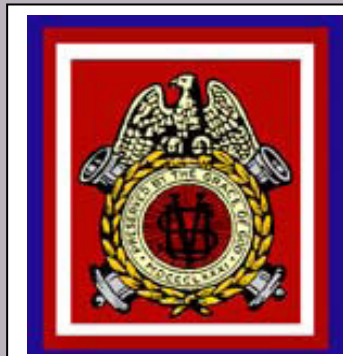




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Comments from Your Wisconsin Department Commander

Brothers,

Spring is here and summer is soon coming. I would like to thank Camp #1 for their great effort in hosting the Mid-Winter Meeting and the Patriotic Luncheon on Feb. 2. C-in-C Perley Mellor and his wife Diane attended the meetings and Patriotic Luncheon. They were impressed.



Memorial Day will be here before you know it.

I will be attending the ceremony and church service at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee and attending the Cushing park ceremony. I hope all camps will attend a Memorial Day ceremony in their area, send pictures to Kim Heltemes so he can put them in the next issue of the Department Dispatch. Speaking of newsletters, if your camp publishes a newsletter, please send me a copy I would greatly appreciate it. It's nice to see what the other camps are doing.

We are moving right along on the 2013 National Encampment. We will be having a meeting June 1st. All plans for the Encampment will be finalized at that meeting. Fund raising is going well. A reminder will be sent out before the meeting. Please plan on attending, remember this is Hosted by the Department of Wisconsin your input is encouraged.

Our Department Encampment will be held June 15th 2013 at the Central House (Boscobel Hotel) in Boscobel, WI. We will be discussing various topics pertinent to our order.(a change to the C&R Preamble, Delegates to the 2013 National Encampment and Officer Elections) Camp Secretaries please issue delegate cards to your delegates. It makes registration easier. They can be found on the National web site under Forms. If you have any Questions contact Dept. Secretary Brian Peters.

My how time flies I will have served my third and final year as your Department Commander It has been my honor to serve as your Department Commander for the last three years. I hope you will give your support to SVC Kim Heltemes as your next Department Commander, as you have done for me. It has been a pleasure for the past three years, Thank You.

See you at the Department Encampment.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Thomas I. Brown, Commander

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUVCW

“PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD”

2013 National Encampment Commemorative Badge

Artist's rendition, appearance of actual medal may vary slightly.

A special commemorative medal has been produced, celebrating the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Wisconsin. The badge also honors Wisconsin's Civil War eagle, Old Abe, mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, who became a living symbol of the Union at war. This is a limited edition—so place your order early!

_____ [quantity] Commemorative Badges @ \$20 each = \$ _____

Check one: Ship badge(s) Pick up badge(s) at Encampment
Shipping & Handling Fee @ \$3 each = \$ _____

(Shipping and handling fee waived if picked up at the National Encampment)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Send this form with check (payable to "National Encampment 2013 SUVCW") to:

2013 Commemorative Badge
 c/o PCinC Steve Michaels
 6623 S. North Cape. Rd.
 Franklin, WI 53132

It's time to think about ordering your 2013 National Encampment badge – it will be here before you know it. The form is to the left.

It symbolizes the mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry with Old Abe the War eagle, the years from the last National Encampment in Wisconsin (1943), and the G.A.R.

Below, on April 12, 2013, the Sons presented wreaths at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, IL. Vince Barker and Alan Petit from Camp #8 are in the middle row on the right.





Department of Wisconsin
130th Annual Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
&
Wisconsin Allied Orders

Date: Saturday, June 15th, 2013
Place: Central House (Boscobel Hotel), 3 blocks east of HWY 61 at the corner of Oak Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel, Wisconsin.
Schedule
0845 Registration
0930 Joint Opening Ceremony
0945 Business Session
1130 Memorial Service, Boscobel Cemetery
1215 Luncheon Buffet at Central House Roast Beef and Chicken
1300 Reconvene Business Session
1600 Tour of John McDermott Post #101 GAR Hall
There are 3 fish fries within a block of the hotel plus fine dining in the hotel itself on Friday night.

