



“Camp Orders” 2017-6

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

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



Our September meeting, Monday,
Nov 13th, 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 November 13th**

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



RENEWAL - NOTICE

Dues Are Payable as of Jan. 1st.

Please send \$40.00 to the
Camp Treasurer:

Kurtis Kirk
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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.

Greetings Brothers,

It is hard to believe a year has passed since I was elected Commander of our camp. The year has been one of many ups and a few downs. As your commander, I was able to attend many meeting and events hosted by other camps, including taking part in a headstone dedication at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee. I hope I did the camp proud with my leadership. I look forward to the coming year, may it be fill with many memorable moments.

We do have an event coming up very shortly, Veterans Day sponsored by the Mohicans in Bowler, Wisconsin. The Mohicans have requested our presence on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. If you are able to attend, your presence is greatly appreciated. Please wear your Civil War uniform if you have one, and remember to wear your membership ribbon.

Our annual bean dinner and election meeting was moved a week earlier to allow for our brothers who are hunters time to shoot their prize deer. I look forward to see you at the dinner on November 13th at 6:00 pm. Remember to bring a dish to pass for the pot lunch bean dinner. Meeting and election begin at 7:00 pm.

Lastly the annual Wreaths Across America is schedule for Saturday December 16th at King Veterans Home. I was able to attend last year, and it was incredible seeing every grave with a wreath. It fills your heart with pride to seeing everyone remembering and respecting the men and women who served our country in peace time and times of war. It is an event for all ages. Hopefully this year it will not be snowing the whole day like last year.

In F, C, &L

Dennis R Jacobs

Camp Commander

Old Abe Camp 8

27th Annual Civil War Weekend

The 27th Annual Civil War Weekend was held at the Old Wade Historic Site in Greenbush, Wisconsin on September 23rd & 24th this year. This event is always a nice time for meeting the public, answering their questions, and getting the word out of whom we are and what we do. Kirby Scott arrived on Friday afternoon, the day before the event, to find a good spot to set up our display. And to make sure we would not be facing into the sun. We had our display set up along with a tent near the activity tent, which allowed us to be more visible to those going to and fro from the battlefield.

Camp members Kirby Scott, Kim Heltemes, and Alan Heise helped man the Camp's information table at this event. Even though there was just a few of us at the display table I think we did a very good job of getting our information out to the public. We had a few Sons from other Camps who stopped to say hello and also handed out a few membership applications.

The temperatures both days were in the low 90's with heat indices of around 95 degrees and very humid. The few of us from the Camp who attended immersed ourselves with plenty of water to keep hydrated and stay cool.

Camp member Jim Schumann helped with re-enacting in the winter quarters of the site with the Confederate forces. Jim took part in the battle on Saturday and somehow survived the excessive heat.

Camp member Wayne Issleb portrayed General Grant while other Camp members, Ron Arndt, Matt Arndt, Kim Heltemes, and Bill Parker helped out with the canon crew for McAllister's Battery.





Left: Jim Schumann at Wade House in winter quarters.

Lower left: Wayne Issleb as General Grant.

Lower right: Ron Arndt is on the left and Bill Parker on the right with McAllister's Battery at Wade House.



THERE ARE NO MINUTES IN THIS ISSUE. THERE WERE ONLY 3 MEMBERS AT THE LAST MEETING. PEOPLE NEED TO SHOW UP.

2017 Events

November 13th
Camp 8 Annual Bean Dinner, Meeting and Camp Elections
Location: Oshkosh Fire House

December 16th
Wreaths Across America
Location: Wisconsin Veterans Home, King

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



OLD ABE CAMP 8 ANNUAL BEAN DINNER AND ELECTION

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

DINNER 6:00PM

BRING DISH TO PASS

MEETING AND ELECTION

7:00 PM

OSHKOSH FIREHOUSE #17

1813 ALGOMA BLVD

OSHKOSH, WI

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.



Kim J. Heltemes went to Gettysburg for a meeting with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for the annual Congress over the October 27 -28 weekend. He included a few photos.

Above is the 6th Wisconsin Infantry monument at the Railroad Cut. Right is Corpse of trees at the Angle – Gen Lee’s main artillery target before Pickett’s Charge. Below left is Devil’s Den and on the right is the marker for the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry on Culp’s Hill.



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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. 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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