



Camp Orders 2013-04
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
"Old Abe" Camp #8
Wisconsin Department



July 2013



**Our Next Old Abe Camp
Meeting Will Be Held At The
Walter Beltz Historical
Landmark Church, Auroraville,
Wisconsin On July 15th**

Picnic starts at 6:00 PM
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM



Our July 15th meeting will be at the Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church located 1 mile North of Auroraville on Hwy 49 at the intersection of Hwy 49 & Chicago Avenue.

This old Church sits next to the present Immanuel Lutheran Church. You can barely see the old Church in the middle of the trees in the upper left picture.

We will have a picnic before the meeting starting at 6:00 pm. Parking is available in the back of the new Church (the gravel area in the upper left picture).

After the meal we will have the business meeting in the old church. There is no electricity in the old church.

Wives and/or guests are welcome to attend.

Remember to bring lawn chairs, eating utensils and mosquito repellent.

To the left is a map of where the church is located about 2 miles north of the intersections of Hwy 49 & Hwy 21.



Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

As I write this on July 2, momentous events were occurring 150 years ago at this very moment. In Gettysburg, General Meade's Army of the Potomac continued to consolidate and hold the high ground after the fierce opening engagements of July 1st. Today would see even worse carnage in the Devil's Den, the Wheatfield, and Little Round Top. Hundreds of miles to the west, in Vicksburg, General Grant was waiting on the unconditional surrender of General Pemberton and his starving Confederate Army, which occurred two days later on July 4th, 87 years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This is a very special time in the history of our Nation, and for our Order. As you go about your summer activities and holiday vacations, please take time to remember the sacrifices that our Union ancestors made to assure we were indeed one, undivided Nation. If you are participating in any Civil War Sesquicentennial events please let us know, and send a photo or two and we will include it in the next newsletter.

On July 4th members of Camp 8 will be installing three new headstones for Union

veterans in Weyauwega and Ogdensburg in Waupaca County. It is a most appropriate way for the Camp to honor our Nation's independence and enjoy some fellowship with our camp brothers as well. Also, please don't forget that our July meeting is our annual cookout on July 15th at the Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church located 1 mile North of Auroraville, WI on Hwy 49 at the intersection of Hwy 49 & Chicago Avenue. Camp Treasurer Kurt Kirk and his wife Anne host this event and provide some excellent grilled chicken breast, hamburgers, bratwursts, etc. Please try to attend!

Camp 8 has experienced some positive growth over the past couple months. First, our new Camp 8 Auxiliary was officially chartered at the Department Encampment in Boscobel on June 15th! Congratulations to Auxiliary # 8 President Sr. Luann Williams and all the members of the new auxiliary! We are extremely fortunate to again have an active auxiliary to participate and assist Camp 8 in our various activities honoring the Boys in Blue.

We also gained three new members over the past couple months: Br. Ron Krebs, Br. Mike Mladenik, and Br. Ken Williams. Welcome aboard gentlemen! Ron's qualifying ancestor is his gg-grandfather Pvt. John Arthur Bland who served in 2nd Minnesota Cavalry. Mike's ancestor was his gg-grandfather, Pvt. John A. Reed who served in the 39th Illinois Vol. Infantry, and Ken's ancestor is his gg-grandfather, Pvt. Zebulon Williams, who served in the 141st New York Infantry. You may recall that we installed a new marker and conducted a dedication for Zebulon Williams in Marion, WI, in 2011. Recruiting by word of mouth continues to be the most effective way of gaining new members. Please talk about our organization whenever the opportunity arises!

Hope to see you on the 15th in Auroraville!

In F, C, & L,

Vince

David Dresang Jr. Memorial Service



Old Abe Camp 8 members, Company E Second Wisconsin members and family of David Dresang gathered for a photo after the memorial service held Sunday June 2, 2013 at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in De Pere, Wisconsin.



Old Abe Camp 8 member Ron Arndt fires a canon salute during the memorial service for David Dresang Jr.

Old Abe Camp 8 Sr. Vice Commander Kirby Scott led the service along with Camp members Dan McGraw acting as Chaplin and Brian Peters as guard.

Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

It's Official!

June 15th 2013 was a very special day indeed. Edward S Bragg #8 Auxiliary to Old Abe Camp #8 was instituted, officers were installed and the business of being an auxiliary commenced. Lucy Peters, Kathy Heltemes, Kathy Balza and LuAnn Williams were able to attend the Department of Wisconsin Encampment where Danielle Michaels was the Installing Officer.



The Auxiliary for Camp 8 was installed at the State Department Encampment.

