, even the full rations contained certain inherent nutritional deficiencies, and without knowledge of micronutrients by physicians and surgeons, the average soldier continued to suffer from its maladies.

Matthew Brennan a grad student at VPI posited in his 2005 paper (available on line at:

<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/available/etd-05262005-2146/unrestricted/CivilWarDiet.pdf>) that the problem was what is now described as "micro-nutrients" or those parts of food that allows the body to properly use the nutrients. Vitamin deficiencies caused problems, like night blindness from lack of Vitamin A; scurvy, diarrhea and dysentery from lack of Vitamin C. exacerbated by exposure to unsanitary conditions.

Another aspect of food in the Civil War was not necessarily the quantity, but the quality. Salt beef and salt pork were staples of the soldier's diet. Army suppliers did not have the best reputations for honest dealings. Individual armies tried as best as possible to supply fresh meat and employed cowboys to herd cattle behind the armies. There was more success in this endeavor in the west than the east.

Life in camp and on the march varied, the armies typically established winter quarters in late November or early December, but for the Army of the Potomac in 1861, it was early November. During the first several months of this seasonal hiatus, the Wisconsinites and Hoosiers dined upon beef, salt pork, beans, and soft bread. Hominy, rice, potatoes, and molasses were issued the men for periods but not throughout the entire winter of 1861/1862. "We are living very well," wrote one Wisconsin soldier to his wife. "Have not had hard crackers much of the time...Fried bread is an excellent dish for us. We fry a piece of pork until it is nearly done then put in a piece of bread and fry it until brown."

Rations on the march were often meager, not because the quartermaster stores were low, but rather the movement of large armies of men made the job of getting the supplies to the men. In addition regiments and companies could not rely on the time to set up field kitchens and the men were forced to prepare their own food, or at least prepare it for others in a 3 to 5 man "mess". The company cooks were, often as not, no better prepared for food service than any other individual man in the rank. Overcooking became as much a problem in reducing the healthiness of any given food as its innate lack of nutrients.

One other problem with Civil War rations, has it appears to have been in almost all wars is the lack of variety – I had an uncle complain about army rations he had in New Guinea – Kerosene and Chicken feathers most of the time but for a change they'd have Chicken feathers and Kerosene.

Civil War Relative

Editor note: I invite others to submit information about any Civil War relative they may have, to kick off I submit my 2nd Great Grandfather – Andrew Jackson Norton Robinson:



Charlotte and Andrew Robinson

Andrew N. Robinson QM Sgt,

Born in 1824 in Fairhaven VT, his father was a War of 1812 veteran, and grandfather, a veteran of the Revolution. He left home at the age of 16 to apprentice to a carpenter, a trade he followed the rest of his life, in New York state. The census tracks him to Avon Ohio in 1850 and Orfordville, WI in 1860.

He enlisted in the 7th Wisconsin Infantry in September 14th 1861, at Camp Randall, Madison, WI. He enlisted as a private in Co. "G" of the 7th Wis Inf., but did no duty in that Company, as he was immediately made Quarter Master Sergeant of the Regiment, and acted as such until he was discharged in 1862 for medical reasons. It might be noted that at the time of his enlistment, his brother William was the Lt. Colonel of the Regiment.

The Regiment left Madison on September 21, 1861 and arrived in Washington on October 1st. The Regiment, part of the famous Wisconsin "Iron Brigade" spent that winter in camp. In November the Brigade was part of what was called the "Grand Review." He was mounted and "my horse became frightened by the discharge of artillery and reared and plunged in such a manner that he was uncontrollable, so much as that I left the grounds and went back to my camp at Arlington Heights, a distance of 4 or 5 miles"

He returned to his family after being injured and given a medical discharge. He arrived home in time to pull his youngest son out of a regiment, the son; Hiram was 13 at the time. Several months later he allowed Hiram to join the 33rd Wis. with his older brother Arthur – who was 17. We know from Arthur that Andrew lived in Orfordville, Rock County from about 1854 to at least 1865. In 1870, the census puts him in the larger city of Janesville working in a factory as a joiner. He shifted from the journeyman free lance style of carpentry to factory work since factory work would not put the physical demands on him.

