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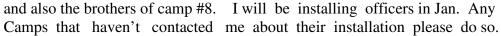
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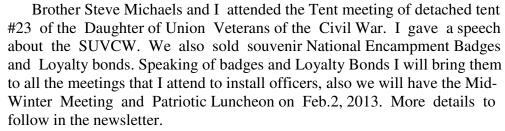
Camp 49 News8

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Solution Veterans of the Civil War

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving holiday, Christmas and New Year's holidays are soon approaching. Time sure flies. I would like to thank all the camps for their hospitality when I installed their officers. I enjoyed talking to the brothers of camp # 56





The Mid-Winter Meeting will start at 9:00am and end by 12:00p.m., the Luncheon will begin at 12:30p.m. C-in-C Perley Mellor will attend our Mid-Winter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon. It would be nice to have all camps represented at the meeting.

All camps remember to send in your form 22's in on time to Brother Secretary Brian Peters. So he can get his report in to national in on time. All reports to national have a due date, so it is pertinent that all reports be sent to the department at the due dates set by the Department Secretary. If you don't have a list of due dates that Brian Peters sent out this year, send him an email to request the information.

Well that's it for now. See you AT THE MID-WINTER MEETING and Patriotic Luncheon.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Thomas J. Brown, Commander

"PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD"

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2013 NATIONAL BADGE / MOH ANCESTORS

2013 National Encampment Commemorative Badge

Artist's rendition, appearance of actual medal may yary slightly

A special commemorative medal has been produced, celebrating the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Wisconsin. The badge also honors Wisconsin's Civil War eagle, Old Abe, mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, who became a living symbol of the Union at war. This is a limited edition—so place your order early!

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It's time to think about ordering your 2013 National Encampment

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It symbolizes the mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry with Old Abe the War eagle, the years from the last National Encampment in Wisconsin (1943), and the G.A.R.



Camp 1 in Milwaukee now has the distinction of having two Medal of Honor descendants: new member Mark Sumner, left, and PCC Bill Doan. Both live in South Milwaukee. Sumner's g-g-g-grandfather was Navy Coxswain John Hayes, who earned the medal with 16 other men sailors aboard the USS Kearsarge on June 19, 1864, when it sunk the CSS Alabama off of Cherbourg, France. Doan's g-g-grandfather was Pvt. Franklin Johndro of the 118th New York Infantry, whose heroism came on Sept. 30 of the same year at Chaffin's Farm in Virginia

John Hayes was born July 20, 1832, in Brogus, New Foundland, Canada. He left his New Foundland home at an early age to take up a life at sea. He served in the merchant service on English and American vessels prior to the Civil War. Following the war he continued in the US Navy for three years, during which he traveled around the world.

In 1868 he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and served on several ships sailing the Great Lakes. Within a short time he gave up the life of a mariner, married, and settled down on a farm in Wisconsin.

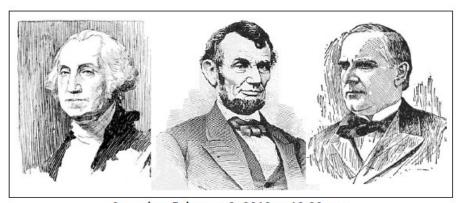
Near the end of his life he moved to Blairstown, lowa, to be near his daughter.

He died January 28, 1911, and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Blairstown, Iowa

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Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley



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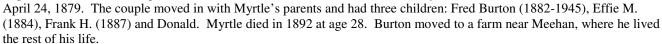
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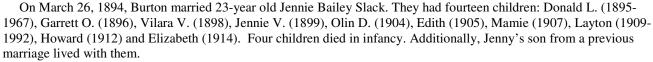
Burton Samuel Fox *Growing the Order through Fraternity*

Burton Fox was born February 22, 1857, in Hebron, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He was the youngest of eight children born to Sylvanus Lafayette and Charlotte Fox. Sylvanus had a Connecticut to farm the land recently cleared by lumbering. He married Charlotte there in 1846. moved to Plover in Portage County.

