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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This will be a busy summer! Here is a list of some of the events:

JUNE 24-28: Delavan WallDogs mural painting in Delavan (see p.3)

JUNE 27-28: GAR encampment at the Walworth County Historical Society in Elkhorn. (see photo below)

Tent #23 will be providing food for dinner & breakfast.

JULY 5: Deadline to register for National DUVCW Convention near St. Louis.

JULY 18-19: GAR encampment at Camp Randall Park in Madison. AUGUST 5-9: National DUVCW Convention in St. Charles, MO (near St. Louis).





AUTHORS TO SPEAK IN JUNE

Hilda and Emily Demuth are two sisters who grew up in Yorkville Township in Racine County, Wisconsin. They have written three historical novels about the Civil War era for middle grade readers, *Plank Road Summer, Plank Road Winter*, and *Hattie's War*. The sisters grew up on an 1850s farmhouse on what had once been a plank road, and which is the setting for the *Plank Road* books.

Tent #23 will be honored to have Hilda and Emily as speakers at our June meeting. Please feel free to invite friends and family to the Community Centre at 6:30 on June 24 to learn more about the authors and their books. For more



information please visit https://plankroad.wordpress.com/about/





FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at the Delavan Community Centre at 6:30pm on Tuesday, June 24, 2015
Refreshments will be provided by Zoe, Pam W., and Judy M.

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TENT #23 ACTIVE IN MAY EVENTS

A number of our Sisters were involved in several events that took place in May. They helped set up flags at gravesites in Delavan and Darien, participated in two parades, Memorial Day celebrations, and the rededication of the Alonzo Cushing Memorial event in Delafield.











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One of the murals that the Delavan Walldogs will be painting will be on the wall of the car wash near the Civil War muster tree in Delavan. There will be live music, art displays, kids activities, self-guided walking tours, and a silent auction of painted Adirondack chairs among other activites that weekend.





Pat presented a slide show of pictures from the Lincoln Funeral Train event held in Springfield in early May. Several Sisters from Tent #23 attended and contributed their impressions and experiences as well. For more pictures and information about the event, please see the May 2015 newsletter.



A huge "Thank You!" to Sister Laurie Shawhan, who donated this beautiful DUVCW flag to Tent #23. Laurie helped found the Manitowoc Tent and is now a member of our Tent.

The Sangamon County delegation to the 1836-37 Illinois state legislature was known as the "Long Nine" because all seven of the state representatives and two senators were well over six feet tall, Abraham Lincoln included. The average adult male at that time was approximately five feet six inches tall. (from 101 Things You Didn't Know about Abraham Lincoln, by Brian Thomas.)

Did you know? Abraham Lincoln is the only U.S. President to be awarded a patent. He had a lifelong interest in mechanical devices and also in riverboats, locomotives, and transportation in general. He registered an invention with the U.S. Patent Office in 1849 that used what he called "adjustable buoyant chambers" to lift vessels over sand bars and other obstructions. The Patent Office awarded him the patent; however, the device was never actually used. (from 101 Things You Didn't Know about Lincoln, by Brian Thomas.)