



*Camp Orders 2013-06*  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
*Grand Army of the Republic*  
**"Old Abe" Camp #8**  
Wisconsin Department

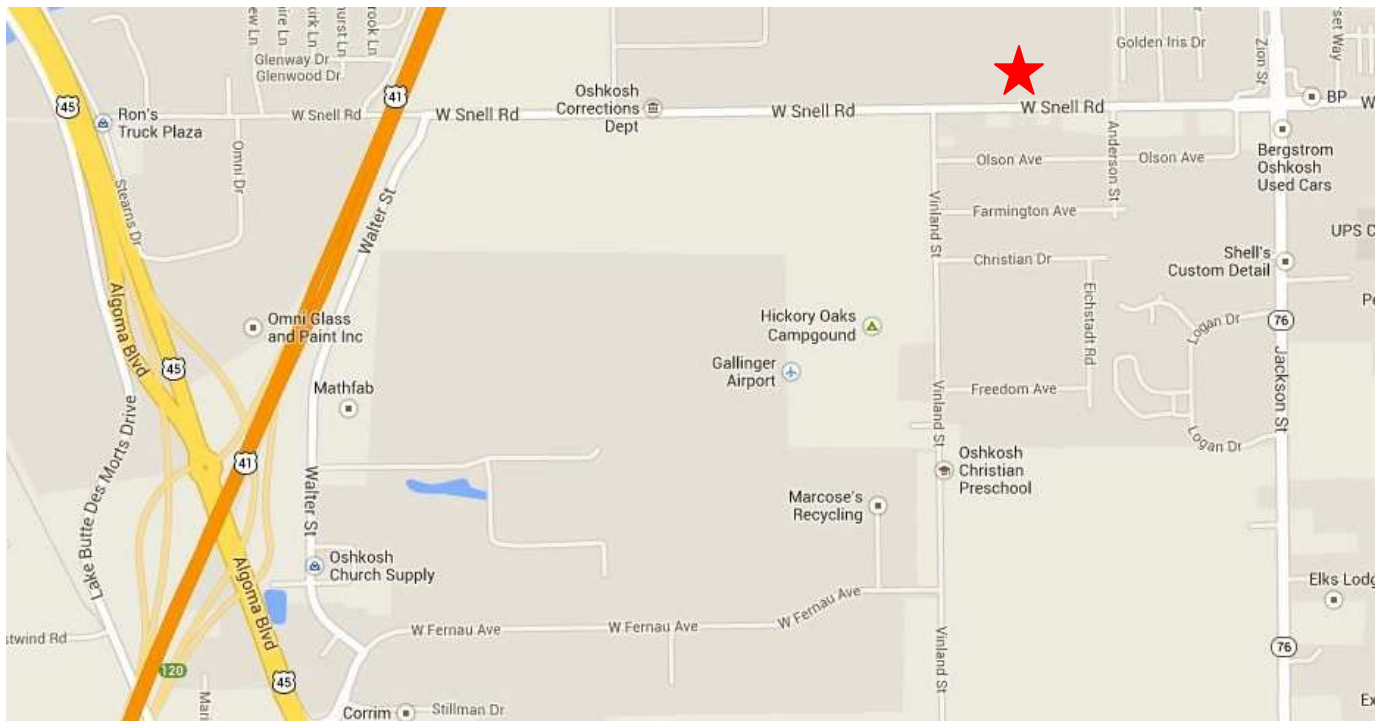


November 2013

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**Camp November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Will Be Held At  
Oshkosh Fire Station #19 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

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**Our next Camp meeting will be held at Oshkosh Fire Station #19 which is located at 1000 W. Snell Road in Oshkosh, WI.**

Enter through the doors on the north side of the station. There are 2 vehicles parked near the entrance door in the picture to the right. Parking is allowed in the red shaded area.

Fire Station #19 is located on the above map with a red star.

Directions: take exit #120 on Hwy 41 and go in towards the city of Oshkosh. At the round about take W. Fernau Ave, then go left on Vinland St. and then right on W. Snell Road. Fire Station #19 will be on your left side.

