



**Camp Orders 2014-03**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
*Grand Army of the Republic*  
**“Old Abe” Camp #8**  
 Wisconsin Department  
 May 2014



**Camp May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held  
 at Marden Hall, Veterans Home in King, WI.**



**Next Old Abe  
 Camp 8 Meeting  
 will be on  
 May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting starts at  
 7:00 PM**

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

**Wear Your  
 Membership Badge**

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

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

Enter through the main doors and go to your left. When you get to the elevators, go down one floor, exit the elevator, go left, then take a quick right to get to the meeting room on the right side.

**RENEWAL - NOTICE**

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

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

**Kurtis Kirk  
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# Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander  
Kirby Scott*

Greetings Brothers,

As the weather kind of warms up and we've seen our last bit of snow (I hope) it's time to get ready for another summer in Wisconsin.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be cleaning a brass canon at the Oshkosh Public Museum. If you have never cleaned a canon before or just want to come and watch how it is done, then meet us at the museum at 1:00 pm.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Open House and Old Car Show at the Veterans Home in King, WI gives us great exposure to the public and is a relaxing way to spend a Sunday afternoon with the Veterans at the home.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> our Camp meeting will be held at Marden Hall at the Veterans Home in King, WI. Our new member, Steve Harelson, is planning on attending.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> there are several events to help participate with the Camp. They are listed on page 4 of this newsletter. .

Our State Encampment is on June 7<sup>th</sup> and is being held at the Veterans Museum in Madison, WI. This is located on the capital square in Madison. There is

always a farmer's market held on Saturday morning's on the capital square so there will be lots of things to see and do besides the Encampment. If you are planning on going to the State Encampment please contact Camp Secretary, Alan Petit so that you may obtain a delegate card.

Our first dedication of the summer is for Adam Williams and is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at Bock cemetery near Ogdensburg, WI. This dedication is scheduled for 11:00 am. More information with directions to the cemetery is located on page 12 of this newsletter.

The times and information for the Pine Grove cemetery cleanup, Camp picnic, & July meeting are all in the process of being set up and more information will follow. As of now the scheduled date is Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Auroraville, WI.

In F., C., & L.  
Kirby

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](mailto:kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com).



# Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

From the Auxiliary President

It looks as though spring has finally sprung, or has it? The snow is gone, some flowers are coming up, trees are budding out, the calendar says it is spring, but where oh where is the warmer weather? Looks nice outside, sun is occasionally shining, but one step out the door and you know it is not 70 degrees. Sometimes things are not always what they appear to be. I just hope we don't go from 50 degrees to the 90's and humid.

The upcoming King Open House on May 18<sup>th</sup> is our only fundraiser scheduled for this year. Please consider attending. There is a lot to see and it's a fun day. If you cannot attend, consider donating baked goods for the bake sale. Please have your donations packaged and ready to sell. Give me a call if you would like me to pick them up, 920.410.5548. Be creative. Show your patriotic spirit. Brothers, if you feel like baking up a storm, we will take those too!

We will be having our regular meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at King as well. If you need a ride, please let me know. That's it for now.

LuAnn  
President

## **Department of Wisconsin Encampment Wisconsin Veteran's Museum Madison, WI Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Henry Harnden Camp 2**

For those of you planning on attending the Department of Wisconsin Encampment, please see Alan Petit for your credentials card ***prior*** to attending.

There will be more information about this Encampment in the Department newsletter.

There will also probably be a special tour of the Veteran's Museum during this Encampment.

# 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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# **2014 Memorial Day Activities**

## **For Oshkosh, WI Sailors Memorial Services 7:45 AM**

Please meet on the southeast side of the Oshkosh Convention Center downtown near the Main St. Bridge, on Ceape Ave. Parking will be available in the parking lot next to the Convention Center.

## **Procession & Memorial Services 8:45 AM**

For those of you who will be marching in the Procession, you are asked to assemble at the intersection of Algoma Street & Division Street. The Procession steps off at 9:00 AM sharp! The Procession ends with Memorial Services at Riverside Cemetery in the new veterans section. Old Abe Camp #8 is listed as number 7 in the Procession.

