

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE FOR 2023

Enclose your dues with this form
Make check out to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1
Send to PDC Kent Peterson, 6024 S. Kirkwood Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110

The dues remain at \$40 for the new year. The national SUVCW has increased its take from our dues by \$10, but we have worked hard to keep all things level for the new year.

You are invited to help us better fulfill our mission by making a voluntary extra contribution to one or both of our selected causes for 2023: (1) help support the costs of our Memorial Day commemoration and (2) veterans relief.

So far in 2022, we have used veterans relief money to donate to Healing Warrior Hearts, the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center and to Badger Boys State via the American Legion Foundation.

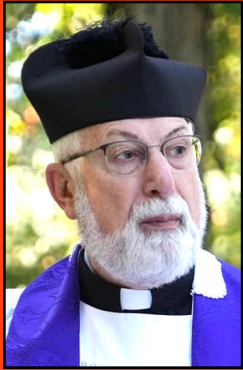
RENEWAL DEADLINE IS DEC. 31, but act now and simplify your holiday paperwork!!! Under Camp bylaws, a late fee of \$5 is required as of Jan. 31.

Name: _____	\$ <u>40</u>	Annual Camp dues
Phone: _____	+ _____	Memorial Day
Email: _____	+ _____	Veterans relief
Address: _____		
_____	= _____	Total amount enclosed

Benefits of your membership in C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, include:

- Being part of what recently was named the BEST CAMP IN THE NATION, and has been an outstanding Milwaukee patriotic and civic organization since 1901.
- Receiving the *Camp Orders*, periodic *Wisconsin Department Dispatch* newsletter and the *Banner* national magazine.
- Learning more about the Civil War via the interests and fields of expertise of other members, and adding your own.
- Professional and personal development from working with others to organize and carry out our variety of events.

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Chaplain Dean Collins has opted to become a Life Member of SU-VCW, the only one on our Camp roster. He has been a Camp member since 1994. See page 2 for an elite national honor for Dean in the Roman Catholic Church, where he is an ordained deacon.

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CAMP ORDERS

NOVEMBER 2022

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION

SPECIAL DINNER WILL MARK BIG AWARD

The Camp and Auxiliary 4 are preparing an unprecedented occasion to mark an unprecedented honor: a special dinner honoring the Camp for being named best in the nation.

The dinner will at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, an hour before the regular meetings of the Camp and Auxiliary. This will be at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. This is one block north of West State Street in the heart of the Village.

All local members of the Camp

and Auxiliary are invited, especially those we do not often see – but you need to RSVP by Monday, Dec. 12. Contact Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels at michaels_family@hotmail.com or PCC Tom Mueller at thewisconsin3800@gmail.com

The main entree will be catered, from Meyer's Restaurant. Each Brother and Sister is being asked to bring a dish, dessert, nibbles or soda / water to share.

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AT THE HELM OF A SECOND CIVIL WAR GROUP

I am honored to have been elected as your new Camp commander. We are the best Camp in the nation!!! I will do my best to maintain this prestigious status.

I am a history buff and have been a Civil War student for as long as I can remember. Thirteen years ago, I joined the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table, and was its president for the 2013-'14 term. The Round Table was

established in 1947.

More and more, I admired the work of the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, and joined you in 2019 as an associate member. My goal has been to increase coordination of our two groups, who share many things in common.

I've been married for 31 years to Maria, and have four children. I could not be



**From the Commander
– Grant Johnson**

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The festive dinner and Camp meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa.

SVC Joe Fallon, left, and his father, Department JVC Patrick Fallon, right, received their 15-year pins at the November meeting. The pins were presented by PDC Kent Peterson.



Pins and knighthood

Chaplain Dean Collins was made a knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The event was held in September at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

“This international order was founded in Jerusalem after the First Crusade around 1200 AD,” Collins says. “My application for knighthood was sent to Rome for approval.

“The knighthood ceremony was conducted by the Grand Prior of this section of the U.S., the Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago, Blase Joseph Cupich. About 40 men and women (called Dames) were knighted into the Order. We were invested with capes emblazoned with the Jerusalem Cross, berets and the Knight's Cross.” More about the group at <https://www.eohsjnorthcentral.org/>



The deadline is **Nov. 30** for helping Wreaths Across America and the Camp at the same time.