You can also take Hwy 76 (Jackson Street) and go W. on Snell and the Fire Station will then be on your right side.



# Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander  
Vince Barker*

Greetings Brothers,

Its hard to believe but somehow summer is already long over and we are closing in on Thanksgiving. Time passes much to quickly. It has been three years since I took the gavel as Camp 8 Commander but it seems like it was yesterday. With my final newsletter remarks I want to thank all of you for doing what so few Americans do these days - honor your history, your heritage, and your ancestors. Camp 8 remains one of the two largest and most active camps in the Department of Wisconsin. We have weathered much in the last couple years, most notably losing our longtime "home" at the Omro Historical Society building. Yet our membership remains strong and active. We have gained 6 new members in the past several months. That's more new members over that time span than I can remember since joining the SUVCW and Camp 8 back in 1999. I encourage all of our new members to get engaged and participate in our camp activities. We have another 18 months to honor the Civil War Sesquicentennial, so we need to continue to recognize this special time in our history to promote our Order and increase our numbers.

As we look towards our November Bean Supper and Thanksgiving holiday, our Camp has much to be thankful for. First, the Department of Wisconsin Commander is once again from Camp 8.

Congratulations DC Kim Heltemes! Also, with the use of the Oshkosh Fire Station near Riverside Cemetery, we once again have an outstanding meeting location for our March, May, and November meetings. This is a major development for our camp. And, we have a new Camp 8 Auxiliary, which is already proven to be a great asset for the Camp. Congratulations and a huge thank you goes out to Auxiliary President Luann Williams for organizing the new Auxiliary and working so hard to get the auxiliary up and running and for assisting Camp 8 with our projects and activities.

Lastly, I encourage all camp members who have not run for elected positions or volunteered for appointed positions to please do so during our camp elections at the November meeting. An organization needs "new blood" to improve and grow and all of you have much to offer. Also remember the November meeting is our annual bean supper so please bring a dish to pass.

Thank you and see you at the November meeting!  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Vince

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

**Supper starts at 6:00 PM**

**Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

**Location is:  
Oshkosh Fire Station #19  
Oshkosh, WI.**

**Wear Your  
Membership Badge**

# Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

From the Auxiliary....

I hope all of you have adjusted to the cool weather. I hate to say it but the snow will be here soon enough, not really looking forward to that. Our September meeting was held at King, with special guest Krista Williams, wife of new Old Abe member Jeff Williams. Krista is very good at fundraising and I hope we can get many good ideas from her. She has indicated that when her daughter, Savannah, is out of high school, she will consider joining our auxiliary. She would be a great addition to our group.

Also at our September meeting we learned a little more about the astronomical number of deaths in the Civil War and how our government, the regiments and the local communities dealt with our soldier's ultimate sacrifice. I hope that some of the material was new to some of you. I think it's important that we, as an auxiliary, not only focus on participating in various events, but also to learn what it was really like for women during that time period. If there is a subject you'd like to learn more about, please let me know.

The weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Heltemes, Sue Waid (member of the Women's Relief Fund and wife of Old Abe member Jim Waid) and I participated in a dedication that Camp 8 did at Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega as part of their annual Horse and Buggy Days. After the dedication we held a Ghost Walk in the cemetery. There was good attendance by the public for both events. It was a privilege to personify Augusta Lange, the daughter of my GG Grandfather, Ludwig Lange, who was in the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry and to tell his story. Afterwards we gathered at one of the graves, talked, laughed and enjoyed each other's company by candlelight. It was a wonderful way to honor our Civil War Veterans and enrich our friendships. Keep in mind that these types of events are exactly what we need to get the public interested in our organizations. If you know of

any Civil War events that are happening around the state, please let me know.

We have a new member, Tanya Rabec from Appleton. Old Abe Commander, Vince Barker was instrumental in recruiting Tanya, so a big thank you goes out to Vince. Tanya's ancestor for membership is her GG Grandfather Thomas Morgan who was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Co H. Tanya's GGG Grandfather William Morgan also was in the Civil War, he enlisted at Chilton in Co K of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry and her GG Grand Uncle William was in Co E of the 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. Please take some time to welcome her into our auxiliary.