In September 1861, Sylvanus enlisted in Co. G, 12th Wis. Inf. and served as a wagoner and served three years. In February 1865, he enlisted in Co. K, 2nd regiment of Hancock's 1st Corps

After the war, the family moved to Meehan. Burton worked in lumber camps near Grand Rapids (later Wisconsin Rapids), Wisconsin. There, Burton met and married Myrtle Frost on





Burton became a successful farmer and farm machinery dealer at Plover's Meehan station on the Green Bay & Western railway. Despite his busy work and family life, Burton was widely known throughout the county for his interest in community and public affairs. At various times, he served as side supervisor, justice of the peace, and Meehan School Board director. During WWI, he was the town chairman during Liberty loan drives. He was an organizer and director of the United Brethren (Community) congregation and helped build its first church. He helped form the Meehan Community Club and served as Meehan correspondent to the *Stevens Point Daily Journal*. Additionally, he was actively involved with the Sons of Veterans.

When Burton Fox was elected Dept. Commander in 1903, he had already been a member for nearly 14 years. He joined Plover's Col. Alban Camp #83 in 1889. When the Camp was rechartered the following year as A.J. Welton Camp #83, he was elected its first Commander. It was his and a few others' determination that kept the Camp alive after the younger members' interest and enthusiasm had waned. Soon the Camp was again on firm footing, assisting Plover GAR Post #149.

Br. Fox was serving as Camp Quartermaster when the 1902 Dept. Encampment was held at Stevens Point's Odd Fellow's Hall and he was elected Dept. Sr. Vice Commander. As such, he was charged with building more fraternal relations between Camps, arranging excursions, picnics and joint meetings of Camps and visits by brothers from one Camp to another.

His efforts had a positive affect. During Fox's term as Dept. Commander, the Dept. grew to 927 members in 32 Camps. Six of the Camps were chartered during his administration, including Geo. R. Gardiner Camp #12 in Grand Rapids, where his first wife's family lived. Sadly, it was suspended a year later.

The proposition for a cottage at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King was referred to the Camps. At the next encampment in 1904, Fox was elected to the Dept. Council and was appointed to a committee of three to solicit funds for the erection of a Sons cottage at the Veterans Home. A goal of \$800 was set for building and furnishing a cottage. The project continued over the next 20 years. Br. Fox's last Dept. position was as an Alternate Delegate to the 1909 Nat. Encampment.

Burton's eldest son, Fred, was appointed Dept. Sergeant Major in 1905, Color Bearer in 1909 and elected to the Dept. Council in 1913.

Another Grand Rapids camp was tried in 1915, but to no avail. Camp 83 disbanded in 1928.

PDC Burton Fox died April 23, 1935, at age 78, while visiting a daughter in Milwaukee. He was taken back to Plover and buried in Meehan Cemetery. Jennie died on April 12, 1960 and was buried next to him.

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Press Forward the Good Work—The History of the Wisconsin Dept. SUVCW (Vol 2) by DC Steve Michaels; July 1998

Steven Point (Wisconsin) Daily Journal, April 24, 1935

Research assistance provided by PDC Brian G. Peters



CAMP #1 NEWS



The Camp 8/SUVCW type of graveside service was performed.

Shown are family descendants of Florian Ries, with the group who performed the service.

Members of the Wisconsin Commandery of MOLLUS gathered at the grave of Original Companion Florian Reis for a Memorial service on Oct 27, 2012. Joining members of the Commandery for the ceremony were representatives of the Department of Wisconsin. and members of C.K. Piers, Camp 1 and Old Abe Camp 8. Also participating was the Milwaukee Police Department Honor Guard honoring Ries's service as Milwaukee Police Chief from 1885 – 1888. The ceremonies opened with a parade of participants led by drummer Max Frederick. Max is 10 years of and one of the newest members of Camp 1 as a Junior Hereditary Member. Photo by Paul Johnson.

