



## Camp Orders 2020 -01

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Grand Army of the Republic*

“Old Abe” Camp #8

Wisconsin Department



January Camp Meeting

Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>

Meal begins at 5:30 PM

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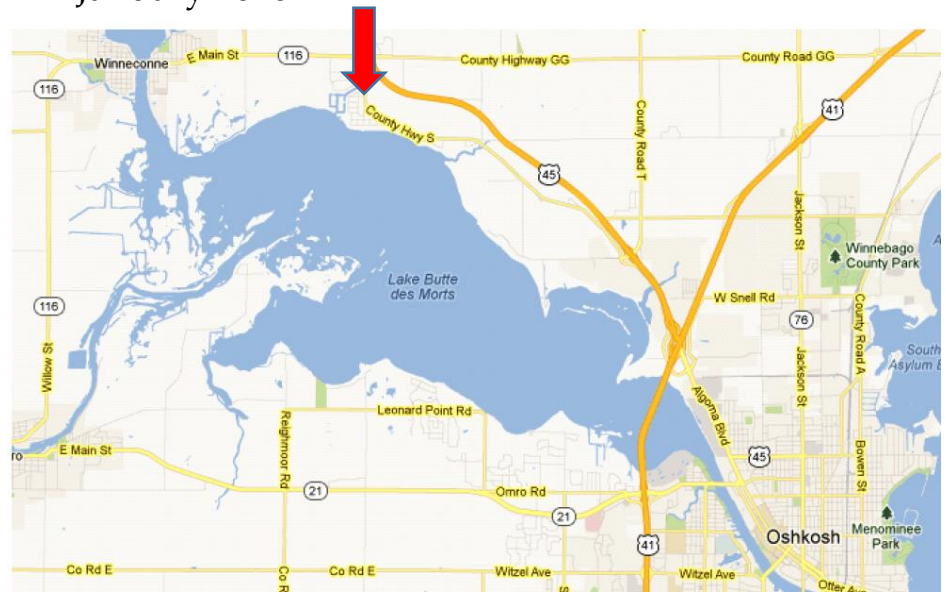
The White House Inn

5776 Main Street

Butte Des Morts, WI.

Wear Your  
Membership Badge

January 2020



Our January meeting, Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, is being held at The White House Inn in Buttes Des Morts.

We plan on having dinner starting at 5:30 PM. If you do not wish to join us for dinner, the regular meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of having a dinner with our meeting is to enjoy social and fellowship time between members, which was very much a tradition with the GAR.

Additional information about the White House Inn can be obtained from <https://jimmieswhitehouseinn.com>

### Directions

From Oshkosh take Hwy 45 North to Cty Rd S. In Butte Des Morts, turn left on to Washington St., then right onto Main Street.

From the North take Hwy 45 South to Cty Hwy GG. Go right, then left on Cty Rd S. Take Main Street South and the White House Inn will be on your left.

### Final Dues Notice

Membership dues must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please send \$40.00 to the Camp Treasurer:

Kurtis Kirk

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# Notices

## **Bingo at the Veterans Home at King**

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, Old Abe Camp #8 will be hosting Bingo at the Veterans Home located in King, WI at 9:00 am. We will be doing this in the Marden Center building.

This is a good time for the Camp to have exposure, help the veterans in need, and have a good time. Please try to make it. Please wear your membership badge. Uniform is optional

For more information contact brother Kim Heltemes at: [heltemesk@centurylink.net](mailto:heltemesk@centurylink.net)

## **Echoes of the Past Trade Fair**

**Feb 22-23, 2020**

*Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin*

Times are Sat. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Sun 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

We will have a large merchant booth (9' by 11' deep) with one table provided.

2 chairs are provided (we may need to bring more along)

We will get 4 free wristbands. More will have to pay.

There are a lot of interesting items to see & buy.

