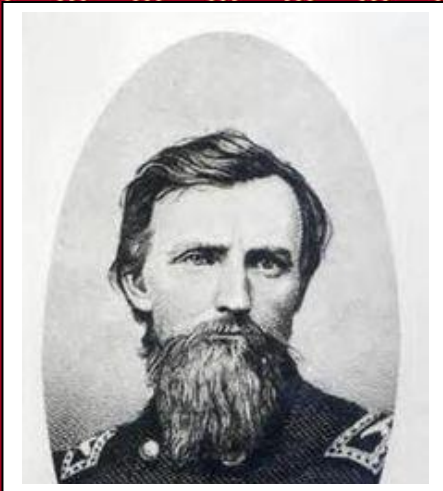


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**COLONEL HEG STATUE TOPPLED AT WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL**

Colonel Hans Christian Heg was a Wisconsin abolitionist, a founding member of the Republican Party, commissioner of Wisconsin’s prisons and the highest-ranking Army officer from Wisconsin who was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of Chickamauga. He commanded the 15<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War. A Norwegian immigrant, Heg had the reputation of being a reformer and a natural leader. His family had settled in Racine County near Muskego.

While known to Civil War buffs, Colonel Heg became known to the rest of Wisconsin and the nation when his 9-foot, 6-inch statue was toppled in front of the Wisconsin State Capitol by protesters on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The statue of Heg was found in Lake Monona, decapitated with a leg missing.

Six decades after his death on September 20, 1863 money was raised to commission three identical sculptures of Heg to be placed at a park in Wind Lake, his birthplace in Norway and the Capitol in Madison. Accounts indicate that 2,000 people were on hand at the Capitol Square in Madison for the dedication of his statue in October of 1926.

In a recent news release on July 21<sup>st</sup> the Capitol Executive Residence Board voted unanimously to repair Heg’s statue. While his head remains missing, plans are to replace it by recasting the head of another Heg statue located in the Town of Norway, WI.

It is apparent that protesters were unaware of history!



**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY**

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
Date to be Determined

The editor of this newsletter hopes that each of our Sisters is safe during these unusual times. She also hopes that you remain busy and would like to share what some of you are doing:

Our newest member, Rachel Wirtz most probably is reaping the rewards of a garden she planted.

Mary Picard and her family were sewing masks as was Ann Day and I would guess....still are!

Mary Winchowky planted and takes care of a flower garden at a community park in Mukwonago.

Charlene Staples has accompanied Ellen Holly on a trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to deliver supplies.

Our duv, Jordan Gilles has made greeting cards for the staff in her Cadott school district as well as cards for residents in a nursing home in the area.

Pam Johnson who manages the Environmental Defenders "Green Read" bookstore in Crystal Lake has re-opened.

Judy Manning is busy maintaining her beautiful perennial gardens and touting a "green thumb".

Martha Hay is reading and taking care of web sites.

Barbara Hale is busy sewing which is no surprise at all.

Sandy Stratmeyer, after successful eye surgery is back to doing all things crafty, making greeting cards, reading and calling friends and family.

Nancy Bratz has rehabbed from her surgery and is making crafts.

Kathy Willemsen is cleaning cottages at Delavan Lake and I am sure painting or doing crafts as well.

Susan Fischbach's child care business is up and running.

Susan Urbush concluded a Celebration of Life for her husband Bob and planted a rose garden in his memory.

Sandy Behn continues to volunteer at the Delavan Historical Society which is now open on Saturdays as well as volunteering for Telecare.

Pam Wanazek returned from Florida on June 19<sup>th</sup> and continues her therapy for her hip and does "chair yoga" by Zoom with her instructor in Florida.

Newsletter Editor, Pat Blackmer is photographing and cleaning Civil War Veterans gravestones, reading, writing and researching for the Walworth County Historical Society.



Photo on left: Fishing Pole Memorial created by Sue Urbush, Center left: Judy Manning's "Green Thumb", Center right: The Green Read Bookstore, Photo on right: Heart Prairie Norwegian Cemetery

### NEWS FLASH!

Our Navy Nephew, James Stone and his wife Faith are expecting a baby boy this September. They are still stationed in San Diego awaiting new orders in January. Aunt Barbara Hale couldn't be happier with the arrival of a Grand Nephew!



### HISTORIC LAFAYETTE CHURCH WALWORTH COUNTY

The Colonel Hans Heg Camp 15 of the Sons of the Union Veterans in Wind Lake, WI are the proud owners of the Lafayette Church, a historic landmark built in 1855 out on the prairies of Lafayette Township in Walworth County by the first settlers in that part of the country. Originally named the First Congregational Lafayette Church, the church was established on July 4, 1855, and served the early settlers in the township. Around a dozen Civil War soldiers are buried in White Oak Cemetery adjacent to the church.

Last spring, the Wuehrmann family, owners of the church, needed to transfer the property to another tax-exempt 501c non-profit organization and reached out to Bob Koenecke, one of the Camp #15 members who helped restore the church a decade ago. Working with members of the Wuehrmann family, Brother Bob arranged the transfer of the church's deed to Camp 15, which is also a 501c organization.

The Camp took over the church free of charge – the Wuehrmann family paid the fees for the deed transfer and title search. Brothers Bob Koenecke and Pat Kulas began renovating the church in 2010 after Bob, then a lineman for We Energies, spotted the derelict building while making his rounds for the electric company.

The church had fallen into disuse by the early 1980s and was taken over by the Wuehrmanns who set up the church as a foundation and also used the church for social events. Since taking over, Camp 15 has installed gutters, with Brother Brian McManus paying the \$500 installation cost. Brother Bob found a used furnace to replace the outdated one, and they are now looking for ideas on how to best use this gift.

Donations for the project: [www.gofundme.com/f/lafayette-church-preservation-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/lafayette-church-preservation-fund).



**Photos: Top Photo is of Lafayette Church, Middle Photo is the interior of the Church, Bottom Photo is of White Oak Cemetery which is adjacent to the church**

**SISTERS, PLEASE STAY AND BE SAFE**