



Camp Orders 2015-04

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Grand Army of the Republic

"Old Abe" Camp #8

Wisconsin Department

July 2015



Camp Summer Picnic will be held on Monday July 20th at
6:00pm at the home of Br. Kurt Kirk

7:00 pm Meeting at Pine Grove Cemetery, Auroraville



Our next meeting will be in Auroraville, but the setting will be different. The meeting will be at 7:00 and held at the Pine Grove cemetery on Q north of Auroraville to highlight the restoration and cleanup project the camp has supported there over the last year. There is a large open area there where we can meet on lawn chairs. Before that, we will have a cook-out at 6:00 at my house in Auroraville. After eating, we will all head up to the cemetery for the meeting. Please remember to bring utensils, a chair, and a dish to pass if you so desire. Please RSVP the Saturday before so I know how much meat to purchase and tables to line up if necessary. To get to my house at W2154 Cottonville Ct, go north at the Hwy 21 and 49 intersection into Auroraville. Before the dam, at the Willow Inn, turn right on Cottonville Ct by the old store. Go down a few hundred yards and you will see a yellow house and garage. Coming from the North, follow 49 South and cross the dam, turning left at the Willow Inn. If you have any questions and to RSVP, please call 920-361-1194. **1 OR 16**

Please RSVP by Saturday July 18th for the Summer Picnic.

W2154 Cottonville Court, Auroraville

Brother Kurt Kirk 920-361-1194

Please bring a dish to pass and a chair

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

CAMP COMMANDER

WILLIAM W. PARKER



Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Old Abe Camp 8 and our Auxiliary. The past month has been very busy and successful; Memorial Day was a crowning achievement for the camp with the rededication of the King Cemetery and myself, Sr. Vice Commander Dennis Jacobs, and Brother Don Blaney participating in the Oshkosh Memorial Day service. I am also excited to announce the purchase of 2 new camp flags for our use as decided by the camp members present at the Department Encampment in Kenosha, we should have them by fall and they will be put into service then.

The coming weeks will bring more opportunities to participate in various event including Heritage Hill in Green Bay on Saturday June 20th and Sunday the 21st. Also on June 27th will be the Radtke family dedication in Plainfield, please see camp Chaplin Vince Barker for details. July 17th, 18th, and 19th brings us to the Camp Randall dedication in Madison word at the department encampment was National Commander Tad Campbell will be one of the key note speakers there.

I would also like to take time to talk about a possible project for Old Abe Camp 8. Plover cemetery is the final resting place of Colonel James Alban kia at Shiloh his nephew Lt William Alban kia at Vicksburg as well Pvt Harry Ellis who was also an actor on the morning of the Lincoln assassination it is said he played pool with John Wilkes Booth according to legend and congressman Luther Hanchett who was a congressman at the start of the civil war. At the Plover Cemetery there is a GAR memorial built in 1897 that has fallen into very heavy disrepair I have included picture of it in this newsletter. I believe helping to repair this monument would be a worthy project for the camp to take part in and will have details at the next meeting on what it will take to repair the monument. Until We Meet Again, Goodbye and Safe Travels this Summer Season.

In F, C and L

William Parker

Commander Old Abe Camp 8



Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

Auxiliary President

Kathy Heltemes

Summer is finally here! We are going to have a picnic for our next meeting. It will be at the Brother Kurt Kirk's home at W2154 Cottonville Court, Auroraville, The cookout will be starting at 6pm and the meeting will start at 7pm. Please bring a dish to pass, whatever you drink, plate, and silverware, and a chair. Meat and buns will be provided.

Open House at King was a huge success. The Aux. made \$54 from the bake sale.

The Memorial Day rededication of the cemetery was well received. Due to rain we had to improvise so it was held indoors. It would have been even more special if we could have had the dedication outdoors. We had many good comments.

On June 27 we will be participating with the Sons on a dedication in Plainfield. This dedication is for our new members, Joe, Sam, and Tony Radtke, and our new Aux member, Julie.

At the State Encampment on June 6th Denise Oman was elected as our new State President for the Auxiliary.

