



Camp Orders 2014-04
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
"Old Abe" Camp #8
Wisconsin Department
July 2014



**Next Old Abe Camp Meeting Will Be Held At The
Walter Beltz Historical Landmark Church,
Auroraville, Wisconsin On Saturday July 19th**

Pine Grove Cemetery Cleanup starts at NOON
Picnic at the church starts at 5:00 PM
Meeting at the church starts at 6:00 PM



On July 19th our Camp will be holding a cemetery cleanup at Pine Grove cemetery on county road Q just north of Auroraville, WI at noon.

After the cemetery cleanup we will have our traditional picnic & meeting at the Beltz Historical Landmark Church located 1 mile North of Auroraville on Hwy 49 at the intersection of Hwy 49 & Chicago Avenue. The location of the church is marked with a red star on the map to the left of this column.

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

We will have a picnic before the meeting starting at 5:00 pm. The Camp is furnishing the meat (burgers & brats). Please bring a dish to pass.

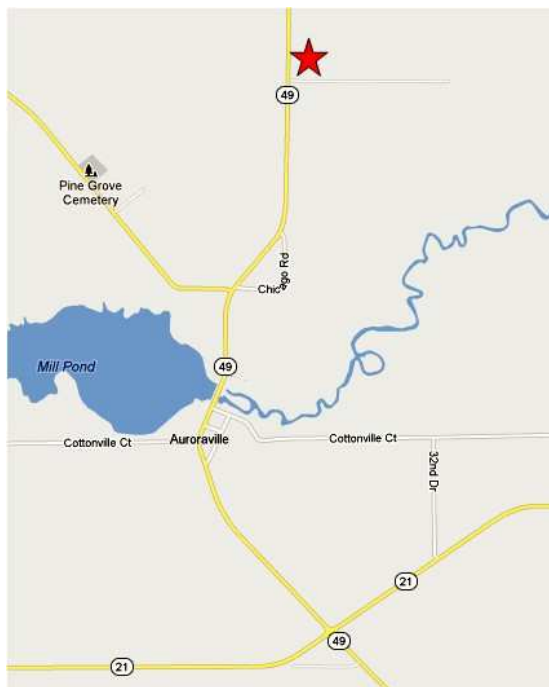
Parking is available in the back of the new Church (the gravel area in the upper left picture).

After the meal we will have the business meeting in the old church starting around 6:00 pm. There is no electricity in the old church.

Wives and/or guests are welcome to attend.

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

To the left is a map of where Pine Grove cemetery and Beltz Historical Landmark church are located. Both are about 2 miles north of the intersections of Hwy 49 & Hwy 21. Cemetery is on County Road Q while the church is on highway 49.



Commander's Remarks



*By Camp Commander
Kirby Scott*

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Memorial Day and were able to participate in one of the many services that were conducted. I wanted to share the photo below from the Oshkosh Memorial procession. As we passed this young girl, who was all by herself, she got up out of her chair, stood up, and placed her hand over her heart. I was touched by this and thought to myself that her parents have taught her well.



On June 21st we had our first dedication of the year for Adam Williams at Block cemetery in Ogdensburg, WI. The family was very pleased and thanked us for allowing them to be part of it. The family also presented the Camp with a generous donation.

On Saturday, July 19th the Camp is having a cemetery cleanup at Pine Grove cemetery, picnic, and regular meeting all in Auroraville, WI. We will be placing G.A.R. flag holders at veterans' graves as well as cleaning headstones.



Also, on July 26th, Vince Barker has invited everyone to attend Kentuck Days in Crandon, WI.

On August 9th, our Camp will be doing a re-dedication up in Shawano county at Forest Home cemetery for Nehemiah Thurlow that will begin at 1:00 p.m.. We have been invited to a lunch before going to the cemetery.

And lastly, my new telephone number is (920) 791-7952.

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.

Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

From the Auxiliary President:

Sisters:

Can you believe that the 4th of July is just around the corner? Where did the month of June go? Our first headstone dedication of the year was June 21st at Ogdensburg, Adam J Williams, no relation. The weather cooperated and the family truly appreciated everything we did for them to honor their Civil War soldier. Jean Spiegelberg is a dear friend of mine, so to see her so happy about how it turned out was very rewarding.



I would encourage all Sisters to participate in the next headstone dedication in Wittenberg on August 9th, as they really are the reason we are an organization. If you have not ever been to one, you will leave with so much pride, I really cannot express in words the feeling of being part of one. Please do try to attend. While there you will be able to meet our newest member Amy Damveld.

July is the annual picnic, please see the calendar for the date. I know there was some talk of rescheduling the original date. Remember that I will bring the plates, cups, utensils, napkins, salt peper etc. It is always a good thing to socialize and get to know each other better. This has always been a big part of our organizations.

Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

Lastly I want to thank Kathy Heltemes and Rachel Williams for their help and contributions of baked goods for the open house at King. Even though Anne Kirk was not able to attend, she sent a ton of baked goods with Kurt that we could sell. They were all very nicely wrapped, so a big thank you to Anne. We even sold two of the Department cookbooks.



Hope to see you in July at the picnic.

LuAnn

Next Old Abe Camp 8 Meeting July 19th

Meeting starts at 6:00PM at
Beltz Historical Landmark Church
Auroraville, WI.

Wear Your Membership Badge

RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues were Payable as of Jan. 1st.

Please send \$40.00 to the Camp Treasurer:

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- 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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Oshkosh Museum Cannon Cleaning



On Saturday, May 10th, Kirby Scott, Kurt Kirk, and Alan Petit stop by the Oshkosh Public Museum to wax this cannon out front. After using a lot of elbow grease, the canon looked pretty good and the staff at the museum was happy.

2014 Memorial Day Oshkosh



Members from Old Abe Camp #8 participated in the Lakeside Memorial Service in Oshkosh, WI on Memorial Day.

At Riverside Cemetery, Commander Kirby Scott read Logan's Orders during the City of Oshkosh's Memorial Service.

King Open House & Old Car Show



On Sunday, May 18th, Old Abe Camp #8 set up our Camp display at the Veteran's Home in King, WI. Ron Arndt also brought along his canon. The weather was perfect and we did very well on raffle ticket sales. Edward S. Bragg were set up along side of us with lots of good food & other items for the public.

2014 Camp Calendar

July 19th, starting at 12:00 pm NOON

Pine Grove Cemetery cleanup 12:00 noon.

Location: Pine Grove Cemetery Auroraville, WI

Camp 8 picnic & regular meeting, picnic starts at 5:00 pm, meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

Location: Auroraville, WI

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

2014 National Encampment

Location: Marietta, Georgia

August 9th, 1:00 PM

Nehemiah Thurlow dedication

Location: Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg, WI

August 18th, 6:00 PM

Camp officers meeting

American Legion, 3220 West College Avenue, Appleton, WI

September 15th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

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

September 27th & 28th

Wade House Civil War Weekend

Location: Greenbush, WI

November 11th

Veterans Day services

Location: County courthouse, Oshkosh, WI

November 17th, 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.

*Please send information on events that you are aware of to be included in this newsletter to:
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2014 Memorial Day Bowler, WI



Members from Old Abe Camp #8 traveled up to Bowel, WI on Memorial Day to participate in the brick dedication at the Mohican Nations Stockbridge-Munsee Community Veterans Memorial.



Nehemiah Thurlow dedication

1:00 pm, Saturday, August 9th

Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg, WI

Old Abe Camp #8 will be doing a re-dedication service on Saturday, August 9th, 2014 at the Forest Home Cemetery just south of Wittenburg, WI. The service will begin at 11:00 am and we will conduct the service at Nehemiah Thurlow's gravesite.

The family contacted Amy Damveld a year ago looking for him. Her group found him in an unmarked grave. The family got all the paperwork finished and they got a Civil War gravestone for him. He is the only Civil War soldier in the cemetery to have a military Civil War gravestone with a Civil War flag holder. All other soldiers have their personal family gravestones.

