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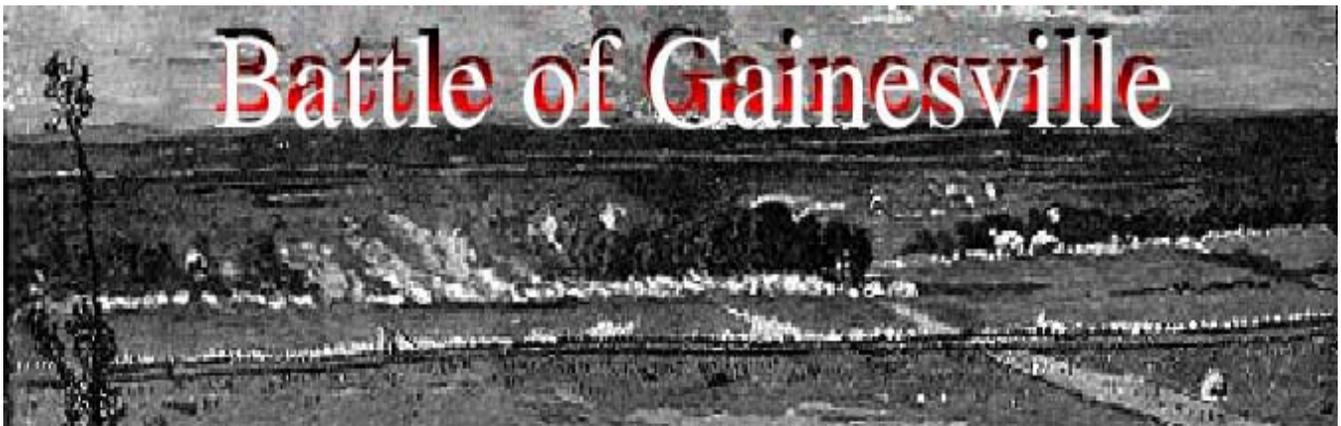
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fu gel man - A well-drilled soldier placed in front of a military company as a model or guide for others.

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*Battle of Gainesville, in the 19C or Battle of Brawner's Farm as it is known today, it was a battle that will never be forgotten that forged The Iron Brigade of the West*

*Wm Hayes of Co. I, 7th Regt to his grandfather, Mr. W. Vender of this city. The writer was but 15 year old when he enlisted yet he seems to take a fighting as naturally as a duck to water. His father was a Lieutenant, in the British army, and the boy is evidently a chip of the old block.*

*Although wounded, he seems crazy to get into an other battle.*

*He was doubtless one of those Wisconsin boys who cried because ordered to fall back before they had fought enough*

Camp near Centreville, Aug 31, 1862

# Pass in Review

By Peter Seielstad

Now that the meeting is over and the vote counted what remains is a heart felt thanks to you and for your support. I bring to this post a sincere respect for its authority and demands that it will have upon me.

I've been asked to write a few lines for this edition of the Fugelman so with the editor's permission, here are a few of my thoughts.

This is a hobby that portrays the American Civil War soldier. To be more specific, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Regiment of the famed Iron Brigade. It is a military organization. And being a military organization we must realize that the roles we take are those of an organized army. When we speak of the private, he is the individual who volunteers to be subject to the command structure that is used to portray a mid-nineteenth century American soldier.

For those of us who are in command, we owe it to our subordinates to understand the manners and customs of our office. The backbone of any army is the private (the volunteer). It is the private/volunteer who meets the foe face to face and he is the one who must endure the fatigue duty that is assigned to him. He must prepare his own place in camp and make it suitable to accommodate his needs. The private/volunteer must endure the long hours of drill and guard mount. It is the officer's and the NCO's duty to make full use of the private's/volunteer's time and not squander that time and talent due to a lack of knowledge or ambition.

It is my hope that together we will be able to add to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Assoc. in a way that will promote the memory of the men who served in this time honored regiment and her sister regiments of the Iron Brigade. As we come to our company drills this winter let's come prepared and ready

to take on a very important role. That role is the one where we interpret the life of an American Civil War soldier. By reading the history books, diaries and the drill manual we can bring to the event and to the spectators as well as ourselves a clearer understanding of what it was like to be caught up in a time of this country's coming of age. A time where we defined who we are as a nation.

To our civilian counter-part of the Association: ladies and gentlemen, merchant and farmer, traveler and homesteader. We welcome you, as you are very important to any event that we attend.

It is you who gives an interpretation of life for the non-combatant during the War Between the States.

No role is minor, as we come together to explain to the student at a school presentation or to the spectator at an event, the life of an American during the war years of 1861 to 1865.

Your obedient servant,  
*Lt. Col. Peter Seielstad*

## Video of the Green Bay Railroad

Museum event The Video of the Green Bay Railroad Museum event this past August is finally ready.

I have just completed it, and again, it is two hours long.

Again, there is no fee, but we ask for a \$5.00 donation, this will help offset the cost of making the video, plus help to compensate those who taped it.

Company E is not doing this for profit, we basically break even, this is for you, the reenactor, to get a chance to see yourself and your fellow pards. If you wish a copy, please contact me at

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*Thanks for the help during my illness,  
I will be bringing copies to events.*

