

# Camp Orders 2015-03

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

May 2015



# Camp May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Marden Hall, Veterans Home in King, WI.



Next Old Abe **Camp 8 Meeting** will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> **Meeting starts at** 

7:00 PM

Location is:

Marden Hall at the Veterans Home in King, WI.

Wear Your

**Membership Badge** 

Our next Camp meeting will be held at the Veterans Home located in King, Wisconsin.

We will meet in Marden Hall, which is located where the red star is in the above picture.

Enter through the main doors and go to your left. When you get to the elevators, go down one floor, exit the elevator, go left, then take a quick right to get to the meeting room on the right side.

Memorial Day at King Veterans Home. Rededication of the Veterans Cemetery. May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 King, WI

Wear your badge to participate.

# **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

## CAMP COMMANDER WILLIAM W. PARKER



Spring has sprung and with that it is time to start thinking about Memorial Day. This year we have 2 events to commemorate our fallen soldiers and I highly encourage the members of the camp to attend one of them. Our big event for Memorial Day will be at King Veterans Home where members of the camp will be rededicating the veteran's cemetery. Also on the 25th we have the Memorial Day observance in Oshkosh which will include a funeral service for 4 unclaimed veterans from World War 1 and World War 2. Both are very worthy events and I hope members from the camp can attend them.

The next couple of months will be very busy for Old Abe Camp 8. On Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> we have our King open house event with our meeting being held there the next day Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Marsden Hall. On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kenosha Civil War museum will be the state department encampment. The weekend of the June 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> Sr. Vice Commander Dennis Jacobs has set up an event at Heritage Hill in Green Bay. This will be a wonder full event to sell some raffle tickets and hopefully recruit some new members to the camp. We also have some dedications in the works more info on those will be in the next newsletter. This year marks the last year of our 150<sup>th</sup> Civil War observance and the next couple of months will be some very special events for those who will be able to attend.

> In F, C and L William Wayne Parker Camp Commander



PCC Kirby Scott presents the Sons of Union Veterans Ulysses S. Grant medal & certificate to Army ROTC Cadet Joseph Rebholz on April 2, 2015 at the Alumni & Welcome Conference Center on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Campus.

Photograph by PCC Kirby Scott

# Edward S Bragg #8, ASUVCW

### **Auxiliary President**

### Kathy Heltemes

Sisters,

I am hoping that when you read this newsletter that everyone is in good health and able to enjoy the beautiful weather. Our next meeting is Monday May 18, 2015 at the Veterans Home in King. The meeting is at 7P.M.

We will be participating at the Open House at the King's Veterans Home in King. The open house is the day before our meeting. It is on Sunday, May 17 from 10am to 3pm. Set up is around 830. This is an outdoor event so the need to dress accordingly is important. The Veteran's Home is celebrating the end of the 150 year anniversary to the Civil War. They are going to open up the Chapel to the Public. For those of you who have not seen the inside of this chapel; it is a beautiful chapel that the Women's Relief Corp had built for the Veterans at the home. It has beautiful stained glass original to the chapel. Sue Waid will be displaying articles and talking about the Women's Relief Corp; their involvement in the Civil War and how they were an integral part in the formation of the Veterans Home at King. We will set up next to the Sons and sell baked goods or any items that you feel will sell, be appropriate to the Open House and help to raise money for the Auxiliary. If you are attending and would like to bake or make anything to bring to sell, please send me an email to let me know. I always make homemade Carmel Corn and sell it in bags. I have been doing that for probably 10 years so many of the attendees to the event come looking to buy it. I have also made up bags of popped popcorn to sell previous years too. So at is what I will contribute for the Auxiliary. For those of you that have never attended this celebration it is a time for the families of all the veterans and their wives that live there to come and enjoy the day with them. There is a car show, numerous organizations displaying what their organization is about, army vehicles, music, games for the children and a brat, hamburger and hotdog lunch along with drinks and different types of chips which are sold to you for a minimal cost as a fundraiser for the home. This is always a very enjoyable day as long as the weather permits.

