



## *Camp Orders 2019-04*

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

*Grand Army of the Republic*

**“Old Abe” Camp #8**

Wisconsin Department

July 2019

Camp Summer Picnic will be held on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with 7:00pm meeting at the home of Br. Kurt Kirk

W2154 Cottonville Court, Auroraville



Remember to bring utensils, a chair, and a dish to pass.

Please RSVP the Saturday before so I know how much meat to purchase and tables to line up if necessary.

To get to Kurt's house at W2154 Cottonville Ct, go north at the Hwy 21 and 49 intersection into Auroraville. Before the dam, at the Willow Inn, turn right on Cottonville Ct by the old store. Go down a few hundred yards and you will see a yellow house and garage. Coming from the North, follow 49 South and cross the dam, turning left at the Willow Inn. If you have any questions and to RSVP, please call 920-361-1194.

**Please RSVP by Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Picnic.**

**W2154 Cottonville Court, Auroraville**

**Brother Kurt Kirk (920) 361-1194**

**Please bring a dish to pass and a chair**

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**CAMP COMMANDER**

**KIM J. HELTEMES**



Brothers,

The summer is upon us and we have dedications planned. The first is on August 3 in Ashland, WI. Now I understand that is a long way to go but with the help of Sam Solberg, we have planned to do 3 county last soldier markers. They are fairly close to each other. This is going to be a big day for these communities as over 100 people have stated they are going to attend the dedications, along with news outlets. There has been air time telling about the dedications. We need at least 4 members to go there for the events. Please make an effort as this is a commitment which we cannot back out. The first dedication is set for about 11 or 11:30 am. The local Legion and VFW is helping out.

The second dedication planned is in Wisconsin Rapids at 1 pm on Sept. 14. This is another event that has a lot of public interest. For those interested, Camp 15 is planning on doing Adams County, just below Wood County that morning at 10 am. We need your help for this dedication.

The Waushara County last soldier marker has been placed. We still need to plan on that dedication and Winnebago County. Dennis is going to place Brown and Marquette County markers so they will need to be dedicated in the future.

The July meeting will be held at Kurt Kirk's house again for a cookout/meeting. Bring a dish to pass, your own dishes and silverware, and a chair. We usually start about 6 pm with the meeting afterwards.

Also, in helping write a book, I found that one of the unmarked graves in the GAR section in Riverside Cemetery is Charles Porlier of the 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment. They gave me permission to mark the grave. That marker and 3 more have been ordered. Two are for unmarked graves and 2 replacement markers. In doing the research and with help of the cemetery, 5 more unmarked graves were found. The paperwork is being done so they can be ordered.

Jeff Graf of Camp 15 has been elected as the new Department Commander. Our own Kirby Scott is the Senior Vice Commander.

In F, C and L

Kim J Heltemes

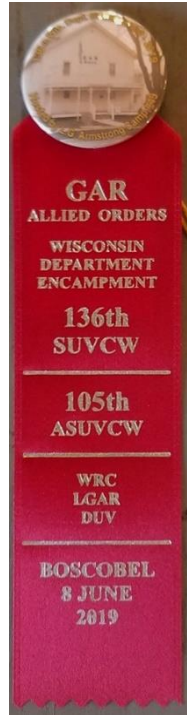
Commander Old Abe Camp 8

## OLD ABE CAMP 8 IN ACTION



Memorial Day 2019 - Brothers Brian Peters, Kirby Scott, Kim Heltemes at the lake side ceremony for King Veterans Home.

Photograph by Br Kirby Scott



Br. Alan Petit taking part in the Last Soldier of Grant County dedication.

Photograph by Br. Kirby Scott



Last Soldier of Grant County dedication from the Department Encampment in Boscobel.

