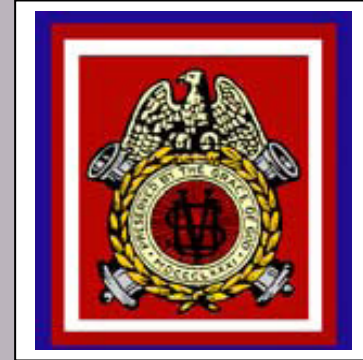


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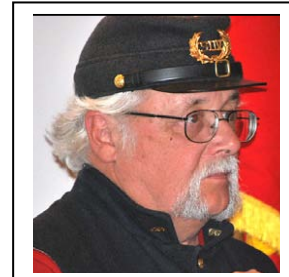
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Comments From Your Wisconsin Department Commander

Brothers,

I would like to thank all of you for making me your Department Commander. I would like to congratulate Brothers Alan Hembel - Dept. Treasurer, Dept. Secretary PDC Brian Peters, SVC Kim Heltemes, and JVC Alan Petit on being elected to their respective positions. Also Dept. Council members Andy Bollen, PDC Kent Petersen and PDC Bruce Laine. I would like to thank all of the appointed officers that stayed in their previous positions and look forward to working with you, and brother Brian McMannis from Camp #1, for accepting the positions of Dept. Patriotic Inst. And Dept. Memorials Officer.



As your Department Commander, I would like to visit your camps at least once or twice as my schedule permits in the coming year. Please let me know when your officer elections and officer installations are I will try to be at as many as my schedule permits. If I can't make one I will send another Dept. officer to install your officers. Also send me a schedule of your events that I might possibly attend.

At the National Encampment. I received information from National Treasurer Richard Orr concerning 990-N reports. The good news that we were not delinquent in filing this report to the IRS. But all of the contact info was wrong or missing. I sent change of address form to each camps treasurer or sec-treasurer to be filled out and sent back in. Remember that the due date for filing the 990-N form is May 15th each year. Your Camp could lose its non-profit status and be dropped from the national organization if you fail to do so. Please keep this current and file it yearly. An increase in the National per-cap was discussed at the National Encampment as the organization has been dipping in to its reserves to pay the bills the past years, ways to save money were discussed and the consensus was to increase the per/cap \$5.00 effective day after the encampment for new members and effective for all dues renewals Jan. 1,

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“PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD”

COMMANDER'S COLUMN continued

2011 (Camps may have to adjust their Dues to accommodate this increase have your council give the camp a recommendation to be voted on at a camp meeting before year end) and the council of Administration would look into ways to save and invest the money the national has. It was voted on and approved.

Those were two issues that were talked about the most and other resolutions' were voted on and approved or rejected by the delegates. The camp fire was interesting a troupe of actors recreated John Brown's fight against Slavery in Kansas. Of course there was the roast of the Commander-in-chief and the National President of the ASUVW. Each Department was called on to present gifts to both of them and do skits to make fun of them. All was in good fun. The theme of most was the Wizard of OZ.

Again thanks and I look forward to seeing you and working with you this and the coming year.

FC&L

Dept. Commander Tom Brown

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Department Commander Tom Brown

I am 59 and married to my wife Linda for 38 years

I have been a member of the SUVCW for 8 years. She is a member of the ASUVCW Auxiliary #4. We have two sons Jeremy and Russ and three Grand Children, Miranda, Mikko, and Skylar. Miranda is a member of ASUVCW Auxiliary #4 Mikko is a Junior member in Camp #1 Skylar will turn 6 in November so he is eligible to become a junior member.

I have served as Patriotic Inst., JVC, SVC and Camp Commander of C.K Pier Badger Camp #1 I am currently serving on the Camp Council .My ancestors are Edwin A. Brown (Great-Great Grandfather) and C.K. Pier (Great-Great Uncle). I also am a Member of Alonzo H.

Cushing Camp #5. I am currently the Patriotic Inst. and a member of the Camp Council. I belong to three SVR Units – HQ Company of the Fourth Military District, Cushing's Battery,

And the Crondelet Navy Unit. I became Department Patriotic Inst 2006 and progressed through the ranks of Dept. JVC, Dept. SVC and currently serving as Department

Commander. I served as National Guard for the 2008 National Encampment. I am Currently Serving on the Credentials Committee for the National Encampment. In my spare time I am

a member of Cushing's Battery 4th U.S. Light Artillery reenactment group.

