



**Brother Bill the Bugler Seaman received the Americanism Award from the Wisconsin Military Order of the Purple Heart for "unwavering commitment to veterans and their families." Congrats, Bill!!!**

**C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP #1**

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**SERIES 2024**

## **CAMP ORDERS**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION**

### **HESSE WILL LEAD THE CAMP**

Tom Hesse, president of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee for the past four years, has been elected Camp commander.

Hesse, of Thiensville, served as junior vice commander the past two years. He succeeds Grant Johnson, who had two terms as commander and also once had been president of the Round Table.

"My father's family is from southern Illinois, and as a kid, on trips to visit relatives, we always made a stop in Springfield to visit the Lincoln shrines. This is where my interest in the Civil War began," says Hesse (pronounced Hessey).

"We also had relatives who were caretakers of an historic mansion in Cairo, Ill., where U.S. Grant stayed after his presidential years."

Other Brothers elected to

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Tom Hesse



### **30 + 30 = Camp years honored**

Treasurer Kent Peterson and Chaplain Dean Collins received 30-year pins at the November meeting. Peterson has seniority, joining on Oct. 25, 1994, vs. Collins' Nov. 15 of that year. See page 4 for a Brother who received a 25-year pin.



**We will enjoy a Christmas potluck dinner with the Auxiliary at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. The installation of officers and the regular meetings will follow at the usual 7 p.m. PDC Tom Brown will have the patriotic presentation.**

**Honoring  
in many  
places,  
many  
ways**



 **WREATHS** *across* AMERICA

## **Dec. 2 is the deadline**

Help Wreaths Across America and help the Camp, too – but do it by Monday, Dec. 2.

The Camp is a designated fundraising group to help provide holiday wreaths for Wood National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 14.

Sponsor wreaths for veterans' graves at Wood, at \$17 each.

The Camp's sponsorship page is at <http://www.suvcw-wi.org/camp1/waa>. When you sponsor a wreath, \$5 comes back to the Camp.

Pass the word to friends or relatives to join us in remembering and honoring our veterans.



Junior Lucas Nguyen describes a patriotic penny drive that he organized at his school, Honey Creek Continuous Progress. Lucas is a fourth-grader. He received much more than coins from the Camp.

In Racine on Oct. 26, all five of the Allied Orders gathered to honor Pvt. Stephen Keiser, who died in 1898 amid a controversy between his church and the GAR. The pastor emeritus of the church, now First Evangelical Lutheran, spoke at the event and said it had been a big misunderstanding. The event was organized by Auxiliary President Susan Fallon. In Fond du Lac (below), five Camp members and one Auxiliary joined with a church youth group to do fall work at Col. Pier's tiny family cemetery.



## **REMEMBERING COL. PIER: 19 ROCKING CHAIRS**

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

Milwaukee's E.B. Wolcott GAR Post #1 received a special Christmas gift at its meeting on Dec. 14, 1894. Past Commander-in-Chief Augustus Weissert presented 19 rocking chairs, from 19 past commanders of various posts, now members of Post #1. This, of course, included C.K. Pier, who had served as commander of Fond du Lac's E.A. Brown Post before moving to Milwaukee six years earlier.

The chairs made the post quarters even more cozy and comfortable. It met at the Academy of Music building (now 615-625 N. Milwaukee St.), and the rooms recently had been renovated and redecorated.

Given the national depression of the previous year and the slow economic recovery, the chairs were indeed a generous gift. The 19 donors included Milwaukee GAR pioneer Edward Ferguson, journalist and early Wisconsin National Guard pioneer Jerome Watrous, and Soldiers Home adjutant Henry Valentin.

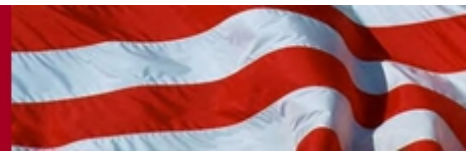
The rocking chairs were put to use almost immediately and were a welcome feature. E.B. Wolcott Post #1 held an open house New Year's Day, during which all Grand Army people and their friends attended.

*From Milwaukee Sentinel, Dec. 17, 1894*





**24TH INFANTRY –  
THE MILWAUKEE REGIMENT**  
BY BROTHER MIKE DEEKEN



It was a warm and sunny Friday afternoon in Milwaukee on the last day of July 1862. Work had been cancelled for most businesses, and bands marched along Grand Avenue (the current Wisconsin Avenue) playing patriotic tunes. Flags were waving and the beer was flowing.

