

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE FOR 2024

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 increased its take from our dues by \$10 one year ago, but we worked hard to keep all things level. And we have done so again for the coming year.

But that leaves a very thin margin after national and the Department take their share. So 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 popular Memorial Day commemoration and (2) veterans relief / Sons patriotic missions.

So far in 2023, we have used the relief money to donate to Badger Boys State, the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.

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.

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| Name: _____ | \$ 40 _____ | Annual Camp dues |
| Phone: _____ | + _____ | Memorial Day |
| Email: _____ | + _____ | Veterans relief |
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Benefits of your membership in C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, include:

- Being part of what was named in 2022 as the BEST CAMP IN THE NATION, and what 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.

Our Grand Review

The monthly Where We Served feature began more than two years ago. Our relatives of record are marching in formation on page 5.



C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP # 1

SERIES 2023

CAMP ORDERS

NOVEMBER 2023

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION

HONORING THE PAST, PRESENT

The Camp honored veterans in unmarked graves at the Milwaukee County paupers' cemeteries on Nov. 11 in Wauwatosa, and then honored its own Vietnam-era veterans who attended the Nov. 15 meeting.



PCinC Steve Michaels presents a folded flag to three descendants of the Poor Farm soldiers, on behalf of a grateful nation.

At left, Susan Fallon, of the Auxiliary and of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, honors, from left, Douglas Phillips (Navy), David Howard (Army Reserves), Michael Deeken (Army) and Bruce Nason (Navy).

Top photo by Danielle Michaels; bottom by Patrick Fallon

We will have a Christmas potluck dinner with the Auxiliary at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. The installation of officers and the regular meetings will follow. PDC Tom Brown will have the patriotic presentation.

C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP #1

SUVCW

HERE ARE YOUR 2024 OFFICERS, ELECTED THIS MONTH

Commander: Grant Johnson

SVC: Michael Benton

JVC: Tom Hesse

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

Secretary: PCC Tom Mueller, ditto.

Council: PCinC Steve Michaels, PDC Tom Brown and Department JVC Patrick Fallon



CC Grant Johnson is starting a second term.

Act ASAP to help Wreaths, help Camp

Nov. 28 (this Tuesday) is the deadline for making a donation at the Camp link for Wreaths Across America.

We again are a designated fundraising group to help provide holiday wreaths for Wood National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 16.

Sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave at Wood for \$17.

The Camp's sponsorship page is at <http://www.suvcw-wi.org/camp1/waa> When you sponsor a wreath, \$5 comes back to the Camp.

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: JOINING BUSINESS LEADERS

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the November 2003 Camp Orders.

In December 1877, soon after pioneer, businessman and banker Edward Pier passed away, his son, the Civil War colonel, was elected to the board of directors of the Fond du Lac Businessmen's Association.

C.K. Pier had been managing the Fond du Lac Savings Bank. Now, at age 36, he was elected to serve in an influential association, made up largely of older business leaders. The officers were:

- Association President C.L. Alling, one of the city's earliest grocers.
- Vice President Frank B. Hoskins, a former banker, secretary of a wagon works and a hardware dealer. He later moved into politics.
- Speaker Elihu Coleman, the only other Civil War veteran, a Lawrence University grad and an attorney. He later moved into state politics and became active in the GAR.
- Treasurer Howard M. Kutchin, a journalist, who had worked for several newspapers in Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee. He owned an interest in the Fond du Lac Commonwealth, as did Pier.

A dry-goods store owner, insurance man, tailor, physician, a former mayor and two lumbermen rounded out the association's board of directors. In the wake of the National Panic of 1873-'78, theirs was a daunting task. Together they established, united and solidified what business was left in the community.

Pier's ventures into the sash and blind business and a harrow company the year before, and into a Merrill lumber business four years later, had their roots in the relationships he had with these business leaders. Pier's business gave employment to more than 300 people. The association also influenced him politically. Soon he took a more active role in Republican Party interests.

From Business History of Fond du Lac, edited by A.T. Glaze, P.B. Haber Printing Co., FDL 1905; The History of Fond du Lac County, Wis., Western Historical Company, Chicago 1880; Milwaukee Sentinel, Dec. 14, 1877; U.S. History.com



THE ONLY CHINESE VETERAN OF THE WAR



At the November meeting of the Camp, Chaplain Dean Collins presented this piece from the October newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee. Here is an expanded version; the original is at <https://www.milwaukeeecwrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MCWRT-General-Orders-10-23.pdf>

Edward Day Cohota was the only full-blooded Chinese to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War. He fought for the nation and served in the Army for three decades, but was not successful in his own battle for U.S. citizenship.