We are a designated fundraising group for wreaths at Wood National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 17. Each wreath is \$15, and \$5 comes back to the Camp.

Go to <http://www.suvcw-wi.org/camp1/waa>

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: JOINS GAR IN 1883

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the November 2002 Camp Orders.

Either by choice or circumstance, Colwert K. Pier did not immediately join the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1883, he did.

Like many young veterans returning home from the Civil War, he was concerned with resuming his private life and law career. An economic depression, his father's illness and death, and raising his family complicated those objectives. There is little indication that Col. Pier's time was occupied by anything else.

As the GAR gained popularity and momentum, joining the Order must have seemed like a good idea; expeditious, even a natural progression. Since about 1876, Pier had given speeches about Republican politics and veterans' affairs. He had served as a trustee of the Soldier's Orphans Home in Madison. He had attended the 1876 Wisconsin Soldiers Reunion and planned the 1880 Reunion in Milwaukee. He was active in veterans' meetings at Berlin and elsewhere, and had been elected president of the Fond du Lac Veterans Association.

Pier was mustered into the GAR on April 16, 1883. Because there was no local post in either Fond du Lac, where he lived, or in Merrill, where he managed his lumber business, he joined Robert Chivas Post #2 in Milwaukee. He was 41.

Three months after Fond du Lac's E.A. Brown Post #130 was chartered in January 1884, Pier transferred his membership to that post. He served as commander from 1887 to 1888, when he moved to Milwaukee. At the time, the post boasted 213 members.

During his efforts at planning the 1889 National GAR Encampment in Milwaukee, he joined the city's E.B. Wolcott Post #1. He served as the post's trustee from 1894 until his death the next year. In the post's sketchbook, he lists the most important events of his military service as being his original enlistment and his final discharge.

From E.B. Wolcott Post #1 Sketchbook; Robert Chivas Post #2 Sketchbook; Milwaukee Sentinel



THE 54TH MASSACHUSETTS AT BATTERY WAGNER BY SVC JOE FALLON



On the evening of July 18, 1863, the 54th Massachusetts formed at the head of Gen. George Strong's brigade for the attack on Battery Wagner, on Morris Island in the harbor of Charleston, S.C. As the 54th waited to step off, its commanding officer, Col. Robert Shaw, walked among his troops, speaking to the officers and men.

Just before the 54th stepped off, Strong came to the front of the regiment and addressed the men. Pointing at the color sergeant, he asked, "Who would pick up the flag, and carry it on, in case he should be hit or fail?" Shaw removed the cigar from his lips and said quietly, "I will."

A short time later, the 54th would form by wing. Half the regiment in one line and the other half in the rear line were ordered to load but not to prime their muskets. As dusk fell, the 54th moved out at the quickstep, taking casualties almost immediately.

When it got to within 100 yards of the fort, the regiment moved into the double-quickstep, and took tremendous casualties as it reached the moat. From there the 54th moved to the top of the parapet, where Shaw gave his commands to plant the flags.

His last words were, "Come on, 54th."

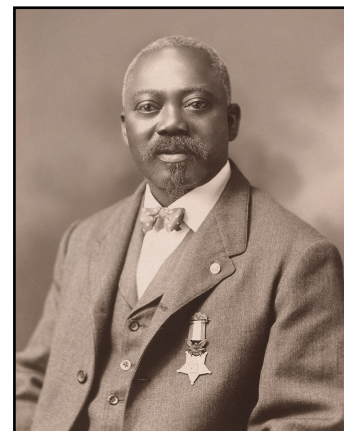
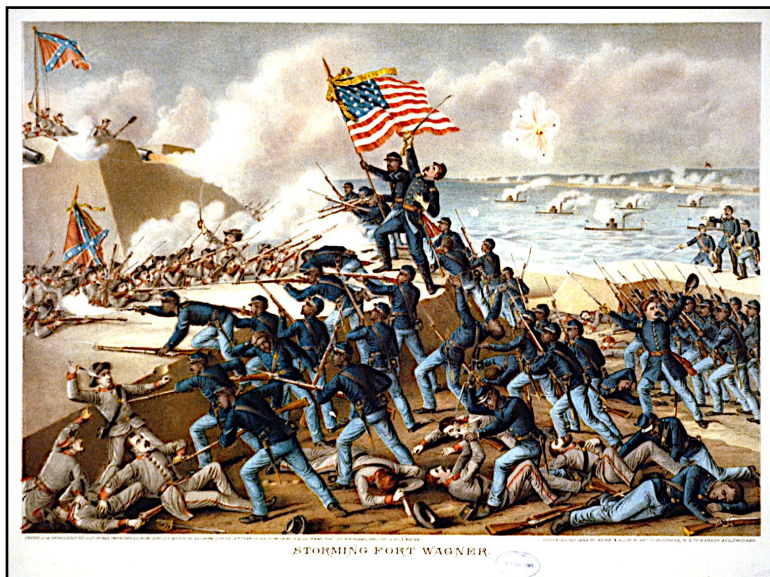
Shaw then was hit by several gunshots to the chest. It also was at this time that the regiment began to break under withering fire and started to fall back.

