



Camp Orders 2010 ~ 4
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
“Old Abe” Camp #8
 Wisconsin Department



**NEXT
 MEETING**
July 19th,
 2010

on the Auroraville
 church grounds

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 Meeting time :

6 PM (See
 Commander’s
 Corner)

bring lanterns
 if you have them
 and a dish to
 pass

“Social Hour” before
 the business portion
 begins.

Commander’s Corner
 by
Kim J. Heltemes



We are going to try something different for the July meeting. The camp has been offered to use a small building on a church grounds just north of Auroraville on Hwy 49. If you go west of Omro on Hwy 21, turn north on Hwy 49. The church is about a mile and a half north of that intersection. There will be several displays set up. Please attend. It should be a good time.

The camp will supply the basic meal but bring a dish to pass. Also, bring a chair, plate and silverware, and a candle lantern if you have one. We will cookout.

SPECIAL MEETING TIME: 6 PM

There has been some talk about moving the meeting around to different locations to ease the burden of traveling for some of you. Places like the Appleton American Legion, Veterans Home in King, Any thoughts? Get back to me.

The Dept. Encampment is over. Some liked it so well at the Veterans Home that a motion was made to have the Encampment there every year. Of course it was declined. Camp 8 has had use of the facilities at King several times for the Encampment.



**Old Abe Camp 8
Event Schedule for 2009**

**July 19th – Camp 8
meeting, 6 PM
Auroraville church**

**July 24th – Dual (Federal
& Confederate)
Dedication, Berlin, WI**

**Aug. 21, 22 – Pinecrest
Village, Manitowoc**

**Aug. 28, 29 – Stevens
Point Encampment**

**Sept. 10 – 12 – Waupaca
Encampment**

**Sept. 25, 26 – Wade
House, Greenbush**

**Nov. ? – Smith
dedication, Auroraville**



Below and next pages -
some pictures from
Memorial Day, 2010
and our Remembrances



Memorial Day
May 31, 2010
**Mohican Veterans
Brick Dedication**
Ceremony
with special assistance by the
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War
Old Abe Camp # 8





Memorial Day Parade 2010 ~ Oshkosh May 31, 2010





Mohican Veterans Brick Dedication Ceremony,
with Old Abe Camp #8, Monday, May 31st, 2010





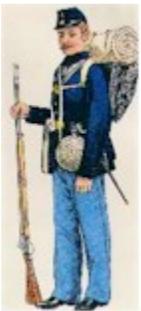
**SUVCW Wisconsin State Commander
Bruce Laine and our own Terry Novak
carried our Sacred Banners!**





Veterans of the Mohican
Stockbridge / Munsee tribe
were honored on Memorial Day
(pictured, right to left:
Jo Ann Schendler
and her cousin;
Kim Heltemes)







Bruce Laine and the boys of Old Abe Camp 8

The (Washington) Evening Star, May 30, 1868

Decoration of the Soldiers Graves at Arlington Honor to the Patriot Dead

(The First Decoration Day in Washington, D.C.)

The decoration of the Union soldiers graves at Arlington Cemetery, over the Long Bridge, took place today at one o'clock, and was a very impressive affair. Yesterday afternoon and this morning, the committees were busily engaged in receiving and arranging flowers and evergreens at the Foundry M.E. Church, corner of 14th and G streets, which were contributed by ladies and gentlemen throughout the city, and from the public gardens under General Michler, the botanical garden under W.R. Smith, Esq., and the President's Conservatory and Treasury gardens. Hundreds of bouquets, wreaths and caskets were beautifully arranged and conveyed to Arlington by ambulance. During the morning hundreds of

all kinds of vehicles were passing over the Long Bridge, and by one o'clock the crowd of ladies and gentlemen at the Cemetery was very large.

The exercises were opened at one o'clock in front of the Arlington Mansion, by W.T. Collins, Esq., who read the general order (Grand Army of the Republic - G.A.R.) designating the 30th of May as a day to be observed throughout the United States in decorating the graves of the Union dead. Rev. Byron Sunderland then offered an impressive prayer, after which an appropriate hymn was sung. Honorable James A. Garfield (then a Member of Congress from Ohio) was then introduced and delivered the oration, which was very appropriate and listened to with marked attention. The lateness of the hour prevents us from giving Mr. Garfield's address. At its conclusion, a patriotic song was sung by the assemblage and an original poem was read by Honorable J.C. Smith. The services at this point concluded with a solemn dirge by the 44th Infantry band.