Lodging in Boscobel is limited, so please make your reservations early.
The River Inn on HWY 61 South 1-888-375-6323 toll free or 1-608-375-8000 local
Upscale with pool and spa
The Sands on HWY 61 north 1-888-833-4167 or 1-608-375-4167
Basic Lodging

Wisconsin's Last GAR Hall
A Souvenir Ribbon/button will be given to each attendee. Those who preregister will have their name tag included with the souvenir. So please register early.



Remove this portion and mail to address below.

Registration should be forwarded not later than Saturday, June 8th. The Registration Fee is \$5.00 per person. An optional lunch will be provided for \$10.00 additional. A free will offering for the morning coffee and rolls would be appreciated. Total Registration including Lunch is \$15.00. Please fill out the information below and make out a check to L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 and send your registration to **Gary Young, Treasurer, L.G. Armstrong Camp #49, 1004 Chestnut St., Boscobel, WI 53805.** Allied Orders members should register with The Auxiliary to the SUVCW (Luncheon reservations should be sent to L.G. Armstrong Camp #49.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____



William Charlton Cowling

“Reinventing Himself”

A 36-year old attorney was elected Dept. Commander at Wisconsin’s 1910 Encampment, held at Fond du Lac’s Palmer House. William C. Cowling was born in Oshkosh on July 2, 1874. He attended

the University of Minnesota, was a reporter and city editor for the *Daily Northwestern* and was Oshkosh’s first clerk in municipal court before completing law school. He was elected to the state legislature in 1902 and served on the judiciary committee. He served as Oshkosh’s city attorney from 1905 to 1909 and was active in the Republican Party. He was elected to the city council, representing Oshkosh’s 6th Ward.

His father, John Cowling, an English immigrant, had settled in Algoma before living in Oshkosh. It was at Algoma that he enlisted in Co. C, 21st Wisconsin Infantry on August 12, 1862. This was the same unit that Sgt. Rufus L. Wing, father of Past Dept. Commander George Wing had served in. The elder Cowling was slightly wounded at Chickamauga, but continued his service until discharge at Washington on June 12, 1865. After the war, he worked as a driver for the fire department and was a lumber mill foreman.

In early 1907, William Cowling helped reorganize Oshkosh’s Nathan Paine Camp 77 and served as its first commander. Later that year, he was elected Dept. Jr. Vice Co.

In October 1909, as Dept. Sr. Vice Co., he drove six members of his Camp in his automobile to Appleton, where they initiated and installed members of the new William H. Chillison Camp 30.

During Br. Cowling’s term as Dept. Commander, Col. W.L. Vilas Camp #11 was mustered at Stoughton and F.B. Hamilton Camp 5 at Hancock was chartered.

After a serious misfortune in 1914, Br. Cowling left Oshkosh to open a freight-auditing bureau in Detroit. There he met Henry Ford, and in 1915, he started working for the Ford Motor Company in the freight traffic office. He then served as executive head in charge of company affairs and in 1930, was promoted to General Sales Manager, directing both domestic and foreign sales. He resigned in 1937, accepting the position of vice president of Willys-Overland Motors, Inc. in Toledo. After two years, he left the company to purchase the magazine, “Automobile Topics,” the oldest automotive trade publication.

Br. Cowling married Nettie Adelaide Curtis in 1894. Together they had one child who died in infancy (1895) and two sons: Wayne Curtis (1897-1982) and Charlton H. (1905-1986). After Nettie died of pneumonia in 1918, Br. Cowling married Bess (1892-1993). They had three children: William, Mary and Shirley.

