



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



Our September meeting, Saturday November 11th, 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,

The City of Oshkosh has installed three new markers that I ordered for three unmarked soldiers in Riverside Cemetery. Actually, there were six unmarked graves but they cannot verify the exact grave location for three of them so they remain unmarked. Today, I found two more unmarked graves and one illegible marker buried in the ground. It makes four new markers that need to be dedicated that are in place in that cemetery. There will also be two more new markers in Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega.

Thanks to Kirby Scott and Jim Schumann for their help during the Pinecrest Civil War days in September. The weather was very nice.

In late September the Weyauwega Area Historical Society had a cemetery walk and I was asked to do some of the military markers. I did a deserter that was later given an honorable discharge. He was from the Menominee Tribe.

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

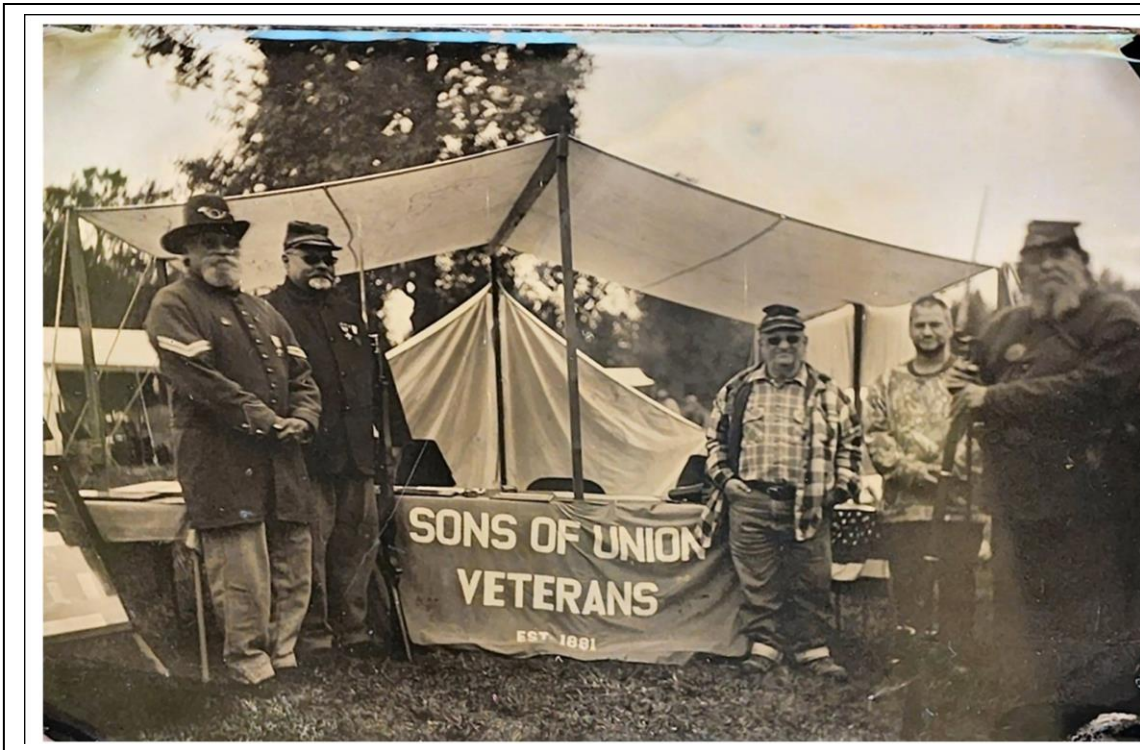
Also to let everyone know, I will not be running for Commander in November.

Yours in Fraternity,
Kim J. Heltemes



2024 Dues are due in December.

Please send \$40 to:
**Kurt Kirk
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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.

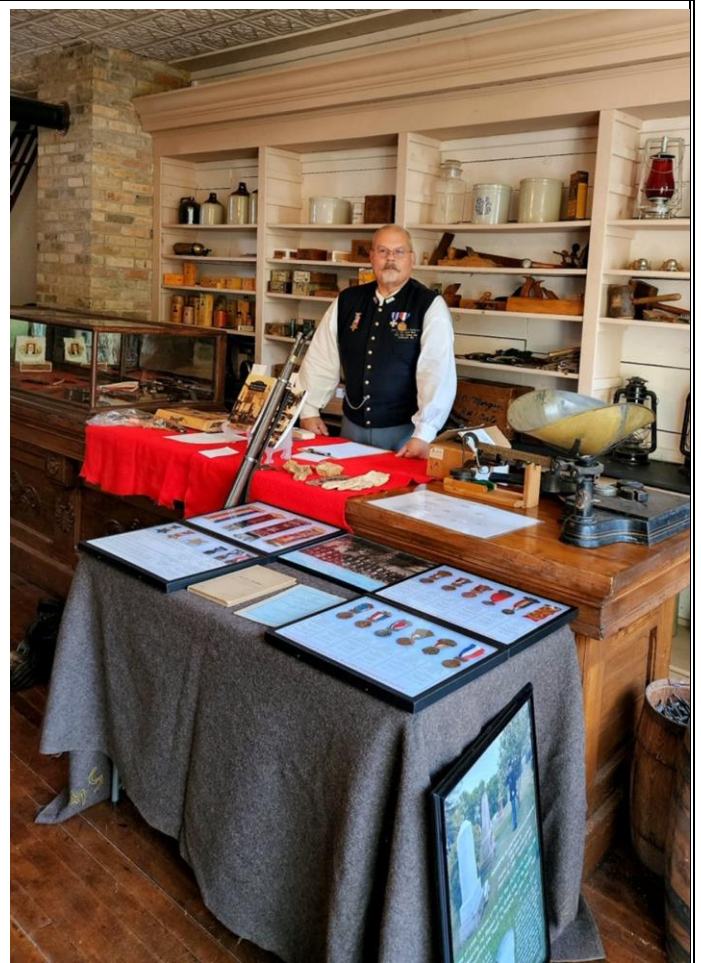
Contact the Jr. Vice officer below for information.

Please note: We need someone to step up to fill the Camp Commander position for the next year. I am not running for the Commander position. It is someone else's turn.

Also, I cannot attend the November meeting. Please attend the meeting on the 11th. It will be our annual "Bean Dinner" meeting. Bring a dish to pass, socialize and enjoy the time together. Remember, it is our election of officers during the November meeting.

William Morris got ahold of me and rejoined the Camp. He is interested in getting his ancestor marked in Mt. Morris, Wisconsin.

Kim J. Heltemes, Camp Commander



Above left: Jim Schumann mixed with some of the visitors and gave the young people a chance to drill with him at the Pinecrest Civil War event in September.

Above right: Kirby Scott tended to the Camp 8 display at the Pinecrest Civil War. Kirby has fun selling raffle tickets.



Left lower: Kim J. Heltemes was waiting for the cemetery walk in early October to begin in the Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega. You may notice there is no headstone on the grave behind him. It is the grave of Henry Pegram of Company K of the 17th Wisconsin Infantry. He was sent home to recruit but he didn't return to the front so he was listed as a deserter. Later after his death it was expunged. A new marker is being ordered for him.

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