## 2005 Second Wisconsin Association Calendar

**Jan: 8th: Company A**  
Drill Fox Lake WI  
**Jan: 15th: Company E**  
Drill RR Museum Green Bay WI  
**Jan: 29th: Association**  
Regimental Meeting Allenton WI  
**Feb: 5th: Company A**  
Drill Fox Lake WI  
**Feb:12th: Company E**  
Drill RR Museum Green Bay WI  
**Feb:12th: Company E**  
Dinner/Dance Howard Johnson's  
Green Bay WI  
**Feb:19th: Company A**  
Social Cedarburg WI  
**Feb:26th-27th: Company H** Drill/  
Party Sacramento CA  
**Feb:26th-27th: Company E** Trade  
Fair Oshkosh WI  
**March: 5th: Company A**  
Drill Fox Lake WI  
**March: 6th-7th: Company H**  
Shoot and Scoot event Visalia CA  
**March: 12th: Battery B**  
Maintenance Armory, Sussex, WI  
**March:18th-20th: Company C**  
Battle Bentonville, Bentonville NC  
**March: 19th: Battery B**  
Maintenance Armory, Sussex, WI  
**March: 19th: Company K**  
Drill Oregon HS Oregon WI  
**March: 19th: Company E**  
Drill RR Museum Green Bay, WI  
**March: 19th-20th: Company H**  
Knights Ferry, CA  
**April: 1st-2nd: Company C**  
Iron Brigade Drill Day (with 5th US  
Artillery) Cedar Creek, VA  
**April: 9th: Battery B**  
Maintenance Armory, Sussex, WI  
**April: 16th-17th: Company K**  
BHB Drill, Minooka, IL  
**April: 23rd: Company K** Drill  
Oregon HS, Oregon, WI  
**April: 29th: Battery B**  
Hartland School Event Hartland, WI  
**April: 29th: Company K**  
District School Day

Elmbrook, WI  
**April: 29th-May1st: Company C**  
Newton Battlefield Reenactment,  
Elmira, NY  
**April: 30th-May1st: Association**  
Max effort event School-of-the  
Soldier Wade House  
Greenbush, WI  
**April: 30th-May 1st: Company K**  
Dousman Stage Coach Inn  
**May: 6th: Company E**  
Huntley School event Appleton, WI  
**May: 6th-7th: Company H**  
Gibson Ranch Sacramento, CA  
**May: 6th -8th: Company C**  
Reenactment and Living History,  
McDowell, VA  
**May: 13th-14th: Battery B**  
Mt. Horeb School event  
**May: 19th: Company E**  
Johnson School event Appleton, WI  
**May: 20th: Company B**  
Civil War Day  
West Salem Middle School  
West Salem, WI  
**May: 21st: Company B**  
Armed Forces Day,  
Ft. McCoy, WI  
**May: 21st: Company C**  
Memorial Day Parade,  
Sharpsburg, MD  
**May: 27th: Company K**  
Prairie River Middle School  
Merrill, WI  
**May: 27th: Company E**  
Valley View School event  
Green Bay, WI  
**May: 28th-30th: Company H**  
Roaring Camp, CA  
**May: 30th: Company E**  
Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession  
Oshkosh, WI  
**May: 30th: Company K**  
Forest Lawn Cemetary SUV CW  
Salute to Col. Lucius Fairchild  
Madison, WI  
**May: 30th: Company B**  
Memorial Day Parade  
La Crosse, WI  
**May: 30th: Company A**  
Memorial Day Parade  
Fox Lake, WI  
**June: 3rd-5th: Company A**  
Woods Living History  
Milwaukee WI  
**June: 12th : Company B** Sparta  
Butterfest Parade, Sparta, WI

**June:12th: ASWSA** Wade House  
Skirmish, Greenbush, WI  
**June: 11th-12th: Company H**  
Casa de Fruta, CA  
**June: 24th-26th: Battery B**  
Cudahy Reenactment Cudahy, WI  
**June: 17th-18th: Company C**  
Children's Civil War Day Camp  
(with 5th US) Strasburg, VA  
**June: 26th-27th: Company E**  
Living History Hazelwood Histori-  
cal House Green Bay, WI  
**June: 30th-July2nd: Company C**  
Gettysburg Battle Reenactment,  
Gettysburg, PA  
**July: 9th-10th: Association**  
BHB Max Effort Event Drill  
Wauconda, Ill.  
**July: 15th-16th: ASWSA**  
66th NC at Appleton, WI  
**July: 9th-10th: Company E**  
Living History Fish Creek, WI  
**July:16th-17th: Battery B**  
Menominee Falls living History  
Menominee Falls, WI  
**July:16th-17th: Company K**  
Antigo Living History Antigo, WI  
**July: 16th-17th: Company H**  
Duncan's Mills, Ca  
**July: 23rd-24th: Company K**  
Time line event Muskego , WI  
**August: 5th-6th: Company C**  
Battle of Warm Springs  
Warm Springs, VA  
**August: 6th-7th: Company K**  
Reenactment Boscobel, WI  
**August: 12th-14th: Company E**  
National RR Museum reenactment  
Green Bay, WI  
**August: 12th-14th: Company A**  
Fort Snelling Living History St.  
Paul, MN  
**August: 20th-21st: Irish Fest**  
Milwaukee, WI  
**August: 20th-21st: Company C**  
Medical Living History at  
Gettysburg, PA  
**August: 20th-21st: Company H**  
Tejon Invitational, CA  
**August: 20th21st: Company H**  
Salinas CA  
**August: 24th-26th: Association**  
Max effort National Event Summer  
of 62 Boonsboro, MD  
**August: 26th-28th: ASWSA**  
Ducks Unlimited Oshkosh, WI  
(non-shooting event)

