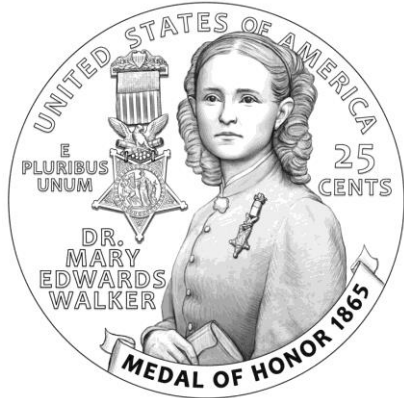


# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org>

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### ATTENTION: COIN COLLECTORS

The American Women quarter dollar recognizing Dr. Mary Edwards Walker will be the third of five quarters issued in 2024. The release is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The reverse side of the quarter depicts a young Dr. Walker wearing the Medal of Honor badge which she received in 1865. Walker is the only woman to have been presented with this honor. On the obverse side of the coin, George Washington is featured.

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, born in Oswego, New York graduated from Syracuse Medical College in 1855. She served as the first female U.S. Army surgeon during the Civil War often crossing enemy lines to treat the wounded. She was captured by the Confederate Army in April of 1864 and held in prison for four months finally being released in August of 1864 as part of a prisoner exchange of doctors.

In 1916, the Medal of Honor was taken away from Walker and many others after the government reviewed their eligibility. However, this did not stop Walker from wearing her award until her death in 1919 at the age of eighty-six. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter legally restored the Medal of Honor to Walker's name.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a prestigious medal, The Dr. Mary Walker Award which they bestow to women who are in the Allied Orders recognizing them for their meritorious service. Both Susan Fallon and Pat Blackmer have received this award from the SUVCW Department of Wisconsin.



Photos: Coin to be released June 3, 2024 (top)  
Dr. Mary Edwards Walker  
Medal of Honor Recipient



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:30pm



The photo to the left was taken at the Tent meeting in April when Steve Michaels top row center portrayed General Kilburn Knox, the Governor of the Milwaukee Veterans Home from 1889-1891. During Knox's administration as many as 2000 soldiers were in residence. Knox is the only Governor of the home who is buried on the premises and a monument was erected in his honor. Tent members in the photo include: top row (L-R) Judy Manning, Charlene Staples, Pam Johnson, Michaels, Pam Wanasek, Barb Pahlow, Mary Winchowky, bottom row (L-R) Nany Braatz, Barb Steurer, Susan Fallon, Sandy Statmeyer, Susan Fischbach. Photographer: Pat Blackmer

May 27, 2024 - Annually on the last Monday in May - Memorial Day is a federal holiday to honor and remember those who died while serving in the U.S. military. The day originated on May 30, 1868 as Decoration Day, by Major General John A. Logan, Grand Army of the Republic. Congress officially recognized a century of Memorial Day events and passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968 — effective in 1971 — designating Memorial Day as a national holiday to be held annually on the last Monday in May. In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act to encourage Memorial Day activities, and to observe a minute of silence at 3 pm for those who have died in military service. (Wisconsin DAR)

**Join members of Tent 23 at the Delavan Memorial Day celebration. Parade steps off at 9:00 a.m. on Walworth Avenue. Commemorative service to follow at the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. where Tent members will lay a wreath .**



**JOIN MEMBERS OF TENT 23 FOR A PROGRAM PRESENTED BY HISTORIAN CHRIS BROOKES OF THE WISCONSIN STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY "WEDDED BLISS THROUGH THE AGES" MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30, DELAVAN COMMUNITY CENTER**



## JROTC AWARD PRESENTED TO CADET RACHEL PUTNAM

The 2024 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps award was presented to Cadet Sergeant First Class Rachel Putnam, a freshman in the JROTC Academy at Beloit Memorial High School on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Putnam, whose father and brother were Marines, is undecided about which branch of service she plans to join, however she is certain that she wishes to work with the canine division. In her spare time, she enjoys being “a gamer” of video games and builds Legos.

The high school JROTC Academy is the oldest in Wisconsin and currently has 135 students involved. Major Monte Eldert and Sargeant Ron Bartow are instructors for the program.

Thank you Linda Tanner-Freitag for designing a note card commemorating Flag Day which is celebrated each year on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The date of June 14<sup>th</sup> had its origin in the State of Wisconsin. Flag Day in the United States was originated by Bernard J. Cigrand, who was a small-town Wisconsin teacher. In 1885, he led the first recognized formal observance of Flag Day at the Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. Since then, it has been celebrated annually across the country on June 14 to commemorate the adoption of the American flag on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. U.S. History.com



JROTC Symbols directly above (L-R): Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Space Force  
 Photos above: Top Left (L-R) Cadet Putnam, Susan Fallon-JROTC Representative, Pat Blackmer  
 Top Right (L-R) Cadet Putnam, Pat Blackmer, Susan Fallon, Linda Tanner-Freitag  
 Bottom Photo: The freshmen JROTC cadets with Major Eldert (far left) and Sargeant Bartow (far right)