Unlike his more Type A teacher, lawyer, entrepreneur, soldier diplomat brother William; Andrew seemed fine with raising good children and making as good a life for them as possible. So this Pilgrim-Huguenot descendant married and English Rhode Islander and produced a daughter who married a Dutch-Irish descendant who had a daughter who married a 1st generation Dane who had a son who married a woman of German ancestry, which as it turned out, was just fine for me

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



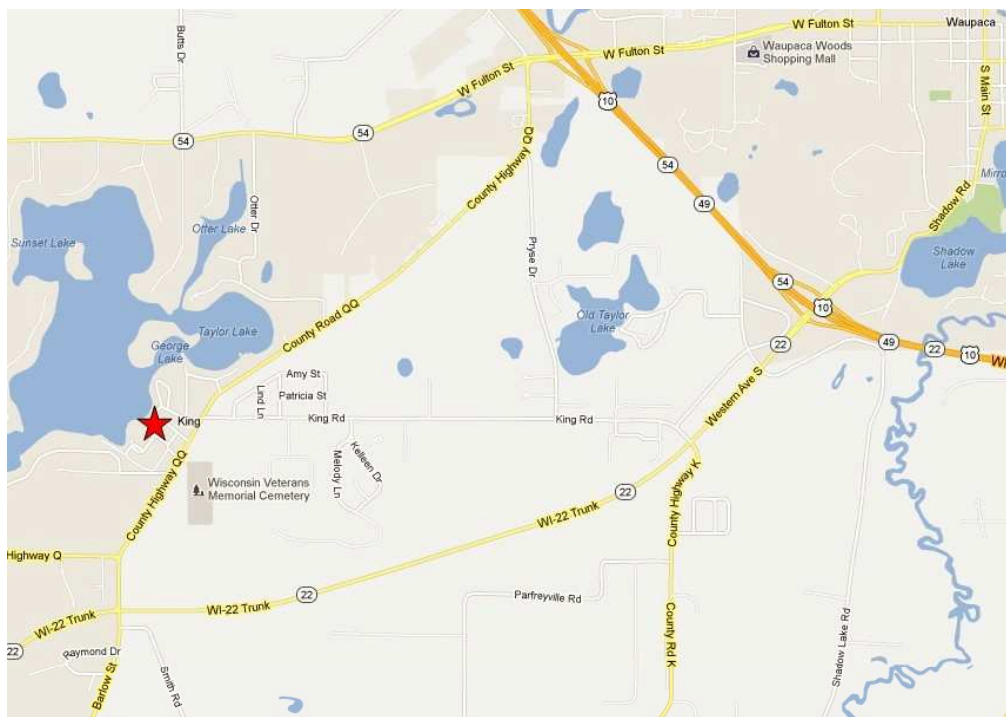
On Sunday, May 19th Old Abe Camp #8 will participate in the open house event at the Veterans Home in King, WI.

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 March 18th Meeting



After the March Camp meeting at the Oshkosh Public Museum Camp members were given a private showing of the restored flag from the Civil War Company Scott's Volunteers by museum archivist Scott Cross.

Bill Williams, Camp 8 member, sent a poster for the Menominee Veterans Powwow that will be held May 17-19. He has asked if Camp 8 could help promote the event to its members the community at large.

24TH ANNUAL VETERANS OF THE MENOMINEE NATION GATHERING OF WARRIORS
 Winner of "Best Non-Contest Pow-Wow Award" of Powwows.com 2004

"WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS"
MAY 17, 18, & 19, 2013
 WOODLAND BOWL, KESHENA, WISCONSIN

HOST DRUM: WIND EAGLE - Keshena, WI
MC's: Dan King- US Army Vietnam & John Teller, Jr- USMC Iraq
ARENA DIRECTOR: Gary Besaw, Keshena, WI

Head Veteran Dancers:
 Wes Martin & Myrna Warrington
 Al Caldwell & Jamie Awonohopay
 Wm "Kuzco" Beauprey & Jamie Awonohopay

Head Dancers:
 Kenny Dodge & Lynette Wychesit
 Orman Waukau & Haley Wynos
 Mike Fish & Montoya Waukau

