



**Camp Orders 2022
November Edition
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
*Old Abe Camp #8***



Wisconsin Department

Our November meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at 3:00 pm, is being held at the Butte des Morts Lions Club, 5068 Washington, Butte des Morts, WI.

Commanders Column



Kim J. Heltemes
Commander

Camp #8 held its September meeting in the park behind the Butte des Morts Lions Club. During the meeting, it was voted to have an interim Camp Commander, Kim J. Heltemes, to fill the commander position for the rest of the year due to the passing of Commander Alan Petit. We initiated 3 new members and accepted the applications for 3 other members.

Camp #8 has been fairly active this fall. Wade House re-enactment was Sept 24-25. Thanks to Kirby Scott, Dave Melancon, Alan Heise, and myself, it was a success. We recruited several members for Camp #2 and Camp #8. There were several other applications pending.

We held a headstone dedication on October 2, 2022, for a Seminole War, Mexican War, and Civil War veteran, Seth Porter Church, at the Gage Cemetery between Campbellsport and Kewaskum, Wisconsin.



2023 Dues are due.

Please send \$40 to:
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Make check out to:
Old Abe Camp #8
or bring it to the
November meeting



CAMP 8 will be having its annual “Bean Dinner” at the November meeting. Please bring a dish to pass – it doesn’t have to be beans, a plate, silverware, and something to drink.

Reminder that the November meeting is when elections of next year’s officers are held. If you have any interest in becoming a camp officer, let Kim know.



IN MEMORY OF PAST DEPT. COMMANDER AND CAMP COMMANDER ALAN O. PETIT

As most of you know by now, Old Abe Camp #8 Commander Alan Petit passed away on July 14, 2022. Alan was involved with many Civil War re-enactment groups, the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was buried in New London.

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. Also, visit the national SUVCW website at 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.

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.

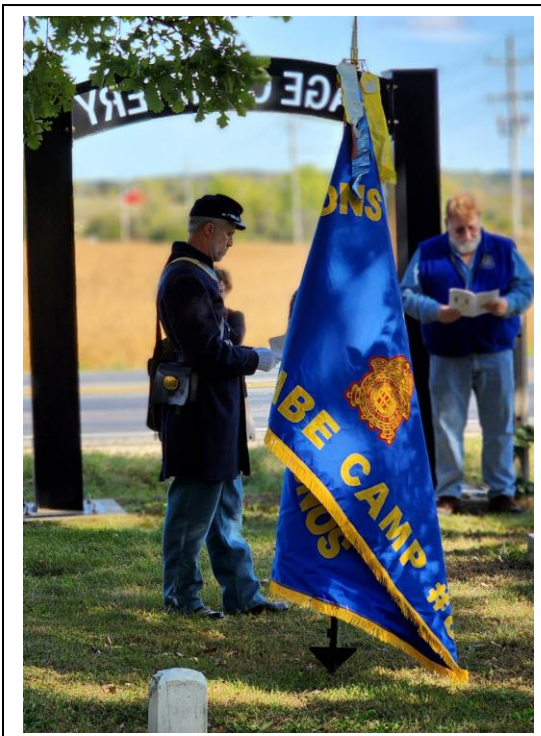
Contact the Jr. Vice officer below for information.



Above: On September 19, 2022, Camp Commander Kim J. Heltemes on the left, along with Camp Secretary and Camp Chaplain Brian Peters and Counsel Kirby Scott with the flag, initiated new members, Paul Waid in the back, Leland Burlison in the middle and Scott Kreis in the front. We had our meeting in the park behind the Lions Building. Welcome new members.



Above : from left to right are Andy Hauck, Kirby Scott as the Rifle Honor Squad. Left bottom: Chaplain Brian Peters does his reading as Paul Waid follows along on the right. Bottom right: overall view with some of the public at the dedication as Brian Peters reads a prayer.

