

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Camp #15 honor guard firing a three-volley musket salute at a Memorial Day Weekend ceremony for two Union soldiers buried at Luther Parker Cemetery in Muskego.

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Our fight with the city of Muskego over weed-infested Luther Parker Cemetery goes on. Camp officers Jeff Graf and Dave Daley met with attorneys Frank Gimbel and Kathy Keppel August 31st to discuss the lawsuit's progress. A trial date has now been tentatively set for May next year.

Sunday May 28th, Memorial Day Weekend, Camp #15

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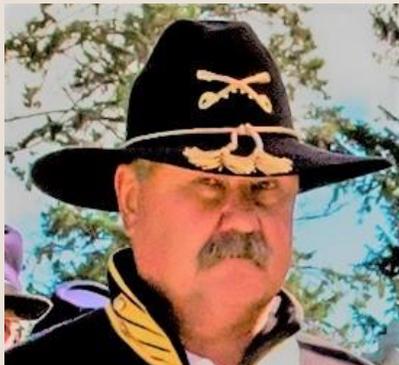
Brother Ken Artlip. On Brother Ken's right are **Brothers Steve Michaels** and **Tom Brown.**

Camp #15 Commander Bob Koenecke reading the commemoration to Union soldiers Lt. Homer H. Clark and Pvt. Jonathan W. Smiley on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 28th. Both Clark and Smiley, who died in the Civil War, are buried at Luther Parker Cemetery.

“They pledged themselves to the protection of the Flag of their Country, and the guarantee of equal rights to all under the Flag,” Koenecke noted. “May our hearts here be inspired anew with the spirit of patriotism.”

(Continued from page 1) commemorated the sacrifice of the two Union soldiers buried at Luther Parker Cemetery. “Two noble veterans have fallen,” Camp #15 Commander Bob Koenecke said at the ceremony. “Lt. Clark and Pvt. Smiley offered their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for the preservation of this country in the hour of her greatest need.”

Lt. Homer H. Clark of the 16th U.S. Infantry was leading his men in the line of battle at Chickamauga on September 19, 1862, when he was mortally wounded. Jonathan W. Smiley, a private in the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry, died of disease in 1862 while serving with his regiment in the South. Close to a hundred people turned out for the graveside ceremony.



