



Camp Orders 2014-01
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
“Old Abe” Camp #8
Wisconsin Department
January 2014



Camp January 20th Meeting Will Be Held At The White House Inn Located In Butte Des Morts, Wisconsin

Next Old Abe Camp 8 Meeting

Jan 20th

Meal begins at 6:00PM

**Meeting starts at
7:00PM at**

**The White House Inn
5776 Main Street)
Butte Des Morts, WI.**

**Wear Your
Membership Badge**



Our January meeting, Monday, January 20th, is being held at Jimmy's White House Inn in Butte Des Morts.

The White House Inn is an historic building with Civil War relics displayed in the main bar that belonged to Corp. Tunis LaFever, 27th Wis Inf. Tunis is the ancestor of White House Inn owner, Miles LeFever. Miles is an SUVCW member.

We plan on having dinner starting at 6pm. If you do not wish to join us for dinner, the regular meeting will start at the usual 7pm.

The purpose of having a dinner with our meeting is to enjoy social and fellowship time between members, which was very much a tradition with the GAR.

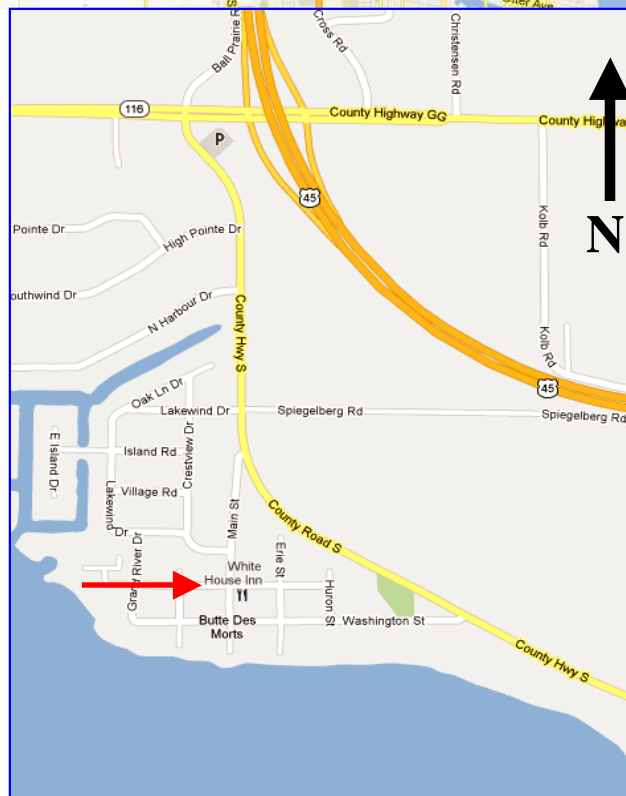
Additional information about the White House Inn can be obtained from: <http://www.whitehouseinnonline.com>

Please see the maps on this page.

- Meeting Directions -

From Oshkosh take Hwy 45 North, to Cty Rd S. In Butte Des Morts, turn left onto Washington St., then right onto Main Street.

From the North take Hwy 45 South to Cty Hwy GG. Go right, then left on Cty Rd S. Take Main Street South and the White House Inn will be on your left side.



Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander
Kirby Scott*

Greetings Brothers,

First I wish to thank all of you for electing me Commander of Old Abe Camp #8. I am humbled and look forward to serving you this coming year.

As we enter the fourth year of the sesquicentennial, this year holds special meaning to me as 150 years ago my maternal 3rd great grandfather, John Organ Sr., and his son, my 2nd great granduncle, John Organ Jr. enlisted in the 28th Wisconsin Infantry and were at Camp Randall in January 1864 going through training before hooking up with the 28th Wisconsin at their winter quarters in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

We have a few events lined up for February. The first will be bingo for the veterans at the veterans home in King, WI. This is always a good time and if you have never attended I would encourage you to do so. It is only a few hours out of your time and the veterans would greatly appreciate it.

Our second event in February will be the Echoes of the Past Trade Fair in Oshkosh, WI located at the Sunnyview Expo Center. This is a very relaxing event that allows us to interact & show the public exactly who and what we are. There are also many different types of vendors there with many interesting things to

show and to sell. I am also asking those of you who can, to help the Camp out by manning the Camp's display table during this event and to answer the public's questions. Even helping out for an hour or two would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I encourage all members to try and attend any Camp events that they can throughout this coming year. You do not need to wear a uniform and you will get a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment with a job well done not to mention the camaraderie and fellowship with your brothers. All that is asked is that you wear your membership badge.