Here are the Civil War Soldiers in the Forest Home Cemetery at Wittenberg, WI, as they know it.

**Nehemiah Thurlow- Pvt. 3rd Maine Infantry Co. E*
**John Moses St. Cyr- Pvt. 2nd Minnesota Cavalry Co. E*
**Evander Hubbell- Pvt. 50th New York Engineers Co. C*
**John F. Streeter- Pvt. 18th Wisconsin Infantry Co. A*
**Herman Nohr- Pvt. 13th Wisconsin Infantry Co. E*
**John P. Smith- Pvt. 41st Wisconsin Infantry Co. C*
**John R. Cowles- Sgt. 6th Michigan Infantry Co. A*
**Charles F. Cleveland- Pvt. 5th Wisconsin Infantry Co. D*

At 11:00 am our Camp is invited to a lunch at Wittenberg Community Center before the Re Dedication at Forrest Home Cemetery. It will be done by the Wittenberg American Legion and Auxiliary. We will meet there at 11:00 am and then we will all proceed to the cemetery for the 1:00 p.m. ceremony. Amy Damveld is asking for a headcount for those that will attend the lunch. If you plan on attending the lunch please let Kirby Scott (Kirby.scott.camp8@gmail.com) know before the end of July.



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by Paul Johnson

Civil War Artillery

Civil War artillery can be divided into several classes

GUNS

HOWITZERS

MORTARS

Columbiad

Guns

Divided into “Field” and Heavy” Artillery.

Guns can also be classified as “Smoothbore” and “Rifle”

Guns have a characteristic flat trajectory and fire several types of shot.

Smoothbore guns were designed to fire solid shot projectiles at high velocity, over low trajectories at targets in the open, although shot and canister were acceptable for use. The barrels of the guns were longer than corresponding howitzers, and called for higher powder charges to achieve the desired performance. Field guns were produced in 6-pounder (3.67 inch bore), 9-pounder (4.2 inch bore), and 12-pounder (4.62 inch bore) versions. Although some older iron weapons were pressed into service, and the Confederacy produced some new iron field guns, most of those used on the battlefields were of bronze construction. The most famous cannon was the “Napoleon”



Rifled Guns Rifling adds spiral grooves along the inside of the gun barrel for the purpose of spinning the shell or shot and enacting gyroscopic force that increases the accuracy of the gun by preventing the shell from rotating along axes other than the axis parallel to the gun barrel. Adding rifling to a gun tube made it more difficult and expensive to manufacture and increased the length of the tube, but it increased the range and accuracy of the piece. While most of the rifled guns in the Civil War were muzzle-loaded, a small number of breech-loaded guns were used.

Heavy Artillery

Heavy artillery was divided into two classes -- siege and garrison, and seacoast. The siege and garrison pieces could be moved on carriages by road, while the seacoast artillery was much heavier and had to be moved on special carriages. There were times where siege guns were brought into action and used on the battlefield, such as Shiloh and Malvern Hill.

Also included in this category is the Columbiad, which was a heavy iron artillery piece which could fire shot and shell at a high angle of elevation using a heavy powder charge. Columbiads were usually classified as seacoast defense weapons and were mounted in fortifications along the rivers and other waterways.

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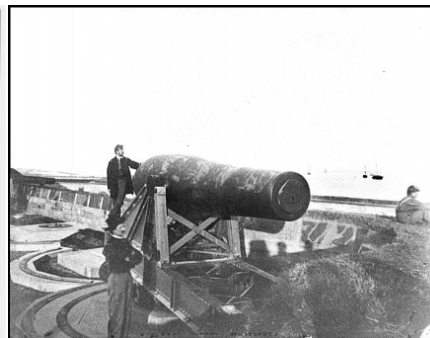
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Battery of Heavy guns



"The Dictator" mortar on RR car



Columbiad



Howitzers

A howitzer had a shorter barrel and could throw shots or shells at a shorter range but at higher elevation with smaller powder charges. Howitzers were lighter, more maneuverable weapons than guns.



