



Camp Orders 2013-05
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
"Old Abe" Camp #8
Wisconsin Department



September 2013

**Camp September 16th Meeting Will Be Held At Marden Hall At
The Veterans Home In King, Wisconsin**



**Next Old Abe
Camp 8 Meeting
will be on
September 16th**

**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 elevator take the elevator down a floor. When you exit the elevator go left, then a quick right to get to the entrance of the theatre where the meeting will be held.



**Wade House
23rd Annual
Civil War Weekend**

**September 28th & 29th
Greenbush, WI**

**More information on
this event on page 13 of
this newsletter.**

Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you were able to enjoy our beautiful Wisconsin summer and spend some time with family and friends. Summer is over but Packer and Badger football are upon us, finally! Camp 8 has a few events coming up within the next month and of most immediate concern is the Weyauwega Horse & Buggy Days event on 20-21 September. Dept. Commander Kim Heltemes has been working with the organizers of this event and they have asked that Camp 8 participate with several events, including a living history display and parade. We will also be conducting a memorial service at the Soldier's Monument on Friday evening at 6pm, as well as marker dedications and a Ghost Walk at Oakwood Cemetery on Saturday evening. Details are in this newsletter. We are calling for a maximum effort from the camp to support these events, particularly those members who are also reenactors who can support the living history portion of the weekend. Please contact Kim if you can participate. This is a great opportunity for some of our newer members to get involved. No uniform is required for the memorial service, dedication, or parade, but please wear your membership badge. If you have a uniform, please wear it. The camp also has some spare uniforms and equipment if you wish to wear one.

Our September meeting will be held in the Marden Center at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in King on Monday, 16 September. We will discuss more details of the Weyauwega event at that time.

We have another new member to welcome this month, Jeff Williams of Oshkosh. Jeff's ancestor was Pvt. August Zeichert who served three years in the 27th Wisconsin Infantry. Jeff learned of Camp 8 thru Ken and Luann

Williams (no relation). Welcome Brother Jeff!

Hope to see you all at meeting in King on 9/16 and Weyauwega on the 20th and 21st in Weyauwega!

In F, C, & L,
Vince

Weyauwega Living History Wreath Presentation, Parade, & Ghost Walk

The weekend of September 20th & 21st in Weyauwega, WI Old Abe Camp #8 will be doing a living history as well as conducting a wreath presentation, participate in a parade, & have a dedication and ghost walk.

Friday & Saturday we will be having a living history encampment.

Friday night there will be a wreath presentation at the soldiers monument at 6 pm.

Saturday will be a parade starting at 1pm.

Saturday evening starting at 6 pm there will be a dedication followed by a cemetery "ghost walk." This will be quite the time for those of you who have never participated in one before.

The living history takes place at the park along Highway 10 and County X. When going north on Highway 10, turn east on Highway X. It is the first driveway on the right.

If you have questions about this event you can contact Kim Heltemes.

More information will be available at the September Camp meeting.

We are hoping to get as many Camp members to help participate in this event.



Above is a photo of the Peeters family at the 150th Gettysburg reenactment, July 3 –9, 2013. Jesse Peeters is on the left with Dennis Peeters on the right. Deb Peeters is in the front.

Deb & Jesse's ancestor was James Scraton of the 6th New York Cavalry. The unit was with General Bradford on the 1st days battle. James is buried in Royaltown cemetery on highway 54.

Jesse Peeters is a Camp #8 member.

Photo & story submitted by Deb Peeters.



Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary 8 Meeting Minutes

7-15-13

Inaugural Meeting of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Place of Meeting: Lutheran Country Church outside of Poy Sippi and Auroraville.

President LuAnn Williams brought the meeting to order. Kathy Balza, Kathy Flanagan-Blaney, Brenda Stout, Stephanie Barker and Debra Bolden were absent. Present were Fran Galow, Kathy Heltemes, LuAnn Williams, Rachel Williams, Angela Shirley (visiting from California), Lucy Peters and Anne Kirk. There are no reports as of yet. Rachel Williams opened the Bible. Fran gave us a prayer

Angela Shirley, Anne Kirk, and Fran Galow were newly initiated into full membership in Edward S. Bragg #8. . LuAnn installed the Vice-President-elect, Rachel Williams. Fran Galow was installed as 1st Trustee and Chaplin, Rachel Williams as Patriotic Instructor. Kathy and Lucy were installed as Trustee and Secretary/Treasurer at Boscobel in June at the Dept Encampment.

