



Camp Orders 2016-01
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
"Old Abe" Camp #8
Wisconsin Department
January 2016



**Camp January 21st Meeting Will Be Held At The White House Inn
Located In Butte Des Morts, Wisconsin**

**Next Old Abe
Camp 8 Meeting**

Jan 21st

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, Thursday, January 21st, 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.

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.

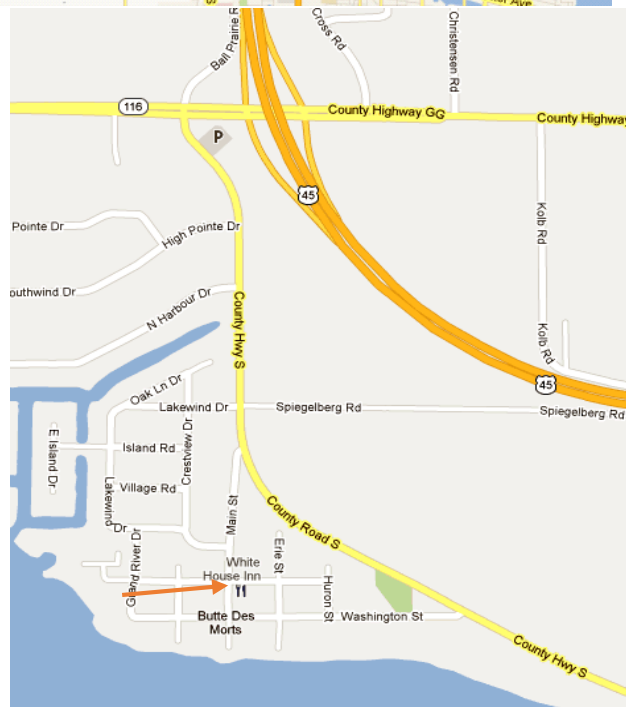
Additional information about the White House Inn can be obtained from: <http://www.whitehouseinnonline.com>

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 you left side.



Commander's Comments

**Camp Commander
William W. Parker**



A new year and new beginnings. The 150th anniversary of the Civil War may be over but our commitment to the Union Veterans of the Civil War is not. This coming year will provide us with many opportunities to honor our Union heritage and veterans. Our first meeting of the year has been moved from the 3rd Monday to Thursday January 21st 2016 at Jimmies White House Inn in Butte Des Morts. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and I hope we will be back on track for the March meeting. Our first big event of the year will be on Saturday January 23rd 2016 for King Veterans Bingo at Marsden Hall at 1pm please bring cookies, 2 cookies per zip lock bag to the this event. February 6th 2016 will be the department mid-winter meeting and patriotic luncheon in Milwaukee Wisconsin and Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of February is Echoes of the Past trade fair at Sunnyview expo center in Oshkosh Wisconsin.

I also have an update on the GAR monument at Plover cemetery. It was removed this fall and moved to a monument shop in Stevens Point, Wisconsin for restoration. The Village of Plover had an anonymous donor, who is paying for restoration of the monument. It will be returned to the cemetery in spring. After talking to Brenda, the village of Plover cemetery caretaker, I mentioned doing a rededication which she said she would get back to me on that. I will keep all updated as the information comes in.

Bill Parker

Bingo at the Veterans Home at King

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, 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:

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RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues Are Payable as of Jan. 1st.

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

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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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Now has their own newsletter.

To receive a copy,

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On November 7th, members and guests of Old Abe set the headstone of William Teal in Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega. This marker took Kim J. Heltemes 7 years to get. Teal was a Mexican War veteran but when the Civil War broke out he enlisted 4 times only to be rejected because of health issues received from the Mexican War.

l-r Alan Petit, Doug Hamm, Dennis Jacobs, Eben Peck, William Parker, Kim Heltemes



Echoes of the Past Trade Fair

Feb 27-28, 2016

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 dennergib@hotmail.com for more information & directions.

2016 Camp Calendar

January 21st, 6:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting & Dinner

Location: Jimmy's White House Inn Buttes Des Morts, WI

January 23rd, 1:00pm

Veterans Bingo

Location: Marden Hall, Veterans Home, King, WI

February 6th, 9:00 AM

Dept. of WI Midwinter Meeting

Location: Aliuoto's Restaurant, Wauwatosa, WI
with Patriotic Luncheon at 12:30 PM

February 27th & 28th 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 21st, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: To be announced

April 16th, 10:00AM

60th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Location: Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL

May 16th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: To be announced

June 11th

Wisconsin State Department Encampment

Location: Kenosha Civil War Museum Kenosha, Wisconsin

July 18th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic

Location to be announced

August 11th – 14th

National Encampment

Location: Springfield, IL

September 19th, 7:00 PM

Camp 8 regular meeting

Location: To be announced

September 24th – 25th

Civil War at Old Wade House

Location: Old Wade House, Greenbush, WI

November 21st, 7:00 PM

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

Location: To be announced

*Please send information on events that you are aware of to be included in this newsletter to:
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Wisconsin before the War

Paul Johnson
Patriotic Instructor

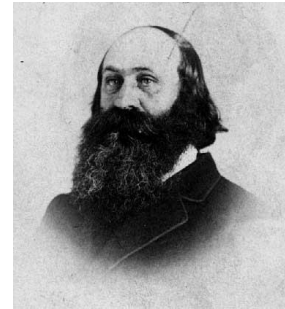
Wisconsin in the 1860's was still in many ways the pioneer state it was when it achieved statehood only a dozen years before. The northern part of the state was heavily forested and lumber towns grew up along the rivers that provided transport for the products of the forest.