## **Mid-Winter Department Meeting**

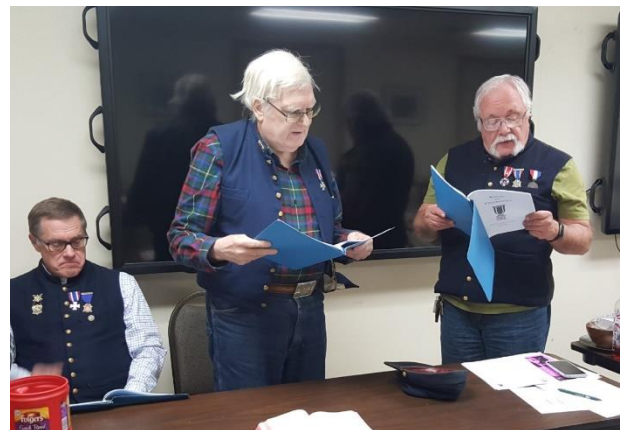
**And**

## **Patriot Luncheon**

**February 1, 2020**

**Alioto's Restaurant 3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa,  
Wis.**

**9:00AM - Noon Meeting 12:30 PM Luncheon**



New Camp Commander Alan Petit being sworn in at the election meeting. Photo By Br. Kim Heltemes

# Camp In Action



Before and after they laying of wreaths.  
Photographs by Br. Dennis Jacobs

Wreaths Across America  
Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
King Wisconsin  
December 14, 2019  
Brothers Kirby Scott, Dennis Jacobs and Kim Heltemes assisted in laying wreaths during the event.



PDC Kim Heltemes laying a wreath  
at Moses Ladd's grave.



DSVC Kirby Scott laying wreaths  
Photographs by Br. Kirby Scott

## 2020 Camp Calendar

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM**

Veterans Bingo

Location: Veterans Home, King WI

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM**

Camp 8 regular Meeting & Dinner

Location: Jimmy's White House Inn, Butte Des Morts, WI

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM**

Department Midwinter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon

Location: Alioto's Restaurant, Wauwatosa, WI

**February 22-23, 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM Sat. & 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sun**

Echoes of the Past Trade Fair

Location: Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI

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

Camp 8 Regular Meeting

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM**

155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of President Lincoln's Death - Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Location: Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 Regular Meeting

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI

**June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

Civil War Days

Location: Pinecrest Historical Village, Manitowoc, WI

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM Picnic 7:00 PM Meeting**

Camp 8 Regular Meeting & Picnic

Location: Auroraville, WI.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM**

Camp 8 Regular Meeting

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting**

Camp 8 Regular Meeting, Dinner & Elections

Location: Fire House #17 1813 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM**

