

MARY CHESEBRO LEE

DETACHED TENT #23

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Sister Susan Fallon, Past President of Tent 23 received the prestigious Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award on Feb.1 from the WI Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their encampment. Walker was the only woman to ever receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. Tent 23 is fortunate to have two recipients of this award. Pat Blackmer was also honored by the WI. SUVCW in 2018.



Celebrating Black History Month:

Who was Harriet Tubman? By Neil, Facy Staff

Harriet Tubman was an essential figure in the abolition of slavery in the United States. She was influential in the rescue of hundreds of people from the grasp of slavery, guiding them through a network of safe houses and advocates known as the underground railroad.

During the American Civil War in the 1860s, Harriet Tubman worked many jobs to aid the Union. Initially, she worked as a nurse in Port Royal, tending to soldiers who had fallen ill from dysentery. After the Emancipation Proclamation, Tubman started to lead a band of scouts in the Port Royal surrounding area, collecting intelligence and creating maps of the land. Tubman was the first woman to help lead a raid in the civil war. She guided boats on the Combahee River, enabling the destruction of multiple plantations and the rescue of more than 750 slaves.

After the war, Harriet Tubman spent the rest of her life on her property in Auburn, New York offering room and board to people in need. She married a bricklayer 22 years her junior, Nelson Davis, in 1869. The pair adopted a young girl named Gertie and lived together until Davis died of tuberculosis in 1888. Tubman became a strong advocate for women's right to vote. She traveled around giving talks about women's suffrage, citing her life and those of other women as evidence that women have struggled enough to be considered equals to men. She passed away of pneumonia in 1913 leaving a legacy as an American icon. (Photos on bottom of page 2)

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FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30pm

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OUR MARCH MEETING: HONORING OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS IN WALWORTH COUNTY, WI

Beginning our 2020 meetings, Tent 23 will honor our Civil War ancestors who are buried in the county by making commemorative wreaths to be placed at their gravesites for Memorial Day.

Our membership consists of several sisters whose ancestors are interred in Walworth County. (What better and fitting way to “keep green” their memories, than to lay a hand-made wreath in their honor.) Many of our sisters have ancestors that are buried throughout other counties in Wisconsin and other states in our nation. The March meeting will focus on creating wreaths for our home county.

Wreaths will be made for the following Civil War ancestors:

MARY CHESEBRO LEE: our Tent namesake and Civil War nurse who is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Delavan.

AMOS BIGELOW, Co. E, 26th WI, Millard Cemetery: Ancestor of Barb Steurer and the late Marybell Seeber.

JOHN B. GOULD, Co. C/E, 104th NY, Spring Grove Cemetery, Delavan: Ancestor of Judy Manning, Pam Wanazek, Kelsy Woelky and the late Zoe Woelky, Virginia Williams and Gwen Dwyer.

MENZO HONE, Co. I, 5th WI, Brick Church Cemetery, Walworth:

Ancestor of Barbara Shreves

EDWARD MITCHELL, Co. B, 47th WI, Oak Hill Cemetery, East Troy:

Ancestor of Nancy Braatz, Susan Fischbach, Sandy Stratmeyer and Kathy Willemsen.

PETER NOBLET, Co. B, 42nd WI, St. Peter’s Cemetery,

East Troy: Ancestor of Barbara Hale

Mary Lee



John B. Gould
Spring Grove
Cemetery

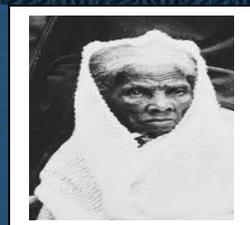
Amos Bigelow
Millard
Cemetery

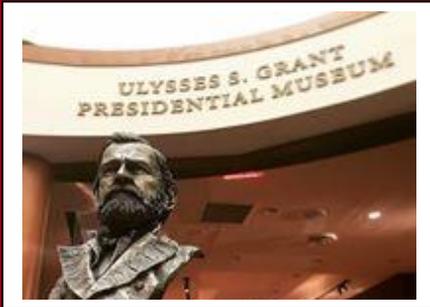
Menzo Hone
Brick Church
Cemetery

Edward Mitchell
Oak Hill
Cemetery

Peter Noblet
St. Peter’s
Cemetery

Photos below: (left) Harriet Tubman in her younger days (center) Harriet Tubman when she assisted the Union troops as a nurse, scout, and map maker, (right) Harriet Tubman in her old age





THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: HOME TO A UNION AND CONFEDERATE "PRESIDENTIAL" LIBRARY

Spending the month of February in Mississippi has always been a warm, sunny haven from the cold and snow of Wisconsin. It has also been an ideal place to research the Civil War.

The Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library contains 15,000 linear feet of correspondence, research notes, published monographs, artifacts, photographs, scrapbooks, and memorabilia, by and about the United States' 18th president, covering his early life, Civil War triumphs, presidency, and beyond. Housed at the Mitchell Memorial Library on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville, it was officially opened on November 30, 2017. Not only does it contain the items mentioned above, but also a small museum which displays personal effects from the Grant family. The impetus for the Grant Presidential Library came on the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Grant Foundation in 2012. The library and museum are open to the public, free of charge.

The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum is the "presidential" library of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States from 1861 to 1865. Designed by Larry Albert of Albert & Associates Architects, the library is located within the Beauvoir historical site in Biloxi, Mississippi. It is the second library which re-opened in 2013 after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the first one in 2005. The presidential library has the stated purpose of preserving, housing and making available the official papers, records, artifacts and other historical materials of Jefferson Davis. Despite the name, it is not administered by the National Archives and Records Administration as Jefferson Davis was never president of the United States. It is, however, supported by the State of Mississippi. The library is managed by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There is an admission charge to do research at this library and house museum.

Photos: (top and second) Grant's Museum and Presidential Library at the Mitchell Memorial Library (third and bottom) Jefferson Davis "Presidential" Library, Biloxi, Mississippi

MARCH MEETING REQUEST: Please bring patriotic items with which to make wreaths (silk flowers, small flags, ribbon, silk, greenery, etc.). Hot glue guns also needed AS WELL AS ALL OF YOUR CREATIVE IDEAS!