If you have any questions, ideas for Camp activities, or stories for the Camp newsletter, please feel free to send them to me via email @ kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com.

Bingo at the Veterans Home at King

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, Old Abe Camp #8 will be doing Bingo at the Veterans Home located in King, WI at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts around 1:30 pm. We will be doing this in the Marden Center building.

This is a good time for the Camp to have exposure, help the veterans in need, and have a good time. Please try to make it. It will only last until 4 pm or so.

We will need people to bring cookies wrapped in zip locked bags with 2 cookies per bag. We will need about 12 dozen cookies or enough for about 75 people.

Please wear your membership badge. Uniform is optional.

For more information contact brother Kim Heltemes at: heltemesk@centurylink.net

Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

From the Auxiliary President:

I am sitting here on what has to be one of the best days so far this season after taking a long neighborhood walk. Just a gorgeous day, temps are great. It's days like this that I always seem to reflect on the good things happening in my life. It's with that in mind that I think what the New Year will bring for the Auxiliary, and for the Sons as well. I am really looking forward to being involved in many events this Spring, Summer and Fall. With that in mind I want each of you to think about something that we can get involved in, whether it's volunteering somewhere, taking part in a headstone dedication (possibly a



soldier in your family tree), or participating in a fundraiser. It's not too early to think about these things.

The bean dinner in November turned out great. If you received a Paperwhite Narcissus and it still is not blooming, don't worry because mine is not blooming either, and it doesn't look like it is in a hurry to do so. Linda Brown,

PDP initiated our officers, and we also installed a new Sister, Tanya Rabec.

I sold all but one of the quilted ornaments, even after I was told they would not sell, and received an order for 5 more. What do I say about that? Oh ye of little faith. Think positive, be positive, get positive results!

I am going to ask that we dispense with the business meeting at Jimmie's to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better. I cannot believe that last year at the holiday meeting I was "pitching" the idea of a new auxiliary to the Sons. Oh how far we have come. Huzzah!

LuAnn



Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

The minutes from the November meeting are as follows:

The meeting was opened by the opening of the Bible by our 2013 Chaplain Fran Galow. Our guest was Linda Brown PDP from the State Auxiliary Department C.K. Pier #4 Milwaukee. She stayed with us throughout the evening. A motion was brought forward to accept the September minutes, they were seconded by Sister Kathy Heltemes. A new member was initiated this evening. Her name is Tanya Rabec from Appleton. Kathy Heltemes filled in as Guide and guided her into our meeting room as she was formally initiated by President Luann. Tanya told the ladies she has a Great-Great Grandfather in the Civil War. She heard of the auxiliary through former Commander Vince Barker. Vince works with Tanya in Appleton.

We have purchased some items that the auxiliary will split with the Sons. Things like extension cords, paper plates, napkins, cups and the like, things that we could both use at various times. A check for goods purchased (11.00) was written to President Williams. The dedication in

Weyauwega was again a success as part of the Weyauwega Horse and Buggy Days. President LuAnn, Kathy Heltemes and Sue Waid took part. They dressed in their best! Mrs. Susie Waid is of the WRC/Women's Relief Corp. The next topic brought up was concerning the Bingo at King. We discussed taking part in a flag retirement ceremony in the Spring of 2014 with the Dept of Wisconsin. We talked a little about this. Linda Brown, President of the State Dept. 2013, mentioned how the burning of flags become ashes and are buried at a Civil War soldier's gravesite during the dedications.

The new charter was displayed in all its glory, the first time on display. We had no prior business.

President Williams gave we ladies of the auxiliary a thorough biography of the Civil War spy Belle Boyd. The ladies were spellbound & found the talk encapsulating.

The meeting was closed with Sister Chaplain Fran closing the Holy Bible.

Echoes of the Past Trade Fair

Feb 22-23, 2013

at the Winnebago Co. fairgrounds, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Times are Sat. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Sun 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

We will have a large merchant booth (9' by 11' deep) with one table provided.

2 chairs are provided (we may need to bring more along)

We will get 4 free wristbands. More will have to pay.