President Williams brought up the idea, the use of the sale (purchase) of ASUVCW logo shirts. She mentioned there is a slip in the given folders for individual or group purchase. There is also a schedule of events for the National Encampment in the folder given thus. Kathy Balza though not present is very involved with marketing and promotional events. President Williams suggested we have bake sales and brat stands at said grocery stores for fundraising. President Williams said the bylaws would be brought up at the September mtg.

With regards to the National Encampment recommendations, the Dept of California suggested the application fee be raised from \$5.00 to \$20.00. The ladies did not meet this suggestion favorably. President Williams also suggested the Vietnam Vets are having a Glory Flight at EAA and that we as an auxiliary could welcome them home. This would be August 2, at the Oshkosh Phillips 66 Plaza. President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. w/ a prayer (closing) by Fran. Rachel came up and slowly closed the bible.

Respectfully Submitted by Sister Lucy M. Peters, Secretary/Treasurer

National Encampment, Brookfield, WI August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2013

Lucy Peters, Kathy Heltemes and myself attended the National Encampment this year. The encampment officially started Thursday evening, you could register, but that was about it on Thursday. Some of the orders had displays set up with items for sale.

Friday morning started with a joint meeting (memorial service) with all of the Allied Orders after which each order went to their meeting room. The meetings took place from 9-11:30, break for lunch and meetings again in the afternoon. Friday evening they held what was called a Campfire. This was a joint meeting. Old Abe Camp 8 presented a program featuring the Mohican Indians in the Civil War, given by Jo Ann Schedler. Afterwards there was a "roast" of the outgoing Presidents.

Saturday meetings were scheduled for most of the day along with voting for next year's officers. Saturday after lunch the four new auxiliaries received their official charters.

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They are absolutely beautiful and something to be proud of. We are a part of an honored organization Ladies. When I have it framed, we will be displaying it at each meeting. Saturday evening was the banquet and then entertainment, which turned out to be a magician. Pretty good! After the program we were invited, at least the Wisconsin Department, to a hospitality room.

All in all, it was a wonderful encampment. As President of a new auxiliary, it was a learning experience and one I won't forget for a long time. Even though most of the meetings were the business of doing business, it was wonderful to see what all of these women bring to the table. Next years encampment is in Marietta GA, and if at all possible I plan on attending.

Upcoming meeting

Our next meeting will be at the Veterans Home in King at 7 pm on Monday the 16th of September. We may have a guest attending so please try to make it. This meeting will once again be rather informal. We have lots of time to learn Roberts Rules of Order, eventually we will get there. If you have a Ritual, please bring it along with you. Also wear your badge if you have one. I want to place an order with the Supply Officer soon, so if you want to order anything you may want to let me know to save on postage. Remember Ladies, that the easiest way to get new members is to talk about our organization, both the Sons and the Auxiliary. Each of us received a brochure that was in the packet I gave you at the last meeting, throw the brochure in your purse, have it handy to invite someone to attend a meeting, Drop

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some off at your local library; they are a great addition to their community items display. Talk about upcoming events and meetings. Let me know if you'd like some additional brochures.

This is not going to be much of a business meeting; the meeting will focus on honoring our ancestors by remembering their struggles, hardships and oftentimes their ultimate sacrifice to maintain our Union.

That's it for now, hope to see you in King, LuAnn

In the name and by authority of the

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all unto whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE That reposing Special Trust and Confidence in our worthy Sisters

Kathy Balza	Lucy Peters
Stephanie Barker	Angela Shirley
Debra Boldon	Brenda Stout
Kathy Alanagan-Blancy	Rachel Williams
Fran Galow	LuAnn Williams
Kathy Heltemes	

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, an

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To be known as Edward S. Bragg

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Old Abe

Camp No. 8 Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary No. 8

located at Oshkosh State of Wisconsin and as such as they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to perform all acts necessary to conduct the business of said Auxiliary in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and general rules and regulations of the Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Department Seal to be affixed at Milwaukee in the State of Wisconsin this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand thirteen

Attest Elizabeth A. Craig Department Secretary

Attest Shirley J. Buser National Secretary

Under Order Lincoln President Department of Wisconsin NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Approved and Published June 28, 2013

James A. Graham National President with rank from 25 May 2013

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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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2013 National Encampment

The National 2013 SUVCW Encampment was held at the Sheraton Inn Hotel in Brookfield, WI August 8-11th. Camp #8 and the Wisconsin Department were well represented and presented our national brothers with great hospitality for those who visited Wisconsin.