Photographs by Br. Kirby Scott



Brothers Brian Peters and Kirby Scott at the Encampment at the GAR Hall in Bosobel.  
Photograph by CC Kim Heltemes



Flag raising at Heritage Hill Civil War Weekend.  
Photograph by Br. Dennis Jacobs



Camp Booth at Heritage Hill State Historical Park Civil War weekend  
June 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Photograph by Br. Dennis R Jacobs



Installation of the Last Soldier Marker for Corydon Farwell in the Wautoma Union Cemetery.  
Photograph by CC Kim Heltemes

## 2019 Camp Calendar

### **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 regular meeting & picnic  
Location: TBA

### **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM**

Last Soldier Dedication in Ashland and surrounding counties

### **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM**

Wood County Last Soldier Dedication  
Location:

### **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 regular meeting  
Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd Oshkosh WI

### **September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

Wade House Civil War Weekend  
Location: Wade House, Greenbush, WI.

### **November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Camp 8 Annual Bean Dinner, Meeting and Camp Elections  
Location: TBA

### Volunteers Needed

We have two major Last Soldier dedications planned this summer and early fall.

Northern Counties

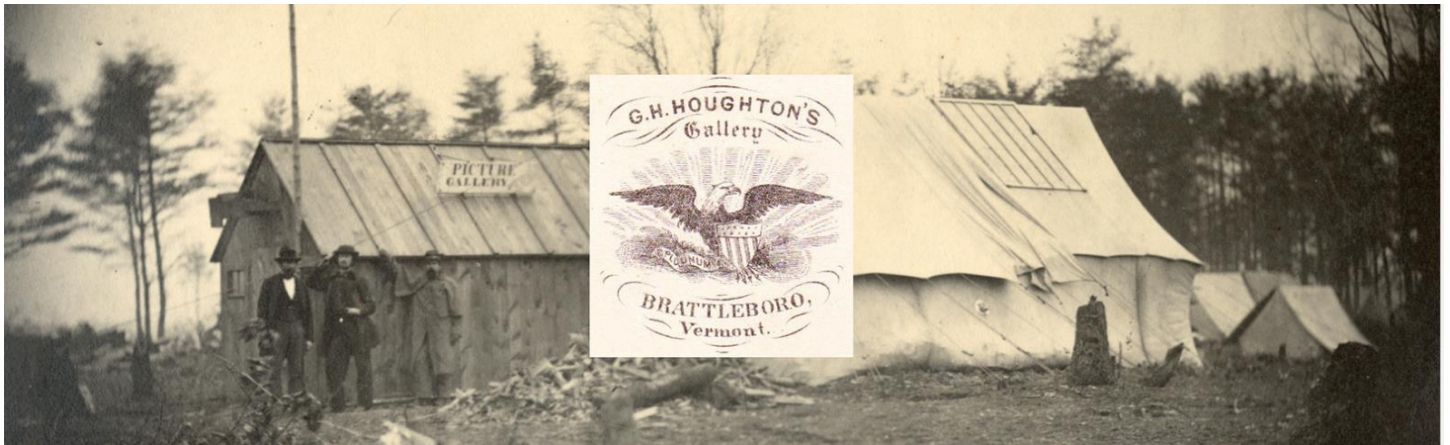
August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ashland and surrounding counties.

Wood County

September 14<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids

Please let Camp Commander Kim Heltemes if you are able to attend and take part in the dedication ceremonies.

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## GEORGE H. HOUGHTON: CIVIL WAR CAMERAMAN

George Harper Houghton was among the few photographers who followed the army to record history as it happened during the Civil War. George H. Houghton was also H. H. Bennett's uncle. It is through him Bennett first learned the photographic arts.

In 1861, as the Civil War consumed the attention of most of the people in this country, Houghton chose to leave his family and comforts of home to make pictures of Union Army soldiers near the fields of battle. For the first time in history citizens on the home front could view actual scenes from life – and sometimes death – in far-away camps and battlefields.

George H. Houghton: Civil War Cameraman will showcase many of Houghton's Civil War images while delving deep into what photography and a soldier's life was like during the time period.

