



Camp Orders 2023
March Edition
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic
Old Abe Camp #8
Wisconsin Department



Our January meeting, Saturday March 18th, 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

Commanders Column



Brothers,
 Another Echoes of the Past trade fair is done. Thank you to all that helped. Even when the crowd is slow it was a good time to chit chat with each other. We were able to help several people with questions about their ancestors and a couple possible new prospective members. The Lincoln Tomb ceremony is happening on April 15. If you have plans on going, get your hotel reservations made and the form sent in to the SUV.
 We got news that Wade House is changing their event to an only living history. There would not be any battle and going with a living history event instead. They may be putting on a living history several times a year. Because of this, the Pinecrest event has been changed to the same weekend on September 23-24.
 The Department encampment is on June 3 in Wauwatosa at the Lions Club. Details will be forthcoming.

Kim J. Heltemes
 Commander

Yours in Fraternity,
 Kim J. Heltemes



2023 Dues are due.

Please send \$40 to:
Kurt Kirk
W 2154 Cottonville Court
Berlin, WI 54923

Make check out to:
Old Abe Camp #8
 or bring it to the meeting



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.



We had a nice turnout for the trade fair in Oshkosh. Shown are from left to right: PDC Kim J. Heltemes, Jim Schumann, Paul Waid, PDC Tom Brown and PCC Kirby Scott. It had been many years since we had this type of participation at the event.

As most of you know, our last camp commander, Alan Petit, passed away last year. We want to plan on a special ceremony for him in New London this summer. No date has been set yet.

Kurt was able to find the charter and camp materials in the home and return them to us. Thank you Kurt.

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 67th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$114.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". Reserve your room by March 25, 2023. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 15th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program TBD.

Luncheon cost is \$45.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Organization name in full: _____

Name & title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

if no e-mail, home address: _____

City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice **MUST** be received **no later than April 1st** at the address shown below.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Beef Pot Roast _____ Roasted Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$35.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

Reservations must be made by April 5th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

SEND TO:

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