



## **Camp Orders 2017-03**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Grand Army of the Republic**

***Old Abe Camp #8***

***Wisconsin Department***



**Our May meeting, Monday, May 15th, is being held at Oshkosh Fire Station #17, 1813 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI.**

**This fire station is located at the southern end of Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh, WI. Parking will be in back of the fire station.**



**Next Old Abe Camp #8 meeting  
Will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting starts at  
7:00 pm**

**Location is:  
Oshkosh Fire Dept Station #17  
1813 Algoma Blvd  
Oshkosh, WI**

**Wear your membership badge, please.**

Coming from the north or south, take Hwy 41 to exit 120. After exiting head into the city of Oshkosh on Algoma Blvd. Drive on Algoma Blvd past the large cemetery on your right which will be Riverside Cemetery. At the end Riverside Cemetery you will see Fire Station #17 just before the intersection of Algoma Blvd & West Murdock Avenue.

From Waupaca & the west take Hwy 45 straight into Oshkosh. Hwy 45 becomes Algoma Blvd once you pass over Hwy 41. Stay on Algoma Blvd & go past the large cemetery on your right which will be Riverside Cemetery. At the end Riverside Cemetery you will see Fire Station #17 just before the intersection of Algoma Blvd & West Murdock Avenue.

**Camp Commander**

**Dennis R. Jacobs**

## Commander's Comments



Greetings Brothers,

I bet you are as happy as I am that spring has arrived. With the arrival of spring, it means we are able to get into the cemeteries to do some cleaning and getting the Civil War veteran's graves ready for Memorial Day. Spring also means we have many events coming up in the next couple of months. Our May meeting is on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station #17 in Oshkosh. Also in May are two events that are at the same time. Pinecrest Historical Village in Manitowoc is hosting their Civil War event on Saturday and Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to get up a small display there is possible to help promote the camp, but due a work event, I am not able to man the booth on Saturday. If anyone is able to assist with this please let me know by email. [dennergb@hotmail.com](mailto:dennergb@hotmail.com) We also have King Veteran's Home open house on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am until 2:30 pm, all are welcome to stop out. Please wear you membership ribbons if you are going to be working the booth.

### RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues were payable as of Jan. 1st.

Please send \$40.00 to the  
Camp Treasurer:

Kurtis Kirk  
W 2154 Cottonville Court  
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Memorial Day is going to be here soon, and we have been asked to take part at both King Veterans Home and at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh. I am currently working on finding a volunteer for Oshkosh. If you wish it take part in either event, please contact me.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Wisconsin State Encampment down in Saukville. Any brothers, who wish to attend the encampment, please contact our camp secretary Al Petit, so he can get you registered. Also see the Department newsletter to send in your reservation form with payment. Lastly, on Saturday and Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Hill Living History Park in Green Bay is hosting their Civil War event. In the past I have sent up a booth there, and we tend to draw in a good crowd of people. If anyone is interested in helping with the booth, please contact me.

In F, C, &L

Dennis R Jacobs

Camp Commander

**King Open House same day  
as Pinecrest event.**

**We are still planning on  
attending the King Open  
House on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It begins  
at 10am and ends at 2:30 pm.**

**Please try to attend.**

## 2017 Camp Calendar

May 15th, 7:00 PM  
Camp 8 regular meeting  
Location: To be announced

May 20th & 21st  
Pinecrest Historical Village Civil War Weekend  
Location: Pinecrest Historical Village, Manitowoc, WI.

May 21st  
King Veterans Home Open House and Car Show  
Location: King Veterans Home, King WI.

May 29th  
Memorial Day

June 3rd  
Wisconsin State Department Encampment  
Location: Saukville Community Center, Saukville, WI.

June 14th  
Flag Day

June 24th & 25th  
Heritage Hill Civil War Weekend  
Location: Heritage Hill Historical Museum, Green Bay, WI July 17th, 7:00 PM

July 17th, 7:00 PM  
Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic  
Location to be announced

August 10th – 13th  
National Encampment  
Location: Lansing, MI.

### 2017 Events continued

September 18th, 7:00 PM  
Camp 8 regular meeting  
Location: To be announced

September 23rd & 24th  
Wade House Civil War Weekend  
Location: Wade House, Greenbush, WI.

November 20th  
Camp 8 Annual Bean Dinner, Meeting and Camp Elections  
Location: To be announced

Please send information on events that you are aware of to be included in this newsletter to:  
[heltemesk@centurylink.net](mailto:heltemesk@centurylink.net)

If any of the members want to attend the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Department Encampment, you must get a credentials card from the Camp Secretary, Alan Petit.

He will have cards available at the camp meeting, through an email request, or a phone call. His number is on the last page of this newsletter.