At Kneelands Grove, between 10th and 11th Streets just south of Grand Avenue, the state's governor was about to speak. This event was called the Great War Meeting, and its purpose was to induce Milwaukee men to volunteer for the war.

Just a few months earlier, the casualties at Shiloh had shocked the nation, and the failure of the Peninsula Campaign convinced President Lincoln that this would not be a short war. He called on the states to provide 300,000 more troops. If they failed to do so, he threatened to order a draft. Milwaukee was then a city of 45,000 and its quota was to produce at least two regiments. The 24th Wisconsin needed 1,000 volunteers.

Wealthy Milwaukeeans donated money for enlistment bonuses, which could be as much as \$7,000 in today's money. Enticing men to volunteer was becoming more difficult and recruitment now also focused on older and married men.

Gov. Edward Salomon spoke to the crowd about the urgency for volunteers, concluding with: "What a field of heroic struggle is offered to you. Your gallant comrades from the battlefield call upon you by name. Will you shrink? Will you turn your backs?"

Within only two weeks, the recruitment efforts paid off, and 10 companies of 100 soldiers each were formed. The 24th was mustered in on Aug. 15. They gathered at Camp Sigel on Milwaukee's East Side; land leased to the federal government for \$1. Camp Sigel was named after Union Gen. Franz Sigel, and was bounded by Prospect and Bartlett Avenues and Lafayette and Royal Streets. The 24th was one of seven Wisconsin regiments to train at this site, while most others trained at Camp Randall in Madison.

The men were housed in 10 barracks and spent the next three weeks drilling. Their muskets

arrived two weeks later but never were fired in this camp. The boys of the 24th were a source of much entertainment for the citizens, and ladies watched along Prospect Avenue with their parasols protecting them from the sun. One humorous moment occurred when the 17-year-old regimental adjutant, in his high-pitched voice, gave orders for the men to wheel right – and then promptly tripped over his sword.

The embarrassed young lieutenant, who stood 5-foot-7 and weighed less than 100 pounds, was Arthur MacArthur Jr., son of Judge MacArthur. The judge was able to secure an officer's commission for his son, after being frustrated earlier when failing to secure a commission to West Point.

Little more than a year later, on Nov. 25, 1863, MacArthur led the 24th up Missionary Ridge shouting, "On Wisconsin," leading them to an improbable victory and ultimately receiving the Medal of Honor. The medal was awarded in 1890.

Not even two months after being organized, the 24th would see its first action, at Perryville, Ky., on Oct. 8, and then in December 1862 was hit hard in the bloody battle of Stones River in Tennessee. It later won fame at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge in 1863, and Division Commander Phil Sheridan called the 24th his favorite regiment.

The Milwaukee Regiment came to the rescue at the desperate and decisive 1864 Battle of Franklin, Tenn., earning the nickname "The Invincibles." MacArthur, now a major, once again led

the charge and was shot twice at close range but survived, was promoted, and known nationally as a hero and the "Boy Colonel."

On Sept. 5, 1912, about four dozen surviving members of the 24th met in a downtown Milwaukee banquet hall to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their deployment. The guest speaker was retired Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, now 67 and a hundred pounds heavier than when he was a young lieutenant. He began, "Little did we know 50 years ago..." then paused, spoke softly, and then said, "I can't go on" and sat down. He suffered what appeared to be a stroke, although other reports said it was a massive heart attack – and died instantly.



At age 17, Arthur MacArthur was commissioned as adjutant and 1st lieutenant of the 24th Wisconsin Infantry. At age 18, he earned the Medal of Honor at Missionary Ridge, Tenn. It was awarded nearly three decades later. Wisconsin Historical Society photo from <https://www.wisconsin-history.org/Records/Article/CS2547>

# New Camp leaders – Continued from page 1

the leadership team are:

**Senior Vice Commander:** Patrick Fallon, the current Department SVC and a Camp PCC.

**Junior Vice Commander:** Will Ammann.

**Secretary:** PDC Tom Brown.

**Treasurer:** PDC Kent Peterson.

**Council:** PCC Grant Johnson, PCinC Steve Michaels and PCC Tom Mueller.

Hesse is among several members of the Round Table who joined the Camp in recent years because of our common missions, the first of whom was PCC Johnson.

Hesse has multiple Civil War kin, and his relative of record is 1st Lt. Julius Bodenshtab of the 27th

Wisconsin Infantry, who is buried at Forest Home Cemetery.

Hesse was born in Milwaukee and has degrees from Marquette University and Southern Illinois.

He had a 40-year career in industrial sales management, retiring from The Timken Co. in 2016.