Don't forget Memorial Day. The Sons have always attended the Oshkosh and the King ceremonies. This year the Sons are re-dedicating the cemetery at the Wisconsin Veterans Home. It will be something new instead of the standard Memorial Day ceremony. Please attend if possible.

On Saturday June 6, 2015 is the State Encampment at the Kenosha Civil War Museum. All sisters are welcome to attend. There is a Business meeting that lasts through the day with an hour lunch break. This is a good way to see the inside function of the State Department. The June encampment is where elections are held for the State officers. There will be a tour of the Museum following the meeting. This is a great way to see the Museum.

The National Encampment is in Richmond, Virginia form August 20-23, 2015. If you plan on going you need to get your reservations in as soon as you can. They will have 2 days of tours of civil war sites around the Richmond area. The meetings are all day for 2 days. They elect the officers for the National Office on the second day of meetings. The meetings run from 8 to about 5 with an hour lunch. They usually have a banquet on Saturday evening. It is nice to meet fellow sisters and sons from all over the country where everyone has a common interest in veterans and our history.

The information for the National Encampment is on the Sons and Auxiliary to the Union Veterans of the civil war. www.asuvcw.org .

At our next meeting in May please bring any ideas or suggestions for fundraisers to the meeting. We are looking to make things to sell that would be inexpensive and easy to put together to increase our finances for the good of the order.

I hope to see most of you at the next meeting in May and hopefully some can also make the Open House at the Veterans Home in King.



Julie Radtke becoming a new auxiliary member at the March meeting.

In F, C, & L

Kathy Heltemes

Memorial Day at Oshkosh Procession to Riverside Cemetery May 25 at 9am Oshkosh, WI Wear your badges to participate



Left Image – Left to right: Seth Barker, Joseph Radtke and Samuel Radtke holding colors with hands on bible.

Right Image – Left to right: Joseph Radtke and Samuel Radtke receive their member badges by PCC Vince Barker and Treasurer Kurt Kirk.

Images proved by Sr. Vice Commander Dennis Jacobs



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Are you looking to give back to your country? Honor your Civil War ancestor? Do more with your husband who is a Sons of Union Veterans member?

#### Join me in becoming a charter member of a new auxiliary and...

- Instill love of country in yourself and others
- Assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Properly observe Memorial Day
- Support our troops

- Help with headstone dedications
- Support our Veterans at King Veterans Home
- Learn and teach proper flag etiquette
- Learn more about the Civil War
- Care for and support your fellow Auxiliary members
- Meet new friends and have fun

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## 2015 Camp Calendar

May 17<sup>th</sup>

King Veterans Home Open House 10am – 3pm

Location: King Veterans Home, King WI

## May 18<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting 7pm

Location: Marden Hall King Veterans Home, King WI

May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

King Veterans Cemetery Rededication 9:30 am

Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession 9:00 am

### June 6<sup>th</sup>

State Encampment

Location: Kenosha Civil War Museum

June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Heritage Hill State Park – Civil War Weekend

Saturday 9:30am – 5:00pm, Sunday Noon – 5:00 pm

Location: Heritage Hill State ParkGreen Bay WI

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Camp Randall Dedication

Location: Madison Wisconsin

September 21<sup>st</sup>

Camp 8 regular meeting 7pm

Location: Marden Hall King Veterans Home, King WI

September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Old Wade House Civil War

Location: Old Wade House Greenbush, WI

November 16<sup>th</sup>

Camp 8 Election of Officers and Traditional Bean Dinner 7pm

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd Oshkosh WI

Please send information on events that you are aware of to be included in this newsletter to: dennergb@hotmail.com