I work at Capitol Engineering-a Tool and Die shop for Mercury Marine as a Mold Polisher for Aluminum Die Cast Dies. I am a member of tool and Die Makers Lodge #78 and

currently serving as Sec/Treasurer. I like collecting and reading books on the Civil War and Leather Carving and Tooling when time permits.

In Memoriam: PCC Vic Share and Sr. Lynn Share

It was with immense sadness that we bade farewell to our Brother and Past Camp Commander Victor Share, and his wife, Sister Lynn Share, this summer. At the July 7 Camp meeting we heard the news that Bro. Vic had been moved to a hospice in Wauwatosa, and by the next morning he had passed away. Barely two weeks later, on July 25, Sr. Lynn Share passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. Both were 68.

Vic and his soul mate, Lynn, had their first date in June 1962, at the Hales Corners Speedway. They were married February 14, 1970, and were the first married couple to retire together from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in March 1997.

Vic learned of the SUVCW by speaking to PDC Fred Murphy at Camp 1's booth at the Dousman-Dunkel-Behling House. This sparked an interest in finding his great great-grandfather, Delos White Huntley, who had served as a private in Co. H, 35th Wis. Inf.

Br. Vic took an active part in the affairs of the Camp, including serving as Camp Jr. Vice Commander in 2003. In March of that year, he attended the Member Orientation Course. He served as Camp Sr. Vice Commander in 2004, and Camp Commander in 2005. After stepping down as CC, Br. Vic served on the Camp Council for the next four years. He was a regular provider of Camp Patriotic presentations. He became a dual member of Waukesha's MG John Gibbon Camp 4 in 2006.

Sr. Lynn was initiated into C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #4 in 2005. When Waukesha's Ammi Hawks Aux. 5 was reorganized in 2008, she became a dual member and served on Aux. 5's Council.

She served on the annual Patriotic Luncheon set-up and take-down crew, and helped at the annual Memorial Day Service and at the Reclaiming Our Heritage event. In February 2009, she attended the Member Orientation Course and last November, attended the Dept. Leadership Conference.

Vic was an avid collector of clocks and was past president of the Menomonee Valley Chapter 47 Clock and Watch Association. He also collected firearms and gave Patriotic Presentations to our Camp on both Civil War small arms and rifle muskets.

The Sons ritual was conducted by Br. Dean Collins and Camp 1 during the visitation for Bro. Vic. Camp 1 and Auxiliary provided pallbearers for the funeral and graveside service.

The Camp & Auxiliary attended the visitation and funeral service for Sr. Lynn on July 30-31. Br. Dean Collins officiated at the graveside service.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Unconfirmed Minutes 127th Wisconsin Department Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

12 June 2010, Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin

A joint opening ceremony was held with the ladies of the ASUVCW and guests from the WRC. Department Commander Bruce Laine, Auxiliary Department President Allison Michaels, WRC Department President Shirley Grant, and host Camp 8 Commander Kim Heltemes gave words of welcome. An opening prayer was read by all present. Guests were introduced, including SUVCW National Chief of Staff and Council of Administration member Bill Vieira from Rhode Island. The ladies retired to a separate room to hold their 96th Auxiliary Department Encampment.

The SUVCW Department Encampment ritual opening ceremony was conducted and the roll of officers was called. There were 13 Department officers and 4 Camp Commanders present. Temporary committee assignments were made by Commander Laine. Credentials: Brian Peters and Alan Petit. Fraternal Relations: Ron Knaus and Randy Novak. Resolutions: Dan Chroninger (Chairman), Craig Wheeler and Ron Miswald. Announcements: please return the plastic name tag holders at the conclusion of the encampment; past years' encampment ribbons and buttons are available for sale.

Department Officer Reports: A compilation of written reports was made available.

Secretary Brian Peters—written report, verbal- membership numbers and changes by Camp were given. Overall Department membership was the same as last year. Camp 4 has several new Associate members that are searching for possible veteran ancestors. Kim mentioned that Vince Barker may be willing to assist with research.