Camp Commander's Column

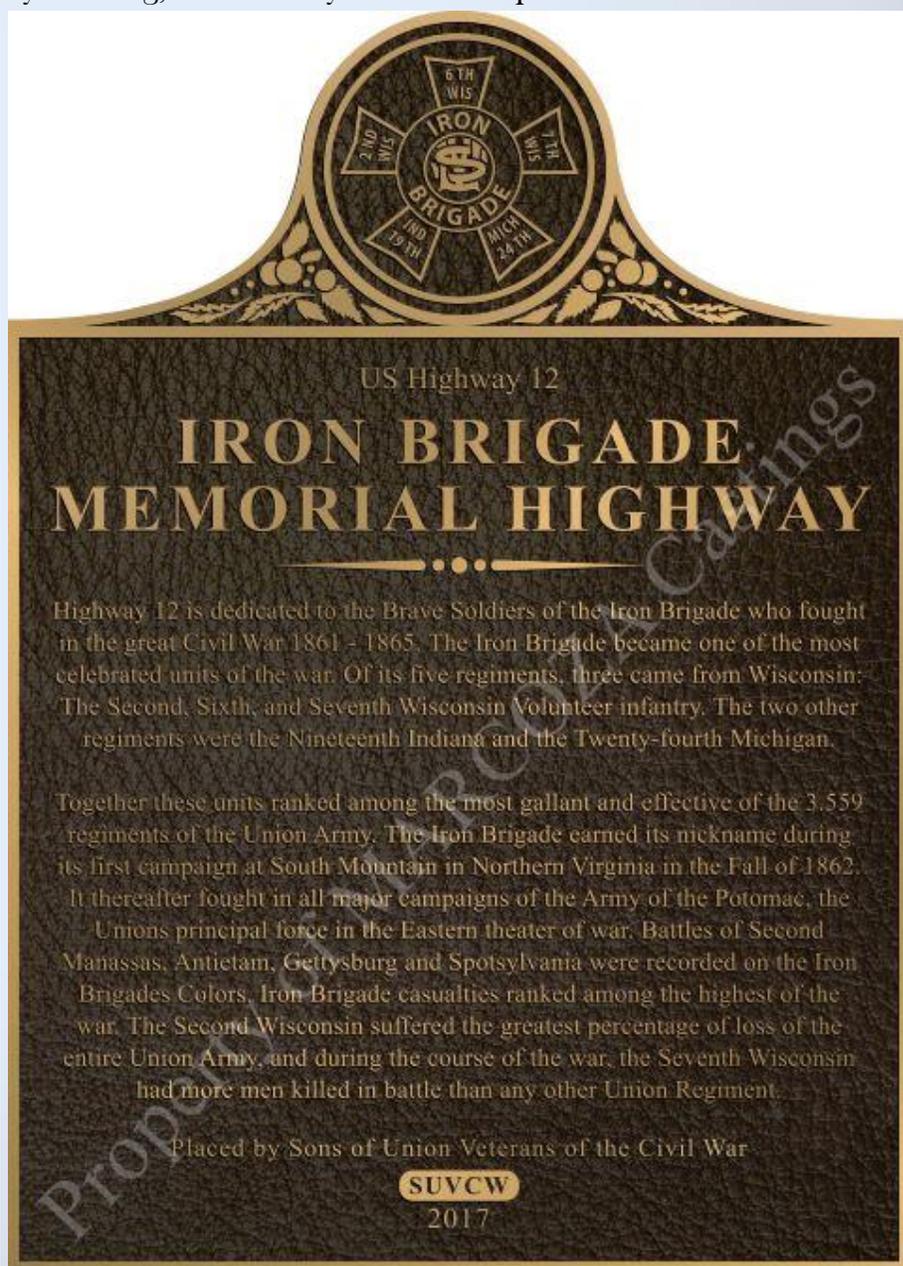
By Camp Commander Bob Koenecke

In August, I had the honor of serving as the National Guide at the SUVCW's National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan. Brother Brian McManus served as the National Color Bearer, so for the three-day national convention, Camp #15 stood tall with two of its own at the head of the room. I was proud to stand with Brother Brian.

Both Brother Brian and I were re-appointed for another term under the new commander-in-chief, Mark Day, of Lynchburg, Va. Next year's encampment is in Boston.

Work on the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway plaque Camp #15 is designing is moving along. I was appointed the Iron Brigade highway officer at the summer encampment in June and have been working since then to design the plaque. At the national encampment, I talked with national officers about funds from for the project. Prospects look good for money from SUVCW.

On the right is the proposed plaque we are planning to install along U.S. Highway 12 just north of Sauk City, Wis., at a wayside rest stop near the Sauk Prairie Airport. We hope to erect the plaque before the end of the year among the existing memorials at that rest stop.



Brother Rich Kallan and Wife Barb Install a Tombstone for Great- Great-Grandfather Anton Pehler



Camp #15 honor guard firing a three-volley musket salute at the grave of Anton Pehler, great-great-grandfather of Camp #15 Patriotic Instructor Rich Kallan. The ceremony on June 10th at St. Mary's Cemetery in Winona, Minn., dedicated a military tombstone for Pehler, a Civil War veteran..

Civil War soldier Anton Pehler died in 1928 and was buried without a military tombstone. On June 10th, Pehler's great-great grandson, Rich Kallan, with the help of his wife Barb, and Camp #15's honor guard, corrected that oversight, dedicating a newly-installed tombstone for Private Pehler at St. Mary's Cemetery in Winona, Minn. "Absolutely awesome to see something that's so far overdue," a grateful Brother Kallan said after the ceremony.

Kallan worked for more than a year ordering the military tombstone from the government and then prodding cemetery officials to erect the marker in time for the ceremony.