I have to apologize to everyone that waited around for brownies at King. The brownies were unbelievably sticky as I was not at all prepared for, must be the new stove. I can almost guarantee that will never happen again, Vince tells me I should keep bringing them until I get them right.

That's it for now. Hope to see you all at the November meeting.

LuAnn  
President

## ***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](http://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.



# Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

## 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

LuAnn Williams 2630 Hearthstone Dr Oshkosh WI 54901  
920-410-5548 Lulabell0806@Yahoo.com

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

## Traditional Bean Supper & Elections

Our November meeting is our traditional bean supper. Please bring a dish to pass along with your eating utensils & something to drink.

Supper will start at 6:00 pm with the meeting to begin at 7:00 pm.

After our supper we will hold our regular meeting, which will include the election of officers for the 2013 – 2014 year. Please plan on being present for this meeting so you can vote for whom you would like to see in office.

The following positions are elected positions and will be voted on: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Camp Secretary, Camp Treasurer, Camp Delegate, Camp Council (3 positions).

The following positions are appointed: Patriotic Instructor, Camp Chaplin, Color Bearer, Camp Guide, Camp Guard, Camp Counselor, Camp Historian, Civil War Memorials Officer, Graves Registration Officer.

Below are the job description information that is provided by the National SUVCW.

### **Job Descriptions for the Camp's elected positions**

#### **COMMANDER**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Commander should include:

1. Presiding at all meetings of the Camp.
2. Appointing the appointed officers and all committees.
3. Become familiar with all SUVCW forms that are utilized for conducting the business of the Camp, especially those that require the Commander's signature, and ensure that all reports are submitted to the Department by the specified time.
4. Ensuring that the Camp officers and committees do their jobs.
5. Representing the Camp at community functions.
6. Becoming familiar with the Camp's Bylaws and the Order's Constitution and Regulations.

7. Keeping the membership informed by issuing "Camp Orders", attested to by the Camp Secretary.
8. Consulting with Past Camp Commanders for advice on Camp matters.
9. Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.
10. Serving as liaison between the Camp and Department.

#### **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Senior Vice Commander is to assist the Commander, promote the Order and preside at Camp meetings in the absence of the Commander.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Senior Vice Commander should include:

1. Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of the Camp Commander.
2. Acting as a personal representative upon the request from the Camp Commander.
3. Gathering appropriate data about Camp activities and forwarding to the Department Senior Vice Commander
4. Promoting Camp activities in the local media.
5. Publishing a Camp newsletter.
6. Scheduling informative programs for Camp meetings.
7. Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

#### **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of Brothers (Members, Associates, and Juniors).

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include:

1. Contacting prospective Brothers whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander.
2. Supplying prospective Brothers with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting.
3. Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing

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membership applications.

- 4 Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order.
- 5 Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander.
- 6 Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the office by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

### **SECRETARY**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Secretary is to keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp or Department.

#### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Secretary should include:

- 1 Taking minutes of each Camp meeting.
- 2 Maintaining a book or file of minutes of past meetings.
- 3 Reading the minutes of the preceding Camp meeting.
- 4 Processing and responding to Camp correspondence.
- 5 Notifying Brothers of meeting dates and location.
- 6 Preparing Form 22, "Report of Camp Installing Officer", in duplicate and sending both copies to the Department Secretary.
- 7 Reviewing for accuracy the annual "Life Member Reimbursement Form" (Form 10) that can be prepared by a Camp's Commander, Treasurer or Secretary.
- 8 In conjunction with the Camp Treasurer, prepare and submit a "Camp Annual Report" (Form 27) in duplicate to the Department Secretary on or before April 30 of each year, with check for per capita and application fees, plus two copies of the membership application for each new Brother.
- 9 Preparing and submitting a "Camp Status Report" (Form 30) in duplicate to the Department Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the next month following any change in a Camp's membership after the annual report is filed. A check for per capita and application fees, plus two copies of a new Brother's membership application must be enclosed.
- 10 Maintaining Camp membership applications and supporting documentation.
- 11 Preparing credentials for those serving as Camp delegates and alternates to Department Encampments.
- 12 Maintaining the Camp seal and affixing it to Camp documents as needed.