#### In Memorial

James J. Bougie, age 79, of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. He was born on November 17, 1935, in Seymour, WI, a son of the late William and Catherine (Noe) Bougie. He married the former Beatrice C. Paulick on May 5, 1956, in St. Vincent Catholic Church. Jim was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, was a member of the Sons of the Union Veteran's Organization and greatly enjoyed building and using remote controlled boats. He loved woodworking and polka music also. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife, Bea of 58 years; three sons, Tom (Aurea), Bob (Stacey) and David (Maria) Bougie all of Oshkosh; three daughters, Linda Bougie, Ellen (Scott) Burie and Carol (Dan) Lenz all of Oshkosh; five sisters, Ardene (Ron) Schimke of Oshkosh; Dianne Miller of Montana; Marilyn (Butch) Whitty of Oshkosh; Kathy Binder of Oshkosh; and Barbara (Chuck) Killian of Florida. He is further survived by 20 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Joan Bougie of Waunakee; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many very dear friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jerome. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at 11 a.m. in St. Jude Parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, corner of 6th and Knapp St. in Oshkosh. The Rev. Matt Simonar as celebrant. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.



#### The Lincoln Assassination

By Paul Johnson

Patriotic Instructor



Thousands of books, scholarly papers and articles have been written of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Since Lincoln three other presidents have been shot: Garfield, McKinley and Kennedy. It is easy to put these all together and assume that they were all singular events of a person killing another. However, the Lincoln assassination was more, it was an attempted coup d'état.

Starting with a plot to kidnap the president and hold him to force the restarts of a prisoner exchange that had been halted by U.S. Grant in March of 1864. On March 17, 1865, the group of conspirators that had gathered around John Wilkes Booth planned to snatch the president as he traveled to a play being performed at Campbell Military Hospital. However a last minute change of Lincoln's plan thwarted that effort. The war was going badly for the south; meanwhile, the Confederacy was falling apart. On April 3, Richmond, Virginia, the Confederate capital, fell to the Union army. On April 9, 1865, the Army of Northern Virginia, the main army of the Confederacy, surrendered to the Army of the Potomac at Appomattox Court House. Confederate President Jefferson Davis and the rest of his government were in full flight. Despite many Southerners giving up hope, Booth continued to believe in his cause.



Lincoln in Richmond April 4, 1865

On April 11, 1865, two days after Lee's army surrendered to Grant, Booth attended a speech at the White House in which Lincoln supported the idea of enfranchising the former slaves.

Furiously provoked, Booth decided on assassination and is quoted as saying to fellow conspirator Lewis Powell: "That means n\*\*\*\*\* citizenship. Now, by God, I'll put him through. That is the last speech he will ever give.

The plan changed to try to "behead" the federal government by not only killing the president, but the next in line, the vice president and the Secretary of State. (The conspirators were incorrect in their assumption that the Sec of State was in line, in fact the Presidential Secession act of 1792 establishes that President pro tempore of the Senate is next in line after the Vice President, followed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The plan moved quickly when picking up his mail at Ford's Theater, Booth learned from the brother of John Ford, the owner, that the President and General Grant would be attending the theatre to see Our American Cousin that night. Booth determined that this was the perfect opportunity for him to do something "decisive". He knew the theater's layout, having performed there several times, as recently as the previous month

At seven o'clock that evening, John Wilkes Booth met for a final time with all his fellow conspirators. Booth assigned Lewis Powell to kill Secretary of State William H. Seward at his home, George Atzerodt to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson at his residence, the Kirkwood Hotel, and David E. Herold to guide Powell to the Seward house and then out of Washington to rendezvous with Booth in Maryland. Booth planned to shoot Lincoln with his single-shot Derringer and then stab Grant with a knife at Ford's Theatre. They were all to strike simultaneously shortly after ten o'clock that night. Atzerodt wanted nothing to do with it, saying he had only signed up for a kidnapping, not a killing. Booth told him he was in too far to back out.

Booth positioned himself at Ford's Theater and at 10:25 P.M. Booth entered the Presidential box and fired a .44 cal bullet into the back of Lincoln's head.