**September: 2nd-4th: ASWSA**  
Skirmish Tomahawk, WI  
**September: 3rd-4th:**  
**Company H**  
Huntington Beach, CA  
**Sept: 10th: Battery B**  
Dozer Day  
Dousman, WI  
**Sept: 10th: Company K&8th WI**  
Black River Falls Reenactment  
Black River Falls, WI  
**Sept: 10th-11th: Company H**  
Nevada City, CA  
**Sept: 16th-17th: Company C**  
South Mountain Living History,  
Middleton, MD  
**Sept: 17th-18th: ASWSA**  
6th WI at Bristol, WI  
**Sept: 17th: Company C**  
La Crosse Oak Grove Living  
History Walk  
**Sept:24th-26th: Association**  
Max effort event Wade House  
Greenbush, WI  
**Sept: 23rd-25th: Company H**  
Fresneck, CA  
**October: 1st-2nd: Company K**  
Trimborn Farm (Milwaukee  
County Historical Society)  
**Oct: 1st-2nd: National event**  
Corinth, MS  
**Oct: 1st-2nd: Battery B**  
Sauk City, WI  
**Oct: 8th-9th: Company B**  
Norskedalen reenactment  
Coon Valley, WI  
**Oct: 9th-10th: National Event**  
Perryville, KY  
**Oct: 14th-16th: Company C**  
Battle of Cedar Creek Reenactment  
Middleton, VA  
**Oct: 15th-16th: Company H**  
Modesto, CA  
**November: 5th: 1st Brigade**  
**Band/Battery B**  
Harvest Ball (place?)  
**Nov: 4th-6th: BHB sponsored**  
National event Atlanta, GE  
**Nov: 5th-6th: Company H**  
Moorpark, CA  
**Nov: 12th: Company H**  
ACWA Ball, Sonora, CA  
**Nov: 19th: Company C** Remem-  
brance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA  
**Nov: 19th-20th: Company H**  
Tactical Duncan's Mills, CA  
More will be added to this list as received

Minutes of Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc.  
**Annual 2d Wisconsin Regimental Meeting**

Allenton WI  
January 29th 2005

**Meeting called to order**

10:30 am

**Presiding:** President Gary Klas

Conducting: Vice President Scott Sonntag

**Invocation given by:** Scott Sonntag

A special remembrance of 4 Association Members that passed away during last year was observed

35 Association Members present

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by, Scott Sonntag

**Swearing in of New Members**

3 new members took the oath

**Reports:**

Association Secretary David Dresang

Each company's treasurer to collect dues and send them in to the Association Secretary Using their own bank account. Each company responsible for any returned checks

**Membership cards:**

Each year a new color card will be issued

Need approximate number for new cards to be issued to each company.

Company Treasure responsible for distribution of cards

**Company Rosters:**

3 rosters will be kept by the Association Secretary Full roster of the entire Association

**Military Leadership** (all NCOs and Officers)

**Civilian Leadership** (all positions)  
Each list will be sent to those individuals corresponding with their position.

Each Company President will receive the Civilian roster

Each Company Commander will receive Military roster

The entire roster will be sent to these persons

- 1) Lt. Col.
- 2) Major of Infantry
- 3) Major of Artillery
- 4) President of Association
- 5) Vice President of Association
- 6) Treasurer of Association

**Rosters to include following items:**

Names

Addresses

Phone Number

Email address

Rank

Dues paid

1) full membership

2) family membership

3) Associate membership

All dues and rosters to be turned in no later than April 1st

**Calendar:**

A full schedule of each Company's events to be turned in to Association Secretary to be posted both on the web-site and the Fugleman

Steve Thompson asked that each member fill out a survey relating to Civil War reenacting for his course at Carroll College under Lance Herdegen. Members asked to fill out survey during the break for lunch and leave them on the table.

**Reports:**

Minutes from 2004

Reading of minutes from the 2004 meeting taken by Fred Cook

Motion made by Bill Wojahn to dispense with reading of minutes and accept them as written

2nd by John Dudkiewicz

Motion passed

Minutes accepted as written

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report given Dean Tillema not present to give report

**Unit Commanders Report:**

Gary Klas reported that he would not seek another term as Unit Commander  
Gary Klas reports that the Association had done well the past year. Need to be more aggressive in recruiting.  
Gary then thanked everyone for the past several years while he served as Unit Commander. He thanked everyone for the tremendous support  
Gary Klas received a standing ovation by those assembled.

Company A:

Andy Seymour reported that Co. A

had 37 members on the roster.

The company will start concentrating more on recruiting

Co. A at their annual meeting decided not to support the BHB event; they believe that the BHB no longer meets the needs and goals of Co. A

**Company B:**

John Dudkiewicz reported that Norskedalen (Coon Valley) would be there main event this year.

They have 20 members on the roster  
John also stated his disappointment at the lack of cooperation and communication between companies, used Franklin as an example where members of the second went into 3 different regiments instead of banding together. He also expressed his disappointment at companies that make decisions regarding the BHB before the Association meeting.

**Company E:**

Dave Sielski reported that Co. E has 42 members on the roster. E picked up 5 new members over the last year.

Doug Rasmussen reelected as Captain and that Dave Sielski was elected the new President of Co. E.

E's main event this year is Green Bay (RR Museum) August 12th-14th  
Escanaba has been cancelled as an event.

**Company K:**

Roger Wisinger reported that K has 43 members on the roster.

Company K has not had there annual company meeting. Meeting is scheduled for February 5th  
Roger also lay to rest a rumor about Doug Pettit. Doug is not quitting and will finish out his term as Major of Infantry.

**Battery B:**

Lyle Laufenberg reported that the Battery had between 20/30 members.  
Last June a major goal was attained by the Battery when they were able to raise enough funds to purchase a Limber for there Cannon.

Battery B has not had there annual meeting, it is scheduled for February

12th Battery B is in the process of getting ready for the upcoming season.

**Company H:**

David Dresang gave report on behalf of Co. H; they have 28 members on the roster.

Steve Bechtold gave thanks for Co. H being included in the Association, and kept up to date.

**Company C:**

No report, nothing has come through from Co. C as of yet.

**Skirmish Team:**

Gary Van Kauwenbergh reported that there are 37 members on the roster, they belong to the ACWSA, and they also wear regulation uniforms.

The past year 4 members have passed away that belonged to the skirmish team.

Gary believes they will have 30 members for the New Year.

The team participated in 5 skirmish events the past year, the results are as follows

Musket Team: 5th & 8th out of 12 teams

Carbine Team: 4th, 11th, 12th & 13th out of 13 teams

Revolver Team: 1st & 4th out of 4 teams

Cannon Team: (only participated at Boscobel) 2nd

Proposed dates for 2005

June 12th Wade House

July 23rd-24th Appleton

August 6th-7th Tomohawk

September 17th-18th Bristol

Gary gave a breakdown of what a typical day is for the shooting team Skirmish Team always looking for new Recruits

At certain events, a musket will be provided if you do not wish to use your own.