### **TREASURER**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Treasurer is to serve as custodian of Camp monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports.

#### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Treasurer should include:

- 1 Keeping the financial records of the Camp.
- 2 Preparing a financial report to be presented at each Camp meeting.
- 3 Preparing and sending dues notices to Brothers at least one month before the end of the Camp's fiscal year.
- 4 Issuing membership cards to Brothers upon receipt of annual dues.
- 5 Serving as custodian of Camp property not otherwise provided for.
- 6 Maintaining a bank account in the Camp's name for Camp funds.
- 7 Preparing a report on the financial condition of the Camp for review and approval by the Camp Council.
- 8 In conjunction with the Camp Secretary, prepare a "Camp Annual Report" (Form 27) with check for per capita and application fees, to be submitted to the Department Secretary on or before April 30 of each year.
- 9 Preparing and submitting a "Life Member Reimbursement Form" (for those Brothers who qualify) before March 31 of each year.
- 10 Notifying a Brother who is in arrears for dues or fines, no later than March 31 of each year.
- 11 Preparing and transmitting any and all financial reports as may be required by applicable state law.

### **DELEGATE**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the delegate is to represent the Camp at Department and National meetings.

### **COUNCIL**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the three-member Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp offices.

#### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Council should include:

- 1 Devising and recommending measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp.
- 2 Making the Camp's investments, leases, and other contracts.
- 3 Settling and disposing of all disputed accounts between the Camp Treasurer and Brothers of the Camp.
- 4 Examining the books, vouchers and other financial papers of the Camp.

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- 5 Reviewing and passing upon a quarterly financial report of the Camp.
- 6 Filling for the unexpired term by of a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Camp office.

### **Job Descriptions for the Camp's appointed positions**

#### **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Patriotic Instructor is to educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Patriotic Instructor should include:

- 1 Presenting at each Camp meeting information on such items as - (a) Civil War military, civilian and other great American leaders, (b) National and state holidays, (c) The United States Flag, (d) Duties of citizenship such as voting, (e) Great Civil War battles and battles of other wars, and (f) Great American artifacts and sites.
- 2 Providing public displays and orations on patriotism as called upon.
- 3 Providing awards of recognition to deserving individuals as deemed necessary or ordered by the Camp.

#### **CHAPLAIN**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Chaplain is to conduct such devotional services as directed by the Camp or Department.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Chaplain should include:

- 1 Conducting prayer at all meetings.
- 2 Conducting grave site services for Brothers and important dignitaries.
- 3 Conducting memorials for grave dedication or rededication ceremonies of veterans - especially Union veterans.
- 4 Serving as custodian of the Camp Bible unless assigned to another Camp officer.
- 5 Preparing an annual necrology of Camp Brothers and submitting the list to Department Chaplain.
- 6 Serving as coordinator for the Camp's Memorial Day

ceremony.

- 7 Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Rituals and Ceremonials.

#### **HISTORIAN**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Historian should include:

- 1 Maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical and/or photographic material given to or developed by the Camp regarding the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).
- 2 Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles, Post/Camp membership records, Post/Camp meeting minutes, old Post/Camp financial records, photographs, and donated memorabilia.

#### **COUNSELOR**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the office of Counselor is to serve as a legal advisor to the Commander and to the Camp.

##### **Activities**

The activities of the Camp Counselor should include:

- 1 Advising the Commander and the Camp on such legal issues as may come before them.
- 2 Upon request of the Commander, providing advice and interpretation of the Camp's Bylaws, the Order's Constitution and Regulations, and on parliamentary questions.

#### **GUIDE**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Guide is to assist the Commander in the floor work of the Ritual during the Camp meeting and to follow any orders given by the Commander.