Civil War Soldier in Unmarked Grave Remembered on Veterans Day

At an unmarked potter's field cemetery on Doyne Avenue on the grounds of Froedtert Hospital, three members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stood at attention in the uniform of the Federal Army, carrying rifled muskets of the time. Dean Collins, in full vestments of a Roman Catholic deacon and as chaplain of the group, intoned a eulogy to Herman Borghardt. Collins, who is also the assistant chief of police of the City of Brookfield, delivered in its entirety the familiar Biblical passage on burial "in a new grave" that concludes, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection into eternal life."

Among the two dozen or so others who also attended were historians, veterans advocates and regular citizens who gathered not just to remember Borghardt but to call on the state, the county and private interests to make every effort to locate his remains and see to it he is given a proper military burial.

Credit Jim Price of the Wauwatosa Patch.



A Civil War honor guard from Camp #1 of the Sons of Union Veterans salutes as a wreath was placed on the presumed grave site of veteran Herman Borghardt of the 41st New York Volunteer Infantry. Shown is Brian McManus, unknown, and Jeff Lesar as they go to Present Arms at the grave.



Henry Harnden Camp # 2 assembled to begin cleaning the Henry Harnden monument in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison. Shown are Alan Hembel, Fred Campbell, Bill Raftery and commander Ron Knaus. Progress was made but further efforts will be made to restore the monument to its original color. From Bill Raftery, Camp Historian



Camp #2 member, Alan Hembel, is shown on the left as he and others from the camp decorated the graves at Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison with wreaths as part of "Wreaths across America". In the past few years, the camp has been active in the decoration of the graves of service members in co-operation with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and its Secretary, John Scocos.

CAMP #8 at the RE-DEDICATION of the WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING

THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING ON OCTOBER 26, 2012 BY CAMP #8

By Kim J. Heltemes

During the early fall, the Commandant of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Mary Hansen, asked Kim J. Heltemes to come in to meet with her. It was a meeting to see if Heltemes had any suggestions for them to kick off a 125th Anniversary celebration of the Home's existence. After showing her photographs and stories collected from his research for his book, "Wisconsin Veterans Home at King", they were given permission to use any of his collection on the Home. He also showed her a rare movie taken at the Home of various events from 1951-1953. Then he went home.

Several weeks later, Bob Cloud, editor of the Waupaca Post, called Heltemes in for a meeting. He also wanted information from his research so they could duplicate an insert to the newspaper like the one done for the centennial in 1987. It ended with Heltemes having to do seven articles for that insert. It was published in October as a 4 page insert with all but one article written by Heltemes. Some of it was a repeat of stories used from the book while others explained the involvement of the G.A.R. and the W.R.C. at the beginning of the Home and what expired to get the Home started. These stories have not been told in a very long time.

In between time, Amber Michels, Information Officer of the Home, asked Heltemes in for another meeting. She had asked for permission to use what he had given the Post for the insert. Permission was granted. However, she had been on the job for just weeks and was told by the Commandant to get the 125th Anniversary celebration planned. She had no idea of what to do and asked him for a suggestion. Heltemes suggested a flag raising ceremony that would lead into a re-dedication of the Home. After a minute by minute plan was developed, the Home and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs gave Old Abe Camp #8 to go ahead to do the ceremonies as planned.

The flag raising ceremony started out with Kim J. Heltemes, giving a narrative of what was going to happen. Then he introduced Representative Kevin Petersen, of the 40^{th} District. Kevin brought along a flag that was flown over the state capitol. He presented the flag the Vince Barker, Camp Commander, who in turn gave the flag to the W.R.C. National President, Shirley Grant, then to the Home's W.R.C. representative, Susan Waid, wife of Camp #8's Jim Waid. The flag proceeded to be handed through the veteran service organizations (Purple Heart, DAV, Amvet, etc) and then the 5 Armed Forces. Then it was handed to the Home Guard, whom in turn hooked the flag and hoisted it up the pole. At each hand off, the person handing over the flag saluted the flag after it was placed in the other person's hands. The Waupaca Ensemble Band played appropriate music before hand and afterwards when we moved from the chapel flag pole to the Marden Center for the re-dedication portion of the ceremony.