There are a lot of interesting items to see & buy.

We need bodies to man the display so that everyone has a chance to circulate.

Sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

email kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com for more information & directions.

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

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November 18th Meeting

Traditional Bean Supper & Elections

Our November meeting was our traditional bean supper. After our supper we held our regular meeting, which included the election of officers for the 2014 year.

The following are your newly elected officers:



COMMANDER
Br. Kirby Scott



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
Br. Jeff Williams



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
Br. Bill Parker



SECRETARY
Br. Alan Petit

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Traditional Bean Supper & Elections



TREASURER
Br. Kurt Kirk



COUNCIL
Br. Vince Barker



DELEGATE
Br. Bill Parker



COUNCIL
Br. Ron Krebs

November 18th Meeting

Traditional Bean Supper & Elections



COUNCIL
Br. Dennis Jacobs

After our meal and before the election of officers Old Abe Camp #8 inducted two new members, Mike Mladenik & Dennis Jacobs.



Above, Brian Peters, acting Chaplin, presents the two new candidates at the altar.

The following was submitted by Br. Dennis Jacobs.

Brothers,

Here is information on my family members who were part of the Civil War.

I recently did some more genealogy research on my family and I found a second member of my family that served the Union during the Civil War. His name was Jean Baptiste Tricot. He was a brother to my great great grandmother Leone Tricot Delongville. He enlisted on November 17, 1862. Earned the Rank of Corporal in Company F 34th Infantry Wisconsin Volunteers. On December 27, 1862 transferred to Company H 34th Infantry Wisconsin Volunteers. He died of disease at Memphis Tenn on June 18, 1863.

The member that allowed me to join as a member was my great great Uncle Jacob Jacobs, brother to my great grandfather. He was drafted on December 28, 1864 to Company B of 13th Infantry Wisconsin Volunteers. He was mustered out on Nov. 24, 1865.

Happy Holidays

Brother Dennis



Our November meeting was preceded by our traditional bean supper.



Patriotic Instructor

by Paul Johnson

Civil War Flags



Flags were very important in the civil war, for many reasons.

First: Civil War tactics were essentially “line of sight” meaning a Colonel on horseback was theoretically able to see his regiment of 1,000 muskets in two rows from end to end. Directions were given by bugle and signals from the officers with their swords. Flags were markers for the center of the line

Second: Flags provided an identity for the individual unit. Flags preceded the regiment on the march and a rally point during battle. Union troops used two flags, a national standard and a regimental flag, while the Confederates usually only used a battle flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker.

Union flags were usually 72x72 inches and made of silk, with the stripes sewn together and the stars were generally painted on the blue field. It was important that the flag were as light and visible as possible. It has been said that a good flag could fly visibly on the march and with only the slightest breeze.

Both flags were usually cased during the march, especially after they became tattered and holed in battle in order to preserve them.

Many of the flags for the early regiments were handmade by seamstresses or ladies of the community.

Designs of the flags varied greatly mainly in the design of the canton (blue area) and arrangement of the stars. While many had the square arrangement as seen in the example to the right, there were also oval and arched arrangements, some with eagles present.

The regimental flags of the Union were generally blue with some sort of emblem and scroll to indicate the name of the unit. Again these were 72x72 inches and made of silk.