Friday night Camp #8 hosted a "Campfire" with special guests, Jo Ann Schedler & Ronnie Preston from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mochican Indians.

Camp #8 had a nice informational display set up in the Display & Vendors room and several other Camps from around the nation stopping by to see our display and get ideas on how to do their own.

The National Encampment for 2014 will be held in Marietta, Georgia.

The National Encampment for 2015 will be held in Richmond, Virginia marking the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Richmond, Virginia.

The National Encampment for 2016 will be held in Springfield, Illinois marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.



The 2013 National Encampment Medal.



Free massages were available at the Encampment. Even President Lincoln had one!

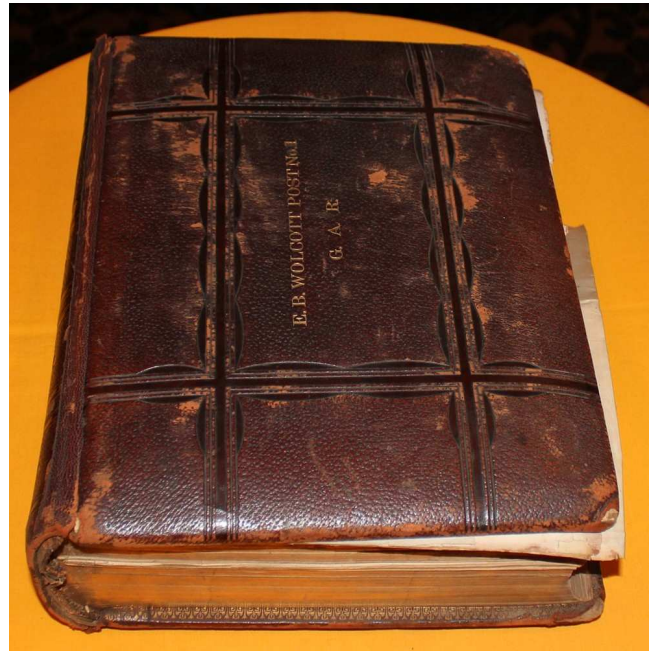


Camp #8 member William Parker participates in the opening ceremony on Friday with the Department of Wisconsin Guard.

2013 National Encampment



Camp #8 member William Parker stands with the Department of Wisconsin Guard.



This Bible used for the National Encampment is from the E. B. Wolcott Post No. 1 G. A. R. that was in Milwaukee.



Camp #8 member William Parker escorts special guest Ronnie Preston from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mochican Indians at the Friday night Campfire.



Special guest Jo Ann Schedler from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mochican Indians discusses her contribution to the book "Indians and the Civil War" at the Friday night Campfire.

2013 National Encampment



Department of Wisconsin Brothers socializing at the National Encampment left to right are: Gary Young, L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, Kim Heltemes, Old Abe Camp #8 member and Wisconsin Department Commander, and Virgil Matz, Henry Harnden Camp #2.

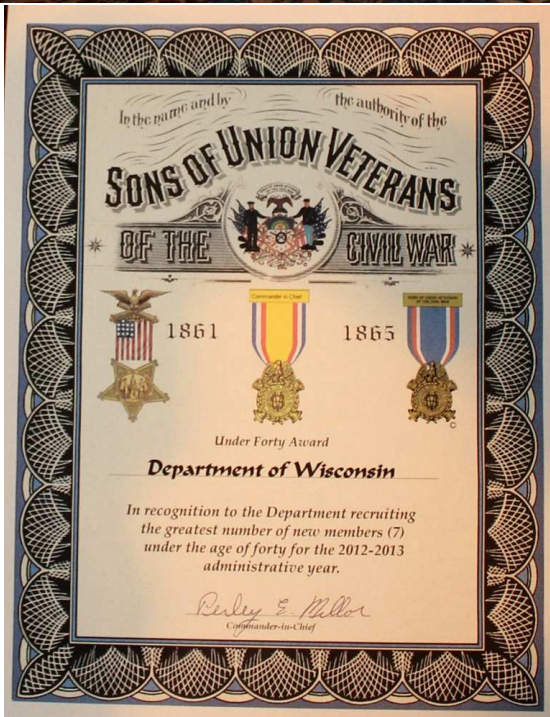


Old Abe Camp #8 & Wisconsin Department Commander Kim Heltemes presents Jo Ann Schedler, from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mochican Indians, with a certificate at the Friday night Campfire.



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2013 National Encampment



Old Abe Camp #8 member & Wisconsin Department Commander Kim Heletemes is presented the “Under Forty Award” by Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor.