Treasurer Dale Brasser—(not present, excused)

Commander Bruce Laine—written report, verbal- thanks extended for everyone's hard work during the past year. Efforts to reinvigorate Camp 56 were mentioned, with thanks to the officers who traveled to Minnesota to meet with Camp 56. Disappointment expressed that no Camp 56 members were present at the Department Encampment. If Camp 56 succeeds and other Camps can be formed in Minnesota, it is hoped that some day they will be able to establish a Minnesota Department.

SVC Tom Brown—written report.

JVC Kim Heltemes—written report, verbal- encourage direct verbal contacts with all new members, they need to hear from us and be informed of what is happening at the Camp and encouraged to participate.

Council Kent Peterson, Alan Hembel, Andy Bollen—written report, verbal- audit of Department financial accounts was completed, Dept. Dispatch newsletter is now electronic delivery only and accurate email addresses are required. Camps are reminded that they need to provide hard copies of the newsletter to any of their members who do not have access to the internet.

Patriotic Instructor Alan Petit—written report, verbal- less response this year to requests for Camp PI reports. Only 4 Camps responded. Activities of remaining camps are unknown.

Eagle Scout Coordinator Ron Knaus—written report, verbal- unable to provide personal certificate presentations due to distance. Civil war style letters accompany the certificates that are mailed to the Eagle Scouts.

Graves Registration Officer Virgil Matz—verbal- same as report for the mid-winter meeting. Make sure permission is obtained from any cemetery before any stones are replaced.

ROTC Awards Coordinator Alan Hembel—written report, verbal- need clarification on priority for candidates who have civil war lineage. Next year there will be additional award recipients.

Iron Brigade Highway Officer Dan Chroninger—written report, verbal- Wis. DOT will not pay for signs, recommendation that a special fund be set up to raise money to pay for signs. DOT will assist with sign design and placement at waysides. Two signs cost is \$1,800 installed. Discussion: Kim Heltemes has worked with DOT on a SAR bridge memorial and has contacts. All current signs in the road right-of-way will eventually be removed and replaced with the new design signs at waysides. Disadvantage is that only people who stop at the waysides will see the signs. Option of private billboards along the road is very costly. Motion by Dan Chroninger and second by Kim Heltemes to establish a special Department fund to pay for signing the Iron Brigade Highway (US 12). Discussion: perhaps some funding may be available from the National Monument fund; Michigan Department placed an "Historical Marker" instead of just an informational sign, maybe we should consider that option; cost for one historical marker is \$1,800; Department of Tourism or the State Historical Society may have funds since it could be considered an educational/historical project; the Milwaukee Civil War Roundtable and the Iron Brigade Association should be contacted and brought into this project from the beginning; a letter should be sent to them explaining the situation and to establish communications and cooperation; Representative Ron Kind may be able to assist with the project; the only sign currently existing to mark the highway is in Augusta, a photo was provided in the written report. Motion to establish a Department fund to pay for Iron Brigade Highway signs passed unanimously.

Civil War Monuments Officer William Raftery—(not present, no report)

Counselor Steve Michaels—written report.

Chaplain Patrick Lynch—(not present, excused, no report)

Historian Randy Novak—verbal- background history of the Wisconsin Veterans Home; Department Membership Roster created and copies provided; Membership Heritage project explained- opportunity for each member to list all civil war veteran ancestors and have this information recorded in the Department Roster, a form for this purpose was provided.

Signals Officer Kent Peterson—written report, web site statistics handout provided.

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Camp 8 Chaplain Dan Wilson, (acting Department Chaplain) requested that the Department Encampment minutes reflect the sorrow of the membership on the passing of Wisconsin's last "True Son" our esteemed Brother William Upham Jr. in August of 2009.

Camp Reports:

C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1—written report, verbal- Brother David Howard representing Camp Commander Patrick Fallon.

Henry Harndon Camp #2—written report, verbal- CC Ronald Knaus, Camp 2 received a letter from the Univ. of Wisconsin thanking them for the donation of the Camp Randall cannon carriage.

MG John Gibbon Camp #4—written report, verbal- CC H. Craig Wheeler, next year is the centennial of the Waukesha County Cutler Park memorial monument, a rededication ceremony is being planned.

Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5—written report

Old Abe Camp #8—written report, verbal- CC Kim Heltemes, Camp 8 members were honored to participate in the Mohican Veterans Memorial Day and brick dedication ceremony. DC Bruce Laine also participated. It was a very unique opportunity and experience. SUVCW members have also been invited to participate in the Indian Summer event in Milwaukee. The Native Americans are interested in researching their civil war ancestors. Jefferson Barracks is doing research on Native Americans in the civil war. Camp 8 will be participating in a dual ceremony in Berlin in July for Union and Confederate veterans that are buried there. Camp 8 is holding its annual raffle as a fundraiser and tickets are available.

L.G. Armstrong Camp #49—verbal, PCC Dan Chroninger representing CC Bob Welsh. Three scholarships were awarded to local students. The recipients must have a civil war ancestor and write a short report. PCC Brian Ewing attended the Readstown ceremony. The GAR Hall project is ongoing. Tours of the GAR Hall will be offered at the annual Boscobel reenactment event in August.

Col. William Colvill Camp #56—(no report)

Communications:

Several letters from National Officer candidates passed on to the resolutions committee. Letter from Treasurer Dale Brassler expressing desire to step down from the treasurer office, and apologizing for not being able to attend this year's encampment.

Awards:

National Chief of Staff Bill Vieira and DC Bruce Laine presented a certificate and pin to Brother Alan Hembel celebrating his 45 years of SUVCW membership. Congratulations were extended from the members present.

Commander Laine presented gifts to our guest, National COS Bill Vieira, consisting of two books, including a history of the Wisconsin Veterans Home authored and signed by Dept. JVC Kim Heltemes. Hearty thanks were extended to Brother Bill for making the long trip to Wisconsin.

Council Awards, nominations from the Camps: Certificates were presented to the following Brothers for their exceptional service to the Order on various projects and activities over the past year: Ronald Knaus; Robert Wetter; William Raftery; Thomas Brodd; Frederick Campbell; Alan Keinert; Gary Young; Kirby Scott; Thomas Brown; and Andrew Bollen. The nominations describing the various accomplishments were read aloud to the Brothers assembled as the awards were presented.

GAR brochures produced by Brother Andy Bollen are available.

The Cushing Award for the Camp with the highest net gain in membership goes to Col. William Colvill Camp 56 with a net gain of 6. Dept. Patriotic Instructor Alan Petit presented diplomas to Commander Bruce Laine and Camp 1 Brother Todd Wilber for completion of National's on-line SUVCW Officer Training Course. Officers are encouraged to take advantage of this training program. PCinC Steve Michaels presented certificates to members who completed the Member Orientation training offered annually by Camp 1. PDC Kent Peterson, representing the Department Council, presented the annual \$100 Memorial Grant to Henry Harnden Camp 2 for their application for funds for the Liberty Pole Hill storyboard. CC Ron Knaus explained that Liberty Pole Hill was a civil war recruitment site in Green County near Brooklyn on Hwy. 92. There is a park at the site and a dedication was held on Memorial Day. The storyboard will tell of the civil war history associated with the site.

New Business:

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Resolutions & recommendations committee: Several endorsements for National officers were received. Committee recommends that delegates vote for whom they see fit and that the encampment not endorse a specific candidate. Motion made to add Bill Vieira to the National Officer candidate list. Withdrawn when Bill explained that he had not submitted a resolution for consideration.

Patriotic Fund Donations: Veterans Hospital donations. Discussion on what was decided at previous encampment. A rotation had been established. Minutes from last encampment will be checked. Notes indicate that three of five hospitals received \$100 each last year. This year the remaining two would be the rotation. A policy is in place to keep a minimum balance in the Patriotic fund of \$1,200. Motion by Kent Peterson to donate \$100 each to Madison VA Hospital and King Veterans Home subject to sufficient monies in the Patriotic fund, seconded by Ron Knaus. Motion passed. The hat was passed for donations to the Patriotic fund yielding \$172 total.

Central Region Conference: Need to communicate with them. Attendance has been limited. Do we want to try to host a Central Region Conference? It is usually the first weekend of October. Subject dropped for lack of response.

