

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865

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DETACHED TENT #23



Happy birthday, Ginny! We celebrated Ginny Williams's 97th birthday at our August meeting. She is pictured above with five generations of her family.

Our charter was available for signing at the meeting as well. Sandy Behn, who was also a member of the original Mary Lee Tent, is seen here signing the document.



DELAVAN CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RESTORATION

Ken Wargo, Chairman of the Delavan Civil War Monument Restoration Committee, was the guest speaker at our August meeting. He explained how he became interested in restoring the monument and its history.

A strong desire to serve as a positive role model for his daughter combined with the anniversary of 9/11 last year filled Ken with a desire to do something for the community. That is when he came across the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery built in 1870. He started cleaning it and pulling weeds, and while uncovering the star-shaped sidewalk he came across the Susan Aram stamp on it. Research showed that Susan and her husband James followed the Temperance movement from New York to Delavan and were very generous, donating money for the library as well. The monument was created by John Bossi, an Italian sculptor who had settled in Delavan.

A committee was formed to raise \$20,000 and oversee the restoration of the monument, and in less than a year much work has been done already. They hope to have the restoration complete by Memorial Day 2013. Our Tent was pleased to present Ken with a check for \$100 to help achieve this goal.



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The next meeting of Detached Tent #23
will be held at 6:30pm on
September 25, 2012

WALWORTH'S 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Members of Tent #23 took part in Walworth's 175th Anniversary Celebration held Saturday, August 25 (top left). The parade was well-attended. Charlene Staples and her husband (not pictured) wore their reenactor clothing for the Cemetery Walk, which drew approximately 100 people.

Our Tent had a booth at the event (see Sandy Stratmeyer in the photo top right) with fundraising items for sale and information about the DUVCW. Although the booth was in an out-of-the way location and not particularly well-attended, DUVCW applications were given to two interested women, and one is filling out the paperwork.

Abraham Lincoln ate very plain food during his childhood, including these fritters which were made by his stepmother, Mrs. Thomas Lincoln.

Lincoln's Favorite Childhood Corn Fritters

(from *Civil War Period Cookery*, a book of Charlene's)

2 cups fresh corn	1 tsp. salt
2 egg yolks, beaten	1 tsp. baking powder
1-1/4 cups flour	2 egg whites, beaten stiff

Put the fresh corn in a wooden mixing bowl and stir in the beaten egg yolks. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together and stir into the corn and egg mixture. Blend thoroughly. Lastly, fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop by spoonfuls onto a hot, well-greased cast iron skillet. Fry until golden brown. Turn once and fry other side. When done, drain on brown paper bag to absorb excess grease. Serve while piping hot with maple syrup or honey.

On Thursday, September 13 we will be dropping off donations and touring the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program. Please contact Pat Blackmer if you are interested in going.

Please help Tent #23 support the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Janesville by bringing donations to the monthly meetings. Items needed include men's shoes (top priority) & clothing, toiletries, laundry detergent/softener, books, magazines, & gas cards.



New National President Carole Morton with Past National President Ozzie Thompson (as "Sister Mary Resourceful") at the All States Banquet Sunday evening. Ozzie attended our Induction/Installation ceremony in May and Carole is current President of the CA/NV Department. A number of people including several duvs wore period clothing at the banquet.



The 2013 National Convention will be in Lincoln, Nebraska from July 31 – August 5.

2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION LOS ANGELES AUGUST 8-13

Pat Blackmer and Pam Johnson were able to attend the National Convention and were honored to be asked to serve as Color Bearers (right). They



attended the business meetings, a reception hosted by the California/ Nevada Department, the Allied Orders Banquet, the All States Banquet, and the Memory Banquet (below). One of the DUV sisters being honored was a Real Daughter. Her daughter was there to place a rose for her in the vase (each rose represented a Sister who had passed away in the last year). There are 7 Real Daughters remaining in the DUVCW. Throughout the convention there were raffles, silent auctions, items from the National Museum on display, vendors, and presentations on a variety of topics including Victorian etiquette, how Memorial Day evolved, and the how the Massillon daughters started the DUVCW. A different film played continuously each day in the viewing room. The duvs were busy all week researching Civil War soldiers' histories and on the last morning hosted a buffet breakfast.



It is estimated that 600 women served on both sides of the Civil War while dressed as men. Many that were discovered would move to another town and re-enlist (Elizabeth Compton served in 7 regiments). The women served as soldiers, guerillas, spies, and officers. Some served with their husbands.

*Loreta Janeta Velazquez raised a regiment by herself, the Arkansas Grays. Some women were imprisoned in POW camps, including Andersonville. Women soldiers tended to be working class, farming, or pioneer women who were familiar with guns, horses, manual labor, and harsh outdoor conditions. Some women would remain disguised as men for decades after the war in order to receive veteran's pay.
(from the film "The Forgotten Grave - Women Soldiers of the Civil War")*

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