



Camp Orders 2022

May Edition

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



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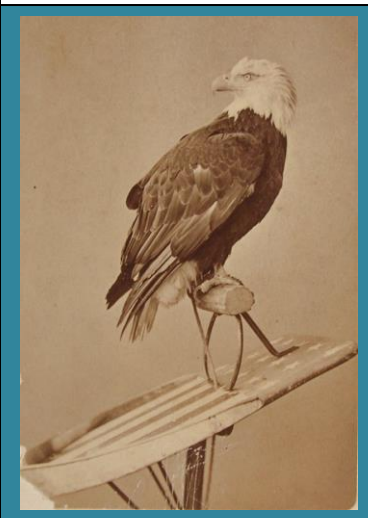
**Our May meeting, Saturday, May 21st, at 3:00 pm, is being held at the
Butte des Morts Lions Club, 5068 Washington, Butte des Morts, WI.**

The Lions Club is south and east of the White House Inn

Camp #8 has been up and running. We have started using Zoom, making the meetings available to all members. Thanks to a donation from Sam Solberg the Camp has paid a fee for the Zoom meetings to hold more than a few people. The camp has used Zoom for the last two meetings.

We have two new members, Dave Melancon and William “Andy” Haack. Please make them welcome.

A women from Kewausum has been doing cemetery research and found an unmarked Civil War soldier’s grave. She contacted Kirby Scott on the Camp website and in turn Kirby gave Kim Heltemes the information. After contact was made with the women, research was done, the paperwork completed, and the marker was ordered. We are planning on installing the marker on Saturday May 14 at the Gage Cemetery north of Kewasum. If you can help on Saturday please be at the cemetery at 10 am.





New members, Dave Melancon on the upper left and William "Andy" Hauck on the right, are sworn in at ceremony at the January and the March meetings.

Camp Commander PDC Alan Petit pinned the membership badge on Dave in the left photograph. In the absence of Commander Alan, Jim Schumann read the initiation ceremony for William "Andy" Hauck.

Dave is retired Army and Andy is in Company E of the 2nd Wisconsin Association.

THE LAST LAST SOLDIER MARKER OF WISCONSIN

By PDC Kim J. Heltemes

On April 26, 2022 the Last Soldier marker for Israel Cannon of Waupaca County was finally presented to the State of Wisconsin at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. King is part of Waupaca, Wisconsin and was the name of the Grand Army Home at its start in 1887. Cannon was a member of the Home for about 17 years and died at the Home. He was buried in the Home Cemetery, now called the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. His grave was the only grave in Wisconsin that could not be marked with the Last Soldier marker. The state controlled cemeteries adopted the guidelines of Federal cemeteries, like Arlington. Not grave can be decorated. It was felt that one soldier could not be honored or made to stand out more than the others. So no special treatment could be given to Israel Cannon. This made honoring him difficult.

After many trips to see cemetery officials, many emails, and several visits to the Veterans Home to get the grave marked, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum curator of exhibits came up with the solution. He would put the marker in the Megellas Gallery at the Home (the museum under the control of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum but not controlled by the Home).

A plaque made with the marker on a white slate tile to simulate his headstone along with Cannon's photograph, obituary and a photograph of a G.A.R. badge was framed by PDC Kim J. Heltemes. Curator Gregory Krueger accepted the plaque at the Home from PDC Heltemes and installed it right way on a wall in the museum in the section that tells about the history of the Home. It is a fitting place for a well, liked man that lived and died at the Home. A graveside and unveiling ceremonies were planned for May 7, 2022 by Old Abe Camp #8.

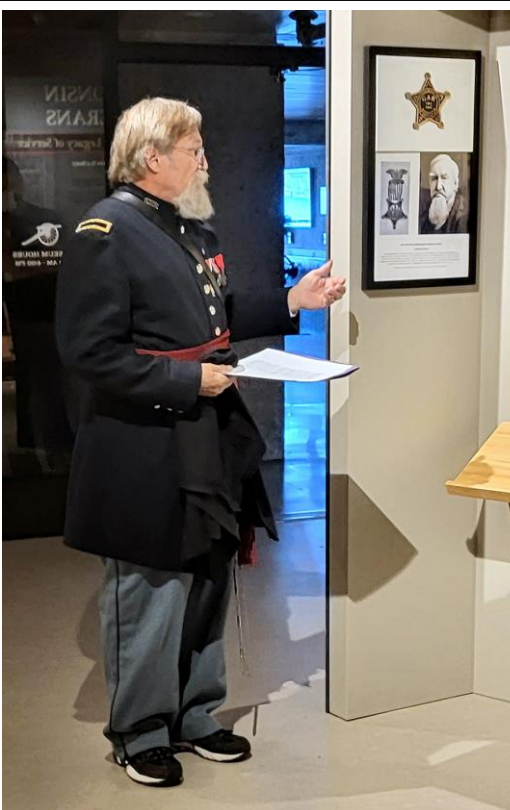
Cannon served in Company C of the 23rd Wisconsin Infantry.

Thank you to the Greg Krueger, Wisconsin Veterans Home Commandant, and especially Colleen, secretary to the commandant, for all of their help.

On the left, PDC Kim J. Heltemes gave a small presentation on Israel Cannon after the unveiling of the Last Soldier plaque at the Wisconsin Veterans Home Museum to Old Abe Camp #8 members before they did the graveside ceremony at his grave for Israel Cannon. The presentation included parts of his obituary.



Above, Wisconsin Veterans Museum curator, Greg Krueger, on the left accepted the plaque for Last Soldier, Israel Cannon from PDC Kim J. Heltemes at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.





After the small unveiling of the Last Soldier plaque in the museum, Camp #8 members did the Last Soldier ceremony at the grave of Israel J. Cannon in the Home Cemetery (Central Wisconsin Memorial Cemetery). On the left from left to right are PDC Kim J. Heltemes, PDC Brian Peters and Sam Solberg.

Below from left to right: Jim Schumann, Andy Haack, and Kirby Scott fired a three shot volley before Taps was sounded.





After the ceremony was over, Old Abe Camp #8 members posed for photographs. They are from left to right Jim Schumann, new member Andy Haack, Kirby Scott, PDC Brian Peters, PDC Kim J. Heltemes, and Sam Solberg. Sam came down from Ashland for

Help is needed to install a headstone in Gage Cemetery by Kewaskum, Wisconsin. This is east of Hwy 41 about 7 miles south of Fond du Lac. Get ahold of Kim if you can help.



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