Wreaths Across America

Location: Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, King, WI



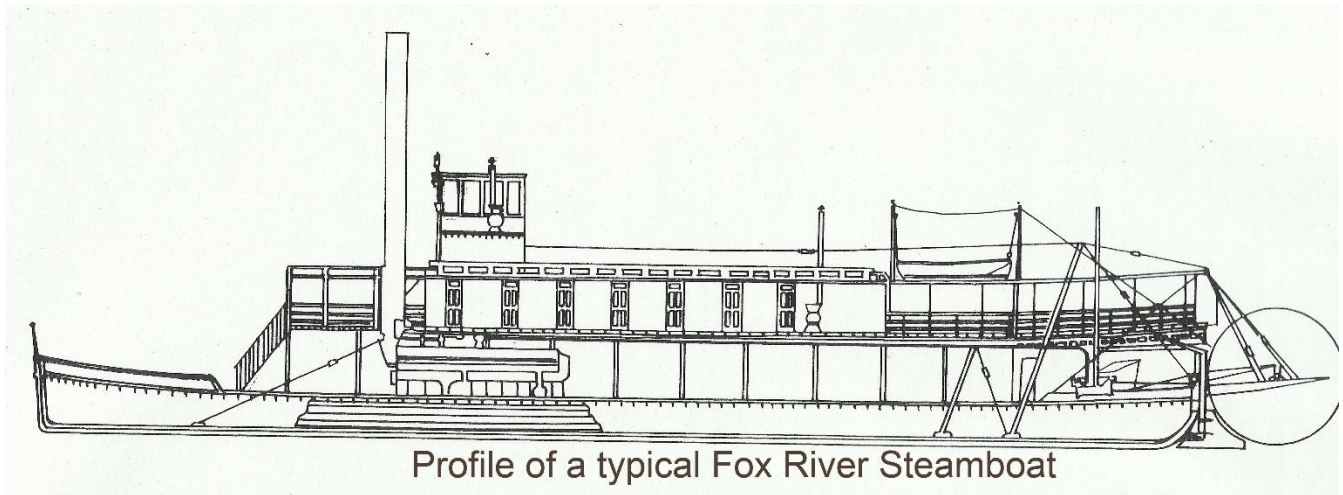
Patriotic Instruction  
By Paul Johnson

**“The Appleton Belle”**

Research Material Supplied by Dennis Jacobs

The “Appleton Belle” was a steam boat designed to ply the Wisconsin River system. Built in Pittsburgh, Penn. in 1857, she was 134ft in length and had a 25ft beam, 103 tons and drew 20 inches of water and was a stern wheeler.

While no pictures exist of the “Appleton Belle” we present this sketch of the class.



Profile of a typical Fox River Steamboat

“The beautiful steamer Appleton Belle – (so named in honor of the flourishing city of Appleton) –Capt. J. Nixon, arrived at this place from Pittsburg, via. Nashville, Tennessee, on Friday evening last. She remained here a short time, being detained by the unfinished lock at McNeil’s Mill – This boat is designed to form one of a line of steamers to ply between Green Bay and Fond du Lac. She was built for the owners, Messrs. Nixon, Cotton & Co., at Pittsburg the past winter, and is as beautiful a specimen of mechanism as is often found afloat on our western waters, far exceeding anything now running on Lake Winnebago.

Under the excellent management of Capt. Nixon, she will undoubtedly be the favorite of the traveling public on her route. She is 134 feet in length with 25 feet beam draws about 20 inches of water, and modeled after the river steamers, with a stern wheel.

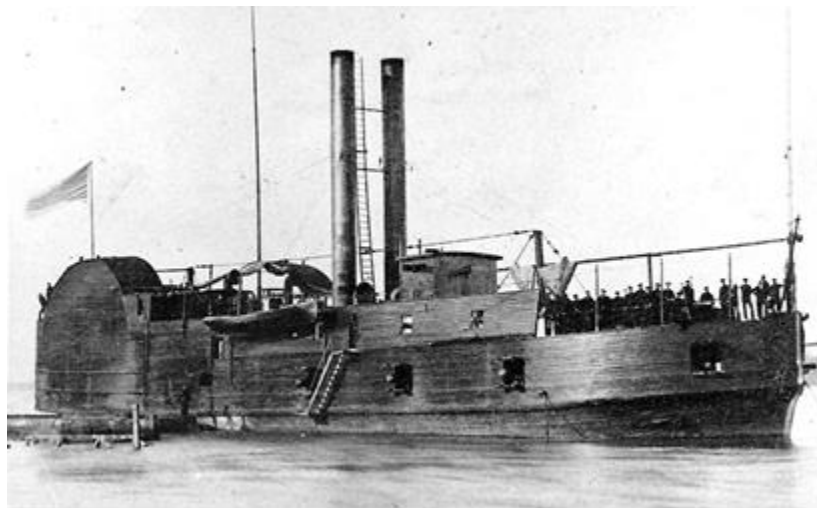
According to the *Portage City Record* “The Appleton Belle left Pittsburg about six weeks since and has made somewhat of a circuitous trip. Going down the Ohio River to the Cumberland mouth, she put up that river heavily laden, some two hundred miles to Nashville, in the middle of Tennessee. Re-loaded herself there with southern products, she again returned to the Ohio, passed down to the Mississippi, and so up to the Wisconsin, and from thence to Portage, being two days and a half from Prairie du Chien to this place. Thus we see we have a direct water communication with every State in the Union; the unimproved condition of the Wisconsin River being the only drawback. This will undoubtedly be shortly

remedied. The proprietors inform us that it is their purpose to build another boat the present summer to run between Oshkosh and Portage. If business or inclination leads us in the direction of Green Bay, mark us down for a trip on the Appleton Belle.”