Scott Frank brought up the fact that at one time the Association had around 225 members, wanted to know why the decrease in the last year.

Scott Sonntag explained that the reduction was due to inactive members being taken off the rolls, that the roster had been updated to include the paying members only.

**Committee Report:**

Last year a committee was formed to

help Jim Johnson with improvements for the web-site, the members are Scott Sonntag Co. A

John Dudkiewicz Co. B

Dave Sielski Co. E

Jim Johnson Co. E

Fred Cook Co. K

The committee became derailed with the passing of Fred Cook who was to head up the committee

**Scholarship Report:**

It was decided, voted upon and passed at last years meeting that the Association would provide a scholarship program for children of members of the Association.

a) Funds to be provided with excess Association money.

b) Each company is to pick one deserving member from there own company

A vote was proposed to see if the program is doable.

Discussion followed. Results of discussion are as follows:

A) criteria to be determined by each company for candidates

B) Broader discussion needed before dispersement of Funds

C) Survey to be put into Fugelmen

D) Criteria needs to be implemented by May 1st

E) Award first scholarship by next January's meeting

Amendment made for funds (originally fund for scholarship was set at \$1000.00) to be reduced to \$500.00 (do not have either the person who made the motion or the person who seconded the motion.)

Motion passed

**Handbook Committee:**

Andy Seymour gave report on the Hand book.

No action has been submitted by committee, nor have any changes been introduced for the last two years.

Need more cooperation from rest of the Association.

Each company needs to become involved and a request was made that a member from each company (B, E, & K) becomes a member of the committee.

The By-Laws need to be updated and reformatted

The only known electronic copy is on

the web-site.

A short discussion on the by-laws ensued

The committee for the by-laws is as follows

Andy Seymour Co. A

Tom Klas Co. A

Terry Brown Battery B

Advisors are:

Scott Sonntag Co. A

Gary Klas

Roger Wisinger (Co. K) announced that he would join the committee

**Elections:**

Election of Corporate Officers (3 positions open)

Explanation of the Association as a Corporation followed by Scott Sonntag

Present positions held by these Persons

President; Gary Klas

Vice President; Scott Sonntag

Corporate Secretary; Fred Cook

Treasurer; Dean Tillema

**Vice President:**

Jim Boulion nominated Scott Sonntag 2nd by Gary Klas

Jim Boulion made motion that nominations be closed

2nd by Gary Van Kauwenbergh

Unanimous consent for the election of Scott Sonntag made

Motion made by Jim Boulion

2nd by Tom Klas

Scott Sonntag re-elected as Corporate Vice President of the Association

**Treasurer:**

Scott Frank nominated Dean Tillema 2nd by Wes Severson

Motion made to close nominations

Motion made by Gary Klas

2nd by Bill Wojahn

Unanimous vote for Dean Tillema

Dean Tillema re-elected as Corporate Secretary

**Corporate Secretary:**

Duties of Secretary explained by Scott Sonntag

Duties are keeper of the minutes for Association meetings, keeper of the files.

Roger Wisinger nominated David Dresang

2nd by George Doire

Motion made to close nominations

Motion made by Bob Mann  
2nd by Dave Sielski  
Unanimous vote for David Dresang  
David Dresang elected as Corporate Secretary

**Military Officers:**

Unit Commander  
Lt. Col. responsible for all decisions regarding the Association, please checks by-laws for all duties. He can also remove field Commanders if they are not performing their duties.

Scott Frank nominated Pete Sielsted  
2nd by David Dresang  
Motion made to close nominations  
Motion made by Lyle Laufenberg  
2nd by Scott Frank

Unanimous vote for Pete Sielsted  
Pete Sielsted elected as new Unit Commander and Lt. Col. of the 2nd Wisconsin

Pete spoke before those assembled  
Pete promised to do his best as Lt. Col.

**New Business:**

**Event Calendar:**

At last years meeting the Tier system was eliminated, in place is a new system to eliminate pressure on the Association members to attend to many Tier 1 events.

New System is as follows:

Association Max event

National Max event

BHB Max event

1 Company event

1) Company event to be on a rotating schedule going in Alphabetical order  
2) In case a Association, National or BHB event is voted down, then the choice goes to the next eligible Company

A discussion ensued on Wade House. Wade House proposed as the Association Event.

Motion made by Andy Seymour

2nd by Jerry Letcher

Wade House passed as the Association Max event

There will be a new Union Commander for Wade House. Scott Sonntag is stepping down as event organizer.

Union camp to be moved closer to the Wade House.

Battlefield is reverting back to the old one.

**National Event:**

Proposed National events are as follows

Atlanta November 4th-6th

Boonsboro August 26th-27th

Corinth MS October 1st-2nd

Perryville Kentucky October 7th-8th

John Dudkiewicz gave a report on Boonsboro limited registration 700

Federals and 800 Confederates

Reenacting South Mountain, Brawners Farm

Registration is \$10.00 before Feb. 1st, \$15.00 after

John Dudkiewicz will organize and register for the Association

Uniforms would be frock coats, dressed Hardee Hat and Gaiters

Motion made to support Boonsboro as Association's National event

Motion made by Charles Bagneski

2nd by Craig Seizer

Boonsboro to be Association's National Max effort event

John Dudkiewicz to organize and register 2nd Wisconsin

**BHB event:**

New leader of the BHB is Craig DeCrane from the 24th Michigan

BHB Max effort events are as follows (report given by John Ddukiewicz, he and Bill Wojahn attended the annual BHB meeting)

Spring Drill

Billy Creek

Wauconda Ill.

Wade House

BHB also decided to support the Atlanta National event as a Max effort event

Discussion on BHB involvement and its function and command structure. Roger Wisinger made a motion to remain a part of the BHB.