After the ceremony, we took part in the Department meeting, where Danielle explained everything being done from the Ritual. One of our own, Kathy Balza, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sons for her work in Green Bay registering over 200 Civil War graves. She has been doing an outstanding job, it was a proud moment for her to receive this recognition, and it's with pride that we can call her Sister.



Just a short note about this picture, Kathy claims the mist off to the left is our Civil War ancestors giving the thumbs up. Not sure about that, but that's her story and I'm sticking with that!

The officers of the auxiliary are President, LuAnn Williams, Vice President, Rachel Williams, Secretary/Treasurer, Lucy Peters, Trustees, Kathy Heltemes, Kathy Balza, and Fran Galow, Patriotic Instructor, Rachel Williams, and Chaplin Fran Galow, Members, Stephanie Barker, Debra Boldon, Kathy Flanagan-Blanney, Anne Kirk, Angela Shirley and Brenda Stout. I am so incredibly proud of this group of women. I also wish to thank Danielle Michaels, Linda Brown, Elizabeth Craig, and Patricia Bures for all of their help in answering my questions. I am really looking forward to the National Encampment so I can spend some additional time with each of these ladies. Last but not least, I wish to thank Camp 8 Commander Vince Barker, the auxiliary Counselor, for all his help as well. It is sincerely appreciated.

Our first meeting will be after the picnic on July 15th in Auroraville. Remember to bring bug spray and chairs. I hope to see all of you there!

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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GETTYSBURG 150 YEARS AGO



150 years ago this newsletter editor's great great grand uncle, Dewitt Clinton Gardner of Company K. 5th Wisconsin Infantry participated in the battle of Gettysburg from July 2 – 5, 1863. They were part of the 3rd Brigade (Russells) 1st Division 6th Corps.

In 2012 I traveled to Gettysburg for the first time on Memorial Day to visit this historic battlefield.

The picture above is looking down into Devil's Den from Little Round Top where my ancestor probably stood.

The 5th Wisconsin monument is located southeast on Wright Avenue.



The plaque below has this inscription:

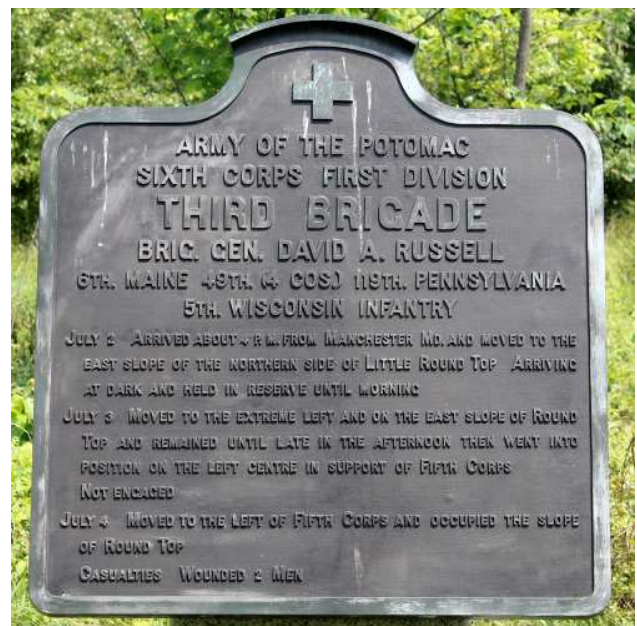
Army of the Potomac
Sixth Corps First Division
Third Brigade
Brig. Gen. David A. Russell
6th. Maine 49th. (4Cos.) 119th. Pennsylvania
5th. Wisconsin Infantry

July 2 – Arrived about 4 p.m. from Manchester, MD and moved to the east slope of the northern side of Little Round Top. Arriving at dark and held in reserve until morning.

July 3 – Moved to the extreme left and on the east slope of Round Top and remained until late in the afternoon then went into position on the left center in support of Fifth Corps not engaged.

July 4 – Moved to the left of Fifth Corps and occupied the slope of Round Top.

Casualties – Wounded 2 men.



Kim Heltemes from Camp 8 Elected Wisconsin State Department Commander



Elected officers gather for a photo after the Encampment held in Boscobel, WI on Saturday June 15, 2013.

Left to right are: Kent Peterson (Camp 1), Ron Knaus (Camp 2), Andrew Bollen (Camp 5), Tom Brown (Camp 1), Brian McManus (Camp 1), Brian Peters (Camp 8), Kim Heltemes (Camp 8), Alan Hembel (Camp 2), Alan Petit (Camp 8), and Dan Chroninger (Camp 49).