The southern and central prairies provided good farmland for the growing of wheat. Wisconsin ranked second, behind Illinois, in wheat production. In 1860, the wheat harvest reached over 27 million bushels. Dairy farming had not made the inroads that it would in the 1880's and 90's as the railroads opened land and markets to the fragile products of dairying and so the familiar late summer, early fall cattle feed crops played a smaller role consideration of "harvest-time".

In the area known as the "driftless" area, because it was missed by the Wisconsin glacier of 15,000 years prior, were pockets of lead. The area is also known as the "galena" area since galena is Latin for lead. Lead mining the areas of Grant County, especially around Platteville, brought many immigrants, specifically, Cornish and Welsh to the area. Ironically Grant County, that supplied the Union Army a high proportion of its male population to the war, also supplied a large amount of the lead to the same effort and in effect playing out the mines.

What would lead almost 95,000 men out a population of 745,000 people to leave hearth and home to serve a cause that was half a country and seemingly a whole culture away?

The political climate leading up to the war cannot be underestimated. The state was a hot bed of Abolitionist sentiment. Places like Janesville and Waukesha were in fact stops on the Underground Railroad to Canada.



Sherman M. Booth

The editor of The Free Democrat (later The Waukesha Freeman) Sherman M. Booth, who took a leading part in a courthouse meeting, rode up and down the streets on a white horse summoning the people to gather, shouting the rallying cry: "Freemen, to the rescue!" according to popular account of the affair. Booth was jailed for rescuing an escaped slave named Joshua Glover from the Milwaukee County jail on March 11, 1854.



Joshua Glover

In defending himself in front of the U.S. Court Commissioner, Winfield Smith, Booth said "I am frank to say," he declared with emphasis--"and the prosecution may make the most of it--that I sympathize with the rescuers of Glover and rejoice at his escape. I rejoice that, in the first attempt of the

slave-hunters to convert our jail into a slave-pen and our citizens into slave-catchers, they have signally failed, and that it has been decided by the spontaneous uprising and sovereign voice of the people, that no human being can be dragged into bondage from Milwaukee. And I am bold to say that, rather than have the great constitutional rights and safeguards of the people--the writ of habeas corpus and the right of trial by jury--stricken down by this fugitive law, I would prefer to see every federal officer in Wisconsin hanged on a gallows fifty cubits higher than Haman's."

"The Glover episode and attendant circumstances were potent factors in creating an abolition sentiment in Wisconsin. In 1857 the legislature enacted a law "to prevent kidnapping," its purpose being to prevent the capture of fugitive slaves seeking asylum in this state."

In 1860, Gov. Randall, in his address to a joint session of the Legislature, stated his case for a peaceful settlement of the question of slavery through law.

"....There is no right of interference with slavery in the Slave States by legislation in the Free States, tending to its abolition, or by citizens of the Free States through a violent intervention. But the government was formed for the declared purpose of "preserving the blessings of Liberty," among other things, and not for the purpose of extending slavery. The colonies which so urgently denounced the evils of the institution and so strongly complained of the slave trade, now, erected into states, seek to force upon free territories the evils of a system they then deplored, by planting slavery where the Fathers of the Republic never intended it should go...."

"...An institution so inhuman, so pernicious in its character, so disastrous to the interests of free labor, and terrible in its consequences to the bondmen, and so antagonistic to the great principles of human liberty that underlie our government, ought, by the exercise of every legitimate power, to be restrained from any further extension...."

"...Shall the mighty States of this hemisphere—the pioneers of the liberal principle of the greatest good to the greatest number—be known to the red and black races, struggling into existence, under liberal forms of government, in neighboring climes, suited to their caste, only as

depredators and enslavers ? They seem to have been committed to our guardianship by the gracious Providence that has conferred so many blessings upon us in the achievement of our own liberties."

His intent in the speech seemed to remind his audience of how deeply the institution of slavery put the expansion of the states in jeopardy, and ran against the basic unpinning of our nation.

Gov. Randall believed that if Lincoln did not gain the Presidency, Randall planned to propose secession from the union.

To drive the point home, it was reported in the March 10, 1860 The Daily Milwaukee News, that:

"Gov. Randall has sent a special communication to the Legislature, asking them to so amend the militia law, as to give him the power to compel the citizen soldiery, to fight the United States with arms which the United States Government itself has furnished them with, for a very different purpose. That would be a good joke on Uncle Sam."