You will not be able to vote or be recognized at the meeting without that card. Your vote does count so get the card.

If you plan on attending the SUVCW National in August in Lansing, Michigan, you will need a credential card from the Department Secretary, Brian Peters.

Being a delegate at either Encampment is an honor. Please go through the proper motion to make your vote count and represent your Camp or Department.

OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES MAR. 20, 2017

1. Started at 7:11 P.M. Oshkosh Fire Station #17
  2. Call of officers. (8 members present)  
CC-here. SVC-here. JVC-here. Secretary-here. Treasurer-here.
  3. Treasurer's report.  
Have received a number of dues payments. Paid out for coffee and quarters for bingo. We have \$4555.30 in checking. CD 1 is \$4415.12. CD 2 is \$1032.91. Total on hand is \$10003.33. One Cd was renewed. No minutes from the last meeting due to no quorum and no meeting.
  4. Sick or distressed brothers.  
Mike Boldon is still in VA care dues to injuries in Afghanistan. Will send a card from the camp to Randy Novak. No contact with him..
  5. Guests. NONE.
  6. New members. Jeff Mangam from Plymouth. Ancestor in the 14th. Wisc. Infantry. Papers filed.  
K. Heltemes moved to approve application. J. Williams seconded. Motion passed.
  7. Prior business. a. Status of flags currently. W. Parker will check with the people in Texas. b. Poles. I gave quotations for poles and other needed accessories. I was authorized and issued a check to buy this stuff from Sommerville Flag in Appleton. Motion by K. Heltemes , seconded by Ron Arndt to spend no more than \$700.00 . Passed.
  8. New business. a. Flag disposal ceremony. Tentatively set for May 15, 2017 at the #17 fire station K. Heltemes will check for permission with the fire department. b. Reestablish the raffle pick prizes. Majority voted for. Brat fry as an alternative? W. Parker will check it out for Pick'n Save in Wisconsin Rapids. c. Mike Boldon will retire from the U.S. Army on disability. Motion for relief of his dues as a hardship, per SUVCW regulations, made by K.Heltemes and seconded By W. Parker. Motion passed.
  9. Past events.  
a. Wreaths Across America. At King Wisconsin Veterans Home . D. Jacobs and R. Beggs were there. A lot of snow. b. Bingo at King. Several brothers and wives were there. Went very well.  
c. Midwinter Dept. Meeting in February. Several brothers of Camp #8 were there. d. Echoes of the PastTrade Fair, Oshkosh. Camp #8 set up a display and attended it for the weekend. Went okay.
  10. New events.  
a. Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies-Apr. 15. Still time to go. Hotel is booked by now. b. Pinecrest Historical Village-at Manitowoc-May 20-21- CW event. c. King Veteran's Home-Open house-May 21. d. Memorial Day-May 29. a. Oshkosh. See if D.Blaney can do reading for Camp #8. b. King VA Home. Several brothers will attend. c. Any others? Mohicans at Bowler will have a Veteran's Day Celebration on Nov. 10-11.  
d. New London will dedicate a new veteran's memorial on May 29.
  11. Any communications or bills to address? NONE.
  12. Any other old or new business? PCC W. Parker presented his PCC badge.
  13. Patriotic instructor. See newsletter.
  14. Anyone do anything for the good of the order? A. Peters  
will present an ROTC medal in Stevens Point. K. Heltemes will present an ROTC medal on Apr.27 on behalf of the SUVCW and MOLLUS.
  15. Closing. Closed at 8:47 P.M.
- Submitted by DC Alan O. Petit, Secretary Old Abe Camp #8, Dept of Wisc, SUVCW



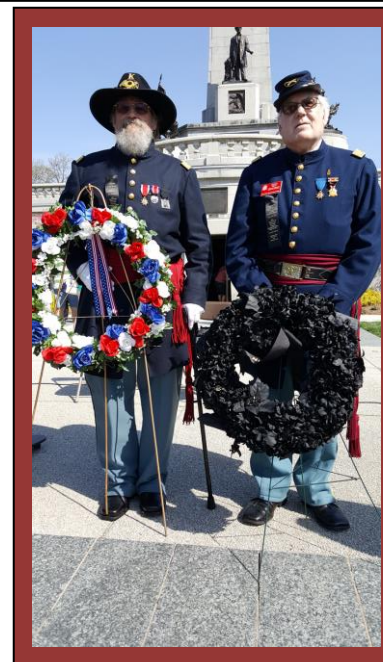


Left: PCC Bill Parker receives his Past Camp Commander badge from CC Dennis Jacobs at the meeting in March.