Scott Frank made a report that Company A at there annual meeting decided not to belong to the BHB and not to support it as an organization, they wanted to make a statement to the rest of the Association that they felt the BHB has nothing to offer. Company A is not pulling out of the Association and will support the Association's sponsored events.

Gary Klas stated that our strength was in numbers, that A to make such a blanket statement is an affront to the rest of the Association.

A very heated debate began on continued involvement in the BHB Company A wants to be more involved in Progressive events, and more stringent events.

The question of Communication between companies arose in the Association

Jerry Letcher asked the assembled if there was any other Association (outside of the BHB) that was any better or would meet our needs better than the BHB, no one had any answer to the question.

Motion made to continue involvement in the BHB

Motion made by Jerry Letcher

2nd by Roger Wisinger

Continued involvement with the BHB passed (there were nay votes)

Motion made to support Wauconda Ill. As Association's BHB Max event

Motion made by Bob Mann

2nd by (did not get the name of person)

Wauconda event passed date is July 9th-10th (there were nay votes)

**Company Max event:**

Company A first to go

a) They have an event (this is not a vote on event, it is automatic Max event)

b) Spring Muster at the Wade House April 30th-May 1st

c) Structured School-of-the Soldier

d) Open to the entire Association

e) 2 full days of teaching

f) Not a public event Wade House will still be closed to the public

g) There will be no Confederate Involvement

h) Battery B is included

I) a small cost to those attending Association Max effort events are as follows:

A) Wade House September 24th-25th

B) Wauconda Ill. July 9th-10th

C) Boonsboro Tenn. August 26th-27th

D) Company A School-of-the-soldier Wade House April 30th-May 1st

Other events to be put on Schedule

Company B:

Coon Valley October 8th-9th

Co. E: Green Bay RR Museum August 12th-14th

Co. K: None at this time  
Battery B: Menominee Falls July  
16th-17th  
Sauk City October 2nd-3rd  
Other events  
VA Hospital Milwaukee June 4th-  
5th  
Trimborn Farm Milwaukee County  
October 1st-2nd

### **Gary Klas asked the Association if he could start up Company G**

Discussion on what duties of new company would be, are as follows; to enlist those that can no longer actively take the field to act as camp guard during battle  
To do living history while others are out doing drill, etc. camp cook to involve past members and to reactivate older members recruiting  
Motion made to form Company G of the 2nd Wisconsin  
Motion made by Gary Klas  
2nd by George Doire  
Company G passed as a new company with the understanding that they are bound by all 2nd Wisconsin's laws and by-laws

### **Grant system**

Pete Sielsted opened up for discussion of offering a grant system. Grant system would be used for areas that are directly related to Civil War preservation.  
Discussion ensued on what the Association's surplus money would be used for.  
Many different items were brought to attention, such as Flag restoration Monument preservation  
Before any action should continue, it was tabled until next year; if anyone has a proposal should bring it up then. A full and complete proposal only. Association to wait on grant system until the Scholarship program has had a chance.  
Motion made for Grant system to be a formal topic for next year.  
Motion made by Bill Boulion  
2nd by Steve Peterson  
Motion passed  
**Communication:**  
Proper use of Communication brought up. Companies need to communicate

better with each other.

- a) Association Secretary is the main hub for Association Communication
- b) Company Newsletters to be exchanged between all companies
- c) Access to electronic (web-sites) programs
- d) Use of Association web-site for better communication

Tom Klas brought up the fact that too many rumors are flying around about sister companies, most notably about Company A and there continued involvement with the Association.

### **Solution suggested:**

Better use of Military Structure  
In case of rumors, go to the company directly and ask, don't spread the rumor  
Get rid of rumors altogether  
Thank you from Scott Sonntag for all that showed up and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Benediction given by Scott Sonntag  
Meeting adjourned approximately 1:30 pm

*Minutes submitted by  
David Dresang  
Association/Corporate Secretary*

### **Headquarters**

**2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (ACWSA)  
5692 Williamsburg Way  
Madison, Wisconsin 53719**

### **February 5, 2005**

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor to report,  
The 2005 organizational meeting for the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment (ACWSA) was called to order shortly after 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at Camp Nelson. Special thanks to Cathi and Roy Nelson for once again opening their home to us.

### **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Members present were Ben and Gwen Barbour, Nate Brown, Dorothy Crenshaw, Karen and Dan Graff, Cathi and Roy Nelson, John O'Brien, David Listug, Gary and Darlene Van Kauwenbergh.

### **Absent Members with dues paid:**

Lee Arnold, Matt Barbour, Bill Graff, James and Jeremy Johnson, Jim Leinicke, David May, Doug Ortwerth, Deb, Marty, Jim and Dan Richards, David Roemer, Bill Weedman, Jared Weedman, Wayne and Bonnie Weinert.

**AWOL:** Terry Brown, Laura and Richard Culver, Kenneth Geller, Paul and Sarah Hinds and Joseph Kissel

**Minutes** - We dispensed with reading our last minutes.

### **Logistics:**

Black powder and percussion caps were distributed prior to the meeting. Anyone needing lead, contact Roy Nelson directly.

2005 membership dues were collected, and information for the ACWSA roster was confirmed by everyone present. A team roster with names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses is printed below these minutes.

**Financial Report** - Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh presented the financial report.

Not reflected in the report is a \$70 donation made at the meeting by the Barbours for one of the Lake Mills Conservation Club flagpoles. Bottom line is we have about \$60 in the kitty. The only anticipated expense for this year will be about \$21.00 for engraving on our 1st place revolver plaque.

**2005 Elections** Commander (Sergeant) Van Kauwenbergh was unanimously reelected.

**Adjutant** (Corporal.) Roy Nelson was reelected with one nay vote (I didn't want Roy to get as many votes as me.)

Roy Nelson volunteered to be Carbine Team Commander  
Darlene Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to be Paymaster  
Nate Brown volunteered to be Re-

volver Team Commander Cathi Nelson volunteered to be our Social Director, arranging our Saturday night dining

### **Plans**

2005 Schedule - The official skirmish schedule for the 2005 season is published in the ACWSA Board meeting minutes (Cmdr Kaboskey is proof reading them before I send them out.) There are some very minor changes to what was originally published, so please reread them.