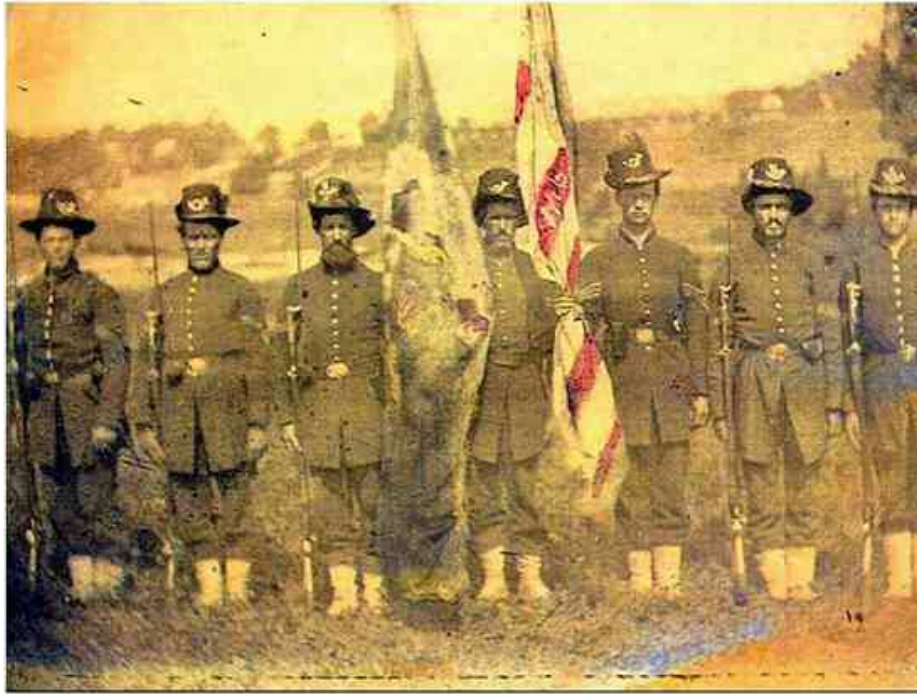
Preserved remnant of the 2nd Wis. Vol. Inf. regimental flag, also hand made in Madison



Preserved remnant of the handmade 2nd Wis. Vol. Inf. flag, made in Madison and presented to the regiment as they left for Washington D.C

Patriotic Instructor

Paul Johnson



Color Guard of the 2nd Wis. Vol. Infantry

Each regiment had a color company or a color guard, whose assignment was to bear the colors into battle and protect them. Each member of a color guard or company was selected for this position based on his courage and steadiness under fire, by the Regimental Commanders. The flags were carried by unarmed color sergeants, and accompanied by armed color corporals, who were instructed not to engage in combat unless the flags were in immediate danger of capture.

Being a color guard was a highly dangerous position, since capture of the colors could deal a devastating blow to any unit. It is reported that on the first day of Gettysburg in the fight at Willoughby's Run and Herbst Woods the 24th Michigan and the 26th N. Car., lost about a dozen color bearers between them.

In 1863 Wisconsin had not yet adopted an official State flag and the Civil War regiments in the field were requesting an official banner to fly. The legislature formed a five-member joint select committee to respond to these requests to report "a description for a proper state flag." As a result 1863 Joint Resolution No. 4 was adopted. This resolution essentially adopted a design that was already in use by the Wisconsin regimental troops. On the 25th of March, 1863, the legislature, by joint resolution, adopted a state flag, described in the resolution as follows: "To be of dark blue silk, with the arms of the state of Wisconsin painted or embroidered in silk on the obverse side, and the arms of the United States painted or embroidered in silk on the reverse side; the name of the regiment, when used as a regimental flag, to be in a scroll beneath the state arms."

At the time of the "re-flagging" of the regiments it was permitted to paint the names of the battles the regiment participated in, a precursor to the "Battle Honors" ribbon presently displayed on regimental flags of the Army and its reserve components.

Since the close of the Civil War Wisconsin state militia regiments came to use a state flag somewhat different in both size and design, - smaller, and with the Wisconsin coat of arms on both sides; but there was no law making this the state flag, excepting that of common use as such by the militia regiments. In 1913, this resolution finally made it into the official state statutes of the state of Wisconsin. In 1913, the flag was changed, specifying a dark blue background with the state coat of arms centered at each side. That design remained unchanged until 1979, when legislature was asked to change the flag design so it would appear more distinctive and recognizable. They added the word "Wisconsin" and the statehood date in "1848" in white letters, centered respectively above and below the coat of arms.

A good reference for Wisconsin Civil War Flags is the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum's website flag page <http://www.wisconsinbattleflags.com/>

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, 9:30 AM

Dept. of WI Midwinter Meeting

Location: Bluemound Gardens Restaurant, Wauwatosa, WI
with Patriotic Luncheon at 12:30 PM

February 8th, 1:00 PM

Veterans Bingo

Location: Marden Hall, Veterans Home, King, WI

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: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.

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: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, 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, Auroraville, WI

August 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

2014 National Encampment

Location: Marietta, Georgia

September 15th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.

November 17th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting, election of officers, & traditional bean supper

Location: Fire Station #19, Oshkosh, WI.