Below, Kim J. Heltemes and Kathy attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's death on April 15, 2017. He represented The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (M.O.L.L.U.S.) as the State Commander. Kathy represented the WRC, Daughters of Civil War Veterans, and the Auxillary. Alan Petit, Camp Secretary and Dept Commander of Wisconsin also presented a wreath.

Lower: Kim J. Heltemes and Alan Petit with wreaths at Lincoln's Tomb.

Below: Kim J. Heltemes presents a wreath at the Benjamin Stephenson Memorial at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. Alan Petit also presented a wreath for the Dept of Wisconsin. Notice the tiles in place as the area around the grave is being remodeled. Tiles and benches are still for sale.



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**Brothers,**

<sup>th</sup>  
The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Wisconsin Encampment is coming up in just seven weeks, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The registration form and travel directions are attached to this message.

Here are some reminders for all:

1. Lt. Alonzo Cushing Camp 5 is hosting the event in Saukville. Thank you in advance to all the Brothers of Camp 5 who planned and made arrangements for this event.
2. The Encampment fee is a low \$7 per person. Lunch will be at Lam's Chinese Restaurant for an all-inclusive price of \$13 per person. You are free to eat at other local dining locations if you prefer.
3. Department Officer's and Camp Commander's reports are due to me by May 15 - no later please. If you do not have anything to report, please state just that. If the report does not get to me by the due date, bring 35 copies to the meeting for everyone.
4. We will be honored by the presence of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. This is a great opportunity to meet one of our National officers and hear about initiatives underway at that level of the Order.
5. Delegate cards are required from your Camp Secretaries.
6. Please try to be punctual. The Encampment will begin at 9 a.m. with the Allied Orders Joint Opening Ceremonies.
7. If anyone wants to run for an elected position, please let me know. If you are a current appointed officer, please let me know if you plan to continue for the next year.

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I hope to see you in Saukville on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In F, C, & L,

Alan Petit

Wisconsin Dept. Commander





Department of Wisconsin

**134th Annual Encampment  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
&  
Wisconsin Allied Orders**

**A Souvenir Ribbon/button will be given to each attendee. Those who preregister will have their name tag included with the souvenir. So please register early.**

Date: Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Place: Saukville Community Center

639 E. Green Bay Ave., Saukville, WI. (map on reverse side)

Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. Joint Opening Ceremony 9:30 a.m. Business Session 11:30 a.m. Break for Lunch 11:45 a.m. Luncheon Buffet at Lam's Chinese Restaurant 1:30 p.m. Reconvene Business Session 4:00 p.m. Encampment closes

Memorial Service at Union Cemetery (The Saukville 92)

A List of area restaurants will be provided at the encampment for those who wish not to participate at the Buffet Lunch at Lam's Chinese Restaurant.

Cushing Monument A Souvenir Ribbon/button will be given to each attendee. Those who preregister will have their name tag included with the souvenir. So please register early.

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Registration should be sent no later than Saturday, May 27th. The Registration Fee is \$7.00 per person. An optional all-you-can-eat Buffet Lunch will be provided at Lam's Chinese Restaurant for \$13.00 additional. Total registration including Lunch is \$20.00. Please fill out the information below and make out a check to Alonzo H. Cushing Camp # 5 and send your registration to Ron Miswald, Treasurer, Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5, 1023 8th St., Grafton, WI 53024. Allied Orders members should register with The Auxiliary to the SUVCW (luncheon reservations should be sent to Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5) at the address above.

Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch: Lam's Chinese Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