Cohota died in 1935, at age 92, at Parmalee, S.D.

His story begins in 1845, when a ship named the Cohota left Shanghai, China. Two days later, two small Chinese boys were discovered aboard the ship. They were half-starved and did not know their names. This left Captain Silas S. Day in a dilemma – he decided not to turn back, but rather to raise the boys as his own. Their ages were about 6 and 4; the eldest boy died a few days later and was buried at sea.

The captain took the remaining boy to his home at Gloucester, Mass., and named him Edward Day Cohota; the last being the ship's name. Dec. 27, the day he was found, was taken as his birthday.

In February 1864, Edward joined the 23rd Massachusetts Infantry and served his adopted country through the rest of the war.

During the Battle of Drewry's Bluff in May 1864, Cohota emerged from the fighting with seven bullet holes through his clothing but no wounds. He had a similarly close call during the June Battle of Cold Harbor, when a minie ball grazed his head. Cohota put himself in harm's way to save the life of fellow soldier, William Low, who had been shot in the jaw and lay in the middle of the field. Seeing his dire situation, Cohota dragged Low behind a boulder before

rejoining the fight. After the battle ended, he carried Low to medical help, saving his life.

At the end of the war, Cohota was mustered out at New Bern, N.C. Returning to Massachusetts, he could not find work. While in Boston he met a recruiting sergeant whom he had known in the service, and in the fall of 1866, Cohota re-enlisted in the Army.

He said his longest walk was when his outfit marched from Kit Carson, Kan., to San Antonio, Texas. Blisters formed on his shoulder from carrying a heavy rifle, and blisters covered his feet from shoes too large. Edward served in Texas; New Mexico; at Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Randall, S.D.; and Fort Niobrara, near Valentine, Neb. While at Fort Randall, he said, he stood guard over Indian chief Sitting Bull and spoke of him as a friendly chief.

Cohota retired from the Army in 1895.

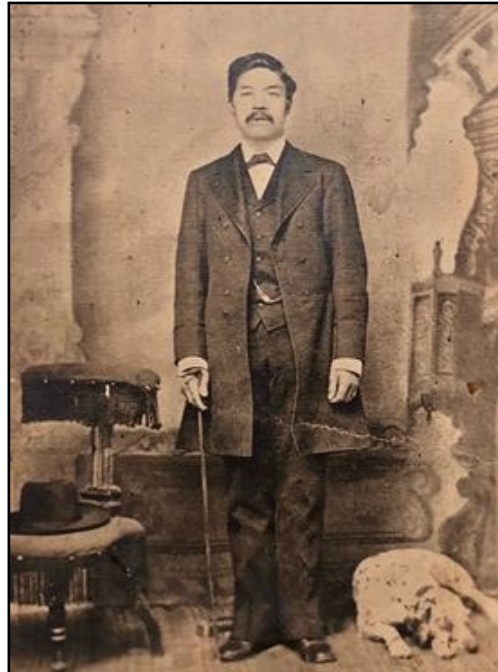
Cohota's last great battle was with the federal government. Although fighting to preserve it in the Civil War and continuing as one of its soldiers, Cohota was ironically never a citizen of the U.S. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 made it legally impossible.

Cohota had always assumed he was a citizen. In fact, he never missed an election to vote in, and was dismayed in 1912 when he was informed he was not a citizen. Cohota took the issue to Congress and the courts, fighting hard until his death, but to no avail. He did receive a veteran's

pension, at least.

"He was a highly patriotic individual who raised and lowered a flag in front of his house every day," said Montgomery Hom, a filmmaker who researched Cohota's story for a documentary.

"That's kind of the greatest tragedy," Hom said. "He did all this for his country, but his country didn't recognize him."



The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 prevented Civil War veteran Edward Day Cohota from becoming a U.S. citizen, which he did not know until 1912.



Calvary gatehouse imperiled



City of Milwaukee inspectors have issued several citations for building-code violations at the deteriorating, abandoned historic gatehouse at Calvary Cemetery, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported this month. “Wooden siding falling off, broken windows,” the latest notice said. “Rats seen entering and exiting.”