Mid-June of 1860, the Appleton Belle was sold and made her way to the Mississippi River, where she delivered coal and other supplies between St. Louis and Nashville. When the war broke out, she became a Confederate supply ship.

“The Appleton Belle is known to have served Confederate forces under Lt. Col. J.H. Miller, CSA, at Paris, Tenn.” [WWW.hazegray.org/danfs/csn/a.txt](http://WWW.hazegray.org/danfs/csn/a.txt)

Nothing has been reported of the circumstances of her capture, however on 7 February 1862, a union gunboat “U.S.S. Conestoga under the command of Lt. S.L. Phelps, on the Tennessee River forced the rebel forces to abandon and destroy three steamers; Samuel Orr, Appleton Belle, and Lynn Boyd to prevent capture by the Union.



*Burlington Daily Hawk Eye (Burlington Iowa) C. Dunham, February 14, 1862, Pg 3 Col. 3&4* further reports by the Gun Boats from the Tennessee River that; “ Only one steamer, the Dunbar, now floats on the Upper Tennessee. The Appleton Belle had 4,000 pounds of powder aboard, and when fired was purposely anchored opposite the fine residence of Judge Creevatt, a noted loyalist, which was completely shattered by an explosion.

Compared to the Mississippi river boats which ranged from 200 to 300 feet with beams of 25 to 45 feet, drawing from 2 feet to 6 feet of water, the Appleton Belle was no means a glamorous queen of the river. Her size was demanded by the river systems she plied, large enough to take on the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee Rivers but the ability to transport cargo and people on the smaller, but numerous rivers that make up the Wisconsin river system, including the north flowing Fox river from Fond du Lac to Green Bay, the Wisconsin presumably from where it joins the Mississippi below Prairie du Chien. Filling a needs of early Wisconsin prior to the wide spread of the railroads after the Civil War. Had it not met her fate a mere 4 or so years after her launch, her usefulness past about 1870 would have been taken over by the rail roads.



# You're invited to our 50th Annual **Patriotic Luncheon**

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

**Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.**



**Guest Speaker: Robert I. Girardi**

Renowned Civil War historian and author

## **“Lincoln and the Common Soldier”**

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- **Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance**
- **Luncheon buffet price still only \$20 per person**

### **Location: Alioto's Restaurant**

3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

*(exit Hwy. 45 at Burleigh; east to Hwy. 100; turn right to restaurant)*

### **Luncheon buffet includes:**

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing  
Served with assorted relish tray, pasta salad, mixed vegetables, buttered new potatoes, Jello, tossed green salad, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk, sheet cake for dessert

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**Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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Registration form and program advertising information on reverse side.  
For more information, call (414) 614-3690



## Spread Your Message in the 2020 Patriotic Luncheon Program

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speaker's program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon program booklet. Proceeds from ad sales are used to support history education in schools and the community, Eagle Scout recognition programs and Civil War monument restoration. Use the order form at the bottom of this page to place an order for your ad.

- Sell Your Product/Business
  - Send Greetings/Congratulations
  - Remember Your Ancestors
- Quarter Page Ad = 2" tall x 5" wide = \$5  
Half Page Ad = 4" tall x 5" wide = \$10  
Full Page Ad = 8" tall x 5" wide = \$15  
Back Cover (one) = \$30

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please make checks payable to "C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1" and mail by the respective deadline to:

Elizabeth Craig, 3422 N. 79th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Due to volume of sales, we cannot guarantee ad placement in booklet, with exception of back cover.



### 2020 Patriotic Luncheon Meal Reservation Form

Deadline for meal reservations is Monday, Jan. 27, 2020.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to join you at the Patriotic Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ meals X \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Program Booklet Advertising Order Form

Deadline for advertising is Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020.

My ad is a NEW ad:

Re-use my ad on file:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject or title of ad: \_\_\_\_\_

AD SIZE:  Quarter Page \$5  Half Page \$10  Full Page \$15  Back Cover \$30

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_ My ad payment = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail ad copy/artwork to [kapeterson0681@gmail.com](mailto:kapeterson0681@gmail.com) or you may attach your ad copy to this form.

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## 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 9 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\*

For New Membership, Contact:

Jr. Vice Ron Arndt

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