Kathy Heltemes, wife of Kim, pins the State Department Commander's badge on him during his installation





At the end of the State Department Encampment in Boscobel, WI several Brothers visited the last GAR Hall still standing in Wisconsin. This is one of only 3 original GAR Halls left in the Midwest.

Left to right: Alan Petit (Camp 8) Vince Barker (Camp 8), unknown, Kent Peterson (Camp 1), Gary Young (Camp 49), Bruce Laine (Camp 4), Dan Chroninger (Camp 49), Gene Mortorff (SUVCW National Secretary), Kirby Scott (Camp 8).



Memorial Day Services

Old Abe Camp 8 members participated in the Memorial Day services at the Veteran's Home in King, Wisconsin.

Camp members left to right are: Kim Heltemes, Brian Peters, Jim Waid, Kirby Scott, and Dan Wilson.



Old Abe Camp 8

Paul Johnson
Patriotic Instructor

July 2013 Newsletter



Wisconsin At Gettysburg

As the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg occurs this month, a quick reminder of the part Wisconsin troops played in the battle

2nd Wis. Vol Inf



*Effective Strength 302
Killed 26
Wounded 155
Missing 52*

The 2nd Wisconsin was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel Lucius Fairchild. He was wounded on July 1st, losing his arm but surviving to later become Governor of Wisconsin. Lieutenant-Colonel Stevens had already been mortally wounded, and Major John Mansfield briefly took command of the regiment until he, too, was wounded. Captain George H. Otis then took over.

The regiment reached the field in the morning of July 1st and launched a counterattack against the Confederate Brigade of James Archer. Archer's Brigade was taken by surprise and suffered heavy casualties. Private Patrick Maloney of the 2nd Wisconsin's Company G captured Confederate General James Archer near Willoughby Run, the first of general officer of the Army of Northern Virginia to be captured in the war.

Confederate reinforcements continued to arrive through the day and after several hours of heavy fighting the Union line north and west of Gettysburg collapsed. Private Maloney did not survive the day's fighting.

The regiment's survivors retreated south of Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill. Only 69 men were still fit for duty at the end of the fighting on July 1. They were posted to the north flank of Culp's Hill, which they held for the rest of the battle.

3rd Wis. Vol Inf

The 3rd Wisconsin Infantry was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel William Hawley, a Madison furniture maker and veteran of the Mexican War. It brought 260 men to the field.

The regiment built breastworks at the location of the monument on the morning of July 2nd but in the late afternoon were ordered to reinforce the Union left flank around Little Round Top and left the position. When they returned that night Confederates had occupied the works. The regiment recaptured the position at dawn and held it for the rest of the battle.



Killed 2 Wounded 8

5th Wis. Vol Inf

The 5th Wisconsin was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel Thomas S. Allen. It brought 491 men to the field, suffering no casualties as it served in reserve positions in the army's flank and rear.



491 men 0 casualties

6th Wis. Vol Inf

The Sixth Wisconsin was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Lt.Col.Rufus R. Dawes, grandson of the William Dawes who rode with Paul Revere. It brought 340 men to the field and lost 30 killed, 116 wounded and 22 missing.

The Sixth and the rest of the First Corps were the first Northern infantry in the fight at Gettysburg, going into action northwest of town during the morning of July 1st.

The regiment was initially held in reserve from the rest of the Iron Brigade. When Davis' Mississippi Brigade threatened to outflank the Iron Brigade the 6th Wisconsin charged across open ground to the Railway Cut north of Chambersburg Pike, trapping much of Davis' command and taking a number of prisoners, particularly from the 2nd Mississippi Infantry.

By late afternoon the Union position north and west of Gettysburg collapsed and the Sixth was forced to retreat through Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill. It was ordered with the rest of the First Division to the north side of Culp's Hill, which it defended for the rest of the battle.

Corporal Francis A. Waller of Company I was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on July 1st when he captured the flag of the 2d Miss. Inf.



*Killed -- 30.
Wounded -- 116.
Missing -- 22.*



*Effective Strength 370
killed - 39
wounded - 103
missing - 52
total - 194*

7th Wis. Vol Inf

The 7th Wisconsin was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel William W. Robinson. Robinson took over the brigade during the battle, and Major Mark Finnicum then led the regiment.

The regiment reached the battlefield on the morning of July 1st and launched a counterattack from the location of the monument against the Confederate Brigade of James Archer. Archer was captured and his brigade suffered heavy casualties. But Confederate reinforcements continued to arrive through the day and after several hours of heavy fighting the Union line north and west of Gettysburg collapsed. The regiment's survivors retreated south of Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill. They were then posted on the north flank of Culp's Hill, which they held for the rest of the battle.

