

If you already have renewed your membership for 2025, thank you!!!!!!

If not, please act by the Dec. 31 deadline. The dues notice again has been sent in a separate email.

And don't forget that the Patriotic Luncheon is Feb. 1. See the flyer.

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CAMP ORDERS

DECEMBER 2024

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION

WE'RE READY TO FILE IN FOR A NEW YEAR

In every month of 2024, the Camp and Auxiliary honored our ancestors in ways big and small.

Like the Patriotic Luncheon and Memorial Day and tombstone work. Like parades and expos. Like intricate reporting on members of C.K. Pier's 38th Wisconsin.

The Camp is now 123 years old, and our 124th year no doubt will show us to be as earnest and creative as ever.

Happy holidays!!!

Forward, march!!!



In September, we dedicated two tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery, the latest in several years. The robust muster was 14 Brothers and three from the Auxiliary. See page 3 for more photos.

We hereby thank the Auxiliary for spearheading the fantastic holiday dinner on Dec. 11. While some Camp members brought items and others donated, the Auxiliary made it all happen.

The Camp will kick off 2025 at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PCinC Steve Michaels will have the patriotic presentation.



CHRISTMASTIME FOR SOLDIERS



Compiled by PDC Tom Brown from Wikipedia and <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/christmas-bells>

Soldiers not actively campaigning celebrated Christmas in several ways. Union soldiers would use salt pork and hardtack to decorate Christmas trees. Others enjoyed special meals; a captain from Massachusetts treated his soldiers to foods such as turkey, oysters, pies and apples.

In some units, celebrating Christmas was not allowed. On Dec. 25, 1862, soldiers from one unit were punished for celebratory gunfire for the holiday, when actually the gunfire was for a funeral salute.

In one incident on Dec. 25, 1864, about 90 soldiers from Michigan, led by their captain, dispensed food and supplies to poor Georgians, and the mules pulling the carts were decorated to resemble reindeer by having tree branches tied to their heads.

Hymns and seasonal songs were sung during the period, including composer Felix Mendelssohn's "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (1840), "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (1850), "Jingle Bells" (1857), "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (1857), and "Up on the Housetop" (1860).

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" started as a Civil War poem by the famed Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It has been a popular Christmas carol since the first musical version in 1872, set to music by John Baptiste Calkin. It has been recorded by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, among many others.

Longfellow wrote the poem on Christmas Day 1863. Nine months earlier his son, Charles Appleton Longfellow, snuck away from home and enlisted in the Federal Army in Washington D.C. The younger Longfellow excelled in his training and received a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the 1st Mass-

achusetts Cavalry in time to take part in the Chancellorsville campaign.

While eating dinner on Dec. 1, 1863, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow received a telegram. His son had been severely wounded in a skirmish on Nov. 27 in the Mine Run Campaign in Virginia (also known as Payne's Farm or New Hope Church). A bullet entered Charles' left shoulder, passing through his back and clipping the spine, exiting under the right shoulder blade. Longfellow went to Washington, arriving Dec. 3. After two days of waiting, his son arrived by train in the nation's capital.

According to the poet, "The army surgeon who came with the wounded alarmed me by saying that his duty to himself and to me required him to say that the wound was very serious and paralysis might ensue." That evening, three other surgeons gave a more favorable report.

Charles did survive, but his military career was over. Describing his ordeal to a friend, the father wrote, "I have been through a great deal of trouble and anxiety."

This is evident in the lines of the poem. It begins:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day / Their old, familiar carols play, / and wild and sweet / The words repeat / Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

The poem also includes:

"And in despair I bowed my head; / 'There is no peace on earth,' I said; / 'For hate is strong, / And mocks the song / Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: / 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; / The Wrong shall fail, / The Right prevail, / With peace on earth, good-will to men.'"

REMEMBERING COL. PIER: WITH LAW PARTNERS

These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the December 2004 Camp Orders.

In August 1865, Col. Pier was mustered out of federal service, returned to his Fond du Lac home and was admitted to the bar. He then became a partner in the law firm of Gillett, Conklin and Pier.

James Monroe Gillett, 20 years Pier's senior, had come to Wisconsin from New York in 1845. Two years later, he was publishing the Whig, a weekly newspaper in Fond du Lac, an example that Pier later followed. In 1849, Gillett was one of the first Wisconsin lawyers admitted to the Supreme Court. Twice defeated for a State Senate seat, he settled into a comfortable law practice.

