



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



**Our May meeting, Saturday May 20th, 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



Kim J. Heltemes
 Commander

Brothers,

Please make plans to participate in Memorial Day (May 30 and 31). If you are wondering why I mention the 30th it is because this is the original Decoration Day that later became Memorial Day on the 31st. Whether it is a parade or spending time walking a cemetery, please honor our ancestors.

The Department Encampment is on June 3, 2023 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin at the Lions Club building.

The May meeting is on May 20, 3 pm. See you there.

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.



Left: Camp Commander Kim J. Heltemes handed out the SUVCW ROTC award to the recipient of the Oshkosh Battalion. The event took place at St. Norbert College in De Pere on April 27, 2023.



On the left: PDC Kim J. Heltemes and PCC Vince Barker are posing in front of the Lincoln Tomb on the death anniversary date of April 15, 1865. Wreaths were presented by Paul Waid and Brian Peters on behalf of the camp while Kim and Vince presented for the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Above: PDC Brian Peters and his wife Lucy stand in front of the Tomb.



Note: If you want to go to the Department Encampment the info is on the following page. You must have a credential card from the camp secretary, Brian Peters before you go.



Department of Wisconsin
140th Annual Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
June 3, 2023



**Old Main Renovation
Milwaukee Soldiers Home**

Attendees will receive a souvenir
button/ribbon with their name tag.

Early Registration Deadline: Saturday, May 26, 2023

Place: Wauwatosa Lions Club
7336 St James St., Wauwatosa, Wis., 53213
(map on reverse)

Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens; light refreshments available
- 9:00 a.m. Joint Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service
- 9:30 a.m. Business Session
- 11:30 a.m. Break for Lunch—at Lions Club
- 1:00 p.m. Reconvene Business Session
- 3:00 p.m. Encampment closes
- 3:30 p.m. Private tour of the newly renovated historic Soldiers Home after the Encampment.

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SUVCW 140th Dept. of Wisconsin Encampment Registration

Early registration deadline: Saturday, May 26, 2023

Fill out the information on
the right, and send it with
your registration fee to:

PDC Kent Peterson
6024 S. Kirkwood Ave.
Cudahy, WI 53110-3106
(414) 614-3690

Make checks payable to:
**C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1,
SUVCW**

- Individual registration = \$7.00
- Late/at door individual registration = \$10.00
- Individual registration with lunch (pulled pork or beef, salads, beverage) = \$15.00
- Late/at door registration with lunch = \$20.00
- Soldiers Home tour after the Encampment (FREE)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ **Camp:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A VALID CREDENTIAL CARD SIGNED BY YOUR CAMP SECRETARY.

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