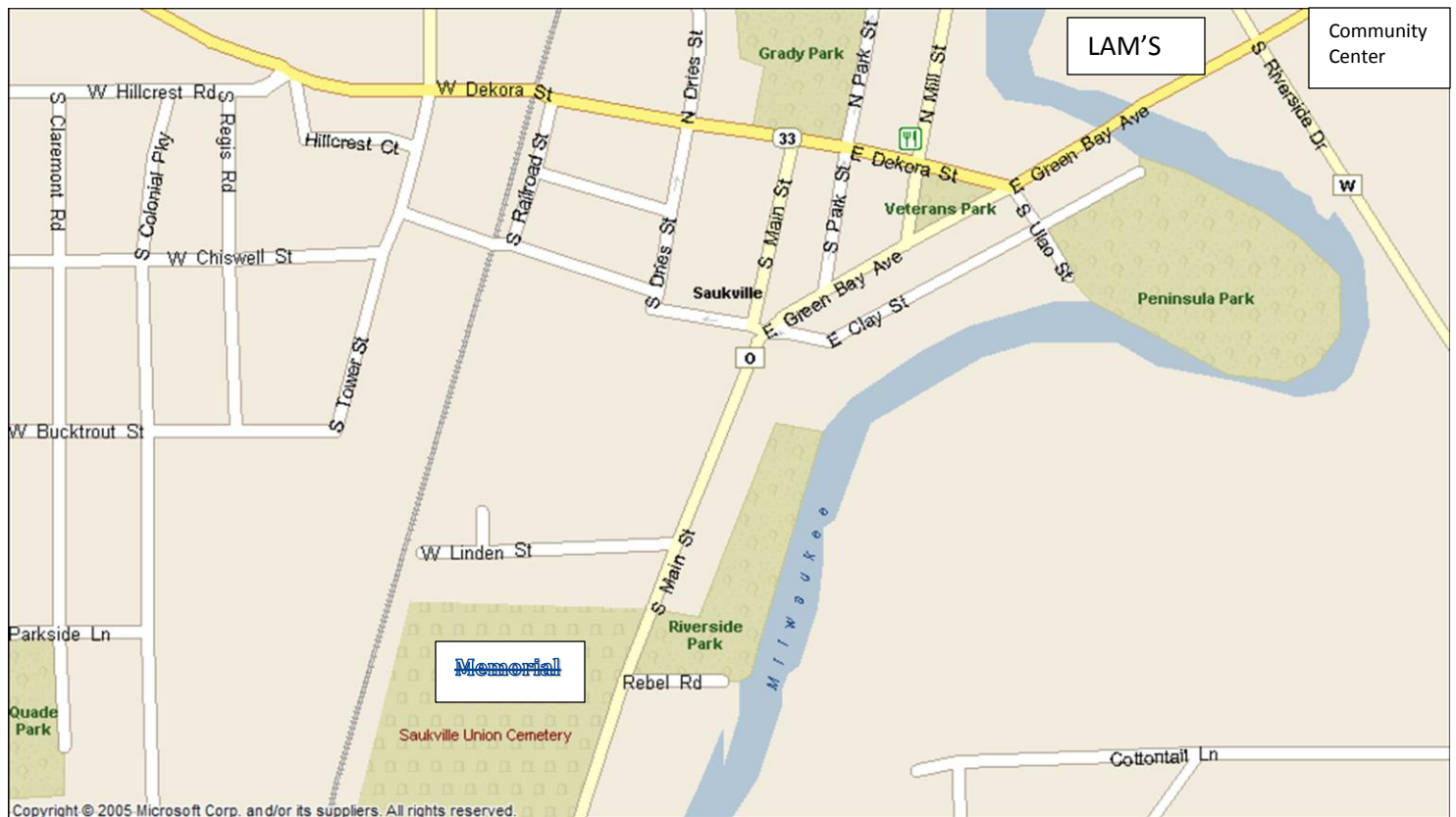
The Village of Saukville is located along I-43 just 25 miles north of Milwaukee and three miles west of Port Washington. The Saukville Community Center Encampment site is conveniently located with easy freeway access.

From the west, follow I-94 into downtown Milwaukee and head north at the I-43 exit. From the north or south on I-43, take the Highway 33 exit at Saukville (E. Green Bay Avenue) and head west about two blocks. The Saukville Community Center is on the south side of the street (No. 1 on map) at 639 E. Green Bay Ave.

Lam's Chinese Restaurant (No. 2 on map) is located at N. Riverside and Green Bay Ave., just a short distance west of the Community Center.

Saukville Union Cemetery, site of the Memorial Service, is located on Main Street one block south of Linden St. (No. 3 on map)

NOTE: For travelers coming through the Milwaukee Zoo freeway interchange, be advised of freeway construction work on I-94 and I-894.



**There is a need for the camp to process the disposal of American flags in a due way with respect and honor. Several of us have been collecting flags that are worn, torn, and faded.**

**The camp has a burner made for the process but we need to pick a date to finish the event.**

**To those that have flags saved, please get them to Ron Arndt.**

**The disposal ceremony calls for most to be in uniform such as flag bearers and color guard but we can use everyone – just wear your membership badge.**

**Let's get a date picked so we can do the ceremony.**

In the past we have been kept busy with cemetery work, both in finding graves that need to be brought up to par or need to be marked. We have slowed down in this respect but there is a lot of work that still needs to be done.

Adopt a cemetery near you, try to get on the board of that cemetery or make friends with the people on the board.

There is always a lot of work to get done whether it is from weather damage, vandalism, or unmarked graves. See about looking at the records and verifying them with the headstones. We need to record the locations of our Civil War ancestors.

These activities give the camp direction and purpose. Let's get back to our purpose – it is our way to honor our ancestors.

If you need help ordering a headstone, there are several members that know the process and would be willing to help you.



Camp 8 Newsletter  
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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 9 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](https://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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