

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmaryclee>**“The Undistinguished Pre-Civil War Presidents”**

Sonja Pederson, President of the Mary E. Starkweather Tent of the Department of Minnesota was the guest speaker for our September virtual meeting. Her unique presentation took a look at those Presidents who held office 20 years prior to the Civil War.

The seven individuals are listed below and their bios can be found on line if you missed this wonderful program.

William Harrison: 1841

John Tyler: 1844-1845

James Polk: 1845-1849

Zachary Taylor: 1848-1850

Millard Fillmore: 1850-1853

Franklin Pierce: 1853-1857

James Buchanan: 1859-1861

**WE HONOR VETERANS:
TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING 4 OUR
VETERANS**

For the last ten years, Tent 23 has donated to the Housing 4 Our Vets transitional living program which is under the auspices of the Rock Valley Community Programs. The agency recently announced that they have received a grant of more than \$1 million dollars from the Veterans Administration through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020. The money will be used to remodel an unused wing which will add an additional 24 rooms so that each veteran can have a room of his own. Each room will have a kitchenette and a bathroom with a shower.

The transitional living program began in 2011 and has served more than 300 vets during that time. Currently the facility has 24 studio apartments with two men sharing a room. Vets may stay for a 24 month period. The residents are provided support services with the goal of becoming self-sufficient.

The program currently houses 33 veterans and has a maximum capacity of 48. The facility is not an emergency shelter.

Please remember our Veterans on November 11th. Tent 23 has always sent thank you cards to our Veterans in Walworth County.

**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY**

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held
Virtually on Zoom, hosted by Barb Pahlow
on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30pm

TENT 23 JOINS OTHER LINEAGE ORGANIZATIONS IN HONORING WAR OF 1812 PATRIOT: ISAAC CROFOOT

Members of the Mary Chesebro Lee Tent 23 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 joined with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Jean Nicolet Chapter and the Wisconsin Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 in honoring Isaac Crofoot on Saturday, October 16th by placing a grave marker at his headstone in the Oak Grove Cemetery south of Fond du Lac. 1812 President, Sister Linda Tanner-Frietag provided opening remarks, while Sister Barbara Pahlow served as Chaplain for the event. Both women have dual membership in DUVCW and the United States Daughters of 1812. Also present at the dedication was Shirley VerBruggen, 4th Great Granddaughter of Crofoot who provided a biography of her ancestor's war record and his life. Pat Blackmer who also has dual membership, presented a wreath for the event on behalf of DUVCW.



Oak Grove Cemetery is a small cemetery located south of Fond du Lac. The Cemetery is in a wooded area and was formed by the merger of the Griswold and Homiston Cemeteries. The gravesites date from the 1800's with one of the most recent burials being in 1905.

War of 1812 Patriot, Isaac Crofoot who was originally from New York was interred in the cemetery in 1867. His second wife, Sarah lies at rest next to him and was interred in 1874.

Photos: Compliments of Al Frietag

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT: SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, DELAVAN

Four (4) gallons of D2 biologic cleaning agent have been purchased and received to clean the lichen and mold from the monument. A contractor with a lift and workers have been secured to complete the cleaning. Dependent on weather conditions, the cleaning of the monument should be completed this month!



CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of Tent 23, we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Sister Rachel Wirtz and Jason Kmecheck who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 2nd in Oshkosh. We are eagerly awaiting photos of the bride and groom and the destination of the honeymoon.



HEG STATUE REINSTALLED

The Colonel Hans Christian Heg statue was reinstalled at the Capitol Square on September 21, 2021. Protestors toppled the 9-foot-6 inch statue in June of 2020 breaking off Heg's head and a leg.

Heg was a Norwegian immigrant who served with the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He was an outspoken abolitionist.

His statue which was originally funded by the Norwegian Society of America, had stood outside the Wisconsin State Capitol since 1926.

The state had received \$60,000 in federal grants to restore the Heg statue as well as the 7 foot statue of a woman symbolizing the state's "Forward" motto which was also damaged. The Wisconsin State Historical Society raised additional funding to assist with the final cost of nearly \$82,000.

Photo: NBC 15, Madison and Associated Press



The editor would be remiss if she did not include a few photos from the Victorian Age celebrating Halloween. The creative imaginations of our ancestors were at times horrifying (top photo and comical (bottom photo).