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The Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama, Atlanta History Center

On February 22, 2019, Atlanta History Center opened Cyclorama: The Big Picture, featuring the fully restored cyclorama painting, The Battle of Atlanta. At the centerpiece of this new multi-media experience is a 132-year-old hand-painted work of art that stands 49 feet tall, is longer than a football field, and weighs 10,000 pounds. This painting is one of only two cycloramas in the United States—the other being the Battle of Gettysburg cyclorama —making Atlanta home to one of America’s largest historic treasures.

In the 1880s, The Battle of Atlanta cyclorama painting was an immersive experience—the equivalent of virtual reality today. The painting is a full-color, three-dimensional illusion designed to transport the viewer onto the battlefield. Cycloramas were created as a form of entertainment—they were the IMAX of their time. The painting was a visual story about the 1864 Battle of Atlanta, but over time it has evolved into a significant artifact that has its own fascinating story. Now, the historical journey of the painting itself is part of the ‘big picture’.

Created at the American Panorama Company in Milwaukee by 17 German artists, The Battle of Atlanta cyclorama took five months to create before it debuted in Minneapolis in 1886. Painted 22 years after the Battle of Atlanta, the painting originally depicted the battle from a Northern perspective as a heroic Union victory so that it would appeal to Northern audiences. When the painting relocated to Atlanta in 1892, it was slightly modified and advertised as “the only Confederate victory ever painted” to appeal to its new Southern audiences that maintained Confederate sympathies. The 1864 Battle of Atlanta was not a Confederate victory.

(Courtesy of the Atlanta History Center)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30pm

129th National Convention Highlights, Atlanta Georgia

Highlights of the National Convention in Georgia included the Memorial Service honoring those Sisters who had passed during the 2018 calendar year. Zoe Woelky and Margaret Legois were remembered at this service. Our National Officers were featured in a photo op after their initiation ceremony as well as our Past National Presidents. Trips were taken to the Andersonville Prison (pre-convention) as well as the Atlanta History Museum. Below you will see photos of Andersonville and the Swan House at the Atlanta History Museum. Page one of this newsletter features an independent article and photos of the Cyclorama at the Atlanta History Museum.



Photo top left: DUVCW National Officers (L-R) Verna Maleski-Chaplain, Lynne Dolan-Junior Vice, Sandy Millen-President, Norma Fiedler-Senior Vice, Becky Rostrom-Patriotic Instructor. Middle photo: Past National Presidents (L-R) Barbara Stone, Carole Morton, Ellen Higgins, Jan Rynerson, Caren Cleaveland
Bottom left photo: National President Sandy Millen and her husband

August refreshments courtesy of Mary Winchowky and Pat Blackmer

**AUGUST MEETING:
LAP BLANKETS FOR
THE VETERANS HOME
AT UNION GROVE, WI.**

Calling all MEMBERS to attend and assist with making lap blankets. No experience necessary. No sewing involved. All that is needed are the following: Fleece, scissors and patience.

Required: (2) pieces of fleece, each 1.5 yards. Can be fabric with designs for men or women.

If you wish to donate fabric, that would be great. Otherwise, just come and enjoy making a worthwhile project for our veterans.



**THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR SISTERS IN TENT #23**

Sister Susan Fallon, Past Tent President, had the honor of representing our DUVCW National President at the Auxiliary of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War at their National Convention in Ohio this month. Susan also lit a candle and placed two flowers in memory of Zoe Woelky and Margaret Legois, our DUVCW Sisters who passed away in 2018. Lastly, she extended greetings from Tent 23 to our Brothers (SUVCW) at their National Convention in Ohio. This is a customary tradition within the Allied Orders and we thank Susan for doing this on our behalf.

Congratulations are extended to Sister Pam Johnson, Tent #23 Press Correspondent. Pam loves photography and two of her photos which were entered in the Old World Wisconsin Foundation photo contest were recently published in the Walworth County Sunday newspaper. The first photo was featured on the cover of the July 14, 2019 issue while her second photo appeared as the cover of the August 18, 2019 issue. Pam's talents also led to the publication of a book when we first chartered our Tent in 2012. She was also instrumental in the publication of our booklet regarding the history and restoration of the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery.

A thank you is extended to our Sister Beverly Uhl who lives in Texas. She has suggested that we might consider making adult bibs which were requested by the VA in her area. She and her quilt guild have already supplied 80 of these items to the local VA.

Congratulations are also extended to the editor of this newsletter, Pat Blackmer, who was re-elected as a National Officer- Council #2. Pat also chairs the National Bylaws Committee and the National Resolutions Committee.

**Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."-Amy Poehler
Thank you, Sisters in Tent #23!**