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### Activities

The activities of the Camp Guide should include:

- 1 Ensuring that the Camp room is proper order and that the altar and stations are properly arranged.
- 2 Instructing candidates for membership per the instructions of the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.
- 3 Acting as an escort for all visitors.
- 4 Ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting.
- 5 Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

### COLOR BEARER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Color Bearer is to care for the Camp colors and to assist the Camp Guide during the Camp meeting.

#### Activities

The activities of the Camp Color Bearer should include:

- 1 Placing the altar cloth and an unopened Bible on the altar prior to the opening of the Camp.
- 2 Placing station banners at the stations prior to the opening of the Camp.
- 3 Assisting the Guide in ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting.
- 4 Presenting the United States Flag during the Pledge of Allegiance by the Camp.
- 5 Attending to the altar and stations by removing altar cloth, Bible and station banners following the close of the Camp.
- 6 Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

### GUARD

#### Purpose

The purpose of the office of Guard is to secure the door to the Camp meeting and to admit only those Brothers and visitors who are qualified or entitled to enter.

#### Activities

The activities of the Camp Guard should include:

- 1 Securing the door of the Camp meeting.
- 2 Checking dues receipts or cards of Brothers and admitting only qualified Brothers and authorized visitors.

- 3 Allowing no one to enter during the opening or closing of the Camp.
- 4 Allowing no one to enter during the initiation of candidates.
- 5 Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

### GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Graves Registration Officer is to locate, record, ascertain the condition of and bring to the attention of proper authorities the need for repair or replacement of the grave markers/memorials of Civil War veterans buried in the jurisdiction of the Camp.

#### Activities

The activities of the Camp Graves Registration Officer should include:

- 1 Conducting an inventory of the cemeteries located within the confines the Camp's geographical boundaries and documenting the presence of Civil War veteran grave markers and memorials.
- 2 Bringing to the attention of appropriate governmental agencies the existence of grave markers/memorials in need of rehabilitation or replacement.
- 3 Assisting private parties and governmental agencies in the completion of applications for new federal grave markers for Civil War veterans.
- 4 Providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War veteran grave markers/memorials to the Department Graves Registration Officer.

### CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Camp level Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U. S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs) within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

#### Activities

To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of a Camp's



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membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should:

- 1 Coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries.
- 2 Maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials – and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.
- 3 Provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.



### 2013 Camp Calendar

- November 18<sup>th</sup>** Camp 8 regular meeting Annual Bean Supper & election of officers  
Location: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>** National Remembrance Day Parade Location: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

### 2014 Camp Calendar

- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM** Camp 8 regular meeting & Dinner Location: Jimmy's White House Inn Buttes Des Morts, WI
- February 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM** Dept. of WI Midwinter Meeting Location: Bluemound Gardens Restaurant, Wauwatosa, WI with Patriotic Luncheon at 12:30 PM
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** Camp 8 regular meeting Location: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM** King Open House Location: Veterans Home, King, WI
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** Camp 8 regular meeting Location: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.
- June 14<sup>th</sup>** 131<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin State Department Encampment Location: Madison, Wisconsin
- July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM** Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic Location: Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church, Auroraville, WI
- August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>** 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*

# Weyauwega Living History, Wreath Presentation, Parade, Grave Dedication, & Ghost Walk

On September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in Weyauwega, WI Old Abe Camp #8 & Auxiliary did a living history, conducted a wreath presentation, participated in a parade, and had a cemetery ghost walk.



*Friday evening Old Abe Camp #8 & Auxiliary participated in a wreath ceremony at the George W. Taggart monument in Weyauwega, WI.*



*Above and below are pictures from the Saturday evening cemetery ghost walk in Weyauwega, WI.*



*Old Abe Camp #8 & Auxiliary members gather along with the Weyauwega VFW for a group photo in front of the George W. Taggart monument after the Friday evening ceremony.*



# Weyauwega Living History, Wreath Presentation, Parade, Grave Dedication, & Ghost Walk



*Above: Old Abe Camp member Brian Peters salutes during the ceremony for Myron Sherman, Pvt. Co. C, 44<sup>th</sup> WI. Inf.*