The procession was then formed as follows: Children of Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Asylum, in charge of the officers and managers of the Association, and Committee on Decorations followed by friends generally. The procession marched around the gardens south of the Mansion, the children strewing flowers upon the graves along the line of march as they passed and halted at the [tomb of the unknown soldiers](#), who fell in Virginia during the early years of the war. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. J.G. Butler, of the Lutheran Church, and an appropriate chorus was sung by the Arion club. The fifth cavalry band then performed a dirge, during which the tomb was decorated with flowers and evergreens. The procession then marched to the flag stand at the principal cemetery where the exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Chas. V. Kelly, of Chicago, and after a hymn, [Honorable Halbert E. Paine](#) (Member of Congress), of Wisconsin, read the dedicatory address of the late President Lincoln, delivered at Gettysburg. The committee of Decorations, the orphans and friends, then proceeded to decorate the graves throughout the cemetery, covering the same with flowers while solemn music was performed by the various bands.

During the time of the ceremonies a national salute was fired from the front of the Arlington house. The decorations having been made the visitors returned to the stand, and after a hymn by the Arion Club. Rev. C.B. Boynton, offered a fervent prayer and pronounced the benediction.

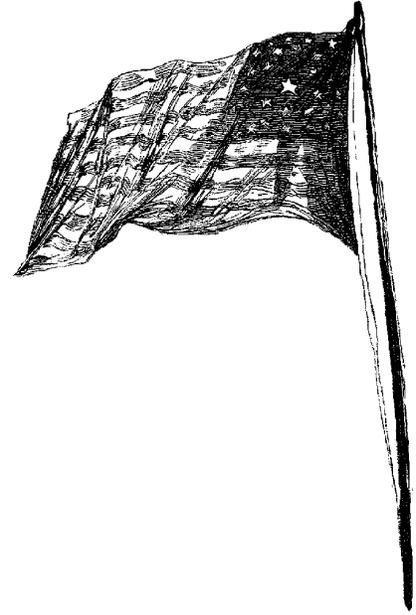
The Committee of Arrangements, with General N.P. Chipman, as chairman, the Committee on Reception, with W.H. Brown, Esq., chairman, and the Committee on Decoration, with Mrs. Senator Trumbull, President of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan Asylum, assisted by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which all arrangements were made and executed. The celebration was in all respects a most solemn and impressive one.

**(the above comes to us from the website of the
Arlington National Cemetery)**



Dedication / Memorial Day deserved top spot in our Camp News, but prior to this, on Sunday May 16th, Old Abe Camp # 8 was present at the Open House for the Veteran's Home in King, Wisconsin.





Randy Novak
inspires & educates
at the King
Veteran's Home
Open House

On June 12th, 2010, Old Abe Camp # 8 hosted the 127th Annual Wisconsin SUVCW Encampment at the Veteran's Home in King Wisconsin - Randy Novak was kind enough to submit the following observations . . .

2010 Department Encampment, King, WI
by Randy Novak

On June 12th the Department of Wisconsin held its 127th Annual Encampment in King, WI. Old Abe Camp 8 was the host Camp, the 3rd time we have hosted it since the Department began more or less rotating the honor through all of the Camps within the Department.

King represents an ideal location for the Department Encampment. Being geographically located close to the center of the state makes it reasonably accessible to all who choose to attend. Also, it's sort of like a homecoming as the unique facility at King was the largest GAR project in Wisconsin – and I would venture to guess one of the largest in the Nation (I wonder if anyone has ever conducted a study about that?).

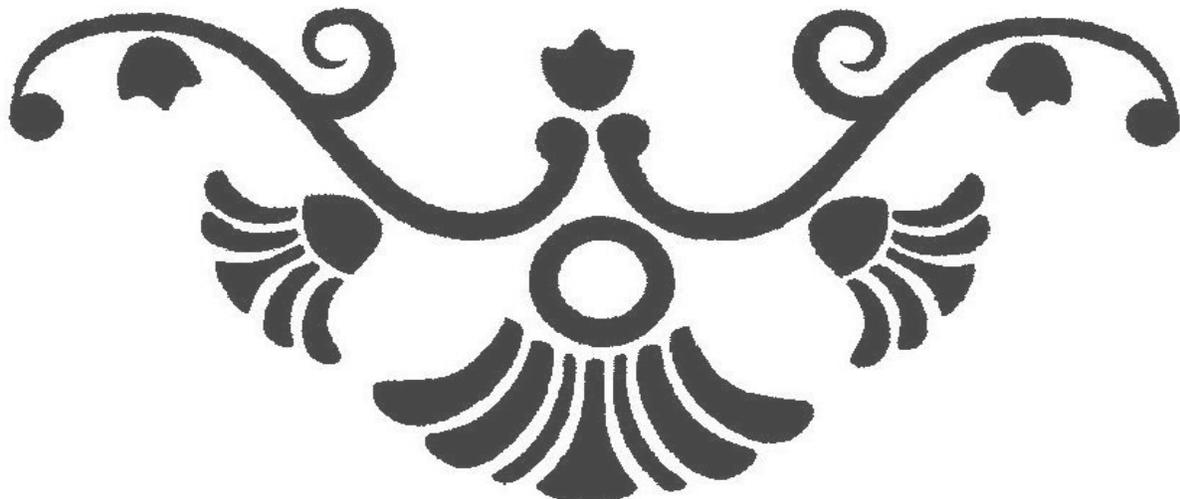
While this was the Encampment for the Sons, as usual the Sons Auxiliary also held their Encampment at the same time in a different section of the facility. Our Department Encampment is also open to the other GAR Allied Orders: Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Womans Relief Corps. This year there were several WRC members in attendance representing that organization and they split their time between attending both the Auxiliary and Sons meetings.