FRIDAY MAY 17TH
 Ceremony 6:00 PM
 Blessing of Grounds
 Raising of Family Flags
 Honor Songs

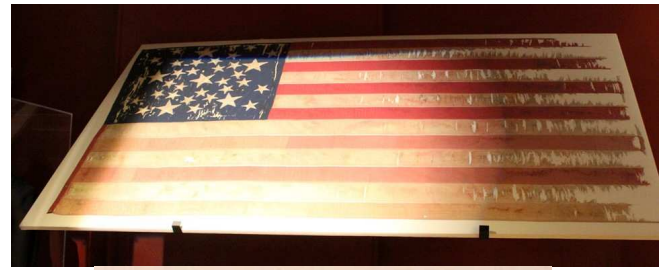
SATURDAY MAY 18
 Armed Forces Day
 Grand Entry: 1:00 PM
 Honor Songs
 Princess Contest
 Rolling Thunder Table
 Ceremony
 GRAND ENTRY: 7:00 PM
 Veterans Snake Dance

SUNDAY MAY 19
 Grand Entry: 12:00 PM
 Honor Songs
 Honoring Ceremony
 VMN Giveaway

ADMISSION: \$8 FOR WEEKEND AND \$5 PER DAY
 Veterans and Honor Guard Units in Uniform, elders over 55, children under 5: Free Vendors Registration and \$50 Deposit & Balance due before setup: "Sarge" 715-701-1936 Drums Registration & Info: Wes 715-851-4748 or 920-544-9709 1st Six Drums Paid
 Hotel Info: Menominee Casino/Hotel 715-799-5600 or 800-343-7778 Veterans Rate for Pow-wow: May 17, 18 & 19, 2013 - Security Provided, Free Camping, Showers and firewood available on Pow-wow grounds - Sweat Lodges
 Veterans of the Menominee Nation, Menominee Tribe are not responsible for injuries, theft or damage to property Pow-wow list subject to change without notice. Special Thanks to our sponsors: Menominee Casino Resort & Menominee Indian Tribe of WI

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For more information go to: <http://www.menominee-nsn.gov/>



Flag, 1861

OSHCAR BUZZ:

The women of Oshkosh bought all the silk ribbon available for sewing this flag for the Oshkosh-raised Civil War Company Scott's Volunteers. Recent conservation work on this flag allows it to be viewed for the first time in over one hundred years.

OPM #385-2
 Gift of Nellie Scott Hume

Old Abe Camp 8

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

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. 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, MARCH 18, 2013

1. **Opening Ceremony**-7:02 P.M. Oshkosh Public Museum-Oshkosh. (8 members present & 1 guest).
2. **Roll Call of officers:**
 - a. Commander-here.
 - b. SVC-here.
 - c. JVC-absent.
 - d. Secretary-here.
 - e. Treasurer-here.
3. **Minutes.** Approve minutes from last meeting. Kirby moved and Kim seconded. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's report:**

As of 3-10-13, checking is \$5595.63, CD 1 is \$4266.89, and CD 2 is \$1014.50. \$440.95 spent for a Henry Goldenboy .22 rifle. (1st prize for raffle).
5. **Any sick or distressed brothers?** Denny Egan is having a possibly cancerous tumor on his kidney checked out on Thursday. Alan Petit is having a battery pack and new leads for his Internal Automatic Defibrillator put in in April.
6. **Visitors.** Scott Cross of the OPM.
7. **Any new applications to review or accept?** None.
8. **Any communications and/or bills to address?** None.
9. **Prior business:**

Raffle license has been taken care of. Raffle prizes are: 1st.- Henry Goldenboy .22 rifle. 2nd.-1860 U.S. Cavalry saber, donated by Ron Adam. 3rd.-Print, donated by Kim Heltemes.
10. **Past Events:**
 - a. Feb. 23-24-Oshkosh-Echoes of the Past Trade Fair. Good turnout from the camp. We were in new location. Talked to a lot of people. Numbers down from last year.
 - b. Mar. 13-Milwaukee-National Encampment planning meeting. Kim was there. Camp 8 is handling the Campfire portion. National will need escorts and other uniformed personnel for honor guards and security. There will be 3 tours on Thursday. Dinner is \$33.00/head. Next and final

meeting is Jun. 1 in Milwaukee. More details in next Department newsletter.