Mortars

Mortars were stubby weapons which fired heavy projectiles in a high arc. Only a small powder charge was needed to project the shot or shell to its maximum elevation.

When a mortar shell exploded, fragments weighing as much as ten or twenty pounds could fall with extreme velocity on the enemy.

The smaller Coehorn Mortar could be moved in pieces by 4 men, and was used as primarily an anti-personnel weapon, arching a timed fuse exploding shell

Larger mortars were classed as "siege" or "seacoast" guns. The 8-inch and light model 10-inch mortar siege guns, while cumbersome, could be transported on mortar wagons. The longer and heavier models of the 10-inch and the giant 13-inch mortars were classified as "seacoast," as they could only be moved with great difficulty by rail or ship. Mortars typically used spherical shells, and both timed and percussion fuses. Although experiments were made using canister shot as shells, the gun crews were unable to remain at their guns under the shower of metal.

The Northern armies, more uniformly equipped, were usually armed with the 3-inch rifle, the 10-pounder Parrott, the 20-pounder Parrott, or the 12-pounder Napoleon. However, artillery batteries on both sides often had a few non-standard rifles, and all guns required several types of ammunition.

Among artillerists, there was a difference of opinion as to which weapon were more effective, rifled guns or smoothbores. While the rifled gun had longer range and far greater accuracy, the smoothbore was thought to be more effective in wooded and broken country, its larger bore

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inflicting more damage at close range. The large windage and loss of velocity of the smoothbore's roundshot made long-range accuracy impossible. Some artillerists reported that a disadvantage with the rifled gun was the fact its projectile would burrow itself into the ground if it had the slightest angle on it, yet it had a slightly higher rate of fire than the smoothbore.

The ammunition used for a smoothbore varied from solid shot to canister. Solid shot was used for battering and against massed troops, while shell was used against earthworks and troops under cover. Spherical case, or shrapnel, was used against bodies of troops at a distance, usually from 500 to 1500 yards, while canister was used at close range, usually 350 yards or less. In some instances, double-canister with a single charge was used.

The most commonly used ammunition for the rifled gun was the 3-inch Parrot Shell, 3-inch Reed Shell, 3-inch Confederate Shell, 3-inch Absterdam Shot, the 12-pounder Blakely, Whitworth 12-pounder shot (also referred to as "bolts"), 4-inch Hotchkiss Shell, the James Shell, the 2.4 inch Pattison Shot, 3-inch Schenkl Shell, 2.25-inch Confederate Shell, 3.75-inch Sawyer Shell, 24-pound Dyer Shell and the Confederate 3.5-inch Winged Shot. Also used was the Confederate 4.2-inch Flanged Percussion Shell.

Fuses were used to explode shell and spherical case shot. These fuses were ignited by the flash of the discharge, timed to set off the bursting on or near the target, or fired by the impact of the projectile striking the target (percussion). The majority of the smoothbores used the first type of fuse, as the percussion fuse only worked if the projectile struck the target nose-first. The rifled guns used either the timed or percussion fuse, or sometimes both. Neither kind of fuse was very reliable since black powder doesn't burn at an entirely reliable rate, but they improved during the war.