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## **Veterans Home, King, WI N2665 County Road QQ Lakeside Memorial Service 9:30 AM**

There will be a Lakeside Memorial Service taking place at the boat dock behind the Marden building.

After the Lakeside Memorial Service there will be a short procession from Marden Hall to the cemetery where there will be a Memorial Service at 10:00 AM.

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## **Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Veterans, Bowler, WI Intersection of Healing Way & County Highway A Memorial Service 2:00 PM**

At the Memorial Brick Wall in Bowler, WI there will be a Mohican Veteran's Memorial Service at 2:00 PM. For those of you who are going, it is suggested that you please bring a dish to pass. For more information on this service please contact Kim Heltemes @ [heltemesk@centurylink.net](mailto:heltemesk@centurylink.net)

# 2014 Camp Calendar

## May 10<sup>th</sup>

Brass canon cleaning: 1:00 pm

Location: Oshkosh Public Museum, Oshkosh, WI

## May 18<sup>th</sup>

King Open House 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Veterans Home, King, WI

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting 7:00 pm

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

## May 26<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day activities

City of Oshkosh Lakeside services 7:45 am,

Location: Main Street Bridge & Ceape Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

City of Oshkosh Procession. Assemble: 9:00 am,

Location: Algoma Street & Division Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

City of Oshkosh Riverside Cemetery Memorial Service. 10:15 am,

King Veterans Home Waterside Services 9:30 am

Location: Lakeside below Marden Hall, Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin.

King Veterans Home Cemetery Service 10:00 am:

Location: Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin.

Mohican Veteran Memorial Service 2:00 pm

Location: Mohican Veteran Memorial, Bowler, WI

## June 7<sup>th</sup>

131<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin State Department Encampment

Location: Madison, Wisconsin

## June 16<sup>th</sup>

Camp officers meeting 6:00 pm

Location: Glass Nickel Pizza, Appleton, WI

## June 21<sup>st</sup>

Adam Williams Dedication 11:00 am

Location: Block Cemetery. Ogdensburg, Wisconsin

## July 19<sup>th</sup>

Pine Grove Cemetery cleanup & picnic, times to be determined.

Location: Auroraville, WI

Camp 8 picnic Noon & regular meeting, time to be determined

Location: 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

## **August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Nehemiah Thurlow dedication

Location: Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg, WI

## **August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Camp officers meeting 6:00 pm

Location: Glass Nickel Pizza, Appleton, WI

## **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: Marden Hall, Veterans Home, King, WI.

## **September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Wade House Civil War Weekend

Location: Greenbush, WI

## **November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Veterans Day services

Location: County courthouse, Oshkosh, WI

## **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 traditional bean supper 6:00 pm & regular meeting, election of officers 7:00 pm

Location: Fire Station #17, Oshkosh, WI.

## **ROTC Presentation**

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Camp Commander, Kirby Scott presented Army Cadet Cole Andrekus the Sons of Union Veterans Ulysses S. Grant Award during the Spring Awards Ceremony held at the Alumni & Welcome Center at UW-Oshkosh



**Wisconsin Veterans Home Open House and Old Car Show**  
**Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Wisconsin Veterans Home N2665 County Road QQ, King, WI**



