

MARY CHESEBRO LEE  
DETACHED TENT #23

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**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Tent #23 will celebrate this event on July 24<sup>th</sup> after conclusion of the business meeting with an evening of fun and comradery. Remember to bring a White Elephant gift which is wrapped. The gifts will be exchanged, swapped and stolen during the Civil War era game that will be played by those in attendance.

Merry Christmas to All!

**PAT BLACKMER RECEIVES**

**THE DR. MARY EDWARDS WALKER AWARD**

At the direction of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, Commander Brian McManus, convened a Court of Honor following the dedication of the Iron Brigade Plaque at the Veterans Memorial in Sauk City, Wisconsin.

The Court of Honor recognized Pat Blackmer of the Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent #23 for outstanding and sustained service to the Wisconsin Department of the SUVCW in furthering its mission and goals. Blackmer was honored with a medal and a certificate. (photo below features McManus and Blackmer)

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was a well-known physician and women's rights activist during the Civil War. Born in Oswego, New York on November 26, 1832, Walker attended the Syracuse Medical College and received her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1855. Leading a storied career, she began volunteering as a nurse. Eventually she found herself on the battlefields in tent hospitals, assisting the sick and wounded. In 1863, General George Thomas appointed her an assistant surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland. In 1864, Walker was captured and imprisoned by the Confederate Army and eventually exchanged after being held for four months in a Richmond, VA prison. Walker eventually left government service in June of 1865.

In recognition of her courageous war efforts, she was awarded the Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service. She became the first woman to receive this prestigious honor and to date remains the only woman Medal of Honor recipient. In 1917, the government revoked her status. In 1977, Pres. Carter restored her medal.



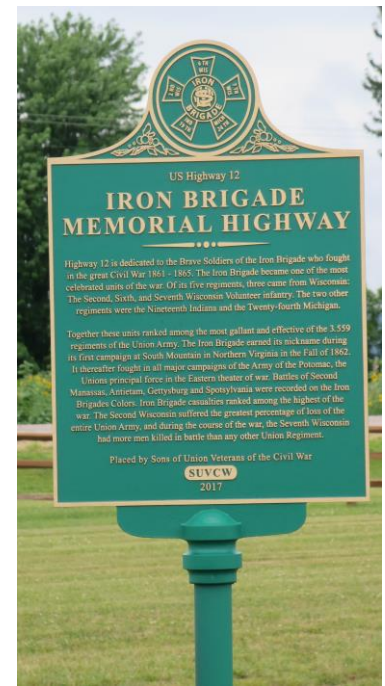
FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30pm





A plaque honoring the famed Iron Brigade, one of the most lauded units in the Civil War, was dedicated on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial in Sauk City, WI. Bob Koenecke, the Commander of Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans launched plans for the plaque last summer. The Iron Brigade was made up of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiments, the 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana and the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment. The Brigade earned its nickname when it “stood like iron” in the 1862 battle at Antietam. Its casualties ranked among the highest in the war. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin suffered the greatest percentage loss of the entire Union Army and during the course of the war, the 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin had more men killed in battle than any other Union regiment.



**Above Photos: Top left features Bob Koenecke, Commander of Camp #15, Top right features the Iron Brigade Plaque erected at the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial on Highway 12 in Sauk City, Bottom left features Co. K of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Iron Brigade re-enactors who were present at the plaque dedication, Bottom right features the Colonel Hans C. Heg, Camp #15 who were instrumental in spearheading this project and conducting the ceremony.**

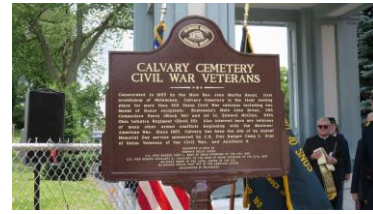
**REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JULY MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY CHARLENE STAPLES**



### THE LAST SOLDIER OF SAUK COUNTY HONORED

Henry Alexander, the last soldier to be buried in Sauk Co. was commemorated when a plaque was placed at his grave site at the Westfield German Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Rock Springs, WI. A soldier, in Co. K, the 49<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, Alexander died in 1946 at the age of 100. The Colonel Hans C. Heg, Camp 15 of the SUVCW conducted the ceremony.

Present were Alexander's Great Granddaughters, Audrey and Diane whose photo is featured below.



### CALVARY CEMETERY HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

The unveiling and dedication of an historical marker to commemorate the burials of Civil War Union Veterans and U.S. veterans of armed conflicts since 1848 took place at the historic Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The event was co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee County Historical Society. It was conducted by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons.

The featured speaker was Archbishop Jerome ListECKI of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. He indicated that there are 240 identified Civil War soldiers buried at Calvary Cemetery. There are an estimated 60 additional Civil War soldiers whose graves have not been identified at the cemetery. Research is continuing to make these identifications.

Following the unveiling of plaque, the SUVCW fired a gun salute. Photos above feature, Archbishop ListECKI (L), the plaque and the SUVCW gun salute and Auxiliary State President and DUV CW Sister, Susan Fallon (R).



KEEP GREEN THE MEMORY OF OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS  
THANK YOU SONS OF THE UNION VETERANS FOR YOUR  
LAST SOLDIER PROJECT