This exhibition opens May 18, 2019.



### HOUGHTON EXHIBITION SPEAKER SERIES

May 18: [A Very Fine Appearance: George H. Houghton and his Civil War Photographs](#)

June 8: [This Wicked Rebellion: Wisconsin Civil War Soldiers Write Home](#)

July 13: [Camp Food in the Civil War](#)

August 17: [The Sutlery: The Capitalists of the Civil War](#)

September 21: [Photojournalism of the Civil War: How Photography Captured War Time](#)

October 12: [Music of the Civil War](#)

[Learn more about the Houghton Exhibition Speaker Series](#)

## OLD ABE CAMP MEETING MINUTES, MAY 20, 2019

1. Opening meeting-7:06 P.M. Fire Station #17 Oshkosh
2. Roll call of officers: (five members present)
  - CC-present.
  - SVC-present.
  - JVC-present.
  - Sec.-present.
  - Treas-present.
3. Minutes from meeting published in newsletter approved 1<sup>st</sup> - R. Arndt, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Kirk
4. Treasurer's report: \$8746.20-total on hand. \$2625.74-in checking. Renews CD, Sent donation to Patriotic Fund, camp fees paid to national. Approved 1<sup>st</sup> - R. Arndt, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Petit
5. Sick or distressed brothers. Br. Don Blaney reported to be under the weather
6. Guests and/or visitors. NONE.
7. New members. NONE.
8. New Applications. NONE.
9. Communications - H H Bennett Museum hosting a Civil War exhibit and guest lectures summer of 2019
10. Prior business:
  - a. Randy Novak passing - card sent to family from the camp.
  - b. New Member packet- camp is reestablishing and updating packet for new members.
  - c. Flag Disposal Ceremony - need to schedule a date.
  - d. New Display must be made - checking with Br Kirby Scott on redoing the display. Motion to reimburse Br. Scott for supplies 1<sup>st</sup> K. Kirk, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Arndt
11. Past Events
  - a. King Open House. Event was very wet, packed up by 12:30 due to storms.
12. Future Events
  - a. Isaac Cannon plaque- need to hang the plaque in one of the halls due to cemetery regulations, need to schedule a dedication date.
  - b. 5 last soldier plaques to place this summer: Brown, Outagamie, Waupaca, Washara, Marinette
  - c. More Last Soldier plaques- lets place the one we have before ordering more.
  - d. Wood County Last Soldier plaque dedication. September 14, Police & VFW Honor Guard will participate
- 13.. New Business
  - a. Pinecrest Historical Village, Manitowoc June 1-2; Heritage Hill, Green Bay June 15-16
  - b. Department Encampment-June 8, Boscobel, All should try to attend
  - c. Dedication in Ashland, try to set date in July or August.
  - d. 2 new markers for Bell Cemetery, Winneconne, 1 marker for Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega on order. Possible new marker for Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh. Need a crew to help in setting the markers.
  - e. Picnic Meeting July 15 at Br K. Kirk's home
14. Patriot Instruction - see newsletter
15. Any new or old business. NONE
16. Anyboby do anything for the good of the order? CC Heltemes placed a GAR flag holder at the grave of William Stuelke per family request.
15. Closed. 8:12 P.M.

Submitted by Dennis R. Jacobs, Secretary Camp #8, Dept. of Wisc., SUVCW.

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## NEXT OLD ABE CAMPE 8 MEETING July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Picnic starts at 6:00pm at  
W2154 Cottonville Court  
Auroraville, WI.**

**Meeting starts at 7:00PM  
After the cookout**

**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 [www.suvcw-wi.org](http://www.suvcw-wi.org). Also, visit the national SUVCW website at [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org). Camp 8 also has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Abe-Camp-8-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-SUVCW/192313178329](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Abe-Camp-8-Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-SUVCW/192313178329).

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! Membership

**\$40.00/yr. Annual Dues\***

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