Delegates to National Encampment: A list of possible delegates was developed with 10 names who are not PDC, DC, or PCinC. These need to be listed on the Form 49, Election Certification. If a delegate does not attend then an alternate can substitute. Motion passed to accept the 10 delegates listed.

Housekeeping motions: The following motions passed: that the Encampment officially thanks the facility for allowing us to hold the Encampment here; that the Department treasurer write checks necessary to pay approved bills; that temporary committees be dismissed upon completion of their duties with the thanks of the Encampment; that upon publication the minutes become the official record of the Encampment.

A get well card for Brother Vic Share and his wife was passed around and signed by the members.

A motion was made by Carl Liebert to hold the annual Encampment at the King Veterans Home every year because of its suitability and central location. Seconded by David Howard. Discussion: A rotation has been established so that each Camp has a turn to host the annual Encampment. Camp 4 is next in the rotation. Some members like to move around the state to see different areas and sites of interest. It is difficult to host an event when the location is not near to where you live. If any Camp desired to use the Veterans Home facility it would be an available option. There was much discussion centering around the above subjects. Motion made and seconded to end debate and proceed to vote. Vote on original motion—motion failed.

List of Upcoming Events: National Encampment; Wade House reenactment; Central Region Conference; Member Orientation and Leadership Conference; the 2011 Encampment will be hosted by Camp 4 and will be on 11 June in Waukesha County.

The Encampment was visited by Sisters from the Auxiliary, Anne Michaels represented Department President Allison Michaels and presented the Brothers with a love token donation. A donation was also presented to Camp 8 in appreciation for providing donuts and coffee for the Auxiliary in their meeting room. Thanks and greetings were extended and best wishes for a successful Encampment.

Credentials Committee Report: Allowable votes by Camp were calculated based on number of past and sitting commanders and members present. Camp 1 – 8 votes. Camp 2 – 3 votes. Camp 4 – 3 votes. Camp 5 – 3 votes. Camp 8 – 8 votes. Camp 49 – 1 vote. Camp 56 – 0 votes.

Officer Elections: PCinC Steve Michaels presented a stirring nomination for Thomas Brown for Department Commander. No other nominations for Department Commander. Kim Heltemes was nominated for Senior Vice Commander. No other nominations for SVC. Motion made by Steve Michaels that if a nominee is running unopposed that a unanimous ballot be cast. Seconded by Brian Peters. Motion passed. Alan Petit was nominated for Junior Vice Commander. No other nominations for JVC. Brian Peters was nominated for Secretary. No other nominations for Secretary. Alan Hembel was nominated for Treasurer. No other nominations for Treasurer. Nominations for Council were: Andrew Bollen, Kent Peterson, Ron Knaus, Randy Novak (Randy declined the nomination). The Department has an established policy that any immediate outgoing Commander will serve the following year on the Department Council. The policy applies this year, so PDC Bruce Laine will serve as one of the three Council members. Two additional council members are to be elected. The Camps went into caucus to vote for Council members. Results were: Kent Peterson and Andrew Bollen received the most votes. National Encampment Delegates listed previously were elected.

(short recess)

Officer Installation:

Officer installation ceremony was conducted by National Chief of Staff William Vieira. The list of elected and appointed officers was read. With no further business to come before the Encampment, the closing ceremony was conducted by newly elected Department Commander Thomas Brown.

Joint Memorial Service:

Members then gathered outside around the 1894 SUV fountain for group photos. The ladies joined us and after more photos and a short history of the grounds given by Camp 8 Commander Kim Heltemes, the members proceeded to the GAR Chapel for the joint memorial service. The moving service was conducted by acting Department Chaplain Dan Wilson, ASUVCW PNP Danielle Michaels and ASUVCW Sister Virginia Michaels. Tribute was paid to all deceased members including Wisconsin's last True Son Bill Upham who passed over the river on 16 August 2009.

And thus ended the 127th Wisconsin Department Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Brian G. Peters, PDC

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Announces Historian Lance Herdegen Named Chairman

(MADISON) – The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, under the direction of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), is pleased to announce the formation of the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to honor the legacy, service and sacrifice of Wisconsin’s citizen-soldiers.

