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DETACHED TENT #23

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Women's Equality Day August 26

Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York introduced the resolution into Congress to designate August 26 as Women's Equality Day. This day is celebrated to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibits the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to all citizens of the US on the basis of sex. First celebrated in 1973 (Nixon), it remains authorized, requested and celebrated each year by the current President.

Kay Sargent, author

WALWORTH COUNTY CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Governor Alex Randall asked for Civil War Volunteers by proclamation on April 16, 1861. A mere seven days later, 36 companies from Walworth County offered their services to the Union. The First Wisconsin Regiment was formed and the first company from Walworth County to report was the Geneva Independents (Co. F). Second to report, by a few days, was the Whitewater Light Infantry (Co. A) both companies were assigned to the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry and their officers were commissioned on April 25th. Captain Nelson F. Craigue of Delavan became the permanent commanding officer of (Co. F). He rose to the rank of Colonel on Nov. 9, 1865.

No county in the State of Wisconsin responded to the constant demand for troops with more promptness than Walworth and in no county was the proportion of volunteers to drafted men larger. For those who volunteered and had dependent families, the townships raised money to provide for them. Over a quarter of a million dollars was raised in Walworth County for war purposes.

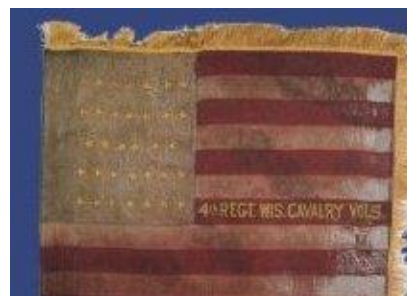


Photo of the 4th WI Cavalry battle flag carried from 1861-1865 it is now in the archives at the Wisconsin State Veterans Museum in Madison. The flag is red, white and blue with gold fringe and gold inscriptions.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
a date and time
TO BE DETERMINED

LOOKING FOR A PROJECT? HOW TO SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY CLEAN GRAVESTONES

GUIDELINES FOR CLEANING

- Obtain permission to clean the stone
- Do no harm to the stone or yourself
- Evaluate the condition of the stone, do not clean if it has cracks or is unstable
- Come prepared with a lot of water
- Use no household chemicals to clean a gravestone, only D/2 Biological Solution or just water
- Do not use metal scrapers or wire brushes

Cleaning Kit Supply List

- Brushes with poly bristles
- Plastic or wood scrapers and picks
- Water bucket
- Water sprayer or watering can
- D/2 Biological Solution
- Gloves, safety goggles (optional)

GRAVESTONE CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- Photograph the gravestone before cleaning
- Evaluate the general condition of the stone
- Soak the gravestone with water
- Test the cleaning procedure on a small spot
- Scrape off any large clumps of biological growth with a plastic or wood scraper and rinse
- Scrub the stone with a brush working from the bottom to the top avoiding streaks and rinse
- Spray D/2 liberally on the stone and let it remain for 6 minutes
- Scrub the stone with a brush working from the bottom to the top, do not rinse but reapply additional D/2 to keep the stone wet
- Remove any stubborn growth with a scraper, denture brush or wood pick
- Rinse the stone thoroughly with clean water
- Repeat the above steps as necessary
- Photograph the clean gravestone when it is dry for the best “after” results

*D/2 works with the elements and will continue to work within one week to one month after application making the surface of the stone cleaner over time as the subsurface biological growth dies.



The newsletter editor was fortunate enough to be able to take a course presented by “Save Your Stones Gravestone Preservation Services” who supplied the above information.

SAVE THE DATE

The SUVCW will conduct graveside ceremonies for the Last Soldiers of Jefferson and Rock Counties on Saturday, October 10th. Tent 23 purchased the grave markers for these soldiers. The Jefferson ceremony will take place at 12:00 and the Rock County ceremony at 1:00 pm. More info next month!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

Sister Beverly Uhl from San Antonio, Texas has been a busy person sewing and donating 568 masks to the local military hospital with a particular emphasis on masks going to breast cancer patients.

She also sewed masks for relatives, friends, neighbors and even complete strangers so people would be safe.

Beverly indicated that she had purchased 100 yards of white elastic and 138 yards of black elastic for this project.

Sister Linda Tanner-Frietag of Madison, WI also sewed masks and being the true historian that she is kept a written journal for the Wisconsin Historical Society chronicling the first 90 days of the Covid-19 Pandemic. My guess is that she will be making entries into her journal for quite some time.

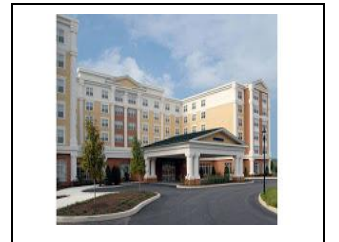


DID YOU KNOW?

The DUVCW National Convention will be held August 3-8, 2021 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri



THE DUVCW National Convention will be held August 2-7, 2022 at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



The 2023 Convention will be hosted by the Department of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

The DUVCW National Website, "Members Only", will retain the same "use name and password" for the remainder of 2020 and 2021.

PLEASE STAY AND BE SAFE

**CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL WIRTZ
ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT
We are very happy for you!**

