

MARY CHESEBRO LEE  
DETACHED TENT #23

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**THANKS, MARTHA!**

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Many thanks are extended from Tent #23 to our sister and webmaster, Martha Hay for updating and moving our website to the address above.

Our website, which was formerly on the ancestry/roots web location (along with a host of other organizations) was affected when "ancestry" decided to "make repairs".

Check it out and sign our guest book! It's a one click stop for Tent #23 DUVCW info and updates.

**GEORGIA KESTOL, PRESERVATIONIST**

While Georgia Kestol is best known as a preservationist, owner and restorer of the Heart Prairie Norwegian American Methodist Episcopal Church located near Whitewater Lake on County P, she also possesses letters from the Civil War. The church, built in the 1850's and its restoration is her passion. Kestol lives on the family homestead farm her great, great grandfather built on Territorial Road. Peder and Anna Kjostolson, who shortened their name to Kestol are her ancestors. Not only did she acquire the church because of this association, but in the family homestead she found a treasure trove of materials that the family had for generations.

There were stacks of letters from relatives describing immigrant life from farming to letters sent from the Civil War front by Jesse Kjostolson. Another letter in the collection discusses the untimely assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Further items were a vast collection of historic photos which also included those of Civil War soldiers. Kestol, pictured below will be the guest speaker at our



June meeting where she will share her family history and Civil War letters. It will be a unique opportunity to experience the Civil War through the eyes of a young Norwegian soldier from Walworth County. Join us for an interesting evening as Kestol shares history.



**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY**

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30pm



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It's always wonderful to see our friends and sisters, but the May meeting of Tent #23 was an extra special one. Not only were we fortunate to have Connie Hansen of Manitowoc, who reenacted Mary Wade, as our guest speaker, we had visitors! Accompanying Hansen were Rogene Moore (comrade member to Tent #23 and member of Tent #21), Virginia Temme (Tent #21) and Laurie Shawhan (Tent #23). The foursome traveled from Manitowoc. It was a great visit and also special since Moore's daughter, Melissa Grzonka is a current resident of Delavan and a prospective member of our Tent. Photo (L-R) Pat Blackmer, Rogene Moore, Virginia Temme and Laurie Shawhan



Above: Connie Hansen as Mary Wade



Memorial Day Photos: Charlene Staples, Pat Blackmer and Ann Day laid a wreath at the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery, Poppy Princess remembers our veterans who died in 2017-2018, a wreath was placed at the grave site of namesake, Mary Chesbro Lee who is also buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan, a plaque commemorates Tent #23 at the monument

Refreshments for the June Meeting will be provided by  
Barbara Stuerer and Mary Winchowky



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### IRON BRIGADE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY PLAQUE

In the March newsletter, it was reported that the Col. Hans C Heg Camp #15 plans to erect a plaque commemorating the Civil War service of the Iron Brigade. We are happy to report that the ceremony for installation of this plaque will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Sauk City, WI. The plaque will be installed at Veterans Memorial Park along U.S. Highway 12 at 10:00 am. The total cost of the bronze plaque was \$2,328.00. Camp #15 was able to obtain a grant from the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in the amount of \$1,878. The Wisconsin Department of the SUVCW donated \$500 and private donations completed the project. Tent #23 has been invited to participate in this event which is a “fitting tribute to the men of the five regiments of the Iron Brigade who sacrificed so much to preserve the freedoms and liberties we enjoy as Americans today”. (Pictured below is Camp#15 Commander, Bob Koenecke who spearheaded the project along with Brian McManus) Photo courtesy of Brian McManus.

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

We are hoping that the following ladies who have expressed interest in the DUCW will join our Tent.

Jeanne Young Carter who lives in Stoddard, WI

Melissa Grzonka who lives in Delavan, WI

Susan Urbush who resides in Waterford, WI

We look forward to welcoming them to Tent #23.



**CAMP # 15  
COMMANDER  
BOB  
KOENECKE  
WITH THE  
IRON  
BRIGADE  
MEMORIAL  
HIGHWAY  
PLAQUE**

**“Getting the  
job done.”**

**DUCW National Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bloomington, MN from July 25-29th**

**Tent #23 has been invited to Calvary Cemetery, 5503 Bluemound Rd. in Milwaukee on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm to participate in the dedication of a plaque honoring the Civil War soldiers buried there. The dedication is sponsored by the SUVCW, Women’s Relief Corps and the Auxillary to the SUVCW.**