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee was established in 1947 and is the second-oldest of the more than 300 Civil War Round Tables in the United States and abroad.



Brother Bruce Nason received a belated 25-year pin at the November meeting. He was voted into the Camp in 1998.

## CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

**Q:** Why wasn't the Purple Heart medal awarded in the Civil War?

**A:** It was introduced in 1782 by Gen. George Washington as the "Badge of Military Merit." This was a heart in purple cloth, given for "whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed." There were only three known recipients. Although never abolished, it was not proposed again officially until after World War I; the medal was reintroduced on Feb. 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. Once again, the medal was awarded for meritorious service, but now soldiers also could receive it if wounded by the enemy. More at <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/purple-heart.pdf> and <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/1650949/the-purple-heart-americas-oldest-medal/>



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

21 – Dean Collins  
26 – Tom Hesse  
30 – Steven Wortman

**Camp Commander – Tom Hesse**  
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**262-707-4629**

**SVC – Patrick Fallon 262-994-3285**

**We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger>**  
**and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>**

The SUVCW is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, as per the Internal Revenue Service. Donors thus are allowed to deduct contributions they make to C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, if they do not use the standard deduction on their taxes.

Report address changes to editor Tom Mueller, PCC, at [thewisconsin3800@gmail.com](mailto:thewisconsin3800@gmail.com) Your Banner is not forwarded by the Postal Service, so you need to report a new address to us.

## COMING UP

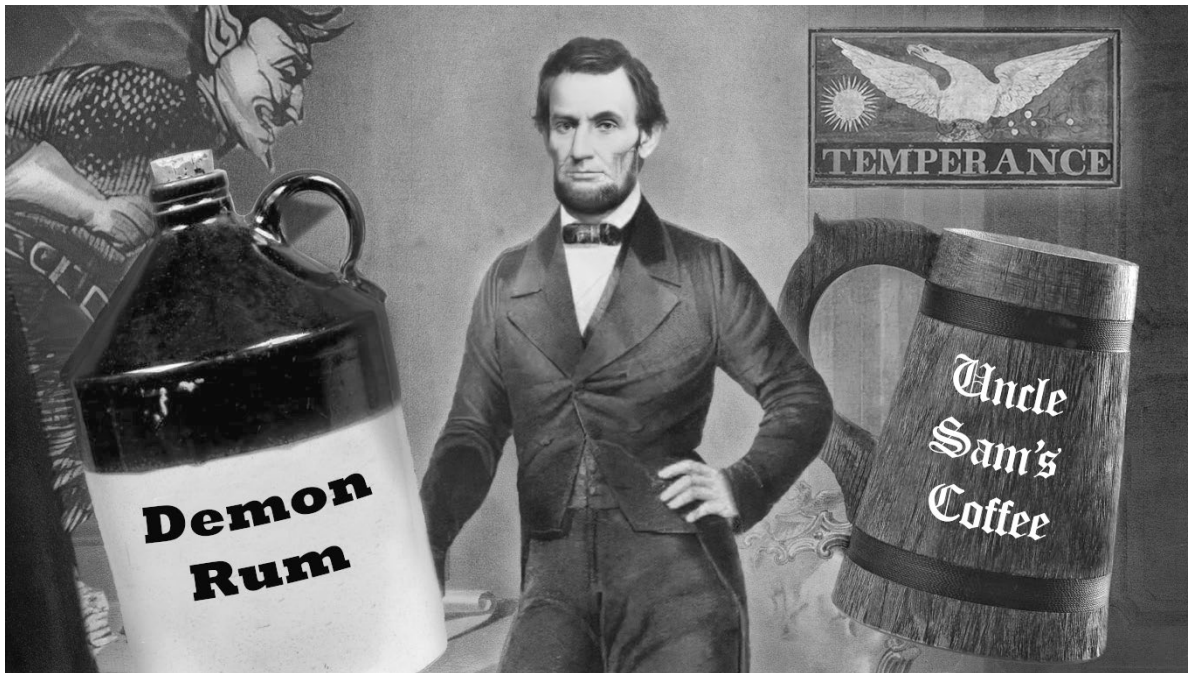
**Dec. 14:** Wreaths Across America, 11 a.m., Wood National Cemetery. Right afterwards, we will join the Auxiliary's distribution of blankets and goods in the palliative care unit of the Zablocki VA Hospital, plus making visits to patients.

**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.

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.

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

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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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail ad copy/artwork to **kapeterson0681@gmail.com** or you may attach your ad copy to this form.