The award reads as follows:

Under Forty Award

Department of Wisconsin

In recognition to the Department recruiting the greatest number of new members (7) under the age of forty for the 2012-2013 administrative year.”

2013 National Encampment



Department of Wisconsin Brothers pose for a group photo during the Saturday events of the National Encampment.



At left, Old Abe Camp #8 Sr. Vice Commander, Kirby Scott mans our display table at the National Encampment at the Sheraton Hotel in Milwaukee, WI.

We had lots of visitors and positive comments on our display with many departments requesting more information to be sent to them.

Photo by Jim Waid.

2013 National Encampment



Camp #8 members pose for a group photo after Friday night's Campfire event.

Left to right are: Kim Heltemes, William Parker, Alan Petit, Brian Peters, Jim Waid, Vince Barker, and Kurt Kirk.

WADE HOUSE 23rd Annual Civil War Weekend

Weekend of September 28 – 29 Greenbush, WI

Camp #8 will have a display at the 23rd annual Civil War Weekend at Wade House located in Greenbush, WI. The times for this event are 9 am to 5 pm Saturday & Sunday.

This is a great living history with a battle & skirmish daily. Our display is usually setup somewhere around the sutler area of the grounds.

For those of you who would like to help man the display, please sign up at our Camp meeting on September 16th.

This is a great event as we always do really well in raffle ticket sales and enjoy a large public interest in what our Camp does.

Old Abe Camp 8 Patriotic Instructor

Gettysburg and After

Paul Johnson – Patriotic Instructor



The defeated Confederate Army (under the command of General Robert E. Lee) retreats from the battlefield after the Battle of Gettysburg, July 4, 1863.

Much has been written about the Three day Battle of Gettysburg, but the entire campaign lasted from the first days of June through near the end of July.

The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia began its Retreat from Gettysburg on July 4, 1863. Following General Robert E. Lee's failure to defeat the Union Army at the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863), he ordered a retreat through Maryland and over the Potomac River to relative safety in Virginia.

The retreat was difficult. There were thousands of wounded soldiers to evacuate and it rained heavily on several days. A small force of Union cavalry destroyed Lee's pontoon bridge over the Potomac at Williamsport, Maryland, and when the Confederates reached the river, they found that the

rains had rendered it impassable. Eyeing Lee's vulnerable position, Meade considered a full-scale assault on July 13, but after consulting with the commanders he called it off. As a result, Lee had time to build a new bridge at Falling Water and managed to slip his men across the Potomac that night. (Some Confederates escaped with the help of the ferry upriver at Williamsport.) The next morning, the Union cavalrymen did what they could to disrupt the Confederate withdrawal, but they could not stop it. Once the last of Lee's soldiers had splashed back ashore in Virginia, the Gettysburg Campaign was over.

Lee's army had managed to seize massive quantities of badly needed supplies in Pennsylvania, but in all other respects, the campaign was a disaster. Nearly a third of the army was killed, wounded, or taken prisoner, while horses and equipment were worn out. Instead of damaging Union morale, it boosted it. Combined with the surrender of Vicksburg, Mississippi, on July 4 to Union general Ulysses S. Grant, the outcome at Gettysburg gave Northerners hope that the war might still be won.

The Union Army of the Potomac, commanded by Maj. Gen. George G. Meade, much criticized for not pursuing Lee, actually did dispatch forces to follow Lee's retreat.

Confederate supplies and thousands of wounded men proceeded over South Mountain through Cashtown in a wagon train that extended for 15-20 miles, enduring harsh weather, treacherous roads, and enemy cavalry raids. The bulk of Lee's infantry departed through Fairfield and through the Monterey Pass toward Hagerstown, Maryland. Reaching the Potomac, they found that rising waters and destroyed pontoon bridges prevented their immediate crossing. Erecting substantial defensive works, they awaited the arrival of the Union army, which had been pursuing over longer roads more to the south of Lee's route. Before Meade could perform adequate reconnaissance and attack the Confederate fortifications, Lee's army escaped across fords and a hastily rebuilt bridge.

An entire timeline of the "Gettysburg Campaign would be:

- June 3, 1863 - Confederate general Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, numbering approximately 75,000 confident, veteran soldiers, begins to slowly shift west from its positions around Fredericksburg, Virginia. So begins the Gettysburg Campaign, Lee's second invasion of the North in less than a year.
- June 9, 1863 - Union cavalry under Alfred Pleasonton cross the Rappahannock River and surprise, even humiliate, J. E. B. Stuart and his famed Confederate horsemen. The Battle

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of Brandy Station is the largest cavalry engagement of the Civil War, and while Pleasanton's men are beaten back, the battle raises their morale.