Camp 8 was well represented. Voting is based on the Camps membership the number of past Camp and Department Commanders in its roster, as well as the number of Camp members in attendance. Camp 8 was almost at full voting strength. Representing Camp 8 were Commander Kim Heltemes, Past Camp Commander Alan Petit, Past Department Commander Brian Peters, Past Department Commander Randy Novak, Camp Chaplain Dan Wilson, Camp Jr. Vice Kirby Scott, Camp Patriotic Instructor's Bill Parker and Paul Johnson.

The Encampment reviewed the Department and Camp reports for the year, followed by election of officers for the next year. Elected and appointed from within the Camp 8 membership were Kim Heltemes, Sr. Vice Commander; Alan Petit Jr., Vice Commander; Brian Peters, Secretary; Randy Novak, Historian, and Resolution & Recommendations. Kirby Scott had set up his photo display of Camp 8 activities over the past few years, and we even managed to sell a few raffle tickets. The Encampment concluded with a very nice Memorial Service in the GAR Chapel that had been organized by Dan Wilson.

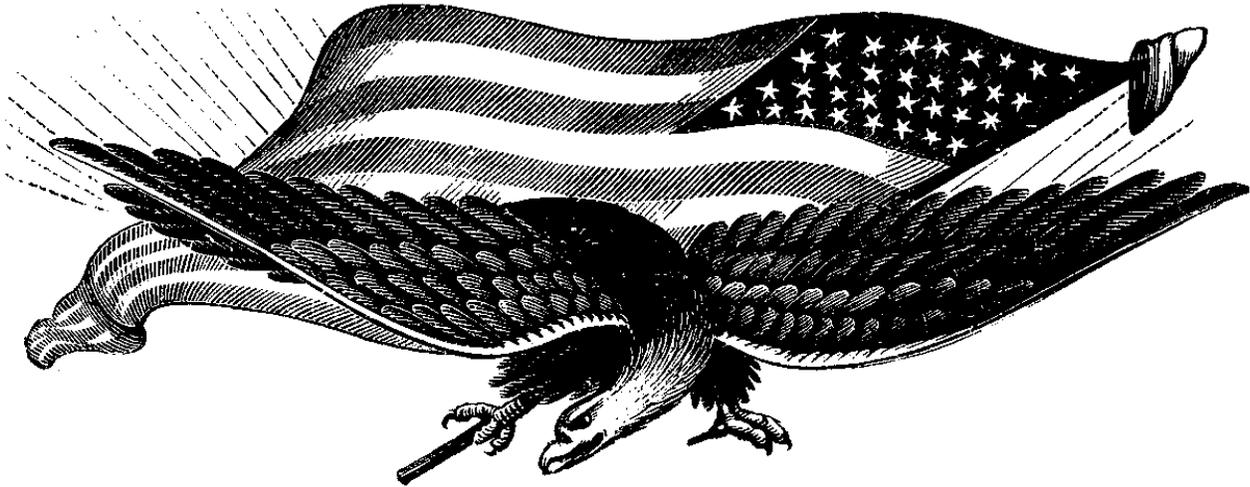
All in all it was an enjoyable day. The weather was nice, and it was a chance to see some old friends and meet a few new ones.

6/24/2010





**127th Annual Wisconsin Encampment, Veteran's Home,
King, Wisconsin, hosted by Old Abe Camp 8**



July 24th we have a Dual Dedication, honoring soldiers of both the Union and Confederacy, in Berlin – the Dedication is at 11AM, but we need to be there by 10AM or earlier. Vince Barker has compiled the following biographies of the men we will there honor:

On July 24th Omro's Old Abe Camp # 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will be conducting headstone dedication ceremonies for four Civil War veterans buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Two of these veterans were Confederate soldiers. Having two Confederate veterans buried in the same cemetery in east central Wisconsin is rare, however much rarer still is the fact that these two men were not Southerners who came to Berlin after the war, but Berlin residents who fought for the South.

