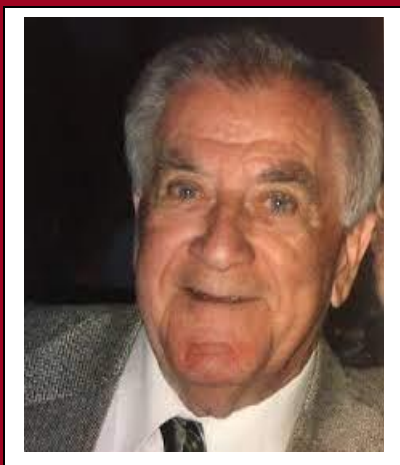


# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### HARRY LARSEN REMEMBERED AS A HERO

Harry Larsen, Uncle of Tent 23 Sisters, Sandy Stratmeyer, Nancy Braatz, Kathy Willemssen and Susan Fischbach was remembered on June 12<sup>th</sup> at a memorial service held at St. Andrews Church in Delavan. Larsen was born in 1923 and passed away on May 12, 2020 at the age of 96. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services were delayed for the local hero.

In March of 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he trained at Fort Grant in Rockford, IL and Forth Jackson in South Carolina with the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Because of his aptitude and proficiency on the rifle range, he earned an immediate commission as Staff Sargent and platoon leader.

Larsen's unit entered the WWII European Theater near LaHarve, France and later assumed a position near the Luxembourg-Belgium border.

Larsen was injured at the Battle of the Bulge where he received wounds to an arm and leg from the enemy's mortar fire. He became a prisoner of war when German troops surrounded his company and they were cut off from their division. Life as a POW in a German prison camp was difficult. Larsen's weight dropped from 172 to 90 pounds. The camp was liberated on April 1, 1945 by a tank unit commanded by General George Patton.

Larsen was truly a member of "The Greatest Generation". He grew up during this country's depression and helped to win World War II. Thanks, Uncle Harry for your service!

(Photos to the left are of our hero, Harry Larsen)

## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Location to be determined

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

#### PROUD AMERICA DAYS, INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021!

BREAKING: Nathaniel Ames SAR, SUVCW, Veterans and Partners Launch American Pilot Project in Wisconsin for Patriots and coming America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Independence Day July 4th, 2021 at Oregon, WI Prairie Mounds Cemetery

### Honoring 250 Years of American Veterans, Patriots and WI's very own Nathaniel Ames Family

On August 14, 1765, a crowd gathered in Boston under a large elm tree at the corner of Essex Street and Orange Street (the latter of which was renamed Washington Street) to protest the hated Stamp Act. The tree became a central gathering place for protesters, and the ground surrounding it became popularly known as Liberty Hall. A copper sign was fastened to the trunk which read, "This tree was planted in the year 1646, and pruned by order of the Sons of Liberty, Feb. 14th, 1766. In the years leading up to the Revolutionary War, the British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule. During the Siege of Boston, a party of British soldiers and Loyalists led by Job Williams cut the tree down, knowing what it represented to the patriots, and used it for firewood.

On July 4th Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent 23, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp 2 Henry Harnden of Madison, the Nathaniel Ames Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution along with members of the Governor Nelson Dewey and John Bell Chapters of the DAR, members from the Wisconsin U.S. Daughters of 1812 the VFW and American Legion of Madison and Oregon, WI celebrated the re-dedication of a grave marker for Nathaniel Ames who was the last Revolutionary War Soldier to pass away in the state of Wisconsin.

The event honored over 250 years of service by American Veterans, here and abroad, our Service men and women, our military branches and families. A plaque was dedicated for this inaugural event and an American Liberty Tree was planted at the grave site of Ames.

The National Freedom and Liberty Tree Project was the brain child of J. Benjamin Hobbins who is a member of Camp 2 as well as a member of the Nathaniel Ames Chapter of the SAR. Hobbins hopes to make this an annual collaborative event in the spirit of American Freedom and Citizenship bringing all organizations together to celebrate.



Photo to left: Pat Blackmer, Ben Hobbins, Ashley-Anne Hobbins, Linda Tanner-Frietag Center photo: Nathaniel Ames SAR

Photo to right: Members of Mary Chesebro Lee Tent 23 present at the ceremony include (L-R) Barb Pahlow, Linda Tanner-Frietag, Pat Blackmer, Ashely-Anne Hobbins, not featured Natalie Scott



Charlene Staples arrived at the Pine Ridge Indian Rez in South Dakota with donations of school supplies and items requested by Veterans for the homeless shelter. Tent 23 donated \$100 toward the purchase of supplies and equipment. Staples and Ellen Holly make the trip twice a year.



**Christmas in July** has become such a cultural staple each year that you may not have even thought about who first dreamed up such a cheery, potentially cheesy, midsummer celebration. Well, as it turns out, per **Country Living's** reporting, it started in the South. Christmas in July started 84 years ago on July 24th and 25th in 1933 at a girls' camp called Keystone Camp in Brevard, North Carolina. "I never thought it was unique to us," Page Ives Lemel, the current director of Keystone Camp, said in an interview. "It seems like something other camps would do." According to the camp's 100th anniversary celebration book, the first time anyone celebrated "Christmas in July" was at Keystone, per the request of camp co-founder Fannie Holt. "Miss Fannie was such a character: a whimsical, dreaming, creative type who added all of this uniqueness to the program," says Lemel. "Most camps number the cabins to identify them. Here, we have Crabapple, Skylark, and Crow's Nest, for example. Instead of junior and senior campers we have Elves, Pixies, and Dryads. Tent 23 will hold their annual Christmas in July celebration with an evening of fun, games and presents! Make sure that you wrap one of those items that you no longer need or want (White Elephant) and bring it to the meeting. Who knows what lurks behind that beautiful wrapping paper!



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