At the last Auxiliary meeting LouAnn, Anne, Lucy and myself came up with an idea for a fund raiser. It was suggested that we could make up baskets and sell them or raffle them off. Some of the basket ideas were a baking basket, gardening basket, sports basket or a fishing basket. These were a few of the ideas for baskets. We could do this as a group and start collecting items for the baskets. We decided to start thinking on this by possibly picking up baskets and starting to purchase the items hopefully on sale to go in the theme of the basket.

Just a reminder to anyone thinking of going to the National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia, you need to get your reservations in very soon. The dates are August 20-23, 2015. There are 2 days of tours of civil war sites that are around the Richmond area. The meetings are for 2 days following the tours. There is National elections held on the second day of the meetings. That night a banquet is held to end the encampment. It is a nice place to meet other Auxiliary sisters from around the country that share a common interest in veterans and our history. The information for the National Encampment is on the Sons and Auxiliary to the Union Veterans of the Civil War. www.asuvcw.org.

I hope to see you all at the picnic!

F,C,&L

Kathy Heltemes

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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2015 Camp Calendar

July 18th

Camp Randall Dedication

Location: Madison Wisconsin

July 20th

Camp 8 Summer Picnic and Meeting

Location: Brother Kurt Kirk's home W2154 Cottonville Ct, Auroraville

Pine Grove Cemetery

September 21st

Camp 8 regular meeting 7pm

Location: Marden Hall King Veterans Home, King WI

September 26th & 27th

Old Wade House Civil War

Location: Old Wade House Greenbush, WI

November 16th

Camp 8 Election of Officers and Traditional Bean Dinner 7pm

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd Oshkosh WI

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

BY

PAUL JOHNSON

CAMP 8 PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

A reality for almost all conflicts in history, including present day, Afghanistan has been camp followers, while it may mean what you think it means in some cases, this expression has been corrupted into a synonym for prostitutes who follow army camps, but it historically referred to all civilians, male and female, associated with the military. Followers accompanied military units to pursue profit, find employment, or remain with loved ones. American military forces have always had such followers; their number, kind, activities, and administration, however, have changed over time.

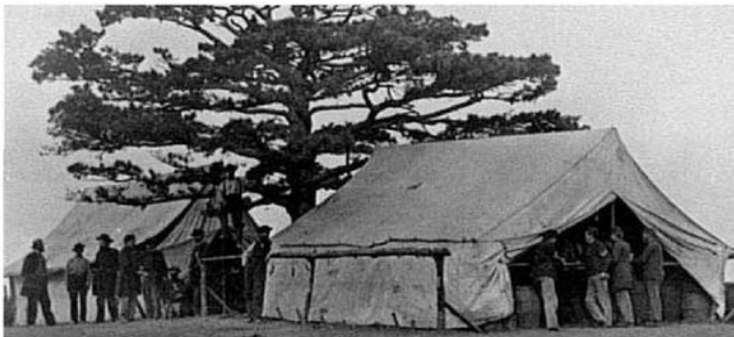
During the Civil War it was up to the colonel of the regiment to approve who could officially be a part of any given encampment and often a part of the baggage train

Perhaps the most ubiquitous camp followers were the sutlers, who were often appointed from the government to sell goods to the soldiers. Many of their prices were very high, but when there was a need for a specific supply, the soldiers had to pay no matter what the price. Sutlers were sometimes not looked upon favorably. This was for both the Union and Confederate armies.

Sutler (or suttler) was defined as: a camp follower who sold supplies to the soldiers. The term came into English language from the Dutch. There it was a soetelaar or zoetelaar. It originally meant "one who does dirty work, a drudge, a scullion".

The sutlers would sell items that were not provided by the government or items that should have been provided but never arrived to them on time. Peddlers were not allowed in camps, therefore, there weren't any competitors and many commanders of units also banned sutlers because they wanted the men to purchase items from the townspeople due to better prices and to help the town. In some cases, sutlers would have the men use "chits" that were only good at a specific sutler. (Chit: a voucher) Military rules would not allow sutlers to extend credit to more than a third of the soldier's monthly pay. The sutler would get his money from the paymaster before the soldier received his pay. Many times sutlers would show up on pay day and disappeared when goods were short or customers had used up all their credit.

Sutlers were also taxed by the military unit and a portion of the money would go to the band, education of children to those born to members of the regiment, stocking the library, or fruits and vegetables or special items to hospitalized wounded members.



Civil War Sutlers Tent

The sutlers regulated under rules adopted in March of 1862 and appointed by a board comprised of senior officers.