William Davies Conklin, also a New York native, came to Fond du Lac with his father at age 10, in 1841. A college graduate, he served two terms as alderman and was

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Events added up to a big bang of honors in 2024



On Memorial Day, Archdiocese Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines was the main concelebrant of the Roman Catholic Mass, and thus got the high honor of firing the cannon of Cushing's Battery.



On Memorial Day, Lisa Avila and the rest of the Auxiliary handed out the Stars and Stripes for patriots of all ages to decorate graves of veterans.



In July, stein-toters stopped at the Camp and Auxiliary display table at German Fest to get a briefing from Danielle Michaels.

In August, a busy parade season concluded with the march in St. Francis.

Last Saturday, a chilled Camp contingent marked Wreaths Across America day at Wood National Cemetery.



Photos on page 1 and here by Kent Peterson. Photo from Wreaths Across America is by Steve Michaels.

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active in organizing the 14th Wisconsin Infantry when the Civil War broke out. Conklin was appointed regimental quartermaster, but relinquished the position to his brother.

In 1867, Conklin was appointed county judge, to fill an unexpired three-year term; the law firm became Gillett and Pier. It then changed to Gillett, Pier and Bass.

James W. Bass was a highly visible and successful attorney. He stumped for U.S. Grant's presidential campaign in 1868, and served temporarily as a district attorney during a murder case in which Pier was defense counsel. He also won a case against the Northwestern Railroad.

Pier eventually split with the firm and practiced law alone for a time. In 1874, he gave up general practice of the law to take charge of other business interests. His father's declining health, the financial stringency of 1873-'77 and four baby daughters were all influential.

Conklin became a municipal judge, a city attorney, and finally, a county judge again. He also was an officer in the Knights of Honor before his death in 1897 at 66. Gillett became a trustee and then a director of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. before his death in 1879 at age 58. Bass left for Minneapolis the same year.

From Business History of Fond du Lac, by A.T. Glaze, P.B. Haber Printing Co., Fond du Lac, 1905; History of Fond du Lac County, Wis., Western Historical company, Chicago, 1880; History of the Bench & Bar of Wisconsin (Vol. 1) prepared under direction of John R. Berryman, H.C. Cooper Jr. & Co., Chicago 1898.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

Q: What was
Drewry's
Bluff?

A: This was the Virginia site of two battles – in 1862 and 1864. The bluff towered 90 feet above a sharp bend in the James River, seven miles from Richmond. It was named for local landowner Augustus H. Drewry, a Confederate artillery captain. The first battle came on May 15, 1862, as part of the Peninsula Campaign. Four Union Navy warships, including the ironclad USS Monitor (yes, the same vessel that famously had fought the CSS Virginia two months earlier) and two other ships steamed up the James to test the defenses of Richmond. They encountered submerged obstacles, and the batteries of Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff inflicted severe damage on the ironclad Galena, forcing the ships to turn back.

In the 1864 battle, the Army of the James landed at Bermuda Hundred and marched overland, advancing within three miles Drewry's Bluff. The Battle of Proctor's Creek – also referred to as Drewry's Bluff or Fort Darling – was fought from May 12-16. While several Union regiments did manage to capture the fort's outer defenses, a counterattack drove them off.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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20 – Clifford Howard 30 – James Matthew Sr.

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and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>**

