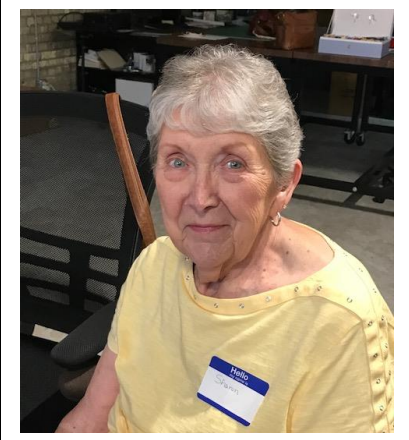


MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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Please give a warm welcome to Sharon Carlson who will become a member of Tent 23. Sharon will transfer her membership from Illinois Tent 48 to our Tent. She currently lives in Machesney Park, IL. Born in Beloit, she is no stranger to DUVCW. Her Mother was a member of the Mary Chesbrough Tent 5 of Beloit, Wisconsin. Sharon attended our July meeting. We are certain that she will be a wonderful new "Sister".

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATED BY TENT 23

The annual Christmas in July event was celebrated by Tent 23 when members brought wrapped "white elephant" gifts to exchange with each other. The event found the Tent embroiled in a race to obtain a gift. The antiquated dice game played to secure gifts has been played by women for over a century and may even have its origin during the Civil War.

As usual, basements and attics are a source of gifts which often include the most unusual items. One such item is "Helga", a garden gnome who made her debut several years ago and was a repeat gift at every Tent Christmas in July. WHY? Helga's original frontal view was of a charming young girl, the rear view found her bare from the waist down. When Nancy Braatz obtained the gnome in 2021 she decided to provide Helga with a permanent home. Crafty Nancy repainted her and provided her with flowered pants to cover her posterior. Below (L-R) Nancy Braatz with her sisters, Kathy Willemssen and Sandy Stratmeyer. We are certain, that we will see the re-appearance of the gifts that they received at this year's event!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, August 23, 2020 at 6:30pm



DUVCW NATIONAL CONVENTION IN GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The convention, hosted by the Department of Penn. at the Wyndam Presidential Hotel was well attended by 140 of our Sisters. Representing Tent 23 were duvs, Natalie Scott and Nova Brown, their Grandmother Barb Pahlow, Linda Tanner-Frietag and Pat Blackmer. The opening ceremony is a traditional event where the National Officers are escorted to their posts by the Sons of Union Veterans. The Convention addresses the business of the Order, provides informative workshops and guest speakers, election of National Officers and a memorial service honoring those who have departed. A tour of the Gettysburg National Military Park was an added attraction for convention attendees. Our duvs were instrumental in assisting with the auctions which raised a record amount of money this year.



Nine of our Past National Presidents attended.

Above President Norma Fiedler is escorted to her post by “the son of the SUVCW son” that escorted Pat Blackmer to her post. Both of the men were originally from Milwaukee. Newly elected National Officers are featured in the photo to the right and include (L-R) Jan Davis-Patriotic Instructor, Sharon Harkom-Jr. Vice President, Lynn Dolan- National President, Verna Maleski, Sr. Vice President and Carol Comp-Chaplain.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARD PRESENTED TO MARY CHESEBRO LEE, WISCONSIN DETACHED TENT 23
For the Detached Tent with the largest percentage in attendance at the National Convention
Presented at the 131st National Convention, Gettysburg, PA, August 2022



**FRANCES JEFFERSON
COATES**

Born August 24, 1843, in
Boscobel, Wisconsin

Died January 17, 1880, in
Dorchester, Nebraska

Buried in Dorchester Cemetery

Sergeant, Company H.
7th Wisconsin Infantry

DUV'S NATIONAL CONVENTION PROJECT, 2022

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest medal for valor in combat that can be awarded to members of the armed forces. This year the duv's project presented the stories of ten men who received the Gettysburg Medal of Honor which was awarded to 64 individuals for their heroic actions during the battle which took place from July 1-3, 1863. A photo of that medal is featured to the left of this article.

Receiving the medal was Frances Jefferson Coates who was a Sergeant of Co. H, the 7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Coates was awarded the Medal of Honor on June 29, 1866, "for extraordinary heroism on 1 July 1863, while serving with his unit in action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for unsurpassed courage in battle, where he had both of his eyes shot out".

The annual duv's project is done to raise money for their scholarship fund. This year the girls raised the most money in the history of the organization through the sale of their booklets, the annual silver coin collection and the Granddaughters' Breakfast auction with monies totaling over \$2,800.

A photo of the duv's who attended this year's convention is featured below. (L-R) Natalie Scott, Sarah Beatty, Cadence Wallenta, Carolyn Beatty, Nova Brown and Vada Williams.



**"The youth of the Nation are the trustees of posterity."
Benjamin Disraeli**

Please remember that our meeting venue has changed to the Delavan Community Center (where we met before the COVID 19 Pandemic) located in the Community Bank Plaza 820 E. Geneva Street in Delavan, WI