Corporal Francis Coates was awarded the Medal of Honor "In action at Gettysburg, PA on July 1, 1863 for unsurpassed courage in battle where he had both eyes shot out."



26th Wis. Vol Inf

The 26th Wisconsin was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Lieutenant Colonel Hans Boebel, a printer from Milwaukee who was wounded in the fighting on July 1. Major Baetz had been wounded by this time, and Captain John W. Fuchs took command.

The regiment arrived on the battlefield in the early afternoon of July 1st and marched through Gettysburg to the plains north of town. The 26th was on the right flank of the brigade, with a large gap between them and Barlow's division to the east.

The brigade was heavily attacked from the front and was holding its own when Barlow's division collapsed. Suddenly the 26th was hit from the flank by overwhelming numbers, and the brigade was forced to fall back to Gettysburg, which one member of the regiment later admitted was "not as orderly as it should have been."

The regiment's loss of line officers was especially heavy. Four were killed, nine were wounded, and one was missing.



*Effective Strength 516
Killed 46
Wounded 134
Missing 37*



Wisconsin Sharpshooters 1st U.S. Sharpshooters, Co. G

Col. Hiram Berdan's two regiments of sharpshooters were unique in the Union army, using different uniforms, weapons, equipment and tactics from the "line units". Although formed as United States Army units, each company within the regiments was formed of recruits from a single state. After the war the states (Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin) each erected monuments to their respective companies.

The 1st Regiment was commanded at Gettysburg by Colonel Berdan until he took command of the brigade. Lieutenant Colonel Casper Trepp then took over.

The 1st Regiment as a whole brought 371 men to the field and lost 6 killed, 37 wounded and 6 missing. It was part of 3rd Corps - 1st Division - 2nd Brigade.

DEAR ANCESTOR

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Twisted Twigs on Chartered Branches

Old Abe Camp 8

Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty

*Supporting the Grand Army of the
Republic & Wisconsin's Veterans*

2013 Camp Calendar

July 15th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic
Location Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church,
Aurora, WI

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

2013 National Encampment
Brookfield, Wisconsin

August 13th

Lewis Lange dedication
Weyauwega, Wisconsin

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.

November 23rd

National Remembrance Day Parade
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

*Please send information on events that you are
aware of to be included in this newsletter to:
kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com*

Rest in peace: Man replaces illegible headstones of Civil War vets

Story & pictures submitted by Camp member Richard Roberts which was published in the Janesville Gazette Newspaper.

ROCK COUNTY

Richard L. Smallwood-Roberts stood over an illegible gravestone at Fulton Cemetery and squinted at a handful of blurred letters.

"This is where the name should be," he said, pointing to the place where time has erased all identity of Pvt. Alonzo Sutton, the Civil War soldier buried beneath the stone.

The Army discharged Sutton in February 1865, probably because of dysentery, and he returned home to Rock County, where he died two months later.

No one would ever know Sutton's name by the condition of his headstone. Nor would anyone ever know that Sutton served with Company E of the 33rd Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, one of the finest infantry regiments in the Civil War.

But now, more than 150 years after the start of war, Richard is making sure that Sutton and other vets of the Grand Army of the Republic have appropriate markers. He knows that nothing lasts forever, not even stone. After so many decades, many headstones marking the graves of Civil War vets have deteriorated and become illegible.

Richard could not bear the thought that their names and service would disappear. With the permission of their descendants, he has ordered new headstones from the government for two Civil War vets at Fulton Cemetery. He also has ordered two memorial headstones at Janesville's Oak Hill Cemetery for two Civil War vets, whose bodies were never brought home from the battlefield.

This is not his first effort to honor the dead from a war that killed up to 750,000, according to a 2012 estimate by a New York historian.

Since the 1990s, Richard estimates he has replaced about 50 illegible headstones of Civil War vets in southern Wisconsin cemeteries. He works with the Veterans Administration, which oversees the issuance of free government-issued headstones for veterans.

"It was a self-appointed duty," he said. "You should never let a veteran's headstone get to the

point where you cannot see who he was or when he served. As a veteran, I would not want anyone to ever come upon my headstone and not know what I did for my country."

Richard is a staff sergeant serving on active duty in Madison in the United States Army Reserves. He has been deployed twice, first to Desert Storm in 1991 and to Afghanistan in 2009-2010. Richard lives in Newville with his family and has been in the military for more than 27 years.

