

MARY CHESEBRO LEE

DETACHED TENT #23

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WELCOME KATHRYN!

Kathryn Lockhard was born in Cocoa Beach, Florida and currently lives in Bridgeport, Massachusetts with her family. A former financial controller, she has written numerous articles, a manual and is the author of a book entitled “Forever Laced”, which is a journey through two centuries. She is a genealogist and a lecturer on the Civil War. Her 2nd Great Grandfather is Phillip Roesch who enlisted in Co. H of the 25th Wisconsin Vol. Infantry.

WOMEN VETERANS THEN AND NOW

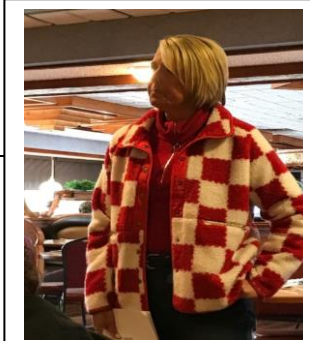
The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has a dynamic young Women’s Veterans Coordinator who will be our guest speaker this month. Jodi Barnett is a retired Navy Veteran who had received top secret clearance and served for 20 years. She was on active duty during 9/11.

Her interesting presentation will reflect on Wisconsin women veterans who were active in WWI, WWII, other conflicts and present day.

It is interesting to note that there are an estimated 383,000 veterans in the state of Wisconsin. Of that number only 10 percent are estimated to be women. The state of Alaska is home to the highest number of women veterans.

Information released by the Department of Veteran Affairs revealed that the suicide rate of women who have served in the military is twice as high as women who have not. Homelessness experienced among women veterans again is twice as likely to occur.

The purpose of Barnett’s presentation is to impart information. She is firmly committed to “promoting and supporting recognition of women veterans in our state”.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

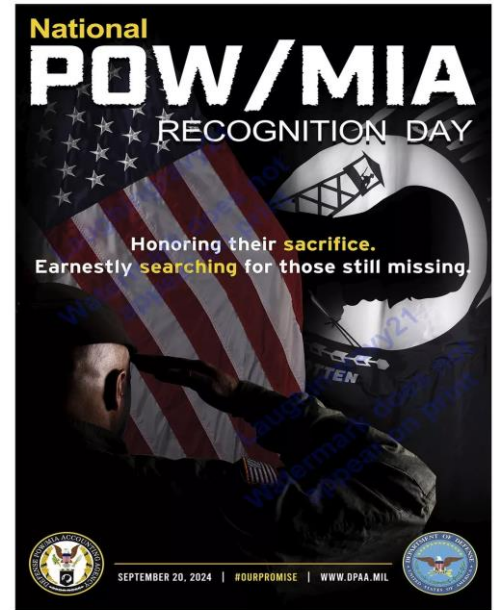
The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:30pm

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This month we celebrate POW/MIA day on Friday, September 20th. Since last year, three additional missing Vietnam War personnel have been accounted for: U.S. Marine Corps Captain Ronald Wayne Forrester, U.S. Air Force pilot, Major John Creighton Gillespie Kerr, and U.S. Air Force Sergeant David Stanley Price. We applaud DPAA in their persistent mission to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing. It is worth noting that since 1973, more than one thousand have been identified! With each discovery, as a Nation we are encouraged, and yet we remain mindful of the families still awaiting news of their loved one. Visit DPAA for more on their efforts.

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On September 29, we commemorate Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day. Recognized the last Sunday each September, it was originally designated "Gold Star Mother's Day" nearly nine decades ago. In 2011, it was amended to include families, and every year we take time to pause, and remember their sacrifice.

DUVCW SUPPORTS ALL OF OUR ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY: SEPTEMBER 18th

World War II had been over for two years and the Korean War lay three years ahead when the Air Force ended a 40-year association with the U.S. Army to become a separate service. The U.S. Air Force thus entered a new era in which airpower became firmly established as a major element of the nation's defense and one of its chief hopes for deterring war. The Department of the Air Force was created when President Harry S Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947.



Sister Barbara Hale is awaiting the return of her and our Navy nephew, James Stone to San Diego. James' deployment aboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt was extended by the Navy.

Sister Sandy Stratmeyer, our Chaplain is the proud Aunt of Dr. Matthew Stratmeyer whose career we have followed for a number of years. Dr. Matt is currently serving on the Space Force in Colorado Springs in the role of Medical Director.



AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST

“Between 1861 and 1865, 10,000 battles and engagements were fought across the continent, from Vermont to the New Mexico Territory, and beyond. The four-year struggle between north and south made heroes of citizen soldiers, forever changed the role of women in society, and freed more than 3 million slaves. In the end, 620,000 or more Americans were left dead in its wake.” This is a quote from the American Battlefield Trust regarding the Civil War.

As Daughters of Union Veterans, one of our “objects” is to assure that we assist with the historic preservation of sites where our ancestors fought.

Currently, the Trust has 145 sites in 25 states that are protected from development. Most recently, the Trust has acquired 15 acres at Gettysburg’s Willoughby Run (below) for three million dollars. The site was to be developed into 120 apartments housed in eight buildings of varying height. Willoughby’s Run saw some of the earliest battles at Gettysburg.

A small donation on our part would assist the Trust in raising the needed funding. A generous benefactor has already donated half of the total needed.



Photos to the left: Vicksburg National Military Park, MS, Shiloh Battlefield, TN, Fredericksburg, VA, Gettysburg, PA

Join us in Herndon, Virginia for the 2025 National Convention
July 30 – August 3 at the
Hilton Washington-Dulles Airport Hotel