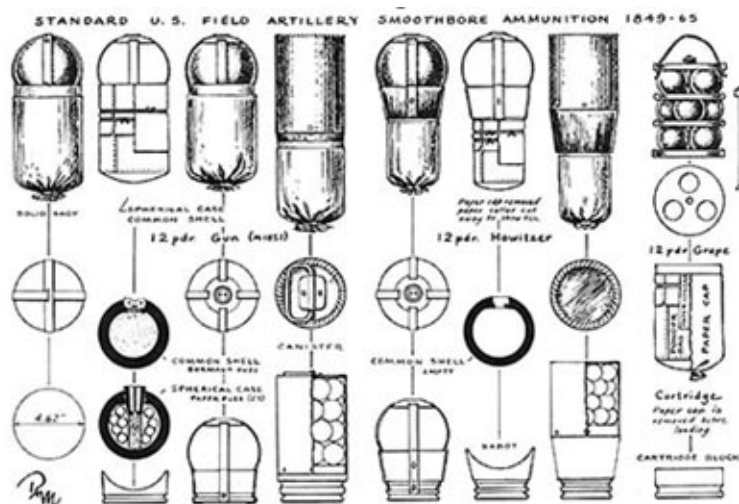
During the Civil War, few breechloaders were used, as their breech mechanisms were thought to be clumsy and complicated. However, two of the breechloaders that did see usage were the Armstrong and the Whitworth. Both of these guns proved to have a far better accuracy than any of the muzzle-loading smoothbores.



Whitworth Field Gun



Armstrong Coastal Gun



Both smoothbore and rifled guns could shoot the same type of ammunition; solid, shell, case and canister (or grape). Solid shot (a bolt if from a rifled gun) was used to batter fortifications, against wagons, buildings, or troops. In the latter use, the smoothbore was superior because the ball could be skipped across a battlefield, inflicting casualties over a

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large area of the field. At Gettysburg, an officer is said to have observed a ball bouncing along far in the rear, and stuck his foot out to stop it, having his foot removed for his troubles. Shells were hollow projectiles filled with gunpowder, and exploded by a fuse. Case shot was a hollow projectile with thinner walls than the common shell, having a bursting charge and filled with smaller balls (the Union usually used lead balls, the south iron; in a pinch minie balls were used). This was exploded by a timed fuse while still in the air so that all the shot inside and pieces of the shell dispersed and flew to the target. Canister was a cylinder filled with balls packed in sawdust; when the gun was fired, the cylinder disintegrated and the balls fanned out as if from a giant shotgun. The 12-pound Napoleon had a charge of 27 one and a half inch iron balls; 12-pound howitzer had 48. The last rallying cry of a battery under siege was "Double canister at ten yards!" Rifled guns could shoot canister, but it was said that the rifling gave a twist to the shot which made it spread in an erratic spiral. Later designs of rifled canister had a rigid iron container for the balls which would not spread into the rifling to try and keeps the pattern from spiraling. There was also a design which had a charge in the canister which went off after the round left the tube, adding to the range of the balls. Grape was 9 larger balls, held together by iron plates, or covered in canvas and tied with heavy twine (quilted grape).

Caissons and Limbers

One last word about artillery. Most guns were moved to and from their positions by horses. The horses were hitched up in pairs as needed to a Limber, basically a two wheel cart to which another vehicle could be hitched. Such vehicles could be cannons, caissons, forges and coffee wagons.

The Caisson is a two-wheel cart carrying two ammunition chests and attached to a limber by a long pole. The limber also carried an ammunition chest and the entire unit was pulled by a six-horse team. Ammunition expended from the limber chest was replaced from the caisson chest. The specified number of rounds carried by each caisson and its limber was: for 6-pounder guns - 150 rounds; for 12-pounder guns - 96 rounds; for 12-pounder howitzers - 117 rounds; for 24-pounder howitzers - 69 rounds; and for 32-pounder howitzers - 45 rounds. When the limber chest was emptied, a replacement was carried forward from the caisson, which was usually parked to the rear of the battery. Caissons also carried a spare limber pole and wheel, pick axes, shovel, axe, and some miscellaneous tools. The number of caissons assigned to field batteries were: with a battery of 12-pounders - eight caissons for guns and four for howitzers; with a battery of 6-pounders - four caissons for guns and two for howitzers.



Limber with Caisson



Limber with Cannon

Adam Williams Dedication, June 21st Block Cemetery, Ogdensburg, WI



On Saturday, June 21st Old Abe Camp #8 held a dedication for Adam Williams at the Block Cemetery in Ogdensburg, WI. The family was very grateful that we took Adam Williams gravestone as one of our projects.



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US

Contact the officers on page 15 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!

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