The Union dedication service is modeled after the original 1881 ceremony performed by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was the veteran's organization formed by Union veterans and was the precursor to the American Legion. The SUVCW is the legal heir to the GAR.

Here are short biographies on the four veterans being honored;

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Carleton - born in Maine in 1824, Carleton was a school teacher who came to Wisconsin in 1849. He moved to Berlin in 1856 where he was superintendant of the L.S. Blake & Co. fanning mill. In 1862 he helped recruit the "Truesdell Rangers" which became **Company C, 32nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry**. He was elected Captain of the company and fought with his regiment in Mississippi and Tennessee. He was promoted to Major in June 1864 and promoted again two months later to Lieutenant Colonel. He was in command of the 32nd Wisconsin during the Atlanta Campaign and Sherman's March to the Sea. He was discharged in June 1865 and returned to Wisconsin where he again worked for L.S. Blake & Co. in Racine. He later farmed in Sioux Falls, SD, where he died on Nov. 8, 1882. His body was returned to Berlin for burial at Oakwood Cemetery.



Commissary Sergeant Alfred Woodworth - born in Geauga County, OH, in 1821. He was living in Berlin in 1850 working as a stonemason and farmer. In September 1861 he enlisted in the **3rd Wisconsin Light Artillery Battery** and was made Commissary Sergeant. He was discharged in January 1862 due to ill health, and returned to Berlin where he spent the remainder of his life in semi-retirement. He died at his home on April 30th, 1884. His grave at Oakwood Cemetery was completely unmarked until recently when a new VA headstone was installed by Kurtis Kirk from Camp 8, SUVCW.

* Alfred's brother Sydney, also from Berlin, served as a Captain in the 18th and 38th Wisconsin Infantry Regiments. He is buried in Rhinelander.

Captain Josiah B. Ward, CSA - born in Conneticut in 1838, the son of Horatio N. and Harriet Ward. The family was living in Ohio in 1850 but prior to 1855 they moved to Berlin. Horatio was a successful broker and "capitalist". In 1860, Josiah was apparently working in Kentucky, according to an article written about him in 1869. However by 1861 he was in the Memphis area because on May 25, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a 1st Lieutenant in **Co. B, 5th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, CSA**, for 12 months. His reasons for siding with the Confederacy have been lost to history, however he must have been well respected by his southern compatriots as they elected him 1st. Lieutenant immediately upon his enlistment. In May 1862, the 5th Tennessee was reorganized "for the war" and Josiah Ward was elected Captain of Company B. Capt. Ward fought with the 5th Tennessee at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, and Resaca, Georgia. He was killed at the Battle of Resaca on May 13, 1864, and was buried by his men on the battlefield, his grave identified only by a crude wooden headboard. Three years later, his parents travelled to Georgia to locate his remains and bring them home for burial in Berlin. The details of their journey were described in an extraordinary article printed in the Atlanta Constitution newspaper on April 3, 1868. His father did locate Josiah's remains and returned them to Oakwood Cemetery where he was buried.

Pvt. David A. Gillies, CSA - the only son of Archibald and Elsie Ann (Cooke) Gillies, David was born in New York in 1841. Prior to 1860 the family had moved to Berlin. According to the 1860 census, David age 19, was already working as a merchant. Between June 1860 and June 1861, David had gone to New Orleans for unknown reasons. On June 7, 1861, he enlisted as a Private in **Company I, the "Virginia Blues", 7th Louisiana Infantry, CSA**. As with Josiah Ward, we do not know the reasons why David decided to cast his lot with the Confederacy. After enlisting, David's talents as a clerk and merchant were quickly recognized by his superiors as he was assigned as a clerk at brigade headquarters, and subsequently served as Quartermaster Sergeant at the brigade and division headquarters, and as a clerk in the Corps Quartermaster Department. At various times he also worked as a clerk for the Judge Advocate and as a wagon and forage master. Pvt. Gillies' records end as of February 1864, so it is unknown when or if he was captured or surrendered. We do know that he was present for duty the entire time from June 1861 thru February 1864. He would have therefore been present for all of the key battles of the Army of Northern Virginia up to that time; 1st Mannassas, Gaines Mill, 2nd Mannassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. At some point after the war he returned to Berlin where he died shortly after in 1869. His early death no doubt brought on by the hardships of his service.



