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**Camp #15 Float Wins First Place in
Waterford's Fourth of July Parade**

Camp #15's Musket Float a Big Hit at Waterford's Fourth of July Parade



Brothers Brian McManus, Jerry Coveney and Gerry Drought waving to spectators while Jeff Graf pours powder down his musket barrel.



Brother Jerry Coveney's musket team capping their muskets before firing a volley.



(Above) Brothers Bob Koenecke, Dave Daley, Brian McManus and Jeff Graf firing a volley.

Camp #15's musket float was a big hit in the Fourth of July parade in Waterford, winning first place in the non-commercial category and bringing enthusiastic applause from spectators all along the parade route.

"Shoot! Shoot!" the crowd yelled as our float came into view, our brothers standing with muskets at the ready. And shoot we did, firing twenty volleys of black powder blanks during the hour-long parade.

Parade chairman Scott Gunderson phoned a day later with the news of our first-place finish. "You were great," Gunderson told us. "Thanks for taking part in the parade."

(Right) Brothers Sam Malliet, Sam Keith and Jerry Coveney, at the ready, preparing to aim and then fire a volley from our musket float.





Lorraine Keith, Marge Koenecke, Beth and Ella Malliet enjoying the parade.

(Above) The brothers waving to the crowd.
 (Bottom left) PDC Jeff Graf flashing a big smile for the camera.
 (Bottom right) Brother Bobby Daley, hard at work snapping photos of the parade. Most of the pictures of the parade are from him. Brother Rich Kallan took the pic of Brother Jeff Graf. Brother David K. Miller snapped the photo of Bobby Daley.





(Left) Jerry Coveney and Bobby Daley; Sam Malliet; Beth and Ella Malliet.



The end of the parade and Camp #15's musket float drives off into the sunset. We will be back for next year's parade, and with the same hard work by all the camp's brothers and families, we will again be number one!

Camp #15 Wins First in the Fourth of July Parade



At the awards cookout July 22nd for the winners in Waterford's Fourth of July parade, Bob Koenecke (above right) picked up the plaque for Camp #15, winner of first-place in the non-commercial floats category. Marge Koenecke (above left) with a big smile is holding our plaque.

Bob and Marge and their family played a big part in our camp winning first place. With the winning plaque came a check for \$100. We were a popular float in the parade - when we were announced as a winner at the awards cookout, there was loud applause from the other winners.



From the front of our July 4th float, there was just enough room for four Camp #15 brothers to fire a volley straight ahead that ensured we were not firing over the heads of spectators lining both sides of the street.



**Camp #15
Notes
by Dave Daley
Newsletter
Editor**

Camp #15 took home a top prize in the village of Waterford's Fourth of July parade this year, winning first place in the non-commercial category for floats in the parade. As Brother Rich Kallan so aptly put it, another streamer to add to our camp flag.

A big thank you to all who helped - and a special thanks to Bob and Marge Koenecke and their family. Brother Bob designed the banner for the float we used

in the parade, provided the hay wagon for the float and got that wagon from his Town of Wheatland farm to Waterford. Marge and Bob's daughter Beth Malliet and granddaughter Ella and grandsons Sam and Aiden Malliet helped decorate the float. Sam and Aiden then rode on the float where Sam was one of the muskets firing from the float in the second rifle team.

And kudos as well to Brothers Rich Kallan, David K. Miller and Bobby Daley for taking the great pictures of the Fourth of July parade that illustrate this newsletter. And a big thank you to my wife, Ann Daley, for the wonderful job she did as hostess for the camp picnic that followed at our farm.

The enthusiastic response of the spectators as our float rolled through Waterford in the parade was heart-warming, too - the crowd was cheering the U.S. flag we flew from the back of our float and cheering us, too, as we provided our own version of early Fourth of July fireworks with volley after volley of black-powder musket firing.

As Brother Sam Keith said, "We did it again...#1!" Hooray for Camp #15!" We turned out 14 brothers for the parade - 11 on the musket float, Brothers Gabe Malliet and John Gilles in the truck pulling the float, and Brother Bobby Daley walking the parade route, taking pictures.

Brothers Bob Koenecke, Sam Malliet, Gerry Drought and Jerry Coveney, Civil War muskets loaded with black powder and at the ready, waiting for the Fourth of July parade to begin.



Photo by David K. Miller

Last Soldier Marker Project in the Home Stretch



The grave of August Straubel, a wagoner in the 9th Wisconsin Infantry and the last Civil War soldier buried in Brown County. PDCs Brian McManus and Jeff Graf dedicated a Last Soldier Marker July 24 at Straubel's grave in Green Bay, Wis. Straubel is the grandfather of Austin Straubel, the namesake of Green Bay's airport.



Gravestone of Herman Kalk, last Union veteran buried in Calumet County in the Free German Cemetery in Potter, Wis. PDC's Jeff Graf and Brian McManus dedicated the marker on July 24, 2021 and also cleaned the headstone.



We are in the home stretch, Brothers, in dedicating a Last Soldier Marker at the grave of every last Civil War veteran buried in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. We now have only seven counties to go. PDC's Brian McManus and Jeff Graf dedicated three markers in July, Brother Brian McManus and his fiancé Michele Bock dedicated another two that same month, and Wisconsin Commander John Decker dedicated another two markers in June.

(Left) Department Commander John Decker on June 12th dedicating a Last Soldier Marker for Albert Bundick, the last Civil War veteran buried in Taylor County. Here, Decker is talking with a descendant at Bundick's grave in Westboro, Wis.