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COMING UP

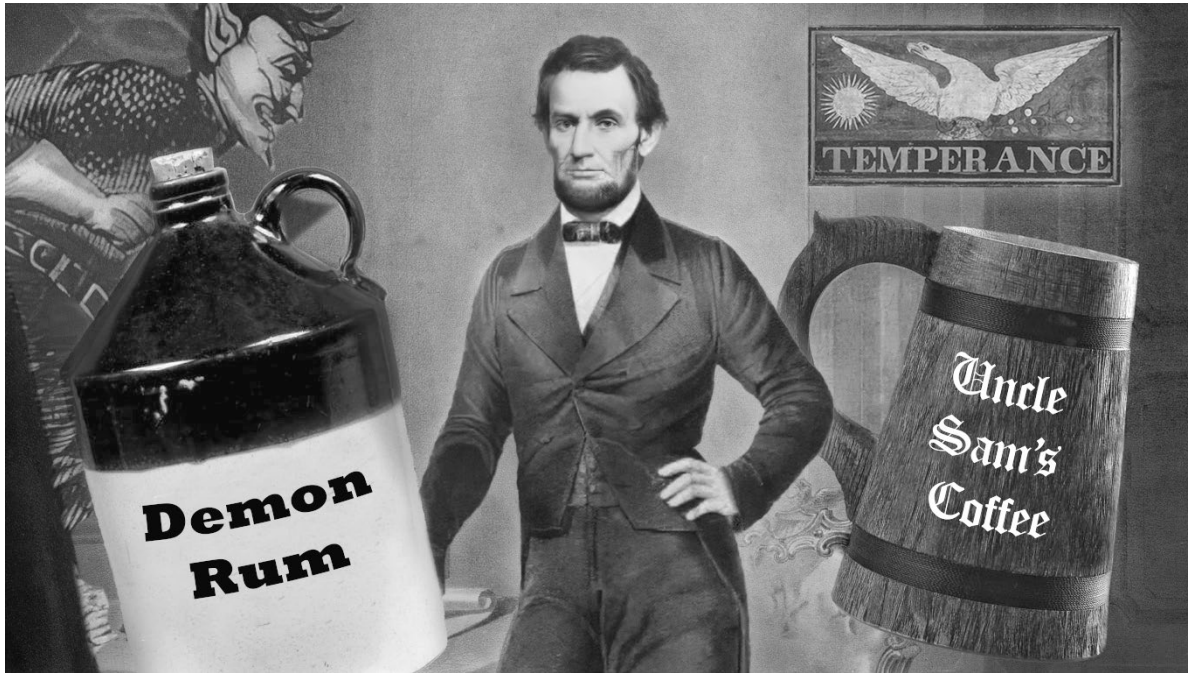
Feb 1: At the the 55th Patriotic Luncheon, Racine author Steven Rogstad will speak about Lincoln and Temperance. The luncheon will be at Alioto's, 3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa.

March 22: The Camp, Auxiliary 4 and the other three Allied Orders have been invited to have display tables at an author's speech at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha.

You're invited to our 55th Annual
Patriotic Luncheon

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.



"The Devil is in the Details: Lincoln & Temperance"

Guest Speaker: Steve Rogstad

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance
- Luncheon buffet price \$27 per person

Location: Alioto's Restaurant

3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

(exit Hwy. 45 at Burleigh; east to Hwy. 100; turn right to restaurant)

Luncheon buffet includes:

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Baked Chicken. Served with honey glazed carrots, buttered new potatoes, assorted relish tray, tossed garden salad, Italian bread, coffee, sherbet for dessert.

Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Registration form and program advertising information on the reverse side.

For more information, call (414) 614-3690

Spread Your Message in the 2025 Patriotic Luncheon Program

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speaker's program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon program booklet. Proceeds from ad sales are used to support history education in schools and the community, Eagle Scout recognition programs and Civil War monument restoration. Use the order form at the bottom of this page to place an order for your ad.

- Sell Your Product/Business
- Send Greetings/Congratulations
- Remember Your Ancestors

Quarter Page Ad = 2" tall x 5" wide = \$5

Half Page Ad = 4" tall x 5" wide = \$10

Full Page Ad = 8" tall x 5" wide = \$20

Back Cover (only one) = \$30

INSTRUCTIONS

For meal and/or ad payments, please make checks payable to "C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1"
and mail by the respective deadline to:

PCinC Steve Michaels, 6623 S. North Cape Rd., Franklin, WI 53132



2025 Patriotic Luncheon Meal Reservation Form

Deadline for meal reservations is Friday, Jan. 24, 2025.

Name(s): _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I/we would like to join you at the Patriotic Luncheon: _____ meals X \$27 each = \$ _____



2025 Program Booklet Advertising Order Form

Deadline for advertising is Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.

My ad is a NEW ad: ☐

Re-use my ad on file: ☐

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Subject or title of ad: _____

AD SIZE: ☐ Quarter Page \$5 ☐ Half Page \$10 ☐ Full Page \$20 ☐ Back Cover \$30

Special instructions: _____ My ad payment = \$ _____

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