July 4th, 2010 ~
Omro Parade,
followed by the
Dedication of
Gordon Moran's
ancestor
Solomon Cottrell
in a cemetery near
Berlin









Pictured, left to right: Jim Waid, Don Blaney, Gordon Moran, Dan Wilson, Kirby Scott (who acted as Camp Commander for the Dedication), Jim Schumann, Randy Novak & Vince Barker. Vince is recently returned from a Tour of Duty with the 82nd Airborne in Afghanistan – we were very glad to see him again, safe and home, and it was really good to share stories and laughs with our Brother after the Dedication! Welcome home, Lt. Col. Barker!!

(A party in Vince's honor was hosted by Don & Kathy Blaney – pictures follow)





Camp Meeting Minutes-May 17,2010

1. Opening Ceremony-7:00 P.M. (13 members present)
 2. Roll Call of Officers:
 - a. Commander-here.
 - b. SVC-here.
 - c. JVC-here.
 - d. Secretary-here.
 - e. Treasurer-here.
 3. Minutes of Mar. 15, 2010:
Approved as published in newsletter.
 4. Treasurer's report:
Checking \$3573.57 (as of Apr. 30,2010)
CD's \$4100.58
 5. Any sick or distressed brothers?
Dave Dresang is still not doing real well.
 6. No guests or visitors.
 7. New applications for review and acceptance?
Wayne Kling has applied for membership,(as opposed to reinstatement). He has also put in three new headstones.
 8. Any communications and/or bills to address?
Department encampment stuff is coming in now.
 9. Prior business:
Raffle. \$242.00 in tickets sold at King Open House.
 10. Past Events:
King Open House went well. There was a huge increase in numbers from last year.
 11. Future Events:
 - a. May 31-Memorial Day-King, Oshkosh, Bowler. King starts at 9:15. Co. E will be with us at Oshkosh. Those going to Bowler will leave right after the ceremonies are done. Bowler starts at 2:00 P.M. See Oshkosh flier and maps for Bowler.
 - b. June 12-Department encampment-King VA Home. Meeting rooms, chapel, lunch, and refreshments are all set. Signup sheet was circulated and 8 names gathered. Should be enough to handle it.
 - c. June 26-27-Heritage Hill CW event-Green Bay. No information yet. More later?
 - d. July 24-Berlin. Dual dedication ceremony, US/CS, planned. More details will be available later.
 - e. Aug. 21-22-Pinecrest Village-Manitowoc. Most details should be the same as last year. I requested the Firehouse site for us again for this year. More later.
 - f. Aug.28-29-Stevens Point CW weekend. More information will follow later. Should be similar to previous events.
 - g. Sept. 10-12- Waupaca CW Encampment. Camp at South Park. Escort President Lincoln. Recruiting scenario? More details later.
 - h. Sept. 25-26-Wade House CW Event-Greenbush. Should be same as past events.
 - i. Oct.30-King VA Home-King. Bingo. Saturday. All same as last year. More later.
 - j. Nov. 1-Auroraville- William Henry Smith headstone dedication. Double this up with the Bingo event on Oct. 30??

12. New business:

a. Hicks Lincoln Bust-Lincoln School-Oshkosh. Oshkosh Public Museum personnel will try to

keep an eye on it?

b. Department Encampment at King. All are invited to attend. It is close to home this year and

the travel time is short. The more brothers that attend, the more votes we get .

c. Vince Barker is coming home the week of June 13. Every please welcome him back.

d. July's Camp meeting (July 19) will be held at the Auroraville church. A cookout is planned.

More details in the next newsletter

13. Patriotic Instruction, by brother Parker on 6th. Wisconsin and a family poem about his CW ancestor.

14. Any other old or new business. None noted

15. Has anyone anything for the good of the order? Nothing mentioned.

16. Closing ceremony. Done at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by P.C.C. Alan O. Petit, Secretary, Old Abe Camp #8, SUVCW.





This certificate was presented to Kirby Scott, JVC, Old Abe Camp 8, at the State Encampment – Kirby is one of our most valued Brothers!

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

1861



1865

CERTIFICATE OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

In recognition of your outstanding efforts to raise public awareness of our Nation's history, and to honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic through construction of a photographic display for Camp recruiting activities, This certificate is proudly presented to

Kirby Scott

In testimony whereof, and by the authority vested in me, do confer this certificate at the 127th Department of Wisconsin Encampment, 12 June 2010

[Signature]
Commander, JUVV Department of Wisconsin

[Signature]
Secretary, JUVV Department of Wisconsin

