

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### WELCOME SANDY!

I taught in the Mukwonago School System for 30 years, while raising a son. who proudly served in the military in Okinawa. After retiring, I had the opportunity of becoming a flight attendant for Midwest Airlines, traveled extensively, and then wrote children's books. As a life-long learner, I was so excited to discover that I had so many ancestors who fought in all of the American wars! My research on my patriots has become my main hobby, including traveling to their hometowns and museums, and will continue to work towards honoring their memories.

### 55<sup>th</sup> PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON

Over one hundred people were in attendance at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriotic Luncheon hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 of the SUVCW and Auxiliary 4. The luncheon honored Presidents Washington, Lincoln and Mckinley. Held at Aliotos Restaurant in Wauwatosa it featured a buffet luncheon, raffle and silent auction. Guest speaker and Lincoln scholar, Steve Rogstad presented an enlightening talk on “The Devil is in the Details: Lincoln and Temperance”. The event was emceed by PNC Steve Michaels. Another added highlight was bugler, Bill Seaman who played the National Anthem and Taps. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with friendship, good food and patriotism.

In attendance at the luncheon were several members of Tent 23 below. Back row (L-R) Pat Blackmer, Natalie Scott, Beth Stadler, Pamela Howard-Gragh, Front (L-R) Sandy Mahoney, Sue Fallon, Barb Pahlow.



(L-R) Steve Rogstad  
PNC Steve Michaels

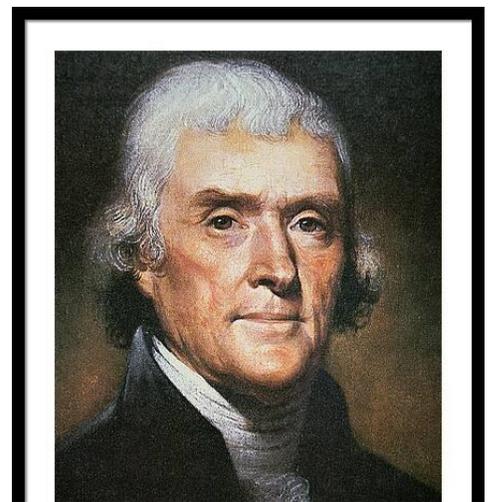


## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30pm

### BEVERLY FREDERICK HEMMINGS JEFFERSON: GRANDSON OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

Beverly Frederick Jefferson was the son of Eston Hemings Jefferson and Julia Ann Isaacs Jefferson. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia on February 23, 1839 and died at his son's home in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 69 on November 11, 1908. Beverly moved with his family from Ohio to Madison, Wisconsin when he was 11 years old. Upon entering Madison's society, the family changed their name from Hemmings-Jefferson to Jefferson acknowledging their family ancestry and relationship to Thomas Jefferson. Beverly enlisted as a private in Company E of the 1st Wisconsin Infantry, which was a three month regiment. The regiment was organized in Milwaukee and mustered into state service on April 27, 1861, then into U.S. service on May 17, 1861. The regiment proceeded to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where it attached to Abercrombie's 6th Brigade, Negley's 2nd Division and Patterson's Army Camp at Hagerstown, Maryland until June 29th, when it moved to Williamsport, Maryland from that date until July 1<sup>st</sup>. They saw action at Falling Waters, before moving to Martinsburg on July 3rd. They were involved in duty at Charlestown, Harper's Ferry and finally in guarding forts on the Momocacy River. The regiment was mustered out on August 21st 1861. Returning to Madison, he moved from the American House Hotel to run the Capitol House Hotel. He founded the first omnibus line in the Wisconsin capitol and was a popular figure among politicians in the city. He married Anna Smith from Pennsylvania. Their five sons gained educations and three entered the professions: one became a doctor in Chicago, another an attorney, another worked in railroad management. Jefferson is buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison, Wisconsin.



The March issue of our newsletter will feature Eston Hemmings Jefferson, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings who is also buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison, Wisconsin.

Once Tent 23 receives permission from the descendants of the Hemmings-Jefferson family, we wish to honor John and Beverly Jefferson who are buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery with Civil War grave markers. (Perhaps in June of 2025)



### Harriet Tubman: An Icon of Courage and Freedom

Harriet Tubman stands as a beacon of hope and bravery in the annals of American history. Born into the shackles of slavery, Tubman defied the constraints of her status to become a symbol of resilience and an ardent advocate for freedom.