About 600 men were in the attack, and nearly half were wounded, killed or captured. The colonel's body and those of his fallen men were put into a mass grave at the site. Shaw's body was shown a great deal of disrespect – stripped of his uniform and displayed inside the fort before ultimately being buried in the mass grave. The site no longer exists, having been washed away by decades of erosion and hurricanes.

The 54th Massachusetts continued to fight until the end of the war.

William Harvey Carney, who picked up the flag after original color bearer was killed, was discharged in June 1864 because of the serious wounds he received at Battery Wagner. He received the Medal of Honor on May 23, 1900. The citation included: "Sergeant Carney grasped the flag, led the way to the parapet, and planted the colors thereon. When the troops fell back he brought off the flag, under a fierce fire in which he was twice severely wounded." Carney died in 1908.

Shaw's British-made Wilkinson Model 1845 infantry officer's sword was returned to his parents in 1865 by a Confederate officer who had removed it from Shaw's body and carried it until the end of the war.



This lithograph of the storming of Battery Wagner is from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:The_Storming_of_Ft_Wagner-lithograph_by_Kurz_and_Allison_1890.jpg. Col. Robert Shaw was killed at the age of 25. Sgt. William Carney, who grabbed the U.S. flag after the color bearer was killed, and was seriously wounded twice himself, became the first black to receive the Medal of Honor.

Commander

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more proud of them.

On Dec. 14, I will be especially proud to be the host of the dinner marking the Camp’s national award.

The event is at 6 p.m. at the regular meeting site in Wauwatosa, just before our regular Camp meeting.

I look forward to working with ALL our Brothers, including these elected along with myself this month:

SVC: Joe Fallon.

JVC: Tom

Hesse.

Treasurer:

PDC Kent Peterson, continuing his several years in this vital job.

Secretary: PCC Tom Mueller, ditto.

Council: PCinC Steve Michaels and PCC Patrick Fallon, plus PDC Tom Brown as the most recent Camp commander.

I am proud to walk in Brown’s footsteps as your commander, and to carry on the extensive patriotic legacy of those who established our Camp in December 1901.

And, of course, the legacy of C.K. Pier.

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Voluntary donations will be encouraged to help fund the night.

“In this season of Thanksgiving and giving, we should take a moment from our busy lives to pause and celebrate the accomplishments that we have made over the last year,” says Danielle Michaels, a former national Auxiliary president. “Rarely does the National Order recognize Wisconsin for their many works, charity and accomplishments.”

Mueller noted that while the award was by the Sons and thus went to the Camp, the Auxiliary’s efforts are invaluable in fulfilling our missions, such as doubling our tombstone efforts and marching in parades, plus co-sponsoring the Patriotic Luncheon and Memorial Day. We aid the Auxiliary when it helps veterans at the Zablocki VA Hospital.

Then-CinC Michael A. Paquette bestowed the honor of best in nation to the Camp in August, at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The regular meetings will follow the dinner, and include the joint installation of the new officers.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: Nine batteries of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery were based at forts at Washington, D.C. How many forts guarded the nation’s capital, which was only about 100 miles from the Confederates’ Richmond, Va.?

