



# Camp Orders 2024 November Edition

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Old Abe Camp #8  
Wisconsin Department**



**Our March meeting, Saturday May 18th, at 3:00 pm, is being held at the Butte des Morts Lions Club, 5068 Washington, Butte des Morts, WI. The Lions Club is south and east of the White House Inn.**

**Please join us afterwards at the White House Inn for social time and good food.**

## Commanders Column



**VINCE B. BARKER**  
Commander

Greetings Brothers of Camp 8,

I hope everyone is enjoying the great spring weather. With the spring comes the active Sons event season and Camp 8 has a couple events lined up that I encourage all who are able to attend.

First up of course is Memorial Day. Several Camp 8 members will be participating in the ceremonies at the King Veterans Home as they do every year. Please try to attend or participate in ceremonies in your area. As brothers in the SUVCW our oath includes honoring Memorial Day, which was initiated originally as "Decoration Day" by GAR CinC MG John A. Logan in 1868.

June 8 is the date of our annual Department Encampment in Boscobel, details are in this newsletter.

On June 15th, we are conducting a graveside headstone dedication for a member of the 21st Wisconsin Infantry, who survived the war only to be killed in a boiler explosion soon after returning home. Details are in this newsletter. Please try to attend. No uniform required.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

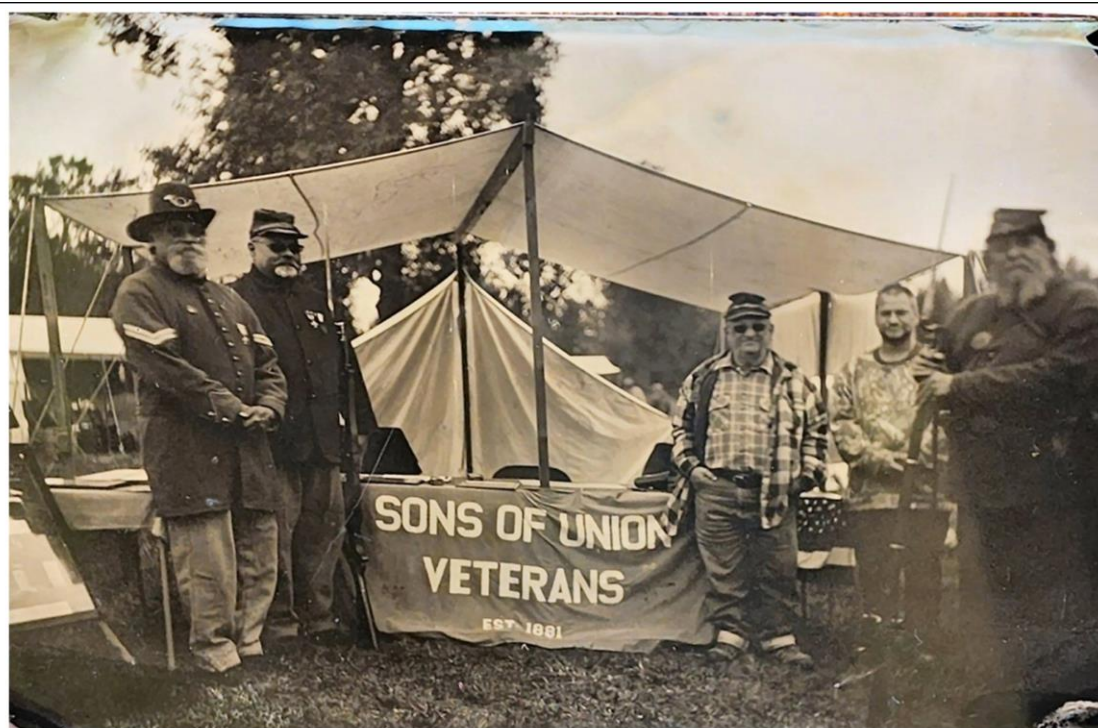
Yours in Fraternity,

Vince Barker, Commander



**2024 Dues are due  
in December.**

**Please send \$40 to:  
Kurt Kirk  
W 2154 Cottonville  
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Berlin, WI 54923  
Make check out to:  
Old Abe Camp #8  
or bring it to the  
meeting**



### **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.





Camp 8 had their officers installed via Zoom at the Butte des Morts Lions Club. Seated l to r: Kurt Kirk, treasurer; Jim Schumann, Brian Peters, secretary; Scott Kreis; Lee Burlison. Standing are Kim J. Heltemes, Senior Vice Commander and Kirby Scott, Council #2.



#### **DEDICATIONS SET FROM JUNE 15, 2024 AT 2:30 AT RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IN OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN**

Dedications for five newly placed military markers in the Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh, Wisconsin will take place on June 15, 2024. On the left is the headstone for Charles Porlier of Company B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He was captured at Chickamauga, Georgia on September 20, 1863 and sent to Andersonville Prison in Georgia. He survived but only after getting so sick that they carried him out to be buried three times. He had turned gray but he was brought back to the prison yard.

Another soldier from the 21<sup>st</sup> buried in the cemetery and a new marker ordered but no known if it will get here in time for the dedication is Samuel Sargent from Oshkosh. He was the flag bearer for Company C and carried the flag throughout the war. He was killed in a boiler explosion in February 1866, eight months after getting home from the war.

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