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## MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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The 160th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Death

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, is a towering figure in American history. His leadership during the Civil War and his efforts in abolishing slavery have left an indelible mark on the nation. As we commemorate the 160th anniversary of his death, it is fitting to reflect on the legacy he left behind and the profound impact he had on the United States.

One of Lincoln's most significant contributions was his issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. This executive order declared the freedom of all enslaved people in Confederate-held territory.

Another defining moment of Lincoln's presidency was his delivery of the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863. In just 272 words, Lincoln eloquently expressed the principles of liberty and democracy that underpinned the Union's cause. His speech at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, remains one of the most revered orations in American history, emphasizing the need for national unity and the enduring value of a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

Tragically, Lincoln's life was cut short on the evening of April 14, 1865, when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. Lincoln succumbed to his injuries the following day, April 15, 1865. His death plunged the nation into profound grief, and his funeral procession, which traveled through several states, was a poignant display of national mourning.

Members of Tent 23 will travel to Springfield, Illinois to lay a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb commemorating this anniversary.



Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at The Delavan Community Centre on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30pm

## MARY CHESEBRO LEE

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The Kenosha Civil War Museum hosted an expo on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. For the first time in several years, all of the Allied Orders participated in the event. Present were: SUVCW Camp 1, Auxiliary 4, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and DUVCW Tent 23. Below are photos taken at the event.





The above and below photos feature DUVCW members who were present at the 69<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Tomb Ceremony from California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin.















Join the members of Tent 23 for their April meeting. Co-President, Linda Tanner-Frietag has planned an interesting and educational evening of Civil War Jeopardy.



Sister Sandy Mahoney is inducted into Tent 23 as Char Staples, Patriotic Instructor Reads the responsibilities of membership and Nancy Bratz serves as her guide.



The above marker has been purchased to place on the graves of John Wayles and Beverly Jefferson who were the grandsons of Thomas Jefferson. Albert Pearson who was married to Anna Jefferson will also be honored in a ceremony this summer at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison.

## **CAPTAIN ALBERT PEARSON**

Albert Pearson was born in 1829, the son of Richmond and Sylvia Pearson. Prior to the Civil War, Pearson was a carpenter in Madison, Wisconsin.

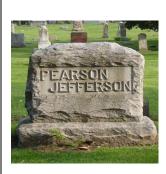
When the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry was organized in the fall of 1861 as part of the Union Army, Pearson enlisted. This regiment was composed of brave men from across the state, eager to defend the Union against the Confederacy. Pearson's leadership qualities quickly became apparent to his regiment. They trained rigorously, preparing for the challenging campaigns that lay ahead.

Pearson went on to enlist in Co. K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Cavalry. Promoted to Captain, he played a pivotal role during the Civil War. His leadership and bravery in numerous battles earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers.

Pearson was married to Anna Wayles Jefferson, the granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings. Together they had three children, Julia, Walter and Frederick. After Julia's death, Pearson moved to Nebraska where he died December of 1908. His remains were returned to Wisconsin where he was interred in the Pearson/Jefferson family plot in Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison.

Tent 23 will honor his service to the Union by placing a GAR marker at his gravesite.







THE 134<sup>TH</sup> DUVCW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2025 HILTON WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT HOTEL 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia July 30 – August 3