He has a long family history of military service, with more than 40 relatives who served on both sides during the Civil War. He also had relatives in the Revolutionary War, the Seminole and Blackhawk wars and even one who commanded the Texans defending the Alamo.

Craig Gramke of Gramke Monument Works, Janesville, is helping Richard by allowing headstones issued by the Veterans Administration to be delivered to him. He currently is holding a headstone for Corp. John Alexander Denniston of Fox Lake, who was killed May 7, 1864, at the Battle of the Wilderness. Eventually, the stone will be placed in a Fox Lake cemetery.

"I appreciate that he (Richard) is taking the time to ask for these headstones," Gramke said. "He has taken it upon himself to do this and has put a lot of work into trying to make sure the stones are marked correctly. I'm willing to do what I can to make his dream come true."

Richard not only learns the names and ranks of veterans. He also researches where they lived, where they joined the military and what battles they fought in. In addition, he determines when and how they died and learns about the families they left behind.

Richard files their information at the website for Find a Grave.

"I want to make sure they have a decent memorial online as well," he said.

Since Richard is not related to the veterans, he must find descendants to give him permission to replace the headstones. A 2009 federal law states that only direct descendants or authorized representatives of direct descendants can change a

government-issued or private headstone of a veteran. A historian or concerned citizen cannot.



John & George Denniston

“The law is trying to protect family members,” said Chris Erbe of the National Cemetery Administration. “A historian may look at a headstone and say it is worn and illegible, and it does not honor the veteran that it marks. However, a family member might feel differently.”

Jim Raymond of Edgerton is a descendant of Alonzo Sutton, who gave Richard permission to order a new headstone for the soldier’s grave. He also is on the Fulton Cemetery Board.

“Our family’s history is pretty well traced,” Raymond said. “But I was unaware of this connection. We are proud of the fact that we have Civil War soldiers in our cemetery, but their stones—including Alonzo Sutton’s—are in tough condition. So what Richard is doing is really nice because it gives the veterans long-term recognition

of their gravesites.”

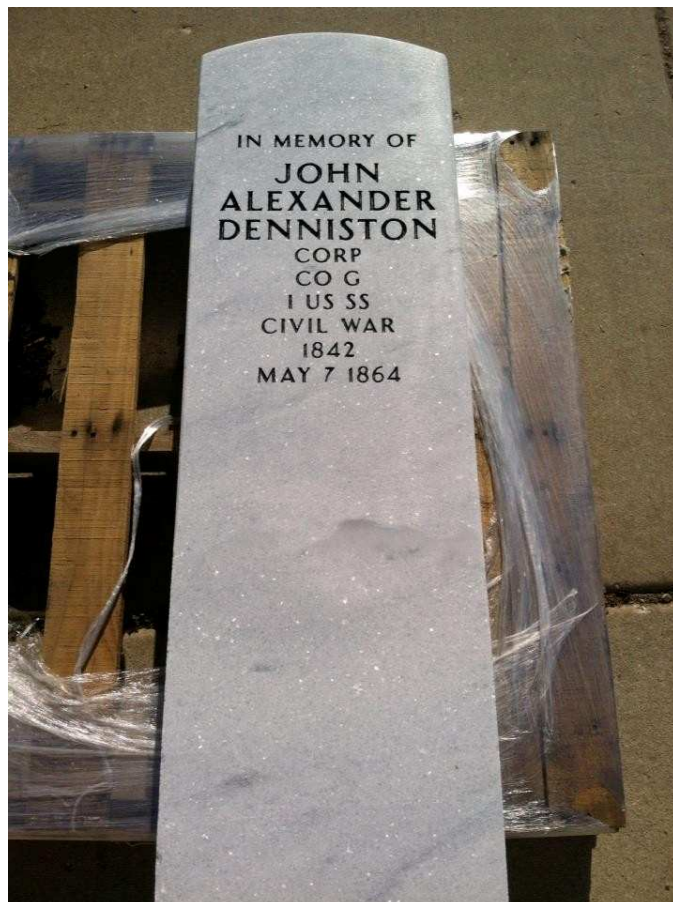
The other Fulton Cemetery soldier who will get a new headstone is Pvt. Otis Oliver Pooler, Company L, 3rd Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry.

At Oak Hill cemetery, Richard has gotten permission to order memorial headstones for Pvt. Eli James Fitch, Company G., 1st Regiment, United States Sharp Shooters, who was killed July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.; and for Pvt. Lyman L. Thompson, Company G., 1st Regiment, United States Sharp Shooters. The Janesville man died May 30, 1862, at Charles City Crossroads, Va.