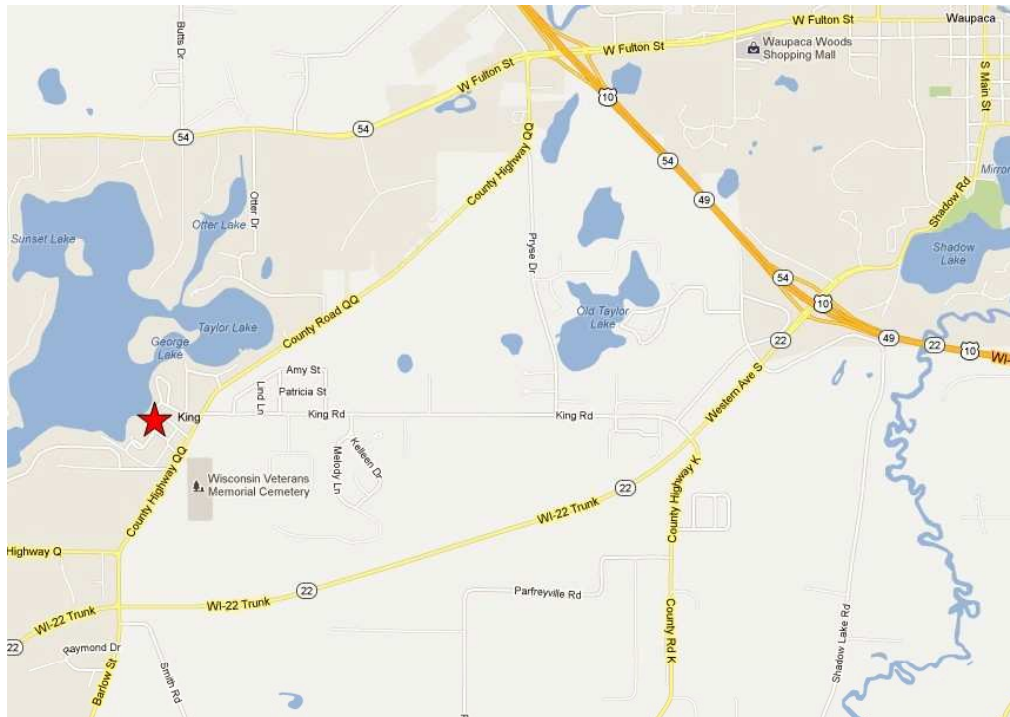
On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Old Abe Camp #8 will participate in the open house event at the Veterans Home in King, WI.

The red star above indicates where our Camp information display will be set up. Parking for this event will be in the parking lot in the lower right of the above picture.

This is a very nice one day event for the veterans of the home.

This event will run from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm.

Please see the map below for the location of this open house.





# Patriotic Instructor

by Paul Johnson

## Main Infantry weapons of the Civil War

When the first eight regiments of Wisconsin infantry left their training camps for the defense of Washington they were clothed in Wisconsin Militia Gray and carried a variety of smoothbore muskets. The most common musket issued was the 1815 Harper Ferry musket which had been converted from flintlock to percussion ignition. As they became available the older weapons were replaced. Rifles most commonly used in the Civil War include the Springfield rifle (Model 61 & 63); the Enfield; and the Lorenz rifle. Also the Colt revolving rifle, the Smith carbine, the Spencer repeating rifle, the Burnside carbine, the Tarpley carbine, and the Whitworth rifle made appearances.

### Springfield Rifled Musket



Springfield rifled musket was a single shot, muzzle-loading gun that used the percussion cap firing mechanism. It had a rifled barrel, and fired the .58 caliber Minié ball. The first Model 1861 Springfield's were delivered late in that year and during 1862 gradually became the most common weapon carried by Union infantry in the eastern theater. Western armies were slower to obtain Springfield rifles, and they were not widely used there until the middle of 1863.

The Springfield Model 1861 used a three-band barrel, making it just as long as the smoothbore muskets that it had replaced. The 38-inch-long rifled barrel made it a very accurate weapon, and it was possible to hit a man sized target with a Minié ball as far away as 500 yards (460 m). To reflect this longer range, the Springfield was fitted with two flip up sights, one set for 300 yards (270 m) and the other for 500. Along with a revised 1863 model, it was the last muzzle-loading weapon ever adopted by the US Army.

By the end of the war, approximately 1.5 million Springfield rifle muskets had been produced by the Springfield Armory and 20 subcontractors. Since the South lacked sufficient manufacturing capability, most of the Springfield's in Southern hands were captured on the battlefields during the war.