- June 12, 1863 - The Army of Northern Virginia's Second Corps, under the command of Richard S. Ewell, approaches the town of Winchester, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. The Union garrison there stands in the way of the Confederate march north into Pennsylvania.
- June 13-14, 1863 - Confederate troops under Richard S. Ewell nearly surround the Union garrison at Winchester, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley.
- June 14-15, 1863 - Union general Robert Milroy attempts to lead his garrison of 6,900 troops out of Winchester, Virginia, by cover of night. Confederate troops under Richard S. Ewell hunt them down, inflicting 4,400 casualties, most of whom are prisoners. The Confederate march to Pennsylvania can now continue.
- June 15, 1863 - Advance elements of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia reach the supply-rich Cumberland Valley town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. From here, Confederate general Robert E. Lee will send his army north and east with the goals of seizing supplies and inflicting political embarrassment on the administration of U.S. president Abraham Lincoln.
- June 28, 1863 - General Joseph Hooker, commander of the Union Army of the Potomac, resigns after a dispute with Union general-in-chief Henry W. Halleck. U.S. President Abraham Lincoln hands the job of defending Pennsylvania from Confederate invasion to General George G. Meade. His troops are massed near Frederick, Maryland.
- June 30, 1863 - Confederates in Henry Heth's division of A. P. Hill's Third Corps set off for the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in search of shoes and supplies. They discover Union cavalry instead.
- July 1, 1863 - Confederate General A. P. Hill sends two divisions into Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to investigate reports of cavalry there. The fighting that ensues turns into a major battle. By nightfall, Union troops have rallied on Cemetery Hill, south of town. Confederate General Robert E. Lee decides to wait until morning to attack.
- July 2, 1863 - Union General George G. Meade arranges his forces along a fishhook-shaped line of hills south of Gettysburg. Robert E. Lee's army attacks him first on his left—at Round Top, Little Round Top, and Cemetery Ridge—and then on his right—at Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill. Confederate attacks are uncoordinated and yet, still, nearly successful.
- July 3, 1863, morning - For two days, the Union and Confederate armies have fought to a standstill in and around Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. On the morning of the third day, Confederate General Robert E. Lee resumes his attack on the Union right, but the assault fails.
- July 3, 1863, 1 p.m. - After a failed attack on the Union right in the morning, Confederate General Robert E. Lee orders a massive frontal assault on the center of the Union line south of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It begins with a ninety-minute artillery bombardment of Union troops taking cover on Cemetery Ridge.
- July 3, 1863, 3 p.m. - The Confederate frontal assault begins on the Union center, south of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Pickett's Charge is led by divisions commanded by George E. Pickett, J. Johnston Pettigrew, and Isaac R. Trimble. In just under an hour, approximately 5,600 men are lost.

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- July 4, 1863 - After three days of fighting in and around Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the exhausted Union and Confederate armies warily hold their positions. Late in the day, Confederate General Robert E. Lee orders his army to retreat south to Virginia.

Combat operations, primarily cavalry battles, raids, and skirmishes, occurred during the retreat at

- Fairfield (July 3),
- Monterey Pass (July 4-5),
- Smithsburg (July 5),
- Hagerstown (July 6 and 12),
- Boonsboro (July 8),
- Funkstown (July 7 and 10),
- around Williamsport and
- Falling Waters (July 6-14).
- July 13, 1863 - Union General George G. Meade considers a full-scale assault against Robert E. Lee's retreating Army of Northern Virginia, which is trapped against a rain-swelled Potomac River. Meade cancels the attack when his subordinates advise against it giving Lee the opportunity to escape. He slips his army across the river during the night.
- July 14, 1863 - Union cavalymen attack the rear guard of the Army of Northern Virginia, causing substantial casualties, including mortally wounding General J. Johnston Pettigrew. They disrupt but ultimately cannot stop the Confederate retreat into Virginia.
- Additional clashes after the armies crossed the Potomac occurred at Shepherdstown (July 16) and
- Manassas Gap (July 23) in Virginia, ending the Gettysburg Campaign of June and July 1863.



Wisconsin was home to several legendary regiments. The 2nd Wisconsin of the famed Iron Brigade was one of those regiments. Company B was from the LaCrosse area. There is a memorial and plot in the Oakwood Cemetery dedicated to veterans of the Civil War.

Sue and I visited LaCrosse and paid our respects.