The 1897 gatehouse has not been used for more than 20 years. Archdiocese Chief Financial Officer Chris Brown said it would cost an estimated \$3 million to repair just the gatehouse’s exterior in accordance with the city’s Historic Preservation Commission requirements. The structure is designated as historic by the city – so any work done to its exterior needs Historic Preservation Commission approval.

The archdiocese is considering all options, including a possible demolition, unless it can raise donations to restore the building, Sandra Peterson, communication director, told the newspaper. The gatehouse and its majestic arch were designed by famous church architect Erhard Brielmaier, who died in 1917 and is buried at Calvary. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel photo; smaller one by Tom Mueller

CIVIL WAR

TRIVIA

Q: What was a hospital matron?

A: The term referred to the woman who had the responsibility of supervising the wards in Union general hospitals – large military facilities in Northern cities, far away from the battlefields. One, Hannah Ropes, is discussed at <https://www.womenhistoryblog.com/2014/06/matrons-in-civil-war-hospitals.html#:~:text=Civil War Women Working in,far away from the battlefields.>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Camp Commander – Grant Johnson
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We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger>
and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>

The SUCVW 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.

Report address changes to editor Tom Mueller, PCC, at thewisconsin3800@gmail.com Your Banner is not forwarded by the Postal Service, so you need to report a new address to us.

COMING UP

Holiday potluck party:

Dec. 13, 6 p.m. We will dine with the Auxiliary, one hour before the regular meetings.

Wreaths Across America:

Dec. 16, 11 a.m. at Wood National Cemetery.

Patriotic Luncheon: Feb

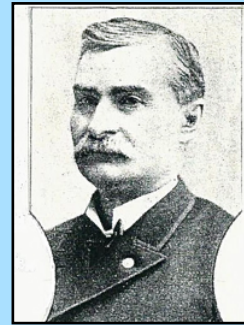
4. The speaker will be Nic Bur, Lincoln presenter and one of our Memorial Day mainstays. At the usual Alioto’s in Wauwatosa.

WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

— A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS

THE GRAND REVIEW:

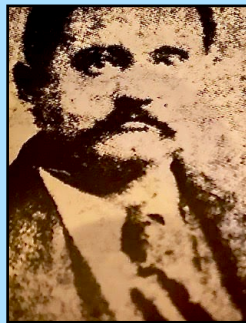
Col. Pier leads the parade of photos of our relatives of record



C.K. Pier ... ancestor of William Liebert



James Curran ... ancestor of Dave Curran



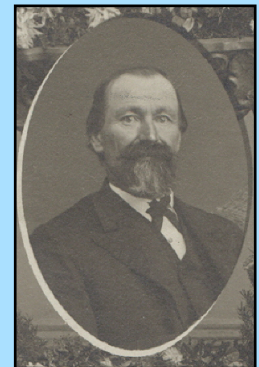
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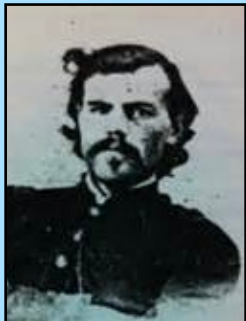
William Cole ... ancestor of Billy Cole



Moritz Ganser... ancestor of Tom Mueller



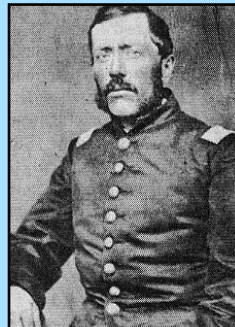
Henry Grob ... ancestor of Kent Peterson



Jerome Watrous ... ancestor of Ron Washburn



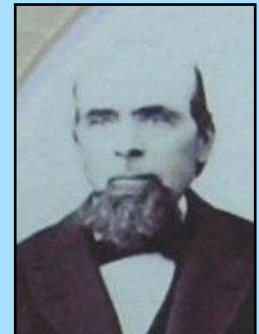
Fred Young ... ancestor of Rich Young



Edwin Brown ... ancestor of the Brown family



John Howard ... ancestor of the Howard family



Johann Thielmann ... ancestor of John Thielmann



George Dascher ... ancestor of Joel Shanning

This series will resume next spring, with the relatives of members who recently have joined