For the July Appleton skirmish, The Graffs generously volunteered to provide chicken for Saturday supper. Everyone else should plan on bringing a dish to pass. Keep in mind the hosts of that skirmish usually have a spaghetti feed for everyone, so these plans may change.

At the August Boscobel skirmish, plan on Saturday supper at the golf course again this year.

For September in Tomahawk, plan to go to the same restaurant we went to last year on Friday night, and a pot luck on Saturday.

In Bristol, count on the Friday Fish Fry at our regular spot. Saturday evening is still open.

Karen also volunteered to try getting together a road trip on an off-skirmish weekend.

The first weekend in April is the target date and the location isn't settled yet. Roy Nelson volunteered for the Saturday work day before the Wade House skirmish in June. We need one more volunteer. At the ACWSA Board Meeting the next day, I volunteered the 2nd Wisconsin to provide the hanging tile targets for the entire skirmish.

**Practice** - We're going to have one practice beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday May 15th at the public range adjacent to Yellowstone State Park near Blanchardville.

The team meeting ended about 4 p.m.

*Yr. Obt. Srvt.*

### **NCO's and Officers of the 2nd Needed for "School of the Soldier" Event at Mukwonago High School**

*Gentlemen:*

On Friday, April 29th, the Mukwonago High School students taking the American Civil War class have been offered the opportunity to engage in drill out on the school's practice fields for about two hours rain or shine.

The event has been approved by the Mukwonago Area Schools and will actively run from 11:50 AM until 1:50 PM that day, provided I can find a few drill instructors.

The active drill would be canceled only in the event of severe weather that threatens the welfare of participants.

Otherwise, we will drill even in a steady rain.

What we are lacking are two or three officers or enlisted personnel of the 2nd to assist us in conducting the basic drill. The event will conclude in time for any soldiers to travel to and attend an event in the region scheduled for that weekend.

What is contemplated is for the three classes of 20 or so students to receive instruction in drill just as new recruits would (without muskets).

They have been conveniently divided into three companies: A, B, and C for their instruction. I have a gentlemen who will do a Provost Marshall impression. I would be out there in period dress. It would be great to also have three or four muskets available so that we could also have a station where the manual of arms could be reviewed with three or four students at a time hefting a real musket. No firing of firearms will be permitted however.

This is a modest event that is geared to having students get a brief taste of the life of a soldier. NCO's, officers, or enlisted men with a desire to command are wanted. You can also bring your gear and give a talk on how soldiers lived in the field. I am thinking of having students boil some coffee and eat a little hardtack and salt pork too. If you so desired we may even be able to have you make camp the night before on school grounds.

If you are interested in participating in this living history event, with very enthusiastic students who have elected to study the Civil War Era, please let me know as soon as possible.

Your presence there would be greatly appreciated. The students are all 11th and 12th graders

**Thomas Sobottke**

AKA Smlin' Sam Wilkeson

Mukwonago High School

P.S. You can contact me at the high school at 262-363-6200 or simply e-mail me at home at

[ekttobos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekttobos@sbcglobal.net)

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## **Closing of registration for the National Event March 20th**

### **Dear Gentlemen:**

I have just found out that the time to register for the National event is coming up very fast. Registration closes March 20th. You will need to contact your company members and find out who is going and collect the registration fee of \$15.00 to be sent to John Dudkiewicz.

He is our coordinator for this event. Checks are to be made out to Belle City Rifles, I realize this is very short notice, and you will have to jump on this as soon as possible.

Please contact John for further information, or contact me as I am in contact with John.

There was talk of Co. K getting a bus for this, I will contact Roger and Wes and see if that is a possibility, but with the time frame so short, they may not be able to do it, so plan accordingly. I will keep all informed as I receive additional information.

David Dresang

**REMINDER: IF YOU  
NEED GAITERS  
CONTACT SCOTT  
WALLICK NOW AT  
(608) 437-3560,  
HE SHUTS DOWN  
MEMORIAL DAY TILL  
LABOR DAY!**

**This year's Holzheimer Maps  
and America Lecture,  
"A Hard Road to Travel:  
Maps and Mapping of the  
American Civil War."**

The lecture, to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, will commemorate the 140th anniversary of the end of the Civil War (on the 183rd birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant). The speaker will be Earl B. McElfresh, a cartographer and Civil War author and map historian from Olean, NY. Mr. McElfresh is the author of *Maps and Mapmakers of the Civil War* (Abrams, 1999), as well as a number of maps of Civil War battlefields.

In addition to the lecture, the AGS Library will feature an exhibit of maps of, from and relating to the Civil War. We will also take the opportunity to rededicate our copy of "The President's Globe," a 50-inch globe made in 1942 for President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, which is being restored with a grant from Arthur Holzheimer, the sponsor of the lecture series.

Our globe is one of only 19 produced. The globe's map was created by the Office of Strategic Services under the direction of Arthur Robinson, later a professor of geography and cartography at UW-Madison, who passed away in October 2004 at the age of 89.

The Lecture will be held in the American Geographical Society Library, located on the 3rd floor, east wing of the Golda Meir Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The street address is 2311 E. Hartford Avenue. The time of the lecture is 6:00 pm, with a reception beginning at 5:00. It is free and open to the public, and we cordially invite your members to join us.

Please contact me at (414) 229-6282 if you have any questions. Chris Baruth

**Christopher Baruth, Ph.D.**

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*Gary Van Kauwenbergh*

**Concept plans  
for a New  
Civil War  
Museum at  
Kenosha  
To be unveiled  
April 2  
Kenosha,  
Wisconsin**

A special presentation will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, on concept plans for a new Civil War Museum to be opened at Kenosha in 2007. The theme of the new museum will be **"Hearts Touched By Fire: The American Civil War and the Upper Middle West."**

The facility will be located on the Kenosha lake front and will highlight the roles played by Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan in 1861-1865.

