

MARY CHESEBRO LEE

DETACHED TENT #23

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Featured above is Christine Brookes who will portray Elizabeth Hadley Farr at our October meeting. Farr was the wife of Asa Farr who served with Co. A and S of the 3rd Wisconsin as a 2nd Lt and Quartermaster.

ON THE HOME FRONT: A CIVIL WAR WIFE'S STORY

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent #23 of Delavan will host a program open to the public regarding "On the Home Front: A Civil War Wife's Story". The event will take place on Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm at the Delavan Community Centre located at 820 East Geneva Street.

Most have heard of the horrors of the Civil War but few have known or understood the impact that it had on the home front. After rebel forces fired on Fort Sumter, President Abraham Lincoln declared war and called for 75,000 troops to put down the rebellion. The governor of Wisconsin called on all the patriotic women of the state to contribute aid, prepare bandages and offer kindness and encouragement.

Guest speaker and noted character re-enactor, Christine Brookes will share her knowledge and research regarding the women's work that supported the war effort and how conflict affected everyday people during the Civil War. Brookes portrays Mrs. Asa Farr, a Lake Geneva resident who would become a Civil War widow when her husband was killed in action at Baxter Springs, KS on October 6, 1863.

While Mrs. Asa Farr was from Lake Geneva, Chris Brookes is also a native of the city. She grew up at the Northwestern Military Academy, graduated from Badger High School, the University of Michigan and Viterbo University with a degree in education. Upon retiring from teaching, Brookes began performing as the Literature Lady, recreating historical and literary characters in one-woman shows.

Civil War buffs and others interested are welcome to join us for this fascinating, educational program!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 11th TO HONOR OUR WALWORTH COUNTY VETERANS

Honoring the sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States from Walworth County will be the goal of the sixth annual Veteran’s Day program hosted by the Walworth County Historical Society. The event will take place on Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 pm at Heritage Hall located at 103 E. Rockwell Street in Elkhorn.

The keynote speaker will be Michael Clark, a US Army veteran who registered for the draft at the age of eighteen and served as a medic with the 101st Airborne Division. He also served as an operating room technician with the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Phu Bai, Vietnam from 1970-1971. He will provide a “compelling glimpse into the emotional influences of war” and detail his personal experiences. Clark is the author of “One Man’s Story: Memoirs of a Vietnam Vet”. Currently, he resides in Wisconsin with his wife Connie, and is a physician’s assistant in emergency medicine.

The program will conclude with the introduction of all veterans and current military personnel. Special recognition of our Vietnam Veterans will occur with the presentation of lapel pins provided by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Chesebro Lee, Tent 23 of Delavan and the Samuel Phoenix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution also of Delavan.

Refreshments will be served and the Veterans Museum at the Walworth County Historical Society will be open for tours.



Michael Clark, Guest Speaker



Susan Urbush and Pat Blackmer



The bottom center photo above has members of Tent #23 debating about our Christmas flamingo and what to do if he is not purchased again this year at our Annual Silent Auction in December!

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY NANCY BRAATZ AND SUSAN FISCHBACH



In conjunction with the St. Francis Historical Society, the Sons, ASUVCW and the DUVCW placed wreaths to honor two Civil War soldiers whose headstones were placed At Lakewood Cemetery in St. Francis. Susan Fallon placed a wreath on behalf of Tent 23. Our organization is always honored to be a part of these events which recognize our Civil War ancestors.

THOMAS NOLTON SEDGWICK RECEIVES HEADSTONE

The SUVCW Camp 15 of Wind Lake, WI in conjunction with our Brothers from Iowa, recognized Thomas Sedgwick by erecting a headstone at the Hillside Cemetery in Whitewater. In addition to securing and placing the stone, Sedgwick was recognized as the Last Soldier of Delaware County, Iowa. A plaque was also installed indicating this distinction.

Sedgwick who served in the Civil War with the 36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Co. B was buried in Whitewater next to his wife. His gravesite went unmarked for 80 years until the SUVCW took measures to honor him for his service to our country. Camp 15 Commander, Bob Koenecke set the stone for Sedgwick.

Thomas Sedgwick was born August 29, 1842 in Lee, New York and died on June 29, 1938 in Delaware, Iowa at the age of 95. He married Amy Blanchard who predeceased him in 1900 while they were residents of Whitewater. She was buried at Hillside Cemetery. Sedgwick and his family had come to Whitewater and purchased the Old Stone Mill which he operated with his son for a short time before returning to Iowa after his wife's death.

Enlisting as a Private on August 12, 1861 in Aurora, IL, Sedgwick served with the Union Army until he was discharged at Atlanta, GA on September 22, 1864.

As many of our Civil War Veterans, he had been admitted to the Battle Mountain Sanitarium in Hot Springs, South Dakota at the age of 65 suffering from a hernia and persistent rheumatism.

The mission of the Allied Orders is to recognize and honor our ancestors who fought to preserve the freedom that we enjoy today. We commend and thank our Brothers in the SUVCW for their diligence in making this a reality in the case of Private Thomas Nolton Sedgwick!

**Have you submitted your ancestor's biography for our website?
Do you need assistance writing about his military service and
personal details about him?**

Contact: Martha Hay or Pat Blackmer