Photos & story submitted by Dan McGraw.

2013 Camp Calendar

September 16th, 7:00 PM Camp 8 regular meeting Location: Veteran's Home, King, WI

September 28th & 29th Wade House Civil War Weekend Location: Greenbush, Wisconsin

November 18th Camp 8 regular meeting Annual Bean Supper & election of officers Location: t.b.d.

November 23rd National Remembrance Day Parade Location: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

2014 Camp Calendar

January 20th, 6:00 PM Camp 8 regular meeting & Dinner Location: Jimmy's White House Inn Buttes Des Morts, WI

February 1st or 8th, 9:30 AM Dept. of WI Midwinter Meeting Location: Bluemound Gardens Restaurant,
Wauwatosa, WI with Patriotic Luncheon at 12:30 PM

February 22nd & 23rd 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sun. Echoes of the Past Trade Fair
Location: Sunnyview Expo Center Oshkosh, WI

March 17th, 7:00 PM Camp 8 regular meeting Location: Oshkosh Public Museum

May 18th, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM King Open House Location: Veterans Home, King, WI

May 19th, 7:00 PM Camp 8 regular meeting Location: Veteran's Home, King, WI

June 14th 131st Wisconsin State Department Encampment Location: Madison, Wisconsin

July 21st, 7:00 PM Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic Location: Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church,
Aurora, WI

August 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th 2014 National Encampment Location: Marietta, Georgia

Please send information on events that you are aware of to be included in this newsletter 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**

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 Newsletter Editor. Deadline for a submission is 3 weeks prior to a meeting.

Camp 8 July 15th Meeting



Our July meeting was preceded with a cookout & picnic at a historic church in Auroraville, WI.

Our Camp's head chef, Kurt Kirk, arrived at the church early to grill up some amazing chicken breasts and brats.

Weather was perfect this year with very few mosquitoes and a great time was enjoyed by all of those who attended.



Camp 8 July 15th Meeting



Sr. Vice Commander, Kirby Scott fills in as Commander for the July meeting held at the Walter A. Beltz historic church in Auroraville.



LuAnn Williams pins the Sons badge on her husband, Ken, who was initiated into Camp #8 at our July meeting in Auroraville.

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, JULY 15, 2013

1. **Opening Ceremony**-7:14 P.M. Walter Beltz Church
(11 members present & 2 guests).

2. **Roll Call of officers:**

- a. Commander-K. Scott for V. Barker.
- b. SVC-K. Heltemes for K. Scott.
- c. JVC-here.
- d. Secretary-here.
- e. Treasurer-here.

3. **Minutes.**

Approved minutes from last meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report.**

As of 6-30-13, checking is \$4432.68. CD 1 is \$4266.89, CD2 is \$1010.83. Several small bills paid and some new members dues money came in.

5. **Any sick or distressed brothers?**

Cathy Heltemes broke her leg and Jim Schumann's Father is not well.

6. **Guests.**

Ken and Jeff Williams.

7. **Any new applications to review or accept?**

Ken Williams was initiated.

8. **Any communications and/or bills to address?**

None.

9. **Prior business.**

None.

10. **Past events:**

a. May 27-Memorial Day. Oshkosh & King. Both went well.

- b. June 2-Dave Dresang's burial service. Went very well.
- c. June 15-Dept. Encampment. Went well. Camp 8 members elected to Dept Offices: DC Kim Heltemes, SVC Alan Petit, Secretary Brian Peters.
- d. July 4-Camp members install 3 gravestones in 2 Waupaca Co. Cemeteries.

11. **Future events.**

- a. Aug. 8-11-National Encampment-Brookfield. Still time to get in. Check the website at SUVCW National.
- b. Williams dedication-Waupaca Co.-Mid Sept. or Oct.
- c. Sept. 21-Lewis Lange dedication. Weyawega.
- d. Sept. 21-Weyewega cemetery ghost walk. Watch the emails for details on these 2 items.
- e. Sept. 28-29-Wade House CW event. Watch email and newsletter for this.
- f. Re-dedication of Thurlow headstone in Wittenburg. Date not set.

12. **New business:**

September 16 meeting is at King. Nov. bean dinner meeting open yet.

13. **Patriotic Instructor's Presentation.**

None.

14. **Any other new or old business?**

None.

15. **Has anyone done something for the good of the order?**

Members have been still picking up used GAR flag holders on ebay.

16. **Closing ceremony.** 8:10 P.M.

**Submitted by PCC Alan O. Petit, Secretary
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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 20 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:

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