A: By 1865, a total of 68 forts and 93 batteries armed with more than 800 cannons encircled Washington, D.C. The 1st Wisconsin’s assignments included Forts Cass, Buffalo, Ellsworth, Lyon, O’Rourke, etc. More about the Washington defenses at <https://www.nps.gov/cwdw/index.htm>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 21 – Dean Collins
- 26 – Tom Hesse
- 30 – Steven Wortman



COMING UP

Wreaths Across America: Dec. 17, 11 a.m. at Wood National Cemetery. Afterwards, the Auxiliary will drop off its blankets and goods for vets in the Palliative Care Unit of the Zablocki VA Hospital.

Patriotic Luncheon Feb. 4: The 53rd Annual. The speaker will be James Marten, professor emeritus at Marquette University. See the flyer with this newsletter.

Camp Commander – Grant Johnson
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SVC – Joe Fallon jf1776@yahoo.com

We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger> and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>

The SUVCW is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, as per the Internal Revenue Service. Donors thus are allowed to deduct contributions they make to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, if they do not use the standard deduction on their taxes.

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WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

— A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



BROTHER RICH BEGGS' ANCESTORS: PVTS. JAMES AND ALBERT BEGGS

The brothers were in the 5th Wisconsin Infantry, Company F.

Were from Almond in Portage County.

Mustered in on Aug. 25, 1864.

Albert was killed on April 2, 1865, on the last day of the long siege at Petersburg, Va. James was mustered out on June 20, 1865.

The 5th Wisconsin had a long record beginning in summer 1861. The brothers were in one of seven new companies organized in September 1864, and arrived in Virginia in late October. They soon were in the siege of Petersburg and fought at Dabney's Mills and Hatcher's Run, Feb. 5-7, 1865, then were in the Appomattox Campaign March 28 to April 9. The 5th was at the surrender of Robert E. Lee and his army.

See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unwiinf1.htm#5thinf>

Albert was born in 1843, and James on March 24, 1833.

James died on Jan. 3, 1891.

James is buried at Spiritland Cemetery at Almond.

Albert presumably is buried as an unknown at the Poplar Grove National Cemetery at Petersburg, which has more than 4,500 unknowns.

These are typical unknown graves at Poplar Grove National Cemetery at Petersburg, Va. Albert is MIA and presumably buried there. A total of 68 per cent of the 6,718 burials at Poplar Grove are unknowns.

See <https://www.nps.gov/pete/learn/historyculture/poplar-grove-national-cemetery.htm>

All photos from Find a Grave.



You're invited to our 53rd Annual **Patriotic Luncheon**

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Dr. James Marten

Professor Emeritus, Marquette University

“Lincoln’s Promise: Widows, Orphans and Disabled Veterans”

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance
- Luncheon buffet price still only \$25 per person

Location: Alioto’s Restaurant

3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

Luncheon buffet includes:

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing. Served with pasta salad, mixed vegetables, buttered new potatoes, tossed garden salad, Italian bread, coffee, sheet cake for dessert.

**Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Registration form and program advertising information on the reverse side.

For more information, call (414) 614-3690

Spread Your Message in the 2023 Patriotic Luncheon Program

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speaker's program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon program booklet. Proceeds from ad sales are used to support history education in schools and the community, Eagle Scout recognition programs and Civil War monument restoration. Use the order form at the bottom of this page to place an order for your ad.

- Sell Your Product/Business
 - Send Greetings/Congratulations
 - Remember Your Ancestors
- Quarter Page Ad = 2" tall x 5" wide = \$5
Half Page Ad = 4" tall x 5" wide = \$10
Full Page Ad = 8" tall x 5" wide = \$15
Back Cover (one) = \$30

INSTRUCTIONS

For meal and/or ad payments, please make checks payable to "C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1" and mail by the respective deadline to:

PDC Kent Peterson, 6024 S. Kirkwood Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110



2023 Patriotic Luncheon Meal Reservation Form Deadline for meal reservations is Friday, Jan. 27, 2023.

Name(s): _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I/we would like to join you at the Patriotic Luncheon: _____ meals X \$25 each = \$ _____



2023 Program Booklet Advertising Order Form Deadline for advertising is Friday, Jan. 20, 2023.

My ad is a NEW ad:

Re-use my ad on file:

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Subject or title of ad: _____

AD SIZE: Quarter Page \$5 Half Page \$10 Full Page \$15 Back Cover \$30

Special instructions: _____ My ad payment = \$ _____

Please e-mail ad copy/artwork to kapeterson0681@gmail.com or you may attach your ad copy to this form.