Tubman faced the harsh realities of slavery from a young age. She endured physical and psychological abuse, which left her with lasting scars, including severe headaches and narcoleptic episodes caused by a head injury inflicted by a slave overseer. In 1849, Tubman made her daring escape from slavery.

During the Civil War, Tubman's role expanded beyond that of a conductor on the Underground Railroad. She served as a nurse, cook, and spy for the Union Army. In 1863, Tubman became the first woman to lead an armed expedition in the war. She guided the Combahee River Raid, which resulted in the liberation of more than 700 enslaved people in South Carolina, dealing a significant blow to the Confederacy and bolstering the Union's efforts.

Following the Civil War, Tubman settled in Auburn, New York, where she continued her advocacy for civil rights and women's suffrage. Tubman established the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged, providing care and shelter for elderly African Americans.

Harriet Tubman passed away on March 10, 1913, but her legacy endures. She is celebrated as a hero who epitomized courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to justice. Monuments, schools, and cultural institutions across the United States bear her name, ensuring that her story continues to inspire future generations.

  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp Commander J. Ben Hobbins, Camp #12 Colonel Henry Hamden  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Proclamation  
Blue-Ribbon Committee for the Preservation of Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park

**Whereas,**  
Brothers and Sisters of the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, MOLLUS, DOLLUS, Allied Orders, WDAVA, VFW, Legion, America 230 and allied auxiliary Organizations have taken note and symbolic action;

**Whereas,**  
Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park in Madison's Capitol is Men in Blue Sacred Grounds. It was here, during the onset and during the Civil War that nearly 90,000 Wisconsin Volunteers were assembled, drilled and drilled some more, mustered into military service, and sent in duty, honor, spirit of the United States into the deep south and southwest to Confederate battlefields in the War of the Rebellion;

**Whereas,**  
In 1912, Wisconsin's Men in Blue were honored with the dedication of Camp Randall Memorial Arch, a stark symbol honoring their sacrifices and representing the Collective Memory of these Men and Nation – our Boys in Blue, and embodied the Courage and Sacrifice of our Wisconsin Volunteers – America's Soldiers and Abolitionists, their Regiments, Wisconsin communities, families and loved ones – estimated here forever;

**Whereas,**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Camp #12 Col Henry Hamden was made aware of a Newspaper article and WDAVA meeting outlining a substantial University Shell facility renovation project in final project planning unbeknownst to the SMOCK, DUNCAN, MOLLUS and DOLLUS, and the Madison Veterans Council Organizations, a project that somehow ignored National Veterans and Historic Site legal histories;

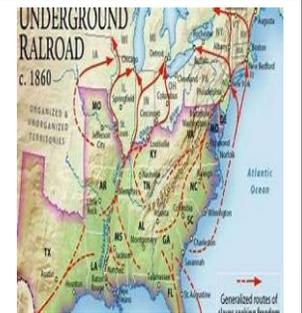
**Whereas,**  
Camp #12 Camp Commander Ben Hobbins attended a Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs "Tool" listening session Zoom mtg June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

**Whereas,**  
Camp Commander Hobbins proposed the formation of a "Blue-Ribbon Committee" June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, "for the Preservation of Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park" made up of Camp Brothers John Decker, Alan Hermit, Tom Tremble, Scott Schable, Fred Campbell and himself Chair; and DAVCW Tent 23 Sisters Pat Blackmer, Ashley-Anne Hobbins, and informing SMOCK W MHI Dept, Natl SMOCK HQ, the University of Wisconsin, WVA and WDAVA;

**Whereas and therefore,**  
The Blue-Ribbon Committee was consecrated, and while symbolic in nature, it endeavors to work with the WVA, LW and State to preserve and protect Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park grounds, honor the memories, valor and sacrifice of all Wisconsin and American Veterans.

Proclaimed on this day, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Madison, Wisconsin

*J. Benjamin Hobbins*  
J. Ben Hobbins, Camp Commander, #12  
Camp #12 Col Henry Hamden, ORND, SUVCW #13-26Y  
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**Photos (L-R):** Underground Railroad, Milton House Museum Harriet Tubman, African American conductor, nurse, cook, spy Eastern United States map of Underground Railroad routes

(Above, Bottom Left) The Proclamation from June 26th 2024, the call for and formation of Camp #2 SUVCW's and Tent 23 DUVCW's joint efforts for the formation of the "Blue Ribbon Committee for the Preservation of Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park". Ashley-Anne Hobbins and Pat Blackmer were mentioned on the Proclamation as representatives from Tent 23.