



## ***“Camp Orders” 2017-05***

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

***Old Abe Camp #8  
Wisconsin Department***



Our September meeting, Monday,  
Sep 18th, 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 September 18th**

**Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

**Location is:  
Oshkosh Fire Station #17  
Oshkosh, WI.**

**Wear Your  
Membership Badge**

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 hope you all had a good summer. I know mine has flown by must faster than I would have liked. Now that autumn is approaching, we need to focus on our next event. Wade House Civil War event is Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a booth set up again this year. Our main focus is recruiting new members besides talking to the general public about Civil War history. I look forward to seeing all of you who are stopping at the booth to help or just to chat. We also have a meeting coming up on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Firehouse in Oshkosh. We have a few items on the agenda to discuss for the rest of this year, and to start planning for next year.

Now that the cooler weather is here, we can continue working on the Waupaca Counties, and indexing of all the veterans buried there. This a project we have been asked to assist with, and I look forward to hearing some of the interesting finds that will discovered during the project. For more details on the project, please contact Brother Kim Heltemes.

In July we tried our hand at working the Brat Barn at the Copp's Market in Plover. It was a slow time, and we didn't earn as much as we had hoped, but we did chat with a gentleman from the Plover area who showed some interested in becoming a member. Let us keep up the work of getting new members and continuing the proud history of Old Abe Camp 8.

See you at the September meeting.

In F, C, &L

Dennis R Jacobs

Camp Commander

Old Abe Camp 8

### RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues Are Payable as of Jan. 1st.

Please send \$40.00 to the  
Camp Treasurer:

Kurtis Kirk  
W 2154 Cottonville Court  
Berlin, WI 54923

**Remember Wade House this year. We always need help manning the recruiting tent.**

**Also, Nov 10 and 11, we have been asked by the Mohican Tribe to be part of the Honor Guard for the travelling Vietnam memorial at Bowler.**

## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, MAY 15, 2017

1. Started at 7:10 P.M.
2. Roll call of officers  
CC-here.  
SVC-here.  
JVC-here.  
Secretary-here.  
Treasurer-absent.
3. Treasurer's report & minutes of last meeting. \$952.00 check sent to department for per-capita taxes. \$3693.30 in checking. Total on hand as of 5-13-17, \$9147.31. Approved. March, 2017 minutes approved.
4. Sick or distressed brothers. NONE.
5. Guests. NONE.
6. New members. Two. Timothy Nixon of Green Bay, born 1958 and Gregory Hubertus of Oshkosh, born 1976. Motion by K. Heltemes, seconded by W. Parker to accept the two. Passed
7. Prior business.
  - a. New U.S. silk flag from Texas May have one by Memorial Day.
  - b. Adjustable poles. A. Petit will handle. Somerville Flag out of Appleton.
  - c. Flag disposal date. At next meeting, the summer cookout at Kurt Kirkes place in Auroraville, July 17. Come early, see newsletter, bring a dish to pass.
8. New business.
  - a. Brat fry. Copps Grocery Store in Plover Jul. 22, 2017. Hwy B, across from Menards. See newsletter.
9. Past events.
  - a. Lincoln Tomb Cermonies. Went well A. Petit and K. Heltemes attended from our camp.
  - b. W. Parker did a school presentaion in Indiana.
10. New events.
  - a. Pinecrest Historical Village CW event, May 20-21..Artillery will go.
  - b. King Open House, May 21. Same routine as previous years. Setup at 9:00, opens at 10:00.
  - c. Memorial Day
    - a. Oshkosh, emphasis on interring a Worl War I soldier.
    - b. King, 9:00 at the water then to the pavilion on the hill. 5-6 interested.
  - d. Heritage Hill CW event, Jun. 24-25.
11. Any communications and/or bills to address? Money for new flag.
12. Any other new or old business? Waupaca Co. VA officers want to check out all cemeteries in the county for veteran's graves being marked and recorded.
13. Patriotic presentation. NONE.
14. Anyone do anything for the good of the order? Several ROTC awards were presented.
15. Closing. Closed at 8:13 P.M.