### Enfield Rifled Musket



The second most widely used weapon of the Civil War was the Enfield, and the most widely used weapon by the Confederates, was the British Pattern 1853 Enfield. Like the Springfield, this was a three-band, single-shot, muzzle-loading rifle musket. It was the standard weapon for the British Army between the years 1853–1867. American soldiers liked it because its .577 cal. barrel allowed the use of .58 cal. ammunition used by both Union and Confederate armies. Originally produced at the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield, England, approximately 900,000 of these muskets were imported during 1861–1865, seeing use in

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every major battle from Shiloh onward. Many officers, however, preferred the Springfield muskets over the Enfield muskets—largely due to the interchangeability of parts that the machine-made Springfield's offered.

The Enfield had a stepped flip up sight, which was adjustable from 100–900 yards (91–823 m) (1,200 yards (1,100 m) in later models) in 100 yard increments. Realistically, though, hitting anything beyond 500 yards was mostly a matter of luck.

## Lorenz Rifle



The third most widely used weapon of the Civil War was the Lorenz Rifle.

This rifle was invented in 1854 by Austrian lieutenant Joseph Lorenz. This rifle had first seen action in the Second Italian War of Independence.

The Lorenz rifle was similar in design to the Enfield rifle-musket. It used a percussion lock, was similar in length, and had three barrel bands, like the Springfield and Enfield. The Lorenz rifle was originally .54 caliber. A large number were bored out to .58 caliber so that they could use the same ammunition as the Springfield and Enfield rifle-muskets.

The quality of Lorenz rifles during the Civil War was not consistent. Some were considered to be of the finest quality, and were sometimes praised as being superior to the Enfield. Others, especially those in later purchases, were described as horrible in both design and condition. The bored out versions were not consistent in caliber, ranging from .57 to .59. Many of these poorer quality weapons were swapped out on the battlefield for Enfield rifle-muskets whenever one became available.

Both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin were issued their Lorenz's in the spring of 1862. The 2<sup>nd</sup>'s were mainly .54 caliber while the 7<sup>th</sup> had a mix of .54 & .58 caliber. This issue of weapons was used until after Gettysburg.

The Union purchased 226,924 Lorenz rifles, and the Confederacy bought as many as 100,000.

Other rifles used during the Civil War were the British P-1841-Bored Brunswick Rifle (not common), Burnside carbine (used only by cavalry), Henry rifle (Very limited issue; many brought privately by individuals), and the Spencer rifle (used almost exclusively by cavalry).

## Next Old Abe Camp 8 Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Meeting starts at 7:00PM at  
Marden Hall, Veterans Home  
King, WI.

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

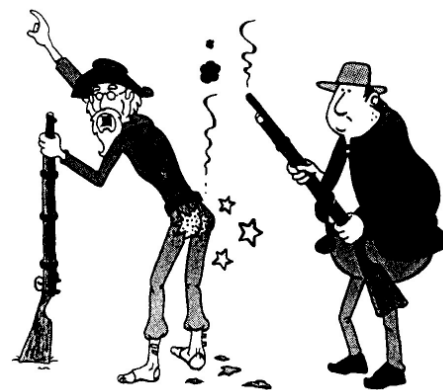
# OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES

## MAR. 20, 2014

1. Pledge of Allegiance-7:10 P.M. Fire Station #17, Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh.
2. Opening Ceremony. (9 members present)
3. Roll call of officers.
  - a. Commander-here
  - b. SVC-absent. K. Heltemes appt. to fill in.
  - c. JVC-here.
  - d. Secretary-here.
  - e. Treasurer-here.
4. Minutes. Motion by B. Peters. Second by K. Heltemes. Minutes of 1-20-14 approved.
5. Treasurer's report. \$6215.77 in checking and \$4300.00 in CD's
6. Any sick or distressed brothers? Randy Novak is seriously ailing. Gordon Moran is in a nursing home.
7. Introduction of guests and visitors. None.
8. Any new applications for review and/or acceptance? None.
9. Any communications and/or bills to address? Note from King Veterans Home thanking Camp 8 for the cookies used at the bingo session.
10. Prior business: None.
11. New business:
  - a. 2014 raffle prizes.
    1. 1<sup>st</sup> prize. .22 cal. Henry Golden Boy rifle.
    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. 28 vol. set of Time-Life CW books. New and unopened.(est. value \$425.00).
    3. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Framed print.
  - b. Kurt will report on raffle in future and renew it(license).
12. Past events:
  - a. Bingo at King-Feb. 8, 2014. Went well.
13. Future events:
  - a. New member Orientation Program, Apr. 6, 2014-tentative. Bldg.#1, Old Soldier's Home, Milwaukee, Wisc. Sponsored by Camp 1. 12:30-4:30 P.M. Register ahead.
  - b. Canon cleaning. May 10, 2014. 1:00 P.M. Oshkosh Public Museum, Oshkosh, Wisc.
  - c. King Open House. May 18, 2014. King Veterans Home. More details in next newsletter.
  - d. Memorial Day Services. May 26, 2014. Oshkosh, King, Bowler.(At least 4 for Bowler).  
More details at next meeting.