The presentation will be in Daimler Chrysler Hall at the Kenosha Public Museum at 5500 First Avenue.

**If driving from Interstate 94,** take Highway 158 east into Kenosha. When 158 ends at a T-intersection, turn right (south) to the first stop sign, then left (east) to First Avenue.

**The museum is located on the Lake Michigan shoreline.**

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*The Voice of  
Gods and Generals*

**Mary Fahl**

*In Concert*

Friday, March 25, 2005  
8:00 pm

**SHANK HALL**

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**\$15.00**

414-276-7288

<http://www.ticketmaster.com>

She has recently released her debut solo CD, *The Other Side of Time*, a collection of mostly lush, cinematic originals that includes versions of 2 songs she wrote for movie soundtracks, "Going Home" from *Gods and Generals* and "The Dawning of the Day" from "The Guys".  
[www.maryfahl.com](http://www.maryfahl.com)

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Tuesday, 3/22/05 7:30 pm

**CLUB CAFE**

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Wed., 3/23/05 8:00 pm

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Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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Wed., Apr. 13, 2005 8:30 pm

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20 S. 2nd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

\$20.00

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<http://www.tinangel.com>

Thurs., Apr. 14, 2005 8:00 pm

**THE RAMS HEAD TAVERN**

33 West Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

\$15.00

414-276-7288

<http://www.ticketmaster.com>

## National Event Update

March 10, 2005

Roger has asked me to look into renting a bus so here is an update: I am working on trying to locate the bus company name and phone number we have used in the past for the Summer of '62 reenactment for August this year.

Between John Dudkiewicz (Co. B) and me we have made the following contacts to see if other companies/units are interested in riding out together on the bus: Co.s B, E, A, and F (F is 2nd Wis. but not part of our Association) and 3rd Wis. Obviously the more men riding on the bus the cheaper the transportation cost.

Below is a series of emails between John and me you will find informative regarding the event. Very preliminary numbers for the event are 43 not counting Co E.

Uniform info to be sent later. But the discussion at the BHB meeting was "2nd Wisconsin, mid 1862. This would be frocks, blue trousers, some sky blue trousers, gaiters, hardee hats.

Command structure is set for the battalion. I will let you know details as I am sure of them. The battalion will be Western Brigade/Army of the Ohio/Black Hat Battalion combined. We (the 2nd) will form a significant portion of one wing, if not an entire wing.

Doug Pettit has agreed to be a wing commander. I think Mike Lavis of the Western Brigade will be Battalion commander.

We have been asked if the battalion could use the 2nd colors for the Brawner Farm Scenario.

Co F will be falling in with us, as "us" is the Black hat battalion. We will figure out company assignments as we get numbers.

Your humble servant.  
*John Dudkiewicz*

## About COMPANY G – The Portage City Guards

### Mission Statement

Company G is a Civil War reenacting company that was formed to meet the needs of the older adult reenactor.

### About Company G

As a member company of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc., Company G is part of an Association that has been involved in Civil War reenacting since 1959. Company G is governed by the rules, regulations and bylaws set forth by the Association for member companies. Our uniqueness as a reenacting company is that our membership is comprised completely of older adult reenactors.

### How is Company G different from any other Civil War reenacting Company?

An older adult in a Civil War reenacting group may come across many situations that are just too strenuous or demanding. Eventually, these reenactors will leave the hobby because they feel that they can no longer keep up with the other company members. Company G was formed to eliminate the strenuous and demanding portions of reenacting while allowing our members to use their years of experience to help educate the public about the American Civil War.

### How can the members of Company G do this and still be considered reenactors?

Simple, there are many tasks that need to be performed at every reenactment. Company G specializes at these tasks and allows our members the opportunity to participate at their own comfort level. These tasks include but are not limited to: Camp guard duty, drill displays, camp scenarios, educational displays, cooking displays, medical scenarios, parades,

recruitment, and school programs. However, our members will never be limited to the above tasks. If a member wishes to take the field for a battle reenactment and can demonstrate that they are both proficient at drill and can safely handle a musket, they will be more than welcome into the ranks of the Second!

### Can I join if I never reenacted before?

Certainly, the members of Company G will train you in all aspects of what you need to know to be a Civil War reenactor.

### For further information contact:

Gary Klas at (262) 629-5433 or email at 2ndwisinf@charter.net

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## First Brigade Band Schedule

### May 14-15

(Sat-Sun)

Wausau, WI - Wausau Area Performing Arts Foundation: Lively Arts Series Historical Program - Saturday Evening, Grand Theater on Arts Block  
Worship Service - Sunday Morning  
For additional information: (715)842-0988 or visit: [www.onartsblock.org](http://www.onartsblock.org)

### May 21

(Saturday)

Tomah, WI - Tomah Sesquicentennial Historical Program - 7:00 PM, Tomah High School Theater

### August 14

(Sunday)

Watertown, WI - Octagon House Ice Cream Social Historical Program - 2:00 PM, Octagon House Grounds  
For information call the Watertown Historical Society, (920) 261-2796 or visit the Octagon House site

### November 5

(Saturday)

Racine, WI - 18th Annual Harvest Ball Military Ball - 7:30 PM, Memorial Hall

For information call Heritage Hall at 920-262-1864 and leave a message, or call Greg Davis at 608-845-9341 - Brochures and ticket forms will be mailed sometime in the fall.

## The First Shots of Gainesville

La Crosse, Wis, May 3, 1913

General Charles King

Milwaukee, Wis

My Dear General:

Accept my thanks for the courtesy sending at copy of Washington Star, containing an account of what we accustomed to call the battle of Gainesville.