*Below: Old Abe Camp #8 & Auxiliary members & the Weyauwega VFW gather around the stone of Myron Sherman after the ceremony.*





# Weyauwega Living History, Wreath Presentation, Parade, Grave Dedication, & Ghost Walk



*Above and below are pictures from the small living history that Old Abe Camp #8 did in Weyauwega, WI on Friday and Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Although Saturday the temperatures were a bit cool we did have people stop by. Earlier it was reported that many Scouts visited our encampment.*

*On the right is a trophy presented to Old Abe Camp #9 from the city of Weyauwega for being the “Best Adult Civil War Parade Entry” in the Saturday parade.*





# Wade House 2013



Old Abe Camp #8's set up at Wade House in Greenbush, WI on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. This year we have good weather and did very well in raffle ticket sales.



*Old Abe Camp #8 member Alan Petit discusses Civil War photography with David Rambow who was set up next to our Camp Display at Wade House.*



*Old Abe Camp #8 member Jim Schumann*



*Old Abe Camp #8 member Kim Heltemes.*



# Wade House 2013



*Old Abe Camp #8 member, Dan McGraw, fires his rifle during the Saturday afternoon battle at Wade House.*



This authentic made tin type picture was made by David Rambow, who had his photographic tent set up next to us at Wade House. Old Abe Camp #8 members who are in this picture are: Matt Arndt (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Ron Arndt (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), Kim Heltemes (far right), and Bill Parker (kneeling).



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*Sunday afternoon battle pictures. Some Old Abe Camp #8 members were helping with the Confederate cannon crew.*



# Old Abe Camp 8 Patriotic Instructor

Paul Johnson

## The Lowly Brogan

Brogan shoes are a type of ankle-high boot that was made popular during the 1700s and 1800s. They have their origin in the heavy half-boot worn and popularized by the students at Oxford University in the 1650's. They are especially known for being worn by the working class, and are generally characterized as being heavy, sturdy, and durable. . They come in rough

or smooth finish. It has a soft, rounded sloped toe. It is all leather, top grain, with a stacked leather heel. It is unlined. Being a type of an oxford shoe, they are made of leather and have enclosed lacing. The leather heels of the Brogan shoe were protected by iron horseshoe heel plates to prevent wear and soldiers would sometimes have hobnails applied to the bottom of their soles to provide greater traction. The term "brogan" is thought to be derived from the word bróg, which means "shoe" in Gaelic.



Soldiers began wearing brogan shoes during the American Revolution in the late 1700s. They were originally worn by members of the British Army. By the time the American Civil War was taking place; most soldiers were known to wear brogan shoes as a part of their standard uniforms.

With regards to the Federal soldier's footwear, the terms brogan and Jefferson Bootee are one and the same.

The term Jefferson Bootee is contributed to Thomas Jefferson himself. Up until the French Revolution of 1789, large-fancy shoe buckles were all the rage and the mark of the upper crust of societies. Jefferson, a staunch supporter of the French Revolution, lowered himself to the ranks of the middle and lower classes by wearing laced-up shoes at his 1801 presidential inauguration. From thence on until the early twentieth century, the adjective Jefferson continued to refer to laced-up shoes.

Before the war, all army brogans were of the sewn variety (and mostly smooth side out, not rough. Try blackening and polishing rough leather...it makes sense!) and came from the Susquehanna Arsenal. Pegged shoes were considered as the cheaply made alternative, the method being reserved for the making of cheap work shoes for the immigrant class and plantation (slave) trade. Then the war came... In either case, both rights and lefts were made. Army uniform regulations, as well as government contracts throughout the entire war, specifically called for RIGHTS AND LEFTS; government inspectors from 1861 to 1865 scrutinized this.