Sutlers were, for instance, prohibited from extending credit for more than ¼ of a soldier pay and many of the prices they charged were controlled. Violations could result in a sutler being de-commissioned and prohibited from ever being re-appointed.

Sutlers sold everything from tobacco and old newspapers, to sugar for the soldier's coffee and the coffee itself. They sold playing cards, cigars, ink, pocket mirrors, combs and brushes, pencils and paper, sewing kits, and sometimes even alcohol. Their list of items for sale to the soldiers included most anything that was of non-military nature and which the government was not already providing the soldiers.



Laundress with, perhaps, her husband and family

Perhaps the next most common camp followers were laundresses. Only women of good character were allowed to be a laundressor "washer woman" in the civil war camps as stated in the Union army's 1861 Military Hand Book and Soldier's Manual of Information. Each woman had to obtain a "Certificate of Good Character" from the army headquarters before she was allow to assume duty within the lines.

With certificate in hand she was granted an official status in the army camps to be the company laundress while other women, including officer's wives were given the status of "camp followers." She was considered a very important person in the company. The company captain generally appointed the laundresses and with their appointment they received housings, a daily ration of food, and the services of the surgeons.

The laundress was usually married to one of the soldiers in the company with which she served and in some cases it was expected that she should be a relative to one of the soldiers in the company. For instance, Mrs. Hannah O'Neil went to war with her son in Company H of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry; and The State Journal both reported and opined "The wife (Mary, age 20) of Sergeant (Byron) Williams of Company I, 7th regiment (from Waushara county, I believe) died in camp of typhoid fever on Sunday morning the 10th inst. She was sick but eight days. The camp of the soldier is no place for a woman either to live or to die in. Patriotism and love for her kindred may induce a woman to surrender the comforts and quiet of home for the privations and hardships of the camp but it is no place for her, and in nine cases out of ten she will be more an inconvenience than an advantage, either as a nurse or a "laundress,"

Each company in the Union army was allowed up to four laundresses'

Other camp followers would be civilians employ by the army or regiment such as waggoneers, spies, clerks, copyists, barbers, tailors nurses, Vivandier/Cantineers and so on. Occasionally an individual with specific skills, such as a photographer or dentist would make the rounds of many camps to ply their trade

DERANGED OR DISTRAUGHT....

YOU BE THE JUDGE -PART 2-

**LUANN WILLIAMS, PATRIOTIC
INSTRUCTION**

April 14, 1865 found Abraham and Mary Lincoln enjoying the day by taking a carriage ride in the afternoon, it was one of Mary's favorite things to do with her husband. On this particular day Lincoln told Mary "I consider this day, the war has come to a close. We must both be more cheerful in the future, between the war and the loss of our darling Willie, we have both been very miserable." A few short hours later Mary would be sitting next to her husband at Ford's Theater as John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham in the head at point blank range. President Lincoln died at 7:22 the next morning. Mary was inconsolable and traumatized. She did not attend any of the funeral services that were held for her husband. She did not leave the White House for 5 weeks. When she did leave, apparently there was some concern about Mary taking things that didn't belong to her, like bedding, utensils and china. The Congressional Committee on House Appropriations investigated her but no wrongdoing was discovered. Returning to Illinois, she began to settle her husband's estate. They had many debts to pay, most of which were accumulated by Mary. Mary tried selling the dresses she had worn as First Lady and wrote letters to friends begging for money to pay down the debt. Of course the newspapers called her disgraceful, sordid and ill-bred.

For a while, Mary and her son, Tad (Thomas) moved to Germany. She chose Germany because there they could get away from the constant scrutiny and ridicule. It was while she was there that she attempted to get a widow's pension, but that was not to happen until July of 1870. Congress granted Mary a \$3000.00 annual pension for her lifetime. She would later receive an increase of \$2000.00.

After Tad and Mary returned to the United States from Germany, Tad would die of Pneumonia. After Tads death Mary said "One by one, I have consigned to their resting place my idolized ones, and now, in this world there is nothing left for me but the deepest anguish and desolation." Mary's mental health took a beating. She would become dependent on medications, she had hallucinations, fears of people trying to kill her. Her only son left alive, Robert, arranged to have a court judge her as insane and had her committed to an insane asylum in 1875. Bellevue Place, a private sanitarium in Illinois would be her home for the next 4 months. News of her commitment shocked the nation.