In the opening session of the Legislature, "The Report of the Adjutant General shows 55 volunteer military companies, embracing 2,365 rank and file.

Gov Randall had the state adjutant meet with militia leaders to see who would support this move, and all but the Third Ward Irish Union Guard supported Randall's proposal. The whole proposal of course became mute when Lincoln was elected as President and Randall threw his support to the Union as the mechanism to abolish slavery.

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.

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, NOV 16, 2015

1. Opening Ceremony. 7:10 P.M. Fire station #17, Oshkosh, Wisc.
2. Roll call of officers: (9 members + 1 guest present)
 - a. Commander-present.
 - b. SVC-present.
 - c. JVC absent. V. Barker appt. substitute.
 - d. Secretary-present.
 - e. Treasurer-present.
3. No September minutes to look at. Treasurer's report-Cookout in July went well-\$48 for meat-\$49 for badges-\$119 for vouchers. Ck balance is \$4078.37.
4. Sick or distressed brothers. R. Novak-looks OK-off for disability-being treated yet.
5. Introduction of guests. PDC Tom Brown.
6. New member Joseph Lindsley of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. Former Honorary member Einar Ingman died in September.
7. Prior business:
 - a. Large (regimental size) U.S. flags being researched by K. Heltemes. Two 4' x 6' camp have been acquired. Bills paid. Telescoping poles along w/tassels and other hardware also being researched.
 - b. GAR monument in Plover. Pictures available. Will discuss camp involvement after seeing photos.
 - c. 2016 meeting options. 1) Leave schedule as it now stands. 2) Vince is checking on using the Marine Corp League Hall. 3) Do up to 3? meetings at Auroraville. Some discussion. More needed. January meeting is at Jimmie's White House in Butte-de-Morts. Email B. Parker for head count.
8. New business:
 - a. meeting box-who has it? Bugle? National flag-Vince has it.
 - b. Mohicans will be having another dedication ceremony. Early June? More later. Kim.
 - c. New London, Wisc will be dedicating a veterans memorial wall. More later.
9. Past events:
 - a. Neenah Historical Society school day. Do more in the spring. Check with Kim.
 - b. National Encampment in Virginia. A. Petit and K. Heltemes attended. Went well. Saw a lot of historical sights(about 14-Alan).
 - c. Iola military show. Bill, Kim, Kurt, Alan. Sold a few tickets. Could pass on it for next year.
 - d. Wade House CW event. Bill, Al Heise, Kim. Not real a real big camp turn out.
10. Future events:
 - a. Jan. 23-King-Marsden Hall-Camp 8 hosting the Bingo session. Starts at 1:30 P.M. Come early.
 - b. May 15-16-Pinecrest Village CW event-we are invited-use fire station again-Bill, Kim, Alan. More later.
 - c. Teal Grave dedication-Weyawega-spring 2016.
 - d. King Open House-May 2016. More later.

11. Any communications and/or bills to address?
 - a. Echoes of the Past trade fair-Feb. 27-28-we will be there table is reserved. Need a hear count. Next meeting.
12. Any old or new business?
 - a. Vince Barker is now officially Brigadier General Vincent Barker. Yay!
 - b. Motion by R. Arndt, seconded by D. Jacobs for the camp to donate \$100.00 to Depart. Patriotic Fund. Passed.
 - c. Motion by K. Heltemes, seconded by R. Arndt, for the camp to conduct another raffle in 2016. Passed. There is a possibility to piggyback the raffle on a Cabela's program. More info needed.
 - d. Raffle Drawing.
 - 1st Prize-Rifle-Darlene Larson-Waupaca.
 - 2nd Prize-Knife-Scott Katchka-Kaukauna.
 - 3rd Prize-Book-Alan Petit- New London. (Alan immediately donated the book back to the camp as he already has a copy of it.)
13. Patriotic presentation. See newsletter.
14. Anyone have anything for the good of the order? No.
15. Elections:
 - a. Commander- D. Jacobs nominated W. Parker.
 - b. SVC-W. Parker nominated D. Jacobs.
 - c. JVC- K. Heltemes nominated Ron Arndt.
 - d. Secretary- B. Peters nominated A. Petit.
 - e. Treasurer-K. Heltemes nominated K. Kirk.
 - f. Delegate-K. Kirk nominated Paul Johnson.
 - g. Council I-K. Kirk nomonated M. Mladenik.
 - Council II-B. Peters nominated K. Scott.
 - Council III-B. Parker nominated D. Jacobs.

After a. was nominated B. Peters moved and V. Barker seconded a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee as he was running unopposed . Passed.
This was also applied to all the nominees.
16. PDC Thomas Brown installed the new officers.
17. Closing Ceremony. 8:34 P.M.

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

**Mid-Winter Department Meeting
And**

Patriot Luncheon

February 6, 2016

Alioto's Restaurant 3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

9:00AM - Noon Meeting 12:30 PM Luncheon

RSVP for Luncheon before January 29, 2016

See Department Winter Newsletter for Full Details

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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*

For New Membership, Contact:

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