Evidence shows that the army did everything it could to force contractors to deliver sewn and smooth side out shoes. While a pair of sewn shoes would bring the contractor \$1.80 to \$2.00 per pair, the Government refused to pay one cent more than \$1.25 for pegged shoes that they considered inferior. The same proportional differences existed in



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the payment for cavalry boots as well. In a January 9, 1862, letter to Congress from Col. G.H. Crossman, Asst. Quartermaster General, Crossman clearly states that the small number of pegged shoes purchased by 1862, were only bought, "...when the necessities of the army required them immediately and the sewn [*italics in the original*] could not be had." Crossman's figures of 1,102,700 pairs of shoes purchased by January, 1862, show that only 60,000 pairs (less than five and a half percent) were of the pegged variety. Both were made of rights and lefts though.

However, as the war dragged on, more and more of pegged shoes found their way into the army. The sewing of the soles was done completely by hand, whereas the pegged soles were being constructed by pegging machines, thus allowing quantity of shoes over quality of construction. By war's end, it is estimated that a total of 40% of Jeffersons were pegged, most coming in the later months of the rebellion.

## **RENEWAL - NOTICE -**

**Dues Are Payable as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please send \$40.00 to the Camp Secretary:  
Alan Petit E7602 Cutoff Road New London, WI 54961**



*Sunday morning battlefield fog at Wade House.*



# Camp 8 September 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Our September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Veterans Home in King, WI.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Jeff Williams, who was initiated during our Camp meeting.

Above, Jeff Williams is being initiated by Camp Commander Vince Barker.

Below, Krista Williams, pins the member badge on her husband Jeff during the ceremony.

To the left are Krista Williams and Jeff Williams.

Welcome to Old Abe Camp #8!



## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, SEPT. 16, 2013

1. **Opening Ceremony**-7:10 P.M. Marden Hall, King. (11 members present)
2. **Roll call of officers:**
  - a. Commander-here.
  - b. SVC-here.
  - c. JVC-here.
  - d. Secretary-here.
  - e. Treasurer-here.
3. **Minutes.** Motion by Kim H., second by Brian P.. Minutes of 7-15-13 approved.
4. **Treasurer's report:**

As of 8-31-13, \$4097.10 in checking, \$5283.41 in two CD's. \$198.00 was spent at the National Encampment for metal star GAR flagholders. Money was authorized at a previous camp meeting.
5. **Any sick or distressed brothers or family?** None.
6. **Any visitors or guests?** None.
7. **Any new applications for review or acceptance.** Jeff Williams was initiated.
8. **Any communications and/or bills to address?** None.
9. **Prior business:**
  - a. Raffle update. Henry goldenboy cost about \$600.00. Have \$494.00 in sales so far.
10. **Past events:**
  - a. National encampment went well. Tedious at times. Some brothers had a definite agenda
  - b. Kim Heltemes gave a presentation at one of the Mohican meetings with the goal of forming a camp there.

## 11. Future events and dedications:

- a. Sept 20-21- Weyauwega Horse and Buggy Days. Need everyone we can get. Friday,-set up camp in park-school kids will tour-11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.-then a monument rededication downtown at 6:00 P.M.. Saturday-parade at 1:00 P.M.-cemetery-grave dedication-5:30 P.M.-ghost walk at 7:30 P.M.-bring lanterns. Watch the emails for more info.
- b. Sept. 27-29-Wade House CW event. Need bodies to man booth to sell raffle tickets.

Kirby-Bill-Alan-Kim-more are welcome.
- c. Williams dedication-see Kim H.
- d. Sept. 18 camp meeting. Elections and bean dinner. At King. Check newsletter and emails for confirmations.

## 12. New business:

- a. GAR markers were bought at National Encampment. See item 4 above.
- b. Several uniform items belonging to deceased brother Jim Scherbert are available to camp members for purchase. See Alan Petit for details.
- c. Waupaca is thinking of putting up some plaques downtown. Cost is maybe \$3600.00.

Consider if we want to get involved.
- d. Oct. 5. High Ground, near Neilsville. Something going on there. Do we want to support them in hopes of getting a CW monument placed there?

## 13. Patriotic Instructor's presentation. See Camp Orders 2013-05.

## 14. Any other old or new business? None.

## 15. Has anyone done something for the good of the order? No.

## 16. Closing ceremony. 8:15 P.M.

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

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