

Our Sincere Thanks to:

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For participating in our
Service of Re-Dedication,
and the
City of Oshkosh,
Friends of the Library,
Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau,
Oshkosh Patriotic Council,
and the Sawdust Days Committee,
for their support.

A special thank you to **Joan Mueller**
and the **Oshkosh Public Library**
for making the monument restoration,
and this re-dedication, possible.

Thank you to all members of the **G.A.R. Allied Orders**
who are attending today:

- the Auxiliary to the SUVCW,
- the Daughters of Union Veterans,
- the Ladies of the G.A.R.,
- the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- the Woman's Relief Corps.

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Brian Peters, Commander Old Abe Camp 8



Hick's "Soldier's Monument" Service of Re-Dedication

Oshkosh, Wisconsin
April 5th, 2003



Conducted by
Old Abe Camp 8
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Sponsored by
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PROGRAM

- ◆ Entrance by 1st Brigade Band and the Honor Guard.
- ◆ Welcome by the SUVCW.
- ◆ The Hicks Monuments by Joan Mueller, Hicks Trust Fund.
- ◆ Representing the Oshkosh Patriotic Council, John Pieper.
- ◆ Representing the City of Oshkosh, Mayor Steve Hintz.
- ◆ Service of re-dedication, by SUVCW Camp 8.
- ◆ Reception at Oshkosh Public Library, by the Friends of the Library.

Today's service of re-dedication is adapted from a period *Grand Army of the Republic* Service of Dedication ceremony. The ceremony may seem a little different than what we are used to today. Though spoken for a war and veterans of a different time, the words hold the same meaning for us today.

The *Grand Army of the Republic* (G.A.R.) was a large and influential fraternal organization consisting of Union veterans of the Civil War. The predecessor to today's veterans' organizations. In the 1880's, the G.A.R. created or endorsed a group of auxiliary type organizations that would represent them after they were gone. Collectively, these groups are known as the G.A.R. Allied Orders. The SUVCW is one of those Allied Orders.

In Wisconsin the G.A.R., organized in 1866, with its Allied Orders was very active up through the early 1900's. Since the death of the last Wisconsin G.A.R. member Lansing A. Wilcox in 1951, the Allied Orders have carried on the work of the organization.

The G.A.R. legacy is seen throughout Wisconsin through its monuments and historical records. It helped provide for future generations of veterans by creating the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin, incorporated at the 21st G.A.R Encampment held in Milwaukee in 1887.



The original dedication was conducted on July 8th, 1907 during the Wisconsin Department GAR and Allied Orders Encampment held in Oshkosh that year. Those attending from local GAR organizations included members of GAR John W. Scott Post 241 & P.H. Sheridan Post 10, Sons of Veterans Nathan Paine Camp #77, and the John W. Scott Post Woman's Relief Corps.



Veterans surround the monument during the 1935 GAR and Allied Orders Encampment, photo courtesy of Tom McCroy