At almost the same moment Booth fired the fatal shot, his accomplice, Lewis Paine, attacked Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Henry Seward. Seward lay in bed, recovering from a carriage accident. Paine entered the mansion, claiming to have a delivery of medicine from the Secretary's doctor. Seward's son, Frederick, was brutally beaten while trying to keep Paine from his father's door. Paine slashed the Secretary's throat twice, then fought his way past Seward's son Augustus, an attending hospital corps veteran, and a State Department messenger. Paine escaped into the night, believing his deed complete.

Booth had assigned George Atzerodt to kill Vice President Andrew Johnson, who was staying at the Kirkwood House in Washington. Atzerodt was to go to the Vice President's room at 10:15 p.m. and shoot him. On April 14, 1865, Atzerodt rented room 126 at the Kirkwood, directly above the room where Johnson was staying. He arrived at the Kirkwood at the appointed time and went to the bar downstairs, carrying on his person a gun and a knife. Atzerodt asked the bartender, Michael Henry, about the Vice President's character and behavior. After spending some time at the hotel saloon, Atzerodt got drunk and wandered away through the streets of Washington. Nervous, he tossed his knife away in the street. He made his way to the Pennsylvania House Hotel by 2 a.m., where he checked into a room and went to sleep.

The plot, while successful in killing the President, failed to disable the government. Booth fled and was killed on April 26. Eight others were arrested, tried, condemned and hung for being part of the conspiracy.



Lincoln Funeral, Washington D.C.

Deranged or Distraught....You Be The Judge

LuAnn Williams Patriotic Instructor

It seems like people always have to have something to talk about doesn't it? Why are we that way? Do we actually find some kind of satisfaction in knowing that someone else's life is more difficult than our own? Some people can endure great difficulties without batting an eye, while others completely fall to pieces. Imagine this scenario. Your mother dies when you are six, you are brought up by a stepmother that really doesn't like you, even after repeated attempts to get close to her. Your family doesn't like the man you love. You go from being well to do, to living in a tavern the first two years of your married life. You are welleducated, but people disapprove when you voice your opinion. Three of your children die young. How about holding your loving husband's hand one moment and the next he is killed at close range. Shortly after that you are told you were not *the* love of your husband, another woman was. She gave up nothing for him, you gave up all. People criticize everything you wear. What about being called extravagant for throwing a party or for buying nice clothes by some and then being praised for the same thing by others. You are married to your husband for 9 years when his father passes away, you have never met him. You are booted out of your home after a particularly rough patch and then are accused of stealing. Your son has you committed to an insane asylum. Would that be enough to put you over the top? These were just a few of the things that touched the life of Mary Todd Lincoln. I think it's probably true that we all know that Mary had some issues. Let's take a look at what may have caused some of those issues.

Mary was born into a Kentucky family that provided their children with many material things. When Mary was only 6, her mother died giving birth to her brother. A year later her father married again. Mary had a difficult relationship with her stepmother. It was during this time that Mary experienced her first migraine headache. It was so bad that it kept her in her bed for close to a week. Her stepmother promptly sent Mary to boarding school, this kept her out of the house during the week, but she went home on the weekend. Mary was well educated in geography, arithmetic, poetry, she was fluent in French, and of course trained in the social graces. After completing her education Mary was quick to move into her married sister's home in Springfield to avoid her stepmother. It was here that Mary met Abraham Lincoln. They were complete opposites. Abe was 6'4", Mary was only 5'2". Abe came from a poor background, was spindly and had only two years of formal education. She came from a well off family, was referred to as plump, and had plenty of formal education. He did have a love of poetry and literature though, and had plenty of political ambition. Mary's sister and brother-in-law did not approve of the relationship that developed. November of 1842 Mary and Abraham got married, she was 23 and he 33 years old. For the first two years of their marriage they lived in a rented room at a tavern. It wasn't very long until their first child, Robert was born in 1843, three more to follow; Edward in 1846, William in 1850 and Thomas in 1853. Of these children only one, Robert, lived to be an adult. Losing her children was devastating to Mary as I am sure you can imagine. While Lincoln's career as an attorney moved along slowly, Mary was raising her boys and doing most of the work at home while he was away working. I wonder if this was the lifestyle she envisioned for herself. In 1846 Abraham was elected to the House of Representatives. Three years later, her beloved father died, and a year after that her second born son Eddie died of diphtheria at the age of 3.

