



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



Our September meeting, Saturday September 16th, 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.

Please join us afterwards at the White House Inn for social time and good food.



**Kim J. Heltemes
Commander**

Commanders Column

Brothers,

Since Wade House went to a living history Camp 8 has decided to go to the Pinecrest near Manitowoc instead on September 23 – 24. We will be in one of the buildings so we don't need to set up our tent and fly. But we do need help manning the tables. Pinecrest opens up from 2 – 8 pm on the 23rd and from 11 - 3 pm on Sunday the 24th.

Four headstones have been ordered and are being made for Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh. Please be aware that that makes five markers we need to dedicate this fall. There are another two that are going to be ordered for Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega. I found another unmarked grave in Riverside that is in the G.A.R. section. I have to follow up on verifying that he is unmarked.

If anyone is looking for clothing and re-enacting equipment please let me know. Uniforms, etc.

Also to let everyone know, I will not be running for Commander in November.

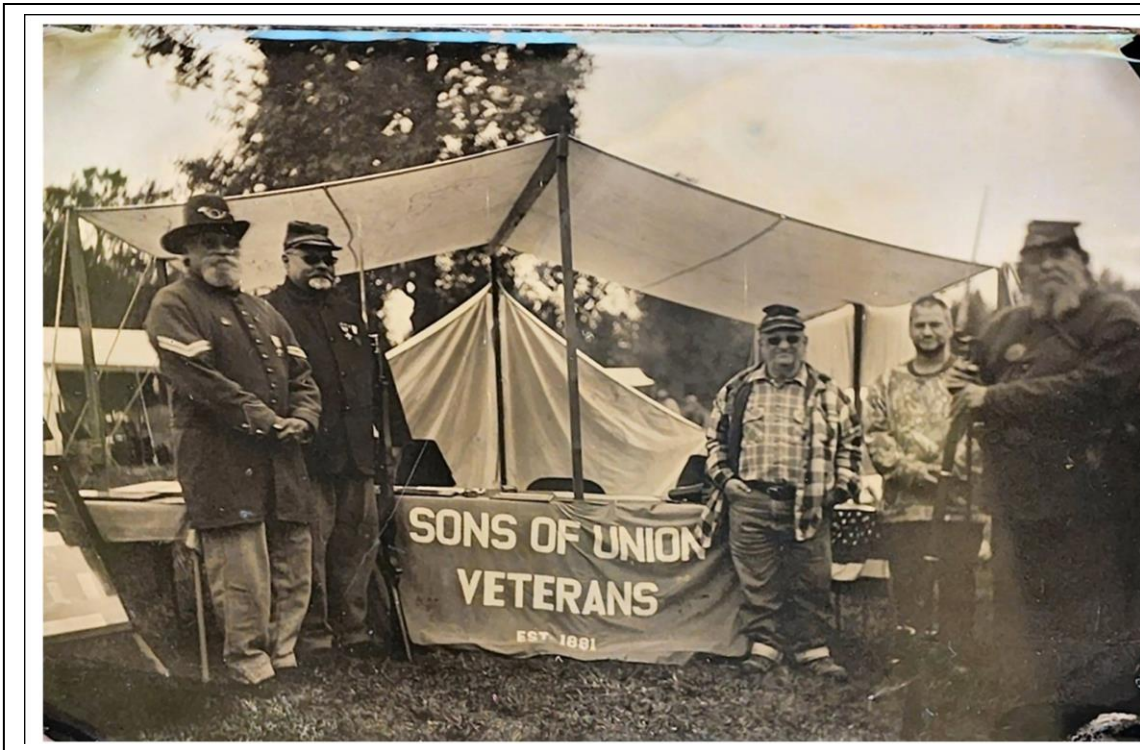
Yours in Fraternity,
Kim J. Heltemes



2023 Dues are due.

Please send \$40 to:
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W 2154 Cottonville
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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.





Previous page: l to r: Jim Schumann, Kirby Scott, Andy Hauck, Herman Petit, Brian Peters, Kim J. Heltemes and Kurt Kirk as we did the ceremony for Alan Petit.

On August 20, 2023, Camp 8 did a grave side service for Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander, Alan O. Petit. We installed a Sons flag holder to acknowledge Alan's dedication to the Sons. Left: Alan's brother, Herman, placed the flag in the holder as part of the ceremony. It was a very hot day in the sun. PDC Brian Peters on the left served as the Chaplain.

Below, L to r: William "Andy" Hauck, Herman Petit, Brian Peters, Kim J. Heltemes, Kirby Scott and Kurt Kirk. Missing in the photograph was Jim Schumann.



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