Richard looks forward to the placement of the new stones.

“I’m happy when another veteran is properly honored,” he said. “It is our duty to ensure that their sacrifice and service remain properly remembered and respected, no matter if we are tied to them by blood or not. In this cause, we are all family.”

Anna Marie Lux is a columnist for The Gazette. Her columns run Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call her with ideas or comments at (608) 755-8264, or email amarielux@gazettextra.com.



Vicksburg 150th Living History

By Bro. Dan McGraw

It was a most rewarding experience to participate in a living history event from May 3-5, 2013 on the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Vicksburg. The following is a journal entry as I recorded my 1863 moments while portraying a private soldier in Company B, 113th Illinois Volunteer Infantry:

Near Vicksburg, Mississippi – May 21, 1863

I was awakened by the sound of the drum on this chilly morning. I believe that our musician finds great pleasure in his duty of creating momentary discontent as men awaken to the roll of his drum. Sergeant Kellogg was quick to order the men to fall-in for roll call. Most had slept in full uniform, brogans and great coats, so the formation was quickly formed. Roll was called and Captain Williams gave us some information about doing fatigue duty on the line and drill. Serg Kellogg invited the men to eat some of his specially prepared farina for the morning meal, and then we broke ranks. The farina was very good and I washed it down with some of Lieutenant Jeffcoat's chickory coffee. The men were assembled and issued a ration of fresh beef and crackers. Most of us quickly cooked the beef and ate it. The crackers went into the haversack.

We were ordered to fall-in at light marching order for drill. To the dismay of Lieut. Jeffcoat, the men were a bit awkward as we drilled. The Lieut did not tolerate errors in drill and acted as if he had written the manual. The Captain took us through several firing drills and paid close attention to firing and loading while laying on the ground. He did not want us to present an easy target to the rebs when we were on the line. Following drill, Serg Kellogg assigned fatigue duties to the sections. I am in Corpl Johns section. Johns is one of the most respected soldiers in the company. We were ordered to move forward to a position along Graveyard Road and assist in improving the earthworks. We did so by emplacing some headlogs and erecting a fly for protection from the sun. We ate crackers and blackberries for a meal. There were no rebs to be seen. We were relieved after a few hours and returned to camp for a short rest and a water ration. There were not any officers in camp which was unusual.

I boiled some eggs that had been foraged and left them for Jeffcoat and some of the men in his platoon

who were on the line. Before I could rest, the Capt returned and ordered those in camp to fall-in. The company was assembled, and the Capt told us that we were marching to line. The company would be supporting an artillery battery and firing at the rebs defending Stockade Redan. Stockade Redan is a reb earthen fort that stretches across Graveyard Road. The road is a main avenue of approach into Vicksburg and General Grant wants control of it for a direct assault on Vicksburg. The redan is strongly defended and the steep terrain heavily favors the rebs. The rebs repulsed our army's attack a few days earlier and inflicted hundreds if not thousands of casualties on our boys.

As we marched west on Graveyard Road in at the route step and in column, we passed the positions of several regiments. One of these positions was that of the 8th Wisconsin, whose eagle mascot "Old Abe" was legendary. The Captain ordered us into line and then we deployed as skirmishers behind the earthworks that marked the forward boundary of the Union line. There was an artillery battery to our left. We crawled on our bellies to the crest of our earthworks and were ordered to fire on the redan. The distance to the redan was about 200-300 yards. I could clearly see the rebel colors flying above Stockade Redan. The flag had a dark blue background with a white Christian cross and a red border. An officer told me that those were Missouri rebs defending those colors, and that we had Missouri regiments in our army. The next assault would certainly result in brother fighting brother. We exchanged sporadic musket fire with the rebs that was more akin to sharpshooters. I fired about 30 rounds before the Capt ordered a cease fire. We were relieved by another company and marched back to our camp using Graveyard Road.

It was late afternoon when we arrived in camp. There was somewhat of a feast awaiting us. I think that Serg Kellogg and Lieut Beckett were the cooks. There was a large pot of beef, bean and cracker stew brewing over the mess fire. We all ate well. Following the meal, the men cleaned their Enfields and organized equipment. There was the normal conversation and humor too. Later, I noticed the Captain talking with some officers, and shortly thereafter, he ordered the company to fall-in. He informed us that General Sherman had ordered

another assault on Stockade Redan in the morning. The Captain asked for three volunteers from our ranks to be members of a 150 man storming party as requested by the officers who were members of the General's staff. We were stunned, because it meant almost certain death for the volunteers. The storming party would go ahead of the main assault regiments and clear obstacles, bridge trenches and erect scaling ladders. Casualties were expected to be high. Volunteers should be unmarried. Survivors will be given a 60 furlough by order of General Grant. After hearing the Captain, nobody stepped forward from the ranks. Being an older fella, and often referred by Serg Kellogg as being white headed, rough visage and grizzled by the storms of a half-century Finally, I stepped forward and signaled to Corpl Johns, "Let's go Lish". He stepped forward as did Serg Henry. The Captain thanked us, and said that we would be leaving soon to join the storming party. He then gave the order to break ranks.