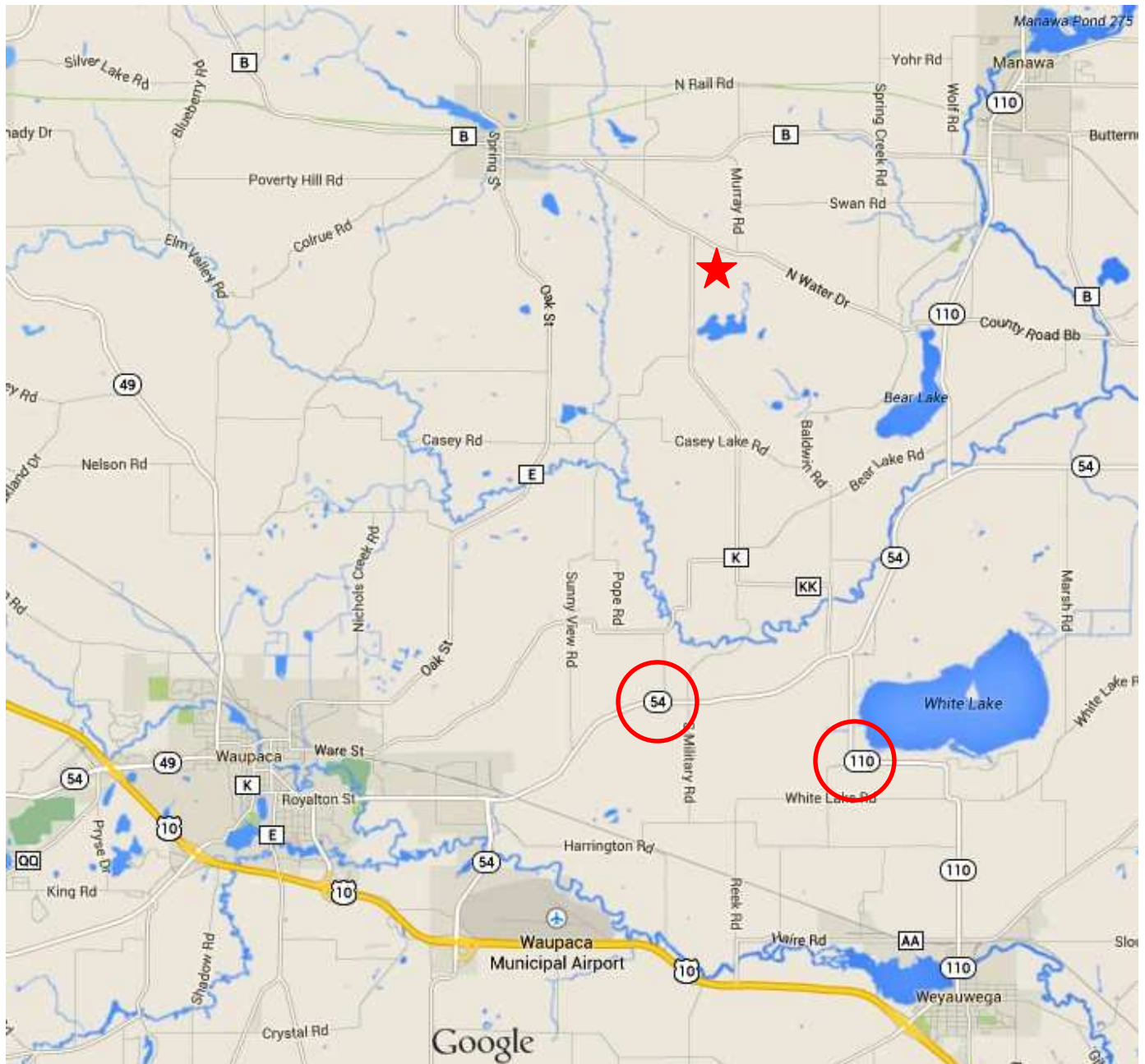
- e. Department Encampment. Jun. 7, 2014. Madison, Wisc. See next Dept. newsletter.
  - f. Adam Williams dedication. Jun. 21, 2014. 11:00 A.M. Block Cemetery, Ogdensburg, Wisc. Kim will call other vets groups. More details later.
  - g. Cemetery cleanup, July camp meeting, and July cookout. Originally Jul. 4 & Jul. 21.  
Now combined on Jul. 20, 2014. More details later.
  - h. Nehemiah Thurlow dedication. Aug. 9,2014. Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenburg, Wisc. More details later.
  - i. Wade House CW Event. Sept. 28-29, 2014. Greenbush< Wisc. More details later.
  - j. Living History. Oct. 4,2014. Down town Neenah, Wisc. More details later.
14. Patriotic presentation: None.
  15. Any other new or new business?
    - a. Camp 8 will place an add (1/4 page) in the program of the 2014 National Encampment. I will send it in. Kim will send me a pdf of the add.
    - b. Motion by A. Petit, seconded by K. Heltemes to send a check for \$500.00 to the Wisc. Veteran's Museum Foundation for use for the new CW Sesquicentennial at Camp Randal, in Madison, Wisc.. Per camp bylaws, motion will be held until the next meeting, for a vote.
    - c. Motion by V. Barker, seconded by D. Jacobs to set aside \$100.00 (recheck this amount, \$150.00 is needed for smallest brick) for the B. F. Stephenson monument in Petersburg, Ill. Renovation project. Per camp bylaws, motion will be held until the next meeting for a vote.
    - d. Tom Mueller, Dept. Graves Registration Officer is considering a field trip, when the weather is warmer, to teach how to fill out the grave registration forms. Christopher Price, USN, U.S.S. Monitor is buried in Sherwood, Wisc. This is a possible location for the field trip.
  16. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order? No.
  17. Closing ceremony. 8:25 P.M.

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



*Sir, can we put the new recruits  
in the FRONT rank?*

## Adam Williams Dedication, June 21<sup>st</sup> Block Cemetery, Ogdensburg, WI



On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a dedication for Adam Williams at the Block Cemetery in Ogdensburg, WI. The dedication will begin at 11:00 am. Please arrive around 20-30 minutes early so we can go over the dedication and assign tasks.

This little county cemetery is located on County Road K just southeast of Ogdensburg. Parking will be tight as we will have to park on the small road and walk into the cemetery.

The easiest way to get there is to take highway 54 or highway 110 to County KK, then to County K and go north. The cemetery will then be on your right hand side just before you reach North Water Drive.

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Wade House 2009

## 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 13 of this newsletter. Visit the Department of Wisconsin website, and Camp 8 WebPages, at [www.suvcw-wi.org](http://www.suvcw-wi.org). Also, visit the national SUVCW website at [www.suvcw.org](http://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](http://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!

**\$40.00/yr. Annual Dues**

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