

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmarylee>

Elvira Gibson Hobart served as Chaplain of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery during the Civil War. The DUVCW National Headquarters is in possession of the letters written by Lincoln and Stanton regarding her appointment. In 2001, one hundred years after her death, the 107th Congress Senate Bill #1438 posthumously granted her the grade of Captain in the Chaplains Corps of the U.S. Army. (article and information obtained from Rindge Historical Society)

Elvira "Ella" Gibson was born in Winchendon, MA May 8th 1821, the daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Kimball) Gibson. Miss Gibson became a successful teacher in the public schools, then became better known to the public as a writer and lecturer on abolition and other moral issues of the time. She married Rev. John Hobart in 1861. He was appointed as chaplain of the Wisconsin 8th Volunteer Infantry Regiment. From the beginning Ella was constantly in attendance with the Regiment in service to the sick and wounded. The 8th Wis. became nationally known as the "Live Eagle Regiment" for their mascot, Old Abe the War Eagle, a bald eagle given as a gift to the regiment before their departure to the seat of war. Old Abe was carried into battle with their color guard. Besides the fame of Old Abe, the 8th was known as a hard fighting regiment that participated in the major battles of Iuka, Corinth, Vicksburg, Nashville, the Red River Campaign and many other lesser engagements. During this period Ella authored "The Soldiers Gift" a pamphlet for distribution to the troops. In 1864 Ella became an ordained minister herself, and was recommended for appointment by Wisconsin Governor Lewis and other state officials as chaplain to the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. President Abraham Lincoln endorsed the appointment, but Secretary of War Edwin M Stanton refused to muster her because she was a woman. Despite this she served at her post, at Fort Lyon, Alexandria, VA through the end of the war. By an act of Congress in 1869, pay for her services was belatedly approved. Her pay was further delayed until March 7th 1876, when she received from US Treasurer John C New \$1210.56, the amount in full, at which time she distributed most of that sum to causes of her choosing. During her line of duty, Ella contracted malaria, which severely disabled her. She passed away in March of 1901.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30pm

LAP BLANKET PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION

Tent 23 members can be proud of the recent project that they have been working on during their August and September meetings. Working collaboratively, the group has completed more than 20 lap blankets at the meetings and those blankets that we not finished were taken home by members for completion to be returned at the October meeting. Arrangements are being made to deliver the blankets to the Union Grove Veterans Home where they will be given to both men and women who are in residence there. All of the fleece material for the project was donated by the members of Tent 23 and assembled by the group. The no-sew, easy-peasy craft project enabled even those of us with no sewing or craft talents to participate. The skills required for completing the project were cutting and tying a simple knot. Thanks go to all the members who assisted and a particular thanks goes to Charlene Staples for the great idea!



Photos: Top Left: Pam Wanasek, Mary Winchowky and Nancy Braatz, Top Middle: Pam Johnson and Judy Manning, Top Right: Sandy Stratmeyer and Susan Fischbach, Bottom Left: Barbara Steuer and Susan Fallon, Bottom Middle: Charlene Staples, Bottom Right: Several Tent 23 Members and lap blankets

Refreshments for the October meeting provided by Pam Wanasek and Judy Manning

CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS BY ATTENDING THE VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT THE Walworth County Historical Society (Heritage Hall) on November 11th at 1:00 pm



FOREST HOME TOMBSTONE DEDICATIONS

The SUVCW, C.K. Pier Camp 1 of Milwaukee and the Ladies Auxiliary have donated the installation of eleven tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee.

On September 28th, Susan Fallon and Pat Blackmer attended the dedication of tombstones for Cpl. Edward Allen, Co. A of the 43rd Wisconsin Infantry who died of disease in Clarksburg, TN on January 14, 1865 at the age of 29. Hailing from Merton, WI in Waukesha County, Allen mustered into service in 1864. He was interred at Forest Home a month after his death.

Sgt. Horace Dangerfield served in Co. F of the 13th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery from September 21, 1864 to October 18, 1865. He died on December 27, 1893 and was buried in Forest Home Cemetery. The 29th U.S. Colored Infantry, Co. F, a Wisconsin area re-enactors group was present at the event to assist with the dedication of Dangerfield's tombstone.

It is one of the missions of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 to honor our Civil War Ancestors and to "keep green their memories". Wreaths were laid by Tent 23, the ASUVCW and the WRC in honor of the above soldiers who fought to maintain our freedom at any cost.



Photos directly above: Left: Members of Co. F of the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry at Dangerfield's gravesite, Middle: Benediction Right: Bill Seaman concludes the ceremony with Taps

Photos to the left of the article: Top: The Sons of Union Veterans, Camps 1 and 15 stand at attention to honor Cpl. Allen at his tombstone dedication Middle Left: Susan Fallon, National ASUVCW Chaplain reads a prayer during the service for Allen Middle Right: Pat Blackmer places a wreath for Allen on behalf of Tent 23, The SUVCW fires a salute for Allen, Bottom Photo: Blackmer and Fallon placed wreaths to honor Sgt. Horace Dangerfield