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Denniston Headstone Dedication

Story & pictures submitted by Br. Richard Roberts

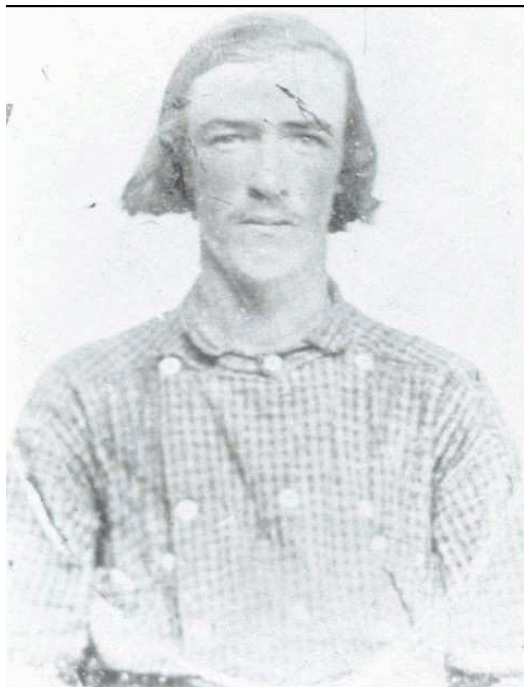
On Saturday Nov. 9th at 10:00 a.m., members of the Fox Lake Historical Society conducted a dedication of the memorial headstone Br. Richard Roberts obtained for Corporal John Alexander Denniston, Company G, 1st Regiment, United States) Sharpshooters (Berdan's) at Riverside Cemetery in Fox Lake. Fox Lake Historical Society spoke at the event about the Denniston Family, and the sacrifice the three brothers made during the Civil War. John was killed May 7th, 1864 at the Wilderness, while retreating from attacking a Confederate artillery position on high ground just North of the Orange Plank Road, and his remains were never recovered. His fraternal twin brother George was mortally wounded at Spotsylvania Court House ten days later and died June 1st. He's buried at Arlington. The youngest, Hans, was severely wounded at Chancellorsville the year before, and was discharged. He suffered complications from his wound until he died in 1867.

I procured a headstone for Hans, as well, which will be installed prior to next Memorial Day. Ancestor Charles Burrow, who shares the brother's Grandfather, Alexander Denniston, and who was instrumental in getting the headstone requests approved will probably attend that dedication.

Br. Richard L. Roberts



John & George Denniston

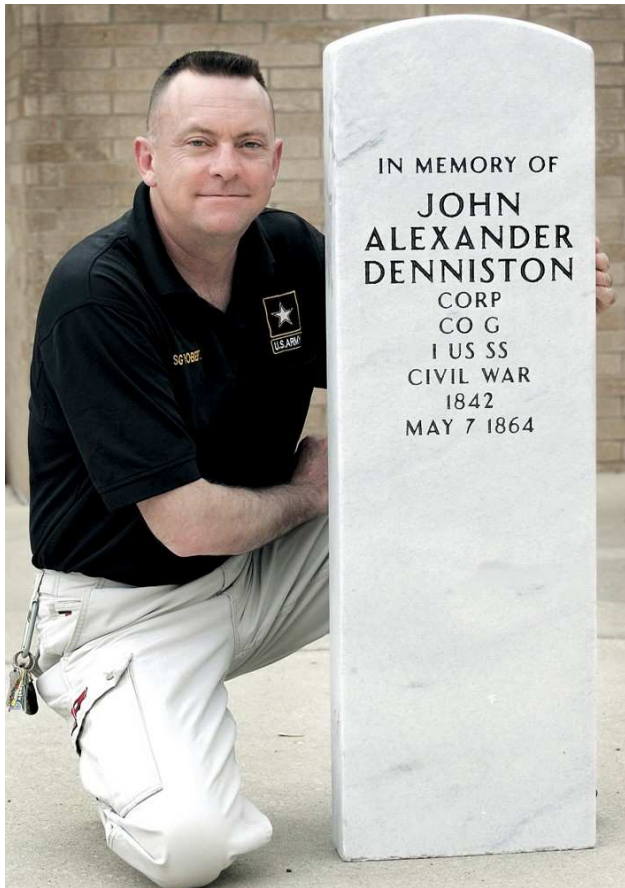


Hans B. Denniston



Denniston Headstone Dedication

Story & pictures submitted by Br. Richard Roberts



Br. Richard Roberts



Two Civil War soldiers buried at the Fulton Cemetery, Alonzo Sutton and Otis Pooler, will soon receive new headstones thanks to the efforts of U.S. Army Reserves Staff Sgt. Richard Smallwood-Roberts, Newville. Original grave markers for Pooler and Sutton have deteriorated over time. (Edgerton Reporter photo/Mark Scarborough)

RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues Are Payable as of Jan. 1st.