A Polish immigrant, Pehler enlisted in Co. I, 17th Missouri Infantry at the outbreak of the Civil War, and took part in 32 battles during his three years service. His infantry cap, pierced by a Rebel minie ball, is on display at the Winona Polish Museum. All Pehler lost was some hair.



Rich Kallan

Camp #15 Wins National Encampment Awards



Past Camp Commander Jeff Graf presented with a National Aide award (above with fellow winners) by Commander-in-Chief Don Martin (far right) for recruiting five new members for Camp #15. This is the third time in the last four years Brother Jeff has won this award. Congratulations, Brother Jeff - a job well done.



Senior Vice Commander Dave Daley

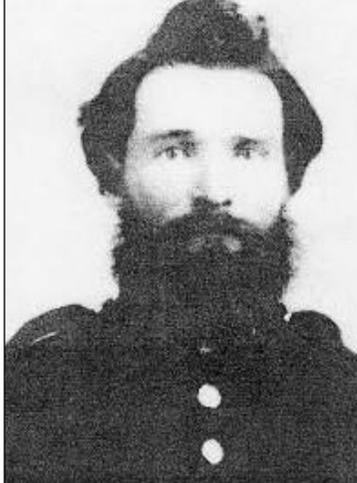


Past Camp Commander Jeff Graf

Both Dave Daley and Jeff Graf were honored at the National Encampment with meritorious service awards, presented here by Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, for work trying to persuade Muskego to clean up weed-choked Luther Parker Cemetery.

**OUR CIVIL WAR:
Camp #15 Members
Tell Their Ancestors' Stories**

**My Great-Great-Grand-
father John Valentine
Artlip, Wounded at Shiloh
by Ken Artlip**



After almost 150 years being lost in a so-called “pauper’s grave,” my wife Lois and I have discovered the final resting place of my great-great-grandfather, Sergeant John Valentine Artlip. We verified the grave’s location with documents supplied by the State of Illinois and some records, falsely rumored to have been burned, from a Roscoe, Illinois cemetery .

John Valentine Artlip was an Illinois farmer who in 1858 married Mary Mead, a Wisconsin farmer’s daughter from the Town of Newark in Rock County. In 1862, John joined Co. G, 58th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Part of the Army of Tennessee, the 58th Illinois took part in the captures of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, and the epic battle of Shiloh in April 1862.

At Shiloh, the 58th Illinois held an entire day in what came to be famously known as the “Hornet’s Nest” in the center of the Union line and the scene of some of the heaviest fighting during the two day battle. Union regiments held back no less than eight Rebel attacks the first day, firing such massive volleys into the charging enemy that the Rebels later said the Union bullets sounded like swarms of angry hornets.

On April 7th, the battle’s second day, Confederate artillery bombarded the “Hornet’s Nest” with massive cannon fire. My great-grandfather was badly wounded in both legs by a bursting shell. No longer fit for military duty , John Valentine Artlip was discharged on July 5, 1862.

A year and a half later, though, John mustered in as a sergeant of Co. M, 12th Illinois Cavalry, and between March and May 1864, took part in the bungled “Red River Campaign” in the bayous of Louisiana. The regiment was in action almost daily in April and May, and John and many in his squad came down with tuberculosis, the so-called “wasting disease.” John was discharged in September 1864, returned home too sick to work, and lost his farm.

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Summer Encampment June 3rd in Saukville



Camp officers Jeff Graf, Bob Koenecke and Dave Daley updating Luther Parker Cemetery issue.

Wisconsin Department Summer Encampment delegates were briefed June 3rd on the lawsuit filed by Camp #15 against the city of Muskego for not mowing the grass at weed-infested Luther Parker Cemetery. In-coming Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, a guest at the encampment, expressed support for the fight to clean up the cemetery.

In April, the SUVCW's Council of Administration, which oversees operations of the national office, voted 9-0 to approve the lawsuit. Day, who became the SUVCW's commander-in-chief in August, lauded the work done by Camp #15 and other Wisconsin camps.