I am ready to go.

Pvt Joe Smith

Postscript:

The May 22nd attack on Stockade Redan would fail at great cost to the Federals, causing Grant to conduct siege operations against Vicksburg.

Pvt Smith, Corpl Johns and Serg Henry would survive the storming party.

Johns and Henry would receive the Medal of Honor for gallantry at Stockade Redan.

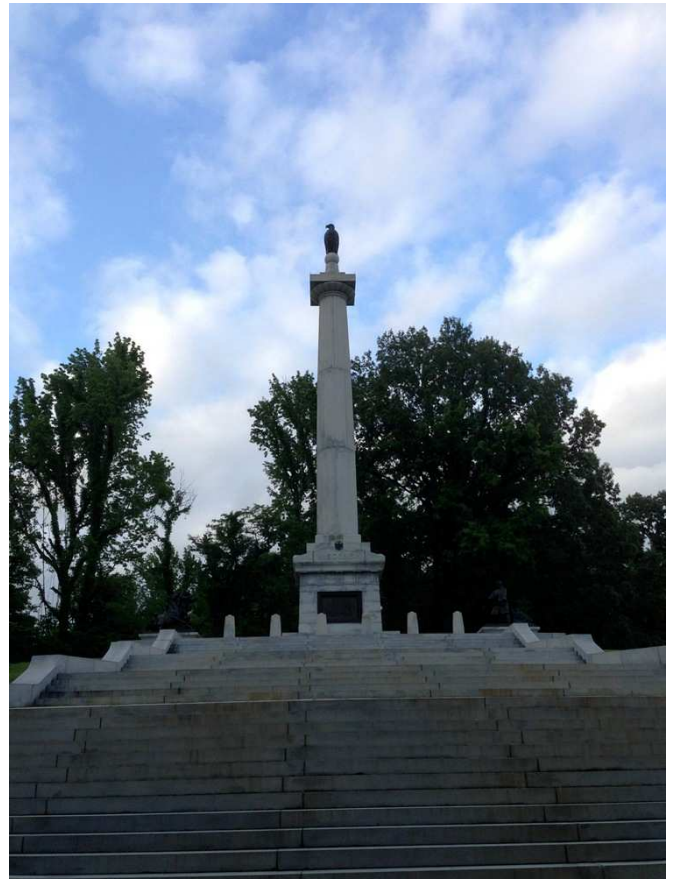
The reenactors: Capt Williams-Rod Miller; Serg Kellogg-Jeremy Powell; Lt Beckett-Steve Labarrewas; Lt Jeffcoat-Silas Tackett; Musician-Grant Miller; Pvt Smith-Dan McGraw

Event Organizer: Patrick Landrum

NPS Ranger: Jake Koch

Special thanks to my Kansas SUVCW Brothers

Outstanding dedication at the Missouri Monument by Mike Comers



That is Old Abe



L to R: Silas Tackett, Dan McGraw, Rod Miller

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

Wisconsin Veterans Home Open House and Old Car Show Sunday May 19th at the Veterans Home in King, WI.



Above is Camp 8's display at the King Open House. Left to right are: Vince Barker, Alan Hembel, and Alan Petit.

Below are the Daughters who were set up next to us and sold many delicious goods.



Camp 8 May 20th Meeting

Our May meeting was held in the theatre in Marden Hall at the Veteran's Home in King, WI.



New Camp member Ron Krebs was accepted and initiated during the Camp meeting.



Brother Jim Waid pins the SUVCW badge on new Brother Ron Krebs.



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 suvvw-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, MAY 20, 2013

1. Opening Ceremony-

7:25 P.M. King Veteran's Home . (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. Kim moved and J. Waid seconded. Approved.

4. Treasurer's report:

As of 5-20-13, checking is \$5110.63. \$440.95 spent on Henry Goldenboy (1st. prize for raffle). CD 1 & CD 2 are same as last time.

5. Any sick or distressed brothers?

Jim Schumann is having hernia surgery.

