

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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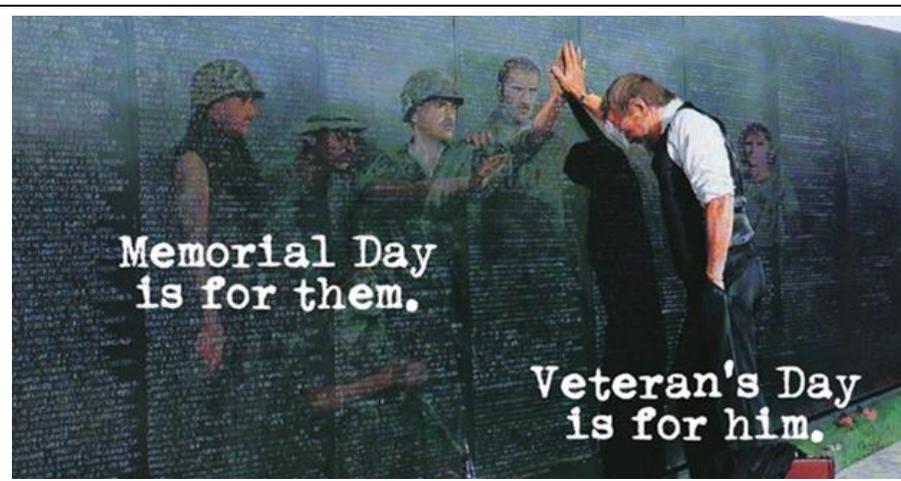
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Tent 23 supported the Southern Memorial and Wreath Project on behalf of the National DUVCW by sending matching wreaths to the Memphis National Cemetery in Tennessee and the Corinth National Cemetery in Mississippi. The annual Memorial Day event honors our Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War and are buried in cemeteries in the South.

## DELAVAN, WI TO CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY

This year Delavan will resume their annual commemorative celebration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. A parade will kick-off the event at 9:00 a.m. on Walworth Avenue and proceed to Spring Grove Cemetery. The ceremony will take place at the Civil War monument and will be conducted by Delavan's American Legion Post #95. The Delavan Post was established on December 4, 1919 and with over 200 members is the largest Post in Walworth County. The Mary Chesebro Lee Tent will participate in the parade. In addition, the Tent will lay a wreath at the cemetery honoring our Civil War ancestors who died to preserve the Union and to keep alive the history of those who gave their all in the heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government. Please join us in honoring our ancestral fathers on this day.



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at Heritage Hall, Walworth Co. Historical Society on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30pm

## MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

National Military Appreciation Month raises awareness and encourages the celebration of and appreciation for those who serve and who have served in the U.S. armed forces. Events during the month also express appreciation for the service members' families, who stand by and support their serving relative. May was chosen as National Military Appreciation Month because it has six national observances – Loyalty Day, Public Service Recognition Week, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Victory in Europe Day, Armed Forces Week and Day, and Memorial Day – highlighting the contributions of military personnel.

One of the objects of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in Veterans' Administration medical centers and in homes and other institutions maintained by the states for the welfare of American veterans. The order also fully supports programs designed for those individuals who are currently serving in our U.S. military here at home and abroad. (DAR National Defender, May/June 2021)



Featured to the left are the symbols of the branches of the United States Military:

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Department of the Navy  
United States Marine Corps  
Department of the Navy  
Department of the Air Force  
United States Coast Guard

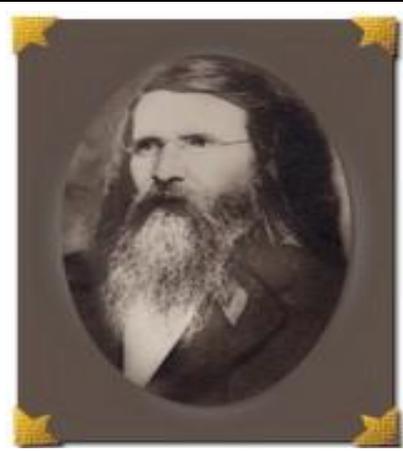
Local organizations came together to honor WWII Veteran Warren Gabelman on his 100th Birthday on Sunday, April 18, at his home in Madison, certificates of appreciation from the Wisconsin Chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812, presented by Linda Tanner-Freitag, a certificate of appreciation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War presented by Mary Chesebro Lee, Tent 23 of Delavan and a certificate from the John Bell DAR Chapter and a keepsake coin from the Pentagon which was personally blessed by Admiral Smith who is the highest ranking Chaplain of the Navy was presented by Governor Nelson Dewey DAR Vice Regent Mary Parker.



Celebrate Independence Day with our local patriotic organizations by attending the event below. There will be an historic band from Madison, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and much more.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM, July 4<sup>th</sup>

The program will start at 1:00 PM at the graveside of Nathaniel Ames at the Pioneer Mound Cemetery in Oregon, WI on Sunday, July 4. (Nathaniel Ames was Wisconsin's last surviving veteran of the American Revolution.) The cemetery is located on Main Street (CTH MM) on the north side of the Village of Oregon.



## WALWORTH COUNTY WISCONSIN'S LITTLE KNOWN IMPACT ON THE CIVIL WAR

"Lorena" was one of the most popular songs in the United States immediately prior to and during the Civil War; based on a true story, its origins are extremely well documented. It started life as a poem by a Presbyterian Minister in Zanesville, Ohio, the Reverend Henry De Lafayette Webster (1824-96) wrote it in 1856 after family opposition blocked his marriage to nineteen year old Ella Blocksom, who sang in his choir. When the relationship was ended, he resigned his post and shortly met Joseph Philbrick Webster, noted music composer who set it to music. Joseph Philbrick Webster became a renowned citizen of Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

The heroine was originally called Bertha, but the composer altered this because he needed a three syllabled name. Lorena is an adaptation of Lenore, from the Edgar Allen Poe poem The Raven.

The line "If we try, we may forget" is taken from Ella's parting letter to Henry. She went on to marry William Wartenbee Johnson, who sat on the Ohio Supreme Court from 1879-86. She is buried in Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio.

"Lorena" was popular with soldiers on both sides of the conflict; one Confederate officer even blamed it for the South's defeat, reasoning that it made soldiers homesick and ineffective. Those Confederate soldiers who sat around the evening campfires listening to "Lorena" and dreaming of their sweethearts at home often left their regiments to return home. The song had such an impact on the war that Confederate generals offered a bounty on the heads of the Websters.

Joseph Philbrick Webster also composed the music for the hymn "The Sweet Bye and Bye" which was popular during the Civil War. His home in Elkhorn, WI is currently open as a house museum. (Songfacts)

Photos: top photo is Henry Webster, middle photo is the "Lorena" sheet music, bottom photo is Joseph P. Webster

Join the newsletter editor in congratulating our duv, Jordan Gilles who will be graduating from Cadott High School on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Jordan has the distinguished honor of being Co-Valedictorian of her 2021 graduating class. She will be attending Cornell University in New York this fall majoring in Animal Science. Tent 23 purchased an honor cord for her to wear commemorating her patriotic ancestry.