Br. Cowling died on November 10, 1956, at age 82 in Detroit, Michigan. Besides the Sons of Veterans, Cowling was a 32nd degree Mason, a Mystic Shriner, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Sources: Oshkosh Northwestern, December 19, 1894; May 25, 1907; October 27, 1909; February 13, 1914; 1934; December 6, 1937; February 24, 1938; September 11, 1940; November 13, 1956. Press Forward the Good Work: The History of the Wisconsin Dept. SUVCW by PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, 1997

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Department Orders #3

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1. The 130th Wisconsin Department Encampment on Sat. June 15, 2013 at the Central House (Boscobel Hotel) Boscobel, WI. You can see the registration form in your Department Dispatch Spring 2013 edition or on the Department Web Site on the what's new page
2. Send your registration to: Gary Young, 1004 Chestnut St., WI. 53805 By June 8, 2012. Registration fee is \$5.00 and \$10.00 for a Lunch Buffet at the Central House (Roast Beef and Chicken). Make your checks Payable to LG Armstrong Camp 49, SUVCW. There will be a list of other restaurants in the area available.
3. Camp Delegates should get their delegate cards from their Camp Secretaries, for registration at the encampment.
4. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. And end at 9:15 a.m. A joint opening with the Auxiliary and guests will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Department Meeting will start at 9:45 a.m. There will be a Memorial Ceremony at 11:30. All times will be finalized and sent to Camp Commanders and Secretaries to inform their Delegates.
5. I would like to thank all Department Officers and Camp Commanders who provided reports for the Mid-Winter Meeting. The work that you and your camps are doing is impressive.
6. Thanks to Camp# 1 for the job well done hosting the Department Mid-Winter and the Patriotic Luncheon. Feb. 2nd.
7. Now that the Department Dispatch is sent electronically, some members may not be getting it because they don't have e-mail. It is up to the Camp Commanders to make sure that they print copies to send to their members and make sure that they send it to them.
8. Department Officers and Camp Commanders need to complete a written report of their activities over the past year and submit them to me by June 5, 2013. It will give us time to make copies for distribution at the Department Encampment.
9. Reminder, 990-N reports are due to the IRS by May 15th if your physical year ends December 31st. Otherwise Nov. 15th. If you're physical year ends June 30th.
10. Brother Gene Mortorff will be representing C-in-C Mellor at our Dept. Encampment.

Ordered this 6th day of April 2013

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Thomas J. Brown, Department Commander

CAMP #1 NEWS



CAMP #1'S OLDEST AND YOUNGEST.

The oldest and the youngest of Camp 1 had a merry time at the Christmas party. Br. Bill McManus, age 90, joined (from left) Max Frederick, Mikko Lagunero, Skylar Brown and Lukas Anderson. Max is in 4th grade so he must be 10 years old.

Photo by CC Brian D. McManus.

Photograph below shows a 270-degree panoramic photo was taken at the September 2012 Camp meeting when Mikko Lagunero was sworn in as an associate member, using the initiation manual. *Photograph by Kent Petersen*



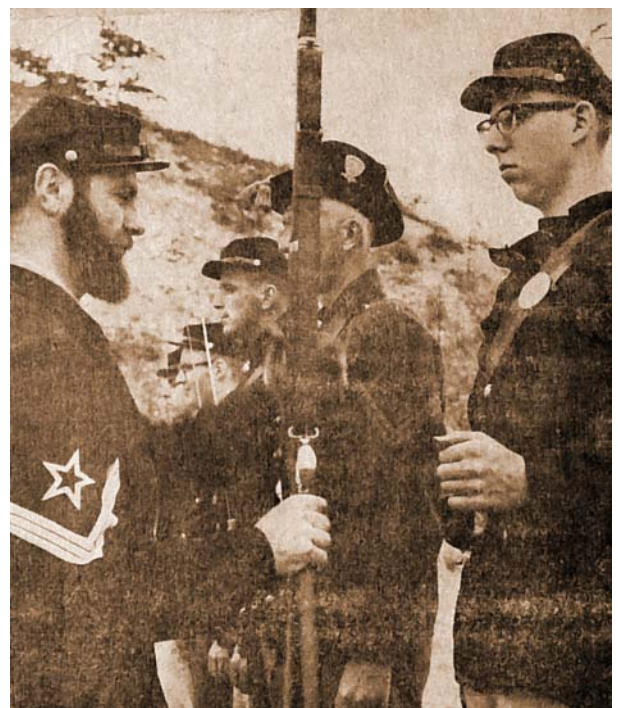
CAMP #2 NEWS

GUESS WHO?