So, on October 26, 2012, with Camp Commander Vince Barker at the helm, the re-dedication ceremony was held. Wisconsin VA Secretary, John Scocos, could not make the event do to a family emergency. His Deputy, Mike Trepanier, acted in his place. It was a cold blustery day with Jim Waid and Bill Parker holding the colors. Dan Wilson is the camp chaplain and performed the chaplain part. Paul Johnson helped as one of the 3 brothers. Heltemes acted as the Officer of the Guard and one of the brothers. Trepanier buried a grommet from a retired flag while the Commandant spread the ashes of a retired flag on the ground before the base of a marquee of the "Grand Army Home" that was near Marden Center. Since this was held on a Friday, only the retired members of Camp #8 and with Parker's day off were there. It was a small group that did a very somber event for a great audience.

Thanks must be given to Jim Waid and Bill Parker, for enduring the pains of holding the staffs of the colors in the cold winds that came off Rainbow Lake. Their hands were almost frost bite. Also, the Waupaca Ensemble Band did a great job of playing period music and did echoed Taps. The Home Guard did a three shot volley.

CAMP #8 at the RE-DEDICATION of the WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT KING *continued*









Left top, Jim Waid says the part of brother one during the rededication of the Home with Chaplain Dan Wilson on his right. Honor at the memorial was Alan Petit while Kim J. Heltemes held the colors so Waid could do his part.

Center top, Paul Johnson reads his part as the third brother for the re-dedication ceremony as chaplain Dan Wilson looks on from the left. Alan Petit stands as the Honor Guard and Jim Waid holds the colors.

Right top, Kim J. Heltemes read the part of the Officer of the Guard while Bill Parker held the camp colors in the background. Lower left, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary, Michael Trepanier, spoke a few words at the start of the re-dedication ceremony as Chaplain Dan Wilson, Dept. Senior Vice Commander Kim J. Heltemes, and Camp Commander Vince Barker, stand left to right behind him. Jim Waid and Bill Parker are shown from left to right as color bearers.



Left, this remarkable American flag (pictured here pre-conservation) was hand-sewn by a group of patriotic Oshkosh women during the American Civil War. In April of 1861, the flag was presented to Scott's Volunteers before the men embarked to be formally mustered into Federal service. Recently, the flag underwent much needed conservation treatment, generously supported in part by the Sons of Union Veterans Old Abe Camp #8, and will be on display this November as part of the Museum's fall exhibit. When the flag later returned to Oshkosh, it was carefully preserved by Colonel Scott's widow and daughter and displayed from the family porch each Memorial Day before being donated to the Oshkosh Public Museum on October 5, 1925. Story by the Oshkosh Public Museum

CAMP # 56 NEWS





Place your order now for the Patriotic Luncheon booklet. Form is below. Great place to show a photograph or tell a story to honor your Civil War ancestor.



Above from left to right DC Tom Brown, SVC Garen Engquist PCC, Commander Randall Nelson, JVC Andrew Willenbring, Council member Robert Minish and Secretary-Treasurer Mark Campbell. Photos were taken by visitor Glenn Kiecker.

The camp calendar for 2013 was agreed to including the following dates and meetings:

2-Feb Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple

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30-May Daggett GAR Hall Litchfield, Litchfield Memorial Day Parade

15 June Boscobel WI – Wisconsin Department Encampment

8- Aug Brookfield WI National Encampment

Spread Your Message in the 43rd Annual Patriotic Luncheon Program February 2nd, 2013

Milwaukee's Patriotic Luncheon ceremoniously celebrates the birthdays of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary began the observance with a speakers program in February 1890. We invite you to be a part of this long tradition, by placing an ad in the luncheon pro-gram booklet.

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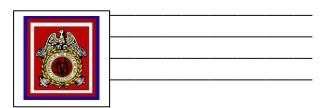
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan. 1, 2013	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Feb 1,	National Freedom Day
Feb 2,	Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting, 9 a.m noon, Bluemound Gardens,
	Wauwatosa, Annual Patriotic Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Bluemound Gardens, Wauwatosa
Feb 12	Union Defender's Day (Abraham Lincoln's birthday)
Feb 22	George Washington's birthday
Feb 23, 24	Echoes of the Past Trade Fair, Oshkosh
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