11. **Future events:**
 - a. Apr. 13?-Wausau-WGS Gene-A-Rama. Call Paul Johnson.
 - b. Apr. 13-Springfield, Ill- Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. See Banner for details.
 - c. May 19-King-King Veteran's Home open house. See camp newsletter for more details.
 - d. May 20-King-May Camp 8 camp meeting. See newsletter for details.
 - e. Williams dedication. No set date yet.
 - f. May 27-Oshkosh-King-and others-Memorial Day Ceremonies. See newsletter for details and watch the emails.
12. **New business:**
 - a. Camp 8 to receive a Community Partner Award from Oshkosh. Mar. 25, 2013-Oshkosh Convention Center-6:00P.M. 3rd installment (\$500.00) of the 3rd Wisc. flag fund donation will be presented to OPM then. Everyone invited to be there.
 - b. May meeting will be at King Veteran's Home, in King, May 20.
 - c. Charter fee for new auxiliary chapter. Request \$25.00. Approved by vote of members present. Charter ceremony in May? or at Dept. Annual Encampment, June 15,2013?
13. **Patriotic Instruction.** None.
14. **Any other new or old business.** None.
15. **Has anyone done something for the order?** None.
16. **Closing ceremony.** Closed at 8:05 P.M.

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

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General John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order



General Order No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. 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, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the

memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General.



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

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*The Underground Railroad
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Four Union Generals and
21 Colonels Made Their Homes Here

The Grand Army Encamped Here (4 times)

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

2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

AUGUST 8 - 11, 2013

WISCONSIN DEPT. ENCAMPMENT FORM

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Department of Wisconsin
130th Annual Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
&
Wisconsin Allied Orders

Date: Saturday, June 15th, 2013

Place: Central House (Boscobel Hotel), 3 blocks east of HWY 61 at the corner of Oak Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel, Wisconsin.

Schedule

0845 Registration

0930 Joint Opening Ceremony

0945 Business Session

1130 Memorial Service, Boscobel Cemetery

1215 Luncheon Buffet at Central House Roast Beef and Chicken

1300 Reconvene Business Session

1600 Tour of John McDermott Post #101 GAR Hall

There are 3 fish fries within a block of the hotel plus fine dining in the hotel itself on Friday night.

Lodging in Boscobel is limited, so please make your reservations early.

The River Inn on HWY 61 South 1-888-375-6323 toll free or 1-608-375-8000 local

Upscale with pool and spa

The Sands on HWY 61 north 1-888-833-4167 or 1-608-375-4167

Basic Lodging

Wisconsin's Last GAR Hall
A Souvenir Ribbon/button will be given to each attendee. Those who preregister will have their name tag included with the souvenir. So please register early.



Remove this portion and mail to address below.

Registration should be forwarded not later than Saturday, June 8th. The Registration Fee is \$5.00 per person. An optional lunch will be provided for \$10.00 additional. A free will offering for the morning coffee and rolls would be appreciated. Total Registration including Lunch is \$15.00. Please fill out the information below and make out a check to L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 and send your registration to Gary Young, Treasurer, L.G. Armstrong Camp #49, 1004 Chestnut St., Boscobel, WI 53805. Allied Orders members should register with The Auxiliary to the SUVCW (Luncheon reservations should be sent to L.G. Armstrong Camp #49.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

130th Wisconsin Department Encampment

The 130th Wisconsin Department Encampment will be on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Please see the Spring 2013 issue of the Wisconsin Department Dispatch page 3 for the registration form which is shown on the left here.

This Encampment will be held at the Central House (Boscobel Hotel) Boscobel, WI and your registration should be forwarded not later than Saturday, June 8th.

This is an important event to attend as less than 2 months later Wisconsin hosts the 2013 National Encampment in Brookfield, WI.



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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. Also, visit the national SUVCW website at 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.

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 17th 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)**