Can anyone tell me who is pictured to the right? This clipping is from 1961 and it only re-surfaced lately.

SEE YOUR DEPT. SECRETARY TO BE A DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT!!

SEE YOUR CAMP SECRETARY FOR DELEGATE CARD FOR DEPT. ENCAMPMENT!!





On Monday, March 25, 2013, Old Abe Camp #8 was given an award by the City of Oshkosh as an appreciation for the camp's involvement in city affairs. In the past 3 years, the camp has given the Oshkosh Public Museum the sum of \$1500 for the preservation of the 3rd Wisconsin Infantry flag. The flag was hand sewn by the ladies of Oshkosh and given to the men as they left for the war. It was sent back to Oshkosh because of duplications of flags only to be hung outside on Remembrance Day - Memorial Day - for years afterwards. It was taped up, folded and later put in a box. Generations later, the flag was given to the Museum. The camp is proud to be part of the process and the preserved flag is now on display at the museum.

On the left are from l to r: Kim J. Heltemes, Mike Bouchette, Kirby Scott, and Commander Vince Barker. Barker received the award for the camp and said a few words.

Below, Vince Barker and Kim J. Heltemes are shown at the Echoes of the Past Trade Fair event at the Oshkosh Fairgrounds on Feb. 23, 2013.



SEE YA ALL AT THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



Photo from the Second Wisconsin Infantry website and article from Kirby Scott's Camp #8 "Camp Orders".

Old Abe Camp #8 brother David Dresang passes away January 12, 2013

David Lee Dresang, Jr., 54, De Pere, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2013, as a result of a Brain Stem Stroke. He was born in Alaska to David Lee and Jeannie Marie (Wiedenhaupt) Dresang, Sr. on June 5, 1958. He was a 1976 graduate of Appleton East High School. He achieved a Machine Tool Operation degree from Northeast Wisconsin Tech College in 1998. On May 31, 1996 David married the love of his life, Theresa Lynn Wellens in Green Bay.

David was very active with the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association--Civil War Re-enacting family, where he served as current President and past Secretary of the association. He also served as 1st Lieutenant, past secretary and 1st Sergeant of Company E within the association. He was a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans Camp 8. These civil war groups enabled him to keep history alive and educate many minds, young and old, on the importance of history.

He always had a special place in his heart for scouting and was a Merit Badge Counselor with The Bay Lakes Council and Troop 1043 of The Boy Scouts of America. He himself was a life Scout.

NO NEWS WAS REPORTED FROM CAMPS #49 OR #56!

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AT MID-WINTER MEETING M.O.L.L.U.S MEETING



After the Department Mid-Winter meeting a photograph was taken while C-in-C Perley E. Mellor was available. From left to right are: Grave Registration Officer Tom Mueller, Counselor and Signals Officer Kent Petersen, JVC Alan Petit, SVC Kim J. Heltemes, PC-inC Steve Michaels, C-in-C Perley E. Mellor, Dept Commander Tom Brown, Secretary Brian Peters, Treasurer Alan Hembel, Council Brian McManus, and Patriotic Instructor David Howard.

Photo by Kirby Scott



M.O.L.L.U.S. meeting was held on April 5, 2013, at the West Bend Country Club.

Shown on the left from l to r: Kim J. Heltemes, Alan Petit, Col Tom Curtis, Chip Beckford, Alan Hembel, Paul Johnson, and James Reeve. Col Vince Barker is kneeling.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

May 16 Armed Forces Day
May 27 Memorial Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 15 Dept Encampment - Saukville Community Center
July 4 Independence Day
August 8-11 National Encampment - Brookfield

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[SUCW and Allied Orders National Encampment,](#)