“We look forward to commemorating the Civil War, honoring its veterans and their descendents, and highlighting Wisconsin’s role in shaping our nation’s history,” says WDVA Secretary Kenneth B. Black.

From 1861 to 1865, Wisconsin sent over 91,000 men to fight, and suffered over 12,000 casualties. Known for their tenacity, leadership and skill on the battlefield, Wisconsin regiments were some of the most highly decorated and regarded of the war.

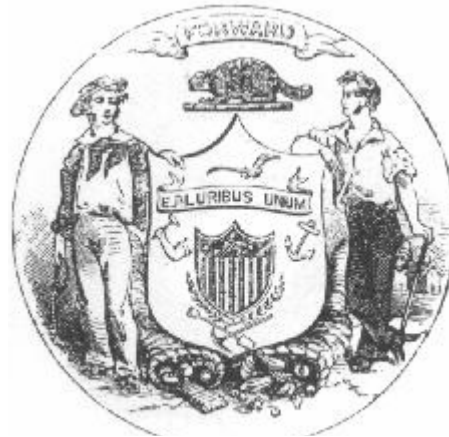
The Wisconsin Veterans Museum has long been the state’s interpreter of the Civil War. Its award-winning galleries highlight the service and sacrifice of Wisconsin soldiers at Antietam, Gettysburg, and other epic battles, while its diverse educational programs showcase important Civil War topics. WDVA and its Museum are uniquely positioned to play a leading role in the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

The Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission will bring together Wisconsin’s museums, libraries, historical societies and veterans’ organizations to develop educational programming, encourage exploration of Wisconsin’s role in the war, and make resources available to the public.

“As the state’s official military history museum and archives, it is a privilege to work with other Wisconsin historical institutions to bring this rich history to life,” says Michael Telzrow, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. “It is an honor to take a leading role in forming this Commission.”

Lance Herdegen, noted Civil War historian and former Director of the Institute for Civil War Studies at Carroll College in Waukesha, has been appointed as the Commission’s Provisional Chairman. A highly regarded Civil War scholar, Herdegen authored the book *Those Damned Black Hats: The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign*. He has worked closely with both the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and the Kenosha Civil War Museum in developing programs and exhibits. Herdegen’s strong statewide connections and familiarity with veterans groups make him the ideal candidate for the position.

“I am honored to be selected,” Herdegen said, adding, “I look forward to working with the rest of the commission to share the amazing contributions of Wisconsin’s soldiers and the families who supported them on the home front.”



CAMP 1 NEWS

Members of the Camp 1 Honor Guard and firing team gathered for a group photo. Left to right: Brothers Joe Fallon, Jeff Lesar, PCC Bill Doan, David Howard, CC Patrick Fallon, Todd Wilber and Brian McManus. (PCC Tom Brown and John Thielmann not pictured).



Brother Bill McManus (in photo at left) served as the keynote speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony, reflecting on his service during WWII in the China Burma India Theater

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At the 127th Dept. of Wisconsin Encampment on June 12, Camp 1's Tom Brown was elected to the post of Dept. Commander.

In the photo at right, his Commander's badge was pinned on by wife Linda Brown.



National Chief of Staff Bill Vieira was our honored guest at the Dept. Encampment which was held at King. At right he is seen during a visit to the Kenosha Civil War Museum, where Cushing's Battery allowed him to fire its gun (photo by Mrs. Ron Miswald).

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept 25 -26 Wade House

Oct 11 Columbus Day

Oct 31 Halloween

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day

CAMP 2 NEWS



Alan Hembel gives a speech during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the State Capitol as Ron Knaus, seated on the right, looks on.

Ron Knaus talks about the Camp Randall cannon on Memorial Day.



Your Camp news could be here but it needs to be submitted.

CAMP 8 NEWS

OLD ABE CAMP #8



Upper left: LTC Vince Barker was given a “Welcome Home” party after serving in the 82nd Airborne in Afghanistan. Upper right: The recruiting display at Pinecrest. Below left: Kim Heletmes presents “Wild” Bill to Paul Johnson for a desertion trial at Stevens Point. Right: Dan Wilson with one of his Grandkids at Stevens Point. Below, new member, Terry Stults does surgery after a battle at Stevens Point. He had a good following once a wounded soldier was brought in.

