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DETACHED TENT #23

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**ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**WE WILL HAVE A  
PHOTO MADE AT  
THE MUSTER TREE  
WITH THE  
MEMBERS OF TENT  
23 AT OUR JUNE  
MEETING,  
PLEASE ATTEND.**



**DELAVAN CIVIL WAR MUSTER TREE UPDATE**

The editor was at a recent meeting at the Delavan Historical Society where both Mayor Ryan Schroeder and Delavan Dept. of Works Director, Mark Wendorf were present. Schroeder shared that the Muster Tree is no longer viable and the City of Delavan has decided that they will not move forward with the plan to save it with chemical treatment. At this point in time, there has been no decision about the immediate future of the tree.

The Delavan tree is the only remaining "Muster Tree" in the State of Wisconsin.

A second muster tree was located in Richland County. The Richland County tree stood alone along Highway 56 in the Town of Marshall, a short distance north of the Fancy Creek Church and Cemetery. According to old-timers, local young men became members of Company H of the 46th Wisconsin Infantry in the cool shade under the tree's branches. The stringing of telephone wires along Highway 56 threatened the very existence of the tree, but those who loved the tree saved the old landmark from destruction. Unfortunately, a strong wind blew the tree over in the late 1970's.



**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY**

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm



### CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY 2023

The origin of Memorial (Decoration) Day began with the end of the Civil War, to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice, losing their lives to insure the freedoms we have today. It is celebrated throughout the USA by all, but especially important to the ALLIED ORDERS. In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. Our New York DUVCW Sisters maintain the site of this lovely park!



Photos: Upper left: Waterloo, NY, Top Center: Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee, Right Top: Spring Grove Cemetery, Delavan, Left Center: Members of SUVCW Camp 1, Mass, Center: Linda Tanner-Frietag in Delavan Parade, Left Bottom: Gun Salute at Calvary Cemetery, Bottom Center: Tent 23 Lays Wreath at Spring Grove Civil War Monument, Bottom Right: Charlene Staples, Pat Blackmer, Linda Tanner-Frietag at Spring Grove



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## DETACHED TENT #23

### Thank you Brother Ben!

It seems ages ago, but Tent 23 can be proud that they participated in the first Veterans Liberty Tree Celebration in 2021 held in Oregon, WI to recognize Nathaniel Ames, a Revolutionary War Patriot. On hand for the celebration were numerous community organizations and members of the Allied Orders. Present for the ceremony from Tent 23 were Barbara Pahlow, Natalie Scott, Linda Tanner-Frietag, Ashley-Anne Hobbins and Pat Blackmer. History was made!

### National Freedom & Liberty Tree Project

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## PROUD AMERICA

### VETERANS LIBERTY TREE® CELEBRATION

JULY 4TH, 2021

### USA'S 1ST VETERANS LIBERTY TREE

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### DEDICATED

### AMERICAN PATRIOTS PROGRAM

FOURTH OF JULY 2021: HISTORY WAS MADE IN THE QUIANT SMALL VILLAGE OF OREGON. ON THIS BALMY DAY. AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM THE VILLAGE OF OREGON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN AND USA VERY PATRIOTICALLY CELEBRATED AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY IN A FABULOUS "PROUD AMERICA, VETERANS LIBERTY TREE" CELEBRATION. THE EVENT WAS DESIGNED AND ORGANIZED BY TWO MADISONIANS, NFALTP'S BEN AND ASHLEY-ANNE HOBBS, WORKING WITH SUVCW WI DEPT CMDR. JOHN DECKER, CAMP 2 COL HENRY HARNDEN CC TOM BRODD, SVC PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR BEN HOBBS, PCC AL HEMBEL, SCOTT SCHABLE, DUVCW MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT 23'S PAT BLACKMER AND ASHLEY-ANNE HOBBS, AND A WIDE RANGE OF WONDERFUL LOCAL, STATE AMERICAN PATRIOTIC BLOODLINE ORGS. SAR BY NATHANIEL AMES CHAPTER PRES BEN HOBBS, PP