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Tent #23 Recruitment Table at
the Civil War Expo in Kenosha



Manitowoc Civil War
Roundtable Information



KENOSHA CIVIL WAR EXPO

The Kenosha Civil War Museum is a great venue on the lake front of Lake Michigan in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It houses a vast collection of artifacts, memorabilia and educational information regarding the Upper Midwest's involvement in the Civil War to include the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. These states sent over a million soldiers to support the war effort.

Each March, the museum hosts a Civil War Expo where those in attendance can meet and talk with various organizations and lineal societies. The Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent #23 has attended this event since it was chartered in 2012. It is the perfect place for recruiting new members and sharing information with the Allied Orders. Besides the DUVCW, Sons of Union Veterans and the Women's Auxiliary, there are re-enactors from the Historical Time Keepers, numerous Civil War Roundtables from the various states, re-enactors from various Civil War regiments, civilian re-enactors from the time period and skirmishers.

In attendance representing DUVCW, Wisconsin Tent #23 were current President, Susan Fallon, Past President, Pat Blackmer and comrade member, Rogene Moore who is also a member of Wisconsin Tent #21 and the Manitowoc Civil War Roundtable.

Sharing with our brothers at the Col. Hans Heg, Camp #15 of Wind Lake, Wisconsin, we were able to recruit a new member for our Tent and become involved in the SUVCW "Last Soldier" project to honor Isaiah Appollos Ryan the last Civil War soldier in Walworth County, Wisconsin.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30pm

LIFE AND DEATH IN CIVIL WAR PRISONS THE FLORENA BUDWIN STORY First Woman to Be Buried in a National Cemetery

Florena Budwin was a mysterious Union Army soldier from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who enlisted with her husband in the Civil War. No more than 20 years of age, her love for her soldier-husband, who was an artillery captain with the Union Army, prompted her to follow him to Plymouth, NC where she fell in with his regiment. In mid-1864, they were captured and confined at the Confederacy's prisoner of war camp, Andersonville, where some reports state that her husband died. In her diary, Budwin herself stated that her husband died in battle, after which she was captured. Whatever happened to her husband, he did not survive captivity. Grief stricken by his death and terrified by her predicament, she was able to keep secret that she was a woman while at Andersonville. A soldier who saw her there (Samuel Elliott, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves) described her as "a woman rather above the medium height, sunburnt, with long, unkempt hair. Her clothing consisted of a rough gray shirt, a pair of worn-out army trousers, and what was once a military cap." She remained at Andersonville until it was threatened by Union forces, and was then transferred by boxcar to the Florence Stockade in Florence, SC. At the Florence Stockade, she attended to sick prisoners until she became ill with pneumonia. When a doctor gave her medical attention, he discovered she was a female. Budwin was given special treatment, including donations of food and clothing from local women. She died shortly thereafter on January 25, 1865, less than a month before sick Union prisoners of war were released by the Confederacy.

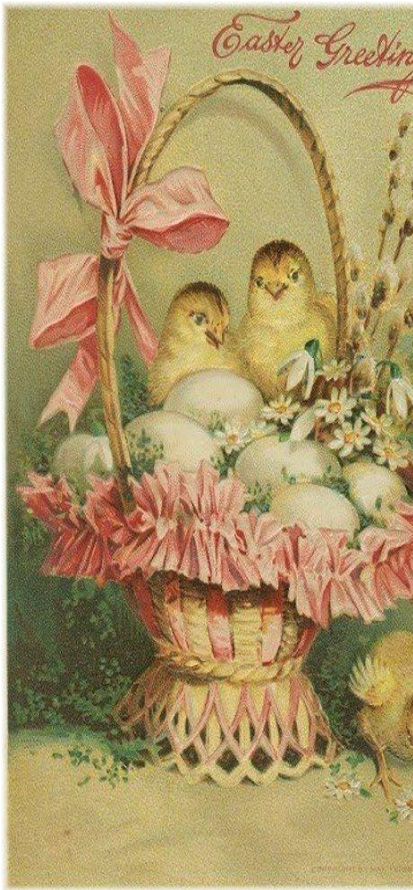
It is estimated that 16,000 Union prisoners were held captive in the Florence Prison Stockade between September 1864 and February 1865. In that period of time, 2,322 prisoners died from malnutrition and disease. The owner of a plantation adjacent to the prison allowed the dead to be buried in trenches on his property. This area was later established as the Florence National Cemetery. A plain marble headstone bears Florena's name and the date of her death. She is believed to be the first woman to be buried in a national cemetery.



WARS DEPARTMENT Q. M. G. FORM No. 24 Revised Oct. 1, 1884									
Interment in the <u>Florence SC</u> National Cemetery To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.									
NAME		RANK		COMPANY		REGIMENT OR VESSEL		SERVICES, IF NEEDED WAR SOLDIER	
Budwin, Florena						Life of Capt Budwin			
DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF INTERMENT		GRADE		REMARKS			
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	Date of discharge and number of Transfer Certificate, Discharge, etc.	
Jan.	25,	1865				D	2480	Originally buried Florence SC	
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SUGGESTED READING: LIFE AND DEATH IN CIVIL WAR PRISONS
A Story of Hardship, Horror and Extraordinary Courage
By J. Michael Martinez

Above Photos: (Left) Andersonville Confederate prisoner-of-war camp, a 26.5 acre stockade housed over 30,000 Union soldiers. (Middle) Headstone of Florena Budwin, first woman to be buried in a national cemetery at Florence, SC (Right) Official document to the Quartermaster General in Washington, DC asking for a replacement gravestone for Florena Budwin



On behalf of Tent #23 we
wish all a joyous Easter!

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War COL. HANS C. HEG CAMP #15, Wind Lake, Wisconsin To Install Iron Brigade Commemorative Plaque

A plaque commemorating the Civil War service of the famed Iron Brigade is now ready to be installed at a wayside Veterans memorial along U.S. Highway 12 north of Sauk City, WI. The 90 pound, cast bronze plaque measuring 20 x 28 inches arrived at the farm of Camp #15 Commander, Bob Koenecke in February and will be installed this spring (perhaps April) when the ground thaws.

Brother Koenecke was appointed the Wisconsin Iron Brigade Memorial officer in June of 2017 and is the driving force behind the design of the plaque, its design and location.

The casualties in the Iron Brigade were among the highest in the Civil War. "This plaque is a fitting tribute to the men of those five regiments who sacrificed so much to preserve the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans today," Koenecke said.

The Tent #23 Daughters wish to thank our brothers for honoring our ancestors! (Information shared from the Spring 2018 SUVCW, Camp #15 newsletter, permission given by Dave Daley).



**CAMP # 15
COMMANDER
BOB
KOENECKE
WITH THE
IRON
BRIGADE
MEMORIAL
HIGHWAY
PLAQUE**
**"Getting the
job done."**

Photo of Camp #15 Commander, Bob Koenecke courtesy of
Brother Brian McManus

**ELLEN HOLLY WILL BE THE FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER AT THE FIRST
MEETING OF 2018, MARCH 27TH, 6:30 pm at the Delavan Community Center,
Refreshments Will Be Served**