So now, there it is. The defining moment that Mary's whole life history would be remembered by. All of the trials and tribulations that she had endured came down to this. How much does one have to take before you are on the brink of a breakdown? Would any of us have felt any different?

While at Bellevue, her son Robert controlled everything. By that I mean Robert was the only person that could visit her, he chose what mail she received, also to whom she could write, he controlled her finances, and how quickly his father's estate was settled, she could not read the newspapers. I wonder why he felt he had to do that. Could it be that he was taking control so he could hide or bank roll some of his own failed investments? Whatever it was, Mary's relationship with Robert was forever strained to say the least.

In September of that same year, a friend of Mary's filed an appeal with the court and she was released to the care of her sister Elizabeth in Springfield.

The rest of Mary's life was relatively quiet, she spent most of it at her sister's home in a room with the curtains drawn. Mary reconciled with Robert, but only for a short time, and unknown to Robert it was only so she could see her granddaughter. In her later years Mary suffered from cataracts, arthritis and possible diabetes. On July 16, 1882 Mary drew her final breath. She is buried alongside her husband and three of boys in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield Illinois. Robert is not buried with them. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, supposedly a decision made by his wife.

Mary certainly had more than her fair share of death and sorrow in her life. She also spent a lot of money on items that were not necessary. I am not sure though that she deserved to be called insane. She loved her family dearly, and needed that love in return, something that during the last part of her life Robert could not or would not give her. Publicly she was loved and hated, everything she did was made public and ridiculed. Men did not like that she was smart and aggressive. In trying to understand her I imagine being in her shoes and wonder what I would have done. Don't we all have some odd behaviors? Would you want the world to know them? Can a person live without love in their lives? Can we not dig a little deeper before we decide someone's crazy? Wouldn't each of us want our peers to do that for us? Was Mary insane? I'll let you be the judge.



King Veterans Home Open House May 19, 2015 photo by Kirby Scott

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, MAY 18, 2015

1. Opening Ceremony-7:10 P.M. Marden Hall, Wisconsin Veteran's Home, King.
2. Roll call of officers: (8 members present)
 - a. Commander-present.
 - b. SVC-present.
 - c. JVC-absent.
 - d. Secretary-present.
 - e. Treasurer-present.
3. Minutes. Motion By K. Heltemes, second by V. Barker. Minutes of 3-19-15 approved.
4. Treasurer's report:

As of 5-17-15, checking is \$4473.10, CD #1 is \$1021.34, CD #2 is \$4266.89. Total on hand is \$9761.33 Per capita dues for 2015 is paid. Motion to approve by K. Heltemes, second by J. Waid. Approved.
5. Any sick or distressed brothers?
 - a. Mike Bolden is recovering well.
 - b. Randy Novak is doing as well as can be expected.
 - c. Alan Petit will have another heart procedure done in mid-June.
6. Introduction of guests and visitors. NONE.
7. Any new applications? Bill Hopkins of Florida, Camp #5 wants to transfer to Camp #8. Paperwork will be started.
8. Any communications and/or bills to address? NONE.
9. Prior business:
 - a. Raffle. Took in \$284.00 at King Open House.
 - b. Donation to Oshkosh Veteran's Museum. Paid.
 - c. Sam Solberg donated a set of Civil War commemorative plates and some books to the camp at the King open house. Thank you Sam.
10. New business:
 - a. July 20 camp meeting. At Auroraville Cemetery, or at the old church as a back up. More details later. See newsletter.
 - b. Jun 27. 11:00 A.M. Radtke grave dedication and picnic? At Plainfield Cemetery. More details later. See newsletter.
 - c. James Dunn grave dedication for Ruecheim family in Mauston. Next spring.
 - d. Wisconsin Rapids flag and monument dedication if camp is interested. Contact Bill Parker.
 - e. Rededication of chapel at King and Cushing on the M.O.H. monument. 1st or 2nd week-end in October. More details later.