**Please send \$40.00 to the
Camp Treasurer:**

**Kurtis Kirk
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Denniston Headstone Dedication

Story & pictures submitted by Br. Richard Roberts



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 suvcw-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.

Gettysburg Remembrance Day 2013

Story & photos submitted by Br. Don Blaney

After several trips out there, I've still learned I don't like driving through the mountains in rain and fog and semis honking at me to go faster.

I got to go up to the copula and as a cavalry officer, kiss the floor that General Buford stood on. I like what they did with Little Round Top and gave it the look like it was in 1863. The trees are gone.

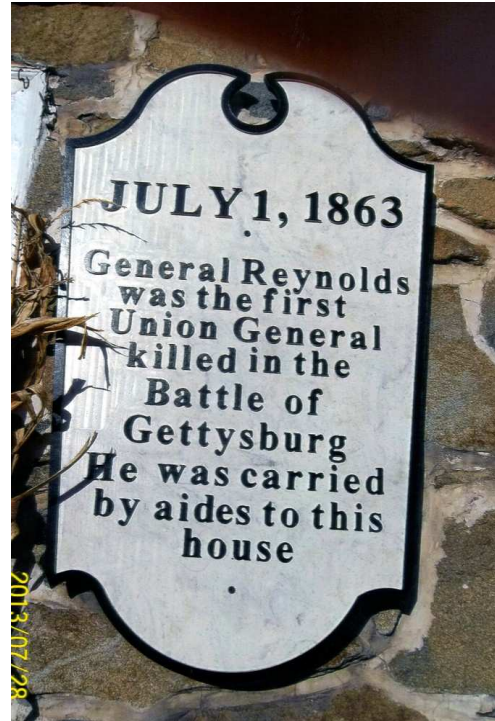
Kathy and I went to the railroad station that Lincoln came into. The guide there looked like General Lee. Guess what, that's the part he plays in re-enactments.

We met two guys at the reading of the Gettysburg Address by Lincoln. They sat next to us. One was a past SUV National commander from California, the other is a present state commander from Maryland.

Before the ceremony, Lincoln walked through the crowd. Some of us were in uniform like me. Lincoln walked by my chair, stopped and put his hand on my shoulder and thanked me for my service. It felt like I was really there in 1863. I should mention, the guys from California and Maryland said Wisconsin does more, and is more active in more SUV events and service and it all goes back to how active the GAR was in Wisconsin after the Civil War. They knew about King and the soldiers home in Milwaukee.

Pretty Civil War historical guys. Even better than Alan.

The brig
Br. Don Blaney



View from Little Round Top



The Angle

Gettysburg Remembrance Day 2013

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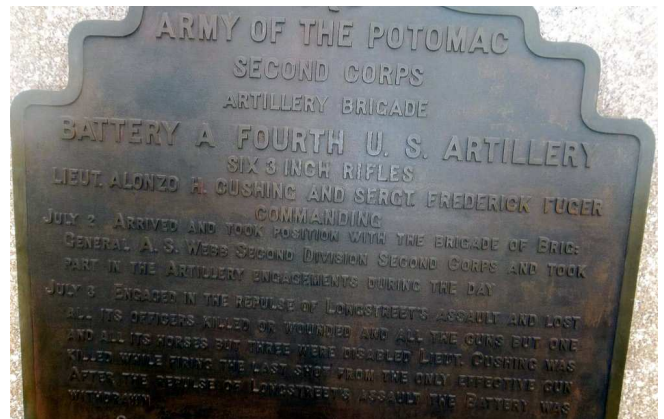
The Angle



Cushing.



The Angle.



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Father Corby.



The Copula.

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18, 2013 were not submitted for this issue**

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

\$40.00/yr. Annual Dues*

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