6. Guests.

Ronald Krebs.

7. Any new applications to review or accept.

Michael Mladenik. Ron Krebs. Ron Krebs was proposed by J. Waid and seconded by Brian Peters. He was approved and initiated.

8. Any communications and/or bills to address?

Jim Scherbert's uniform stuff is available from the Fox Valley Muzzleloaders .

9. Prior business.

None.

10. Past events:

a. Nat'l. Encampment Meeting-Jun. 1- Milwaukee VA Home-Kim filled us in on planning for the campfire session, which he is running. Mohican presentation-we buy their dinner-we can sell raffle tickets at encampment.

b. City of Oshkosh Community Partner Award-Jun. 25,2013-presented to Camp 8-several camp members attended.

c. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony-Apr. 13, 2013-4 camp members present-Vince Barker, Kirby Scott, Alan Petit, Michael Bolden. Done in sunshine.

d. King Open House-May 19-Good turnout-sunny-\$370.00 raffle sales.

11. Future events:

a. May 27-Memorial Day-Oshkosh-V. Barker, S. Barker, A. Petit, R. Novak, J. Schumann?-King-B. Peters, J. Waid ,K. Heltemes, K. Scott.-Berlin-K. Kirk If you can't make one of these, attend your local observances.

b. Jun. 15-Dept. Encampment-Boscobel-Need delegate card- see secretary, Alan.

c. June? William's dedication-3 stones at Kim's place to put in-watch email.

d. Jul. 15-next camp meeting and cookout at Auroraville.

e. Jul. 4-Omro parade? Watch emails.

f. Aug. 8-11-Natl. Encampment-Brookfield- everyone should go-delegates chosen at dept. encampment.

g. Aug. 13?-Weyauwega-Lewis Lange dedication.

h. Sept. 13-14-Weyauwega-Sesquicentennial celebrations-parade and cemetery CW ghost walk on 14th.- grave dedication and 6-7 stations-need people in uniform to give presentations.

12. New business:

a. \$25.00 fee for new auxiliary charter-approved at last meeting-charter ceremony at department encampment.

13. Patriotic Instructor Presentation.

None.

14. Any other old or new business?

a. Jun 2, 2013-grave dedication ceremony for Dave Dresang-1:00 P.M. in De Pere-lunch at the house-watch emails.

15. Has anyone anything for the good of the order?

K. Heltemes has been writing articles for the King Veteran's Home newsletter.

16. Closing Ceremony.

Closed at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted by PCC Alan O. Petit, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Waid,

Thank you very much for lending me the civil war jacket and the nice haversack. It worked very well and everyone thought it looked very realistic.

Maybe when I grow older I'd love to use some of your other coats for other reenactments because I think reenactments are very very fun.

The top picture is when the Union was lining up for battle. My group was in 2nd Wisconsin.



Sadly, I was the first one down on the grass.

Thank you again very much.

Sincerely,

Grandma Rita and
Grandpa Bob's
grandson, Alex.

Alex Lukens



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

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AUGUST 8 - 11, 2013

Old Abe Camp 8 Members Install 3 New Markers

This year on July 4th, instead of marching in a parade as we have done over the past several years, we decided instead to install three new headstones in Oaklawn Cemetery in Weyauwega and Block Cemetery north of Ogdensburg in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. We could not think of a more appropriate activity for our camp on July 4th than providing three Union veterans with new headstones.

In the Weyauwega cemetery we installed 2 stones.



The first stone is leveled and the next step is to mix & pour the cement.



The first stone above was for Solomon Wilson, Pvt. Co. I, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, born 1825 and died 1875. Standing above, left to right are: Jim Waid, Kirby Scott, Vince Barker, Kim Heltemes, Alan Petit, Terry Stults, and Ron Krebs.

The second stone below was for Myron Sherman, Pvt. Co. C, 44th Wisconsin Infantry, born July 19, 1831 and died January 21, 1916. Standing below, left to right are: Jim Waid, Kirby Scott, Kim Heltemes, Vince Barker, Terry Stults, Ron Krebs, and Alan Petit.



After the first two stones were done in this cemetery we stopped to have a group picnic before we traveled north of Ogdensburg to Block cemetery and installed one more stone. That stone was for Adam J. Williams who's stone was broken in half in the picture below.



The new stone for Adam J. Williams , Pvt. Co. F, 44th Wisconsin Infantry, born 1829 and died July 6, 1865. Standing left to right above are: Sue Waid, Jim Waid, Alan Petit, Kim Heltemes, Rob Krebs, and Kirby Scott.



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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 18 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

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