11. Past events:
 - a. Lincoln Tomb ceremony-Apr 11- Springfield, Ill. A.Petit and K Heltemes attended.
 - b. King Open House-May 17. Went well Kim gave some lectures and we sold a lot of raffle tickets.
12. Future events:
 - a. May 25- King Veteran's Home- Memorial Day- Regular service plus a rededication of the cemetery. Lakeside starts at 9:30 A.M. Rest will follow. See program there.
 - b. May 25-Oshkosh. Same as last year.
Sign-up sheet circulated. Pick your place.
 - c. May 24-Delafield-rededication of Cushing brothers monument there. All can attend, Participation limited.
 - d. June 6-Kenosha-Wisconsin Department Encampment. At the CW Museum. See department newsletter for details.
 - e. June 20-21. Heritage Hill CW event-Green Bay. Camp 8 will set up our tent fly and sell raffle tickets and try to recruit. For more details contact Dennis Jacobs.
 - f. July 17-19, Camp Randall monument dedication and living history, For more details see camp and department newsletters and the department website.
13. Any other old or new business?
 - a. Aug. 8-9-Iola, Wisc. military show-K. Kirk will set up a table. Camp will pay \$60.00 fee. Raffle tickets should sell well there. If interested contact Kurt.
 - b. Jun. 13-Fremont, Wisc.-Pioneer's Cemetery. Evening cemetery walk planned. They would like us as a colorguard.
 - c. Camp 8 flags. K. Heltemes made a motion to buy two sets of camp flags. Two camp colors are to be ordered from national quartermaster now with the intention of picking them up at the national encampment in Richmond in August. The two national colors are to be purchased from a dealer in U.S. flags along with poles and other accoutrements needed for all four flags later. K. Kirk seconded the motion. Motion left open for vote at next meeting.
 - d. See the camp secretary after the meeting for your voting credentials card for the department meeting. He will also be at the dept. meeting early and can also sign your cards there.
14. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order? D. Jacobs read a Civil War letter from the UW-Green Bay archives to a group.
15. Patriotic instruction. See the camp newsletter.
16. Closing ceremony. 8:39 P.M.

Submitted by PCC Alan Petit, Secretary Old Abe Camp #8, Dept of Wisc, SUVCW



BROTHER ALAN PETIT AND BROTHER DENNIS JACOBS AT HERITAGE HILL JUNE 20 AND 21, 2015.

OLD ABE CAMP 8 IN ACTION

The National History Bee is an academic competition that tests students' knowledge of a wide range of historical topics. After receiving a top score in the Regional Qualifying Exam, Joe competed among 110 middle school students in the Midwest Regional Finals of the National History Bee. The event was held at Aptakisic Jr. High School in Buffalo Grove IL. Student from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa competed in three rounds of preliminary buzzer competition. Joe finished among the top 10 students in the competition, advancing to the Championship Round and qualifying for the National Finals to be held in Louisville KY, May 22-24. While in Louisville Joe will also compete in the National Citizenship Bee.



**BROTHER DENNIS JACOBS
READING A CIVIL WAR LETTER
WRITTEN BY JAMES ANDERSON
FOR A READERS THEATERS AT
UWGB ARCHIVES.**



**THE TWO IN THE FRONT ARE MATT ARNDT AND
RON ARNDT, MEMBERS OF CAMP 8, PORTRAYING
MCALLISTER'S BATTERY, 1ST ILLINOIS LIGHT ART.**

PHOTO BY ALAN PETIT

**GRAVE DEDICATION FOR ALFRED DEWITT JUNE 27TH, 2015 PLAINFIELD CEMETERY,
PLAINFIELD, WISCONSIN. ALFRED DEWITT WAS THE ANCESTOR OF OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS THE RADTKE FAMILY.**



Radtke Family



Members of Camp 8 and the Auxiliary at King Veterans Home for Memorial Day

Our Commanding Officer, William Parker has asked we include the current Sons of Union Veterans policy on the Confederate Battle Flag.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY

119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

LANSING, MICHIGAN AUGUST 19, 2000

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of the Confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct;" and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who as members of the Grand Army of the Republic met in joint reunions with the Confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment, hereby adopt this resolution.

Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

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NEXT OLD ABE CAMPE 8 MEETING **July 20th**

Picnic starts at 6:00pm at
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Auroraville, WI.

Meeting starts at 7:00PM at
Pine Grove Cemetery
Auroraville, WI.

Wear Your
Membership Badge

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. 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!

\$40.00/yr. Annual Dues

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