Oshkosh Fire Station #17  
(6 members present)

## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING, JUL. 17, 2017

1. Casual Meeting. Start at 7:21 P.M. K. Kirk's backyard
2. Roll call of officers (6 members present)
  - CC-here.
  - SVC-here.
  - JVC-absent.
  - Secretary-here.
  - Treasurer-here.
3. Minutes. Motion by K. Heltemes, seconded by K. Kirk to approve. Approved.  
Treasurer's report. \$3290.00 in checking. \$8750.32 on hand over all. Veteran's  
  
Museum dues are due. Check for American flag outstanding.
4. Sick or distressed brothers. K. Heltemes. He had multiple gall bladder surgeries.
5. Guests. NONE.
6. New member Tim Nixon present for first meeting.
7. Prior business.
  - a. U.S. flag from Squaw Creek received but returned for repair of peeling stars.
  - b. Flag poles. Alan Petit. Ordered. Price \$670,00 plus tax.
  - c. Flag disposal ceremony open. Pick a date.
  - d. Brat fry-Plover-Copp's- Jul 22-9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Dennis, Alan, Bill-1/2 day.  
Bring table table runners.
  - e. Cemetery index. Waupaca county wants to do one of all veterans buried in  
the county. At least 16 cemeteries, or more.
8. New business.  
Grave dedication for Louis Pues, Riverside, Oshkosh. B. Parker arranging.  
Sometime in October. GAR star present?
9. Past Events.
  - a. Memorial Day at King Vets. Home. Went well.
  - b. Dept. Encampment at Saukville. Went well.
  - c. Heritage Hill event. Cancelled by us due to lack of response from the Hill.
10. New events.
  - a. National Encampment-Lansing, MI-Aug. 10-13.
  - b. Wade House CW event. Sept. 23-24. Kirby will set up fly.
  - c. Veteran's Day celebration. Mohicans at Bowler. Nov. 10-11.
11. Any communications or bills to address? NONE.
12. Any new or old business? Swear in Tim Nixon.
13. Patriotic instruction. See newsletter.
14. Anybody do anything for the good of the order? NONE
15. Adjourned 8:21 P.M.





Brigadier General Vince Barker (center) was home for a while so Jim Waid (left) and Kim Heltemes(right) met with him at the American Legion in Appleton on August 30th. Vince is a Past Camp Commander of Old Abe Camp #8.

Both of the last two months of minutes are supplied in this newsletter. With the changes in computer operating systems it seems that not all are compatible. This gets us caught up for now.

Right: Kim Heltemes presents the SUVCW ROTC award to a cadet at the University Oshkosh awards ceremony.

Below: Department Alan Petit and Past Department Commander Kim J. Heltemes are photographed at the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, with the other members of M.O.L.L.U.S (Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States). Petit is the one with the cap on the left while Heltemes is just standing center right. The new National Commander, Mark Day is on the far left. Alan is right behind him.







**Left: Camp Commander, Dennis Jacobs, pins the Past Camp Commander badge on Bill Parker.**

**Below: Kim and Kathy Heltemes are at the Lincoln Tomb. Kim presented a wreath at the Tomb on the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's death.**



#### 2017 Events continued

September 18th, 7:00 PM  
Camp 8 regular meeting  
Location: Oshkosh Firehouse

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

Nov 10, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Helping the Mohican Tribe with the Vietnam Travelling memorial  
Location: Bowler, WI

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





The July meeting at Kurt Kirk's house also was the home of Camp 8's initiation of our new member Tim Nixon. Commander Jacobs headed up the ceremony as Alan Petit, Kurt Kirk, Brian Peters, and Kim J. Heltemes (not pictured) looked on. Kurt can be seen pinning the membership badge on Nixon of Green Bay.

Below right: Kim J. Heltemes (l) and Alan Petit (r) are shown with the wreaths they presented at Lincoln's Tomb.



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Left:

On September 6, 2017, Kim J. Heltemes (left) invited Vince Barker (center) and Jim Waid (right) to come along when Kim donated the Waupaca G.A.R. Garfield Post #21 flag, G.A.R. Post #21 charter and the Waupaca Sons of Veterans Camp #61 charter to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Also donated was the flag staff from the Iron Brigade Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Co. E. They used the Womans Relief Corp #23 staff from Milwaukee during reenactments. They retired their flag which was properly disposed so Kim donated the staff to the museum.

**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\*

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