As Abraham's career progressed, May took an active part in promoting it. She often wrote people that were influential about Abe's views on slavery. She proved that she was willing to assume a public role when her husband was elected president, elegant dinner parties always included intellectuals and literary figures.

Mary's interest in public affairs included reading political journals, newspapers, attending debates and she often advised Lincoln on appointments in his administration. Mary was the first presidential wife to be referred to as First Lady. In Mary's own mind though, she was Mrs. President. Disaster struck again in 1862 as Willie dies in the White House. Mary did not attend his funeral.

The press was not very nice to Mary. They often criticized her appearance, they called her plump and plain. Like anyone else she did not appreciate these remarks. She tried to overcome their remarks by spending more on dresses than they could afford. She was scrutinized even more for that, the press said that she was inconsiderate of the suffering of the nation's families. Mary did spend time in the hospitals visiting the soldiers. Often times she would offer to help write letters home. She became very involved in the Sanitary Commission and also the Contraband Relief Association. The latter as a result of her friendship with her dressmaker and former slave Elizabeth Keckley. These things the press rarely reported on.

Being from Kentucky and supporting Lincoln's views on slavery left Mary in a rather precarious position. The Southerners saw her as a turncoat, and the Northerners doubted her loyalty. Her siblings supported the Confederacy, in fact 6 of her relatives were killed during the war. About one of her stepbrothers that died in the war, Mary was quoted as saying "He made his choice long ago. He decided against my husband, through him against me. He has been fighting against us and since he chose to be our deadly enemy, I see no special reason why I should bitterly mourn his death." Needless to say, the press had a field day with that. When the press ran out of things to criticize her about, they started to write about her health issues. You can imagine the stress she was under. Mary had frequent headaches along with bouts of depression, paranoia and anxiety. Friends often said she had extreme highs and extreme lows. Today she would probably be called bipolar. The assassination of her husband only made things infinitely worse.

We will leave Mary's story for now. Before I close though, try to see the world through her eyes. Was she mentally unstable or was she just a wife and mother that truly loved her family?



To be continued.

- 1. Opening Ceremony-7:10 P.M. Fire Station #17, Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh
- 2. Roll call of officers:

(9 members & 3 guests present)

- a. Commander-present.
- b. SVC-present.
- c. JVC-present.
- d. Secretary-present.
- e. Treasurer-present.
- 3. Miinutes. Motion by D. Jacobs, second by V. Barker. Minutes of 1-19-15 approved.
- 4. Treasurer's report:

As of 2-28-15, checking is \$5703.60, CD #1 is \$1021.34, CD #2 is \$4266.89. Total on hand is \$10991.83. \$1100.00 of dues & initation fees taken in this year.

- 5. Any sick or distressed brothers?
  - a. Jim Bougie passed away. Funeral done. Several members attended.
  - b. M. Boldon has a back injury. He is now home.
  - c. A. Petit had a new cardiac pacemaker installed. He is OK now.
  - d. Susie Waid had eye surgery.
  - e. Jim Waid also had a surgery.
- 6. Introduction of guests & visitors;
  - a. PDC Tom Brown was present.
  - b. Joseph Radtke.
  - c. Samuel Radtke.
- Any new applications? Tony Radtke, not present, Joseph Radtke, & Samuel Radtke. Joseph claiming Pvt Alfred Dewitt, G Co., 37<sup>th</sup>. Wisc. Vol. Infantry and Samuel claiming Pvt. Samuel Hurlburt, K Co., 1<sup>st</sup>. Wisc Vol. Cavalry as ancestors.
- 8. Any member intiations?

Yes. Joseph and Samuel Radtke as full members. Seth Barker, raised from junior to full.

