

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME!

Tent 23 is thrilled to welcome the Kreis Family of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to our Order.

The family consists of five new members to include:

Kathleen Roethle (of Hartford, WI), her daughter, Jennifer Kreis and Jennifer's daughters, Loreli who is 17, Annika who is 14 and Jocelyn who is 8.

Interestingly enough, the applications were prepared by Scott Kreis (husband and father) who used his skills in genealogy to do research for the family.

The family's membership honors their Civil War ancestor, Oscar Banard Arthur Hoyt who enlisted in Co. K of the 153<sup>rd</sup> NY Infantry on Aug. 27, 1862 and mustered out of service on Oct. 2, 1865.



### REMEMBERING OUR CIVIL WAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF

On Saturday, April 16th the Allied Orders celebrated the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Celebration at Oak Hill Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The annual event commemorates the death of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. Members of the Allied Orders from across the nation attend to place wreaths at the site of Lincoln's tomb.

The assassination of Abraham Lincoln was one of the last events in the American Civil War, and happened on Good Friday, April 14, 1865. President Lincoln was shot while watching the play *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. He died early the next morning.

Lincoln's killer, John Wilkes Booth, was an actor and Confederate supporter.

Lincoln was carried across the street to Petersen House. He was placed diagonally on the bed because his tall frame would not fit normally on the smaller bed. He remained in a coma for nine hours. He died the next morning. As he died his breathing grew quieter, his face more calm. According to some accounts, at his last drawn breath, on the morning after the assassination, he smiled broadly and then expired. (excerpts from Wikipedia)



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at the Walworth County History Center, 9 S. Broad St., Elkhorn on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:30pm

### ALCATRAZ ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

(The newsletter editor has just returned from a trip to the West Coast)

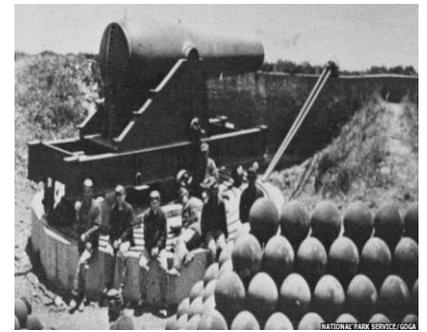
DID YOU KNOW?

"I have heard foolish talk about an attempt to seize the strongholds of government under my charge. Knowing this, I have prepared for emergencies, and will defend the property of the United States with every resource at my command, and with the last drop of blood in my body. Tell that to our Southern friends!" Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston, Commander of the Department of the Pacific, U.S. Army, 1861 With these fiery words, Col. Johnston deflated Confederate sympathizers' hopes that he would help them overtake the San Francisco Bay defenses and bring California into the Confederacy.

Though a Southerner by birth, Johnston sent 10,000 muskets and 150,000 cartridges of ammunition to Alcatraz Island, the primary Union defense post of the bay. Fortress Alcatraz was preparing for battle. Nobody attacked the rugged island fortress during the Civil War, and the weapons became obsolete. However, Alcatraz Island was well suited geographically to incarcerate a growing number of military prisoners and some unusual civilian convicts.

Alcatraz Island was originally planned as an army defense site, but it also was a good location for a prison. In 1861, Alcatraz was officially designated the military prison for the Department of the Pacific. During the Civil War, Alcatraz imprisoned local civilians arrested for treason. The Confederates from the ship, the Chapman joined military prisoners in the guardhouse. The Chairman of the California Democratic Committee was arrested and sent to Alcatraz after making an "incendiary" speech during the 1864 Presidential campaign. He was released after posting bond and swearing an oath of allegiance to the Union.

The number of prisoners continued to increase. When the Howitzer rooms of the guardhouse were filled with prisoners, Alcatraz needed a more suitable prison facility. A temporary wooden prison was built in 1863 just north of the guardhouse, but later it was replaced with several adjoining structures called Lower Prison. This prison complex housed an average of 100 men throughout the late 1800s.



**Photo on left: The Rodman gun was designed to fire both shot and shell. These heavy guns were intended to be mounted in seacoast fortifications. Center: Alcatraz Civil War Fort Right: Rodman gun and cannon balls, extraordinary firepower!**

**PLAN ON ATTENDING THE 2022 NATIONAL DUVCW CONVENTION**

**August 2 – 7, 2022 (opening night, August 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg, PA**



Co-President, Char Staples recently traveled on vacation to the eastern U.S. with stops in Ohio, Gettysburg and our nations Capitol. In route, she stopped in Wade, Ohio at the Wade Cemetery located along the Ohio River to honor her Civil War ancestor, John Hicks by placing a stone at his gravesite. Hicks was in Co. I of the 2<sup>nd</sup> West Virginia Cavalry. Charlene is the 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter of John Hicks who was born in 1832 and died in 1865. As Charlene placed the stone, she met one of the most important missions of our Order: “to keep green their memory”.



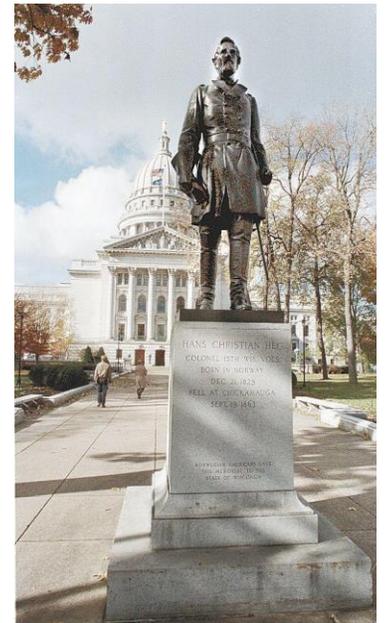
### WE ARE A BUSY TENT!

Our April meeting will be devoted to making wreaths for the Memphis National Cemetery in Nashville, TN and the Corinth National Cemetery in Corinth, MS. We honor our ancestral fathers that fought for the Union and were buried in southern cemeteries on an annual basis on Memorial Day. This is the third year that we have provided wreaths for these two cemeteries.



We will honor a cadet from the JROTC program at Beloit Memorial High School by the name of Pelton Greenfield. The Knight Battalion, a branch of the Army JROTC core curriculum focuses on leadership, geography, health and wellness, language arts, life skills and US history. This will be the very first time that our Tent has given this award. We have provided an award at the collegiate level in the past.

Join Tent 23 at the Wisconsin State Capitol Complex on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for the rededication of the Colonel Hans Heg Statue. We will lay a wreath in honor of the highest ranking Civil War soldier from the state to be killed in the Civil War. This is a great honor and an historic event that should not be missed. The public is invited to attend.



**TENT 23 IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR! STAY POSTED FOR OUR CELEBRATION DETAILS**