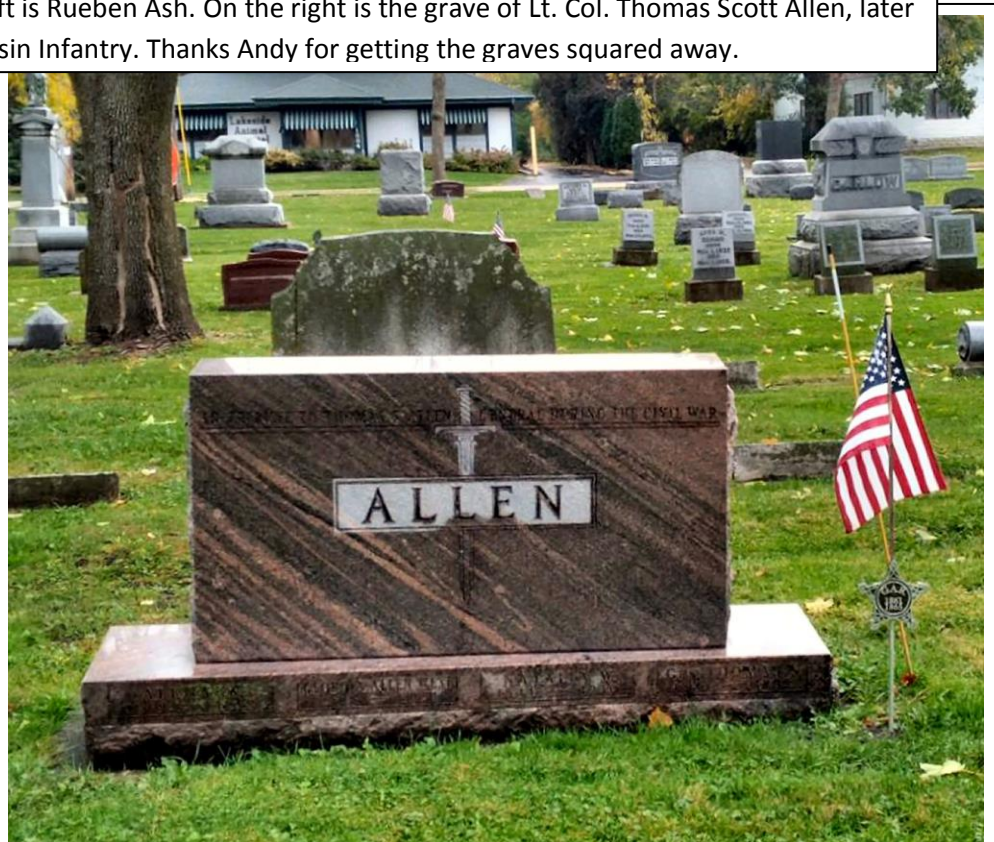


Old Abe Camp #8 at WADE HOUSE 2022



Above: Old Abe Camp #8 attended the Wade House Re-enactment on September 24-25, 2022. We had Dave Rambow take our likeness while at our display. Members in the tintype, from left to right are: PDC Kim J. Heltemes, Kirby Scott, Alan Heise, Forrest Heise, and Jim Schumann.

Below are two markers in Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, that got GAR flagholders through the work of our new member, William "Andy" Hauck. Both fought with Company E of the 2nd Wisconsin from Oshkosh. The grave on the left is Rueben Ash. On the right is the grave of Lt. Col. Thomas Scott Allen, later the Colonel of the 5th Wisconsin Infantry. Thanks Andy for getting the graves squared away.



Headstone dedication at Gage Cemetery, Fond du Lac County, on October 2, 2022, for Seth Porter Church.



Camp #8 members at the dedication were: left to right, Alan Heise, Jim Schumann, new members Scott Kreis and Paul Waid, PDC Kim J. Heltemes, Kirby Scott, Andy Hauck, and PDC Brian Peters.



Above: William “Andy” Hauck on the left and Kirby Scott on the right were part of the firing squad. Jim Schumann was the Guard of the grave at the time of the photo.



Above left shown is PDC Kim J. Heltemes as Camp Commander. To the right Jim Schumann stands guard as Kim Heltemes and Chaplain Brian Peters read their parts. Andy Hauck and Kirby Scott are in the background while some of the public watch from behind Brian. New member Paul Wad sounded Taps. The Patriot Riders attended the ceremony and spent time with us afterwards.

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