

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### WCHS ENCAMPMENT FOOD FOR COOKOUT

GAR Post #8 will be encamped at the Walworth County Historical Society on the Webster House grounds July 12-13 along with about ten people from Illinois who are Sons of the Spanish American War.

On Saturday evening at 5pm there will be a cookout for the reenactors (not WCHS visitors) and on Sunday morning there will be a breakfast with pancakes, waffles, sausage, fruit, etc.

If anyone would like to volunteer to bring a dish to the Saturday cookout please let Pat know at the June meeting.

### MAY MEETING WITH DETACHED TENT #21

It was a wonderful occasion when the Cordelia A.P. Harvey Detached Tent #21 and the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 met for a joint meeting at Nisleit's Country Inn Restaurant on May 15th. The joint meeting was the brain child of Mary Lou Salomon, President of Tent #21 who extended an invitation to her southeastern sisters from Delavan. Following lunch, a business meeting was conducted and both tents introduced themselves and related information about their Civil War ancestors. Following the business meeting, the "Godey Girls" gave a fabulous presentation regarding the etiquette that they needed to learn before having tea with Governor Harvey's wife, Cordelia. The play resounded with the comment "get your elbows off the table". The academy award winning actresses had the audience virtually in "stitches" with their ability to ad lib as country bumpkins from Manitowoc who were attempting to become genteel, Victorian ladies. They also managed to delight the audience with lessons regarding the "voice of the fan" (see page 2). *(article courtesy of Pat Blackmer).*



### FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will be held at  
6:30pm on Tuesday, June 24, 2014  
at the Delavan Community Centre  
**OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD**



## THE LANGUAGE OF THE FAN

The fan was an indispensable item for the genteel, Victorian lady. Besides cooling her brow, it had a language all its own. Following are a few of the many translations. And now, be careful how you hold your fan....

I wish to make your acquaintance... Carry fan in left hand in front of face

I wish to speak with you.....Close fan

Follow me.....Carry fan in right hand in front of face

Wait for me.....Open fan wide

You are willing.....Carry fan in right hand

Kiss me.....Place handle to lips

We will be friends.....Drop the fan

We are being watched.....Twirl fan in left hand

I love you.....Draw fan across cheek

Do you love me?.....Present fan closed

Yes.....Rest fan on right cheek

No.....Rest fan on left cheek

I love another.....Twirl fan in right hand

I wish to be rid of you.....Place fan on left ear

I dislike you.....Draw fan through hand

I'm sorry.....Draw fan across the eyes

I am engaged.....Fan very quickly

I am married.....Fan very slowly

(Compliments of Hansen's Mercantile - 1863  
Connie Hansen, Proprietress)



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The "Godey Girls" (L-R)Laurie Shawhan, Connie Hansen, Virginia Temme

Sisters from Tent #23 participated in the Delavan Memorial Day parade, both riding in a convertible and walking with members of GAR Post #8. The parade led to the Civil War monument in Spring Grove cemetery where Memorial Day remembrances were held. Charlene Staples and Pat Blackmer laid a wreath for the Civil War soldiers on behalf of Tent #23. Main speaker Ken Wargo spoke about the monument restorations, which are complete now. The sealing of the monument text as well as the repaving of the cemetery drive from the entrance to the monument were the last few items completed. A plaque honoring our Tent's contributions to the restoration efforts is located near one of the benches.

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



In Honor Of  
 Daughters of the Union Veterans  
 of the Civil War 1861-1865  
 Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23  
 Delavan Wisconsin

“Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.” <http://history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

“...In 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo – which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 – was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.”  
<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>