9. Any communications or bills to address?

Appleton Flag Day Parade. Is there interest in doing this? Other camps combined? May be too late this year already. Have to move fast.

- 10. Prior business.
  - a. New home for 2016? Keep an eye out for a location that we can use as a permanent base and camp property storage sight.
  - b. Raffle. License will be applied for and acquired.
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup>. prize-Henry .22 Golden Boy rifle.
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup>. prize-a Stults hand made knife-\$100-\$140.
    - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup>. prize-a signed book?
  - c. Donation to Vets Museum in Oshkosh?
- 11. New business.
  - a. Radtke dedication. Plainfield?
  - b. Athens, Wisc. Pat from department. Same weekend as Natl. Encampment

- c. Policy on junior applicants. By direct quote from the C-in-C at Mid-winter Dept. meeting, the Sons are back in business and the moratorium is lifted.
- 12. Past events.
  - a. King bingo event. Went well. Good turnout. 5-6 members & Auxil. were there.
  - b. Mid-winter dept meeting. Went well. 4 members & several auxil. Attended.
  - c. Echoes of the Past Trade Fair. Kirby set up. I (Alan) was there Saturday all alone. 5-6 members there Sunday. We need a little more work on scheduling.
- 13. Future events and dedications.
  - a. May 17-King open house. Who will be there? Special program this year.
    - a. Rededicate the chapel this year.
    - b. Ceremony in cemetery.
    - C. MOH Monument dedication.
  - b. May 25-Memorial Day.
    - 1. King.
    - 2. Delavan-will actually be on Sunday May 24. There are events scheduled for the whole weekend. Cushing's California relatives will be there-with the medal?
    - 3. Oshkosh Funeral procession-special service for unclaimed remains at local funeral homes, dating to the World Wars. Blaney involved?
  - c. Jun. 7-Kenosha. 2015 Dept . Encampment. More details later. Watch newsletters.
  - d. Jul. 17-19. Camp Randall living history encampment and monument dedication. More details later. Watch newsletters.
  - e. Mar 29. New Member Orientation-Delavan. Call Kent Petersen at 414-614-3690.
- 14. Any other business, new or old: None.
- 15. Has anyone done anything for the good of the order? K.Scott. K. Kirk, & J. Schumann attended Jim Bougie's funeral on behalf of the camp.
- 16. Patriotic Instruction. See article in camp newsletter.
- 17. Closing ceremony. Time not noted.

Submitted by PCC Alan Petit, Secretary Old Abe Camp #8, Dept. of Wisc, SUVCW

#### Camp Orders Newsletter & Camp Web Page

NOTICE: The full *Camp Orders* are available "on line" (in color!) and can be accessed in PDF format from our Camp 8 web page, on the Wisconsin Department Website at suvcwwi.org. Hard copies will also be mailed to any member upon request to the Camp Commander or the Newsletter Editor (contact info on last page).
All photos and stories are provided by the *Camp Orders* Editor unless otherwise indicated. To submit an article or information for the Camp Orders Newsletter or website, contact the News Letter Editor. Deadline for a submission is 3 weeks prior to a meeting.

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#### **Camp 8 Newsletter**

Dennis Jacobs 329 N. Jackson Street #5 Green Bay, WI 54301 dennergb@hotmail.com NEXT OLD ABE CAMPE 8 MEETING May 18<sup>th</sup>

> Meeting starts at 7:00PM at Marden Hall King Veterans Home King, WI.

> > Wear Your Membership Badge

#### **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 13 of this newsletter. Visit the Department of Wisconsin website, and Camp 8 WebPages, at <u>www.suvcw-wi.org</u>. Also, visit the national SUVCW website at <u>www.suvcw.org</u>. Camp 8 also has a Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Abe-Camp-8-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-SUVCW/192313178329</u>.

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.

### Join Old Abe Camp 8! \$40.00/yr. Annual Dues

For Membership, Contact: Junior Vice Jeff Williams 970 Christian Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 237-4752 e6843d8@yahoo.com