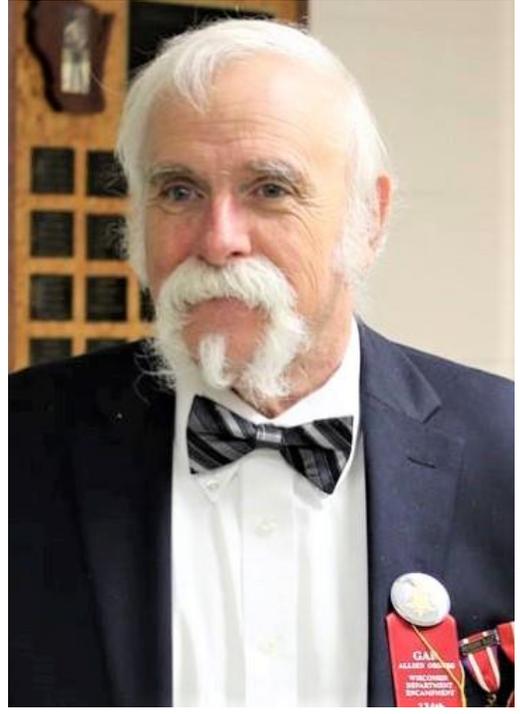


Camp #15's Secretary-Treasurer Brian McManus displaying the Last Soldier Commemorative marker.

Two styles are available: flat mounting style - \$40.00 or Flag-holder style - \$50.00 (with brass rod included).

To order the Last Soldier Commemorative marker, go to suvlastvet@gmail.com

SUVCW Senior Vice Commander Mark Day (at right) was the distinguished guest at the Wisconsin Department Summer Encampment held June 3rd in Saukville, Wis. Our thanks to Camp #5 and its commander, Tom Brown, for hosting a fine event.



CALENDER of UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT., SEPT. 16, 2017, 10 a.m.
**CIVIL WAR MONUMENT
 RE-DEDICATION,**
 Burlington Cemetery,
 East Brown's Lake Road,
 Burlington, Wis.

Sponsored by the Burlington
 Area Garden Club and Camp #15

SAT., SEPT. 16, 2017, 12 noon
**Col. Hans C. Heg and Pvt. Louis
 Rolfson Commemoration**
 12 noon (tentative) Norway Lutheran
 Cemetery, Wind Lake, Wis.

LATE FALL 2017 (tentative)
**IRON BRIGADE MEMORIAL
 HIGHWAY PLAQUE
 DEDICATION**
 Sauk City, Wis.

LATE FALL 2017 (tentative)
LAST SOLDIER DEDICATION
 Methodist Episcopal Cemetery
 Loganville, Wis. (Sauk County)

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 2017
CAMP #15 CHRISTMAS PARTY
 At the Daley's after the regular
 Camp #15 meeting

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He just gradually wasted away, finally dying July 15, 1867. Supposedly a penniless burden on the community and "pauper," he was laid to rest in a lost, unmarked grave in Roscoe, Ill., leaving behind a grieving young wife and 8-year-old son.

This April, after years of fruitless searching and continuous hostility from the cemetery board chairlady, we found a kind local man with a cemetery location map. With help from the Illinois State Archivist, we verified

unquestionably the location of the grave site.

Much to our surprise, we found a small stone on the grave etched with the letters "B.S.P." This Decoration Day, my wife Lois and I dressed up the gravesite and celebrated John's life and military service in a special way. We still want to find out what B.S.P. means, if possible, and finally obtain a proper stone from the VA and erect that marker on the no longer lost grave of my great-great grandfather, John Valentine Artlip, another soldier who gave his life for his country.



Ken Artlip, the author of this story, serves as the Graves Registration and Memorials Officer for Camp #15. Brother Ken is also the camp's biggest money-maker, serving seven and a half weekends this past summer as the docent at the Heg Museum in Heg Park in Wind Lake. The Norway Historical Society pays Camp #15 \$30.00 for each day's docent work, and Brother Ken worked 13 days. That brought \$390.00 to the camp. Last year, Brother Ken worked an incredible 11 days. Again this year, all the hats in Camp #15 are off to you, Brother Ken.