I read it with great interest and pleasure. It accords substantially with my recollection. Such additions and correction as occur to me would, not change it in any important respects. But knowing your personal interest in the subject, I think I may with propriety, submit to you a few items which are quite clear in memory.

On north side of the road the ground ascended by a gradual slope to a plateau perhaps 60 to 75 feet higher than the road and the southern edge of the plateau ran substantially parallel with the road. Except at the eastern end of the slope and plateau, the road was hidden by a forest which extended a considerable distance up the slope, but grew steadily narrower towards the east and came to a point in the north line of the road near the east end of the slope. This left the east end of the slope and plateau open to view from the road.

The road at this point (as we found to be common in Virginia) had two tracks. On the north side, the traveled track ran on the natural surface of the ground. On the south side it was graded and built up to a height of four or five feet above the surface, and I believe was covered with gravel.

On that evening we were marching east, as described. The mounted officers, Gen. Gibbon, staff &c. were on the elevated roadway - on the south side, and the troops were marching on the surface roadway on the north side. The 2nd Wisconsin was leading the brigade, and company B - Capt. Colwell - was leading the regiment. I think the 2nd regiment had passed the point of the woods and was in the space where the view was open to the north; certainly the greater portion of it was. Capt. Colwell and I (first sergeant) were in the lead and

about abreast of Gibbon and his staff on the "pike" above us.

The cannon shots came from the north as suddenly and unexpectedly as described by the writer. The first one crashed through the neck of a horse ridden by one of Gibbon's staff. The horse fell dead and rolled down the north side of the "pike" so suddenly that Colwell and I had hardly time to get out of the way. A number of other shots were fired, but went over and did no damage.

Order was given to the 2nd to lie down on the north side of the road. I as entirely sure that no order was given at this time to bring up our battery from the rear of the brigade. Very soon, the 2nd was ordered to rise and go up into the field, and did so, presenting a battalion front to the north. Then, by the left flank, double-quick, not through the woods, but parallel with the diagonal edge of the woods. Gen. Gibbon did not go with us at this time.

After going some distance to the west - veering is the north along the woods, we came to front and advanced straight up the slope. A few scattering shots from confederate skirmishers met us, and our two companies - right and left - were at once deployed as skirmishers on a double-double quick. The confederate skirmishers fell back and we followed them until we were able to look over the edge of the plateau. I was in this skirmish line and what I saw as I now remember it was the enemy advancing in four lines, and apparently in the formation described by the writer. The skirmishers fell back and took their places in the line and the regiment advanced and took position on the edge of the plateau;

It would be idle for me to attempt description of what instantly followed. The writer of the article has done that perhaps as well as it can be done - certainly better than I could do it. I have seen one extract from Jackson's report (quoted, I believe, by Mr. Ropes) in which he calls it as action of "*unparalleled intensity*". I believe that. Certainly nothing I ever saw, heard of, or read about in the

history of the civil war or any other war, can be compared with it.

How, in what way or at what time the 19th Indiana came into line on the left of the 2nd, or where, when and how the two regiments of Doubleday's brigade came in, I do not know. Being on the right of the 2nd I could only observe what took place to the right of us. Off to the right, and on a line with us, as I could see from the flash of the guns, our Battery B opened, firing with wonderful rapidity after we had been for some time engaged. After another interval musketry opened on the same part of the line. This, as I knew afterwards, was from the 6th Wisconsin. Then another interval and the 7th Wisconsin came up and formed on our right - a great new full regiment, which overlapped us by eight or ten files, so that we had to side step to the left to make room for them.

My recollection is that after the cessation of the fight we did not go back into the woods, but remained where we had fought until about midnight when we started on the march to Manassas.

I enclose with this a rough - very rough - out line of the field as I remember it.

The conduct of the confederates has always puzzled me. With their enormous superiority in numbers - and they of the best and most daring soldiers that the war produced - they certainly could have run over and swept out of the way the little regiment in their front. With a charge and *continued next page*

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### **Battle of Gainsville continued:**

rush in "Stonewall Jackson's way", they could easily have disposed of us before reinforcements could have reached us. Why was this? It seems to me they must have been surprised and confused at the sight of regiment rushing into their faces. They could not see what was down the hill behind us and it would not be strange if they assumed at first that a large force was advancing to attack them, and that prudence required them to stand on the defensive. Two circumstances aided in producing this result. The sight of this greatly superior force in their front and so close seemed to inspire the men of the 2nd with a frantic energy that enabled them to start and maintain a fire such as now seems to me almost impossible. I knew of men - and do not doubt there were many more - who emptied their cartridge boxes and kept up the work with cartridges taken from their dead

and disabled comrades.

At the instant of the first fire, a regular "*rebel yell*" was started, ran down the whole line and was kept up to the end. It was started, I believe by Corporal Dailey of our company (afterwards greatly distinguished by an act of wonderful personal daring at Petersburg). This decided novelty - on our side - must have had some effect in determining the enemy's conduct. Leaving this, I am tempted to ask you a question often revolved vaguely in my mind but which I have never had time to investigate. I presume that you have investigated it and can clear it up.

Pope and McDowell were hunting for Jackson. How they could possibly have missed him I pass over. The chief hope of success in their campaign depended upon catching him and crushing him before he could make a junction with Longstreet. His attempt to get possession of the only

road by which he could make such junction had been baffled. He was not only discovered; he was bottled up. What prevented Pope and McDowell from concentrating at that point, that night, a force sufficient to attack him at daylight and crush him - capture or disperse his whole force? If Longstreet was near enough to be dangerous, could not a sufficient force have been diverted to delay, if not defeat him?

What remained of King's division, united with Ricketts would have been sufficient to hold him back until Jackson was disposed of.

If some day you have time to tell me, briefly as you may, what you know and think about this, I will appreciate it very highly.

Very sincerely yours

G. M. Woodward

*1st Lt. Co. B. 2d Wis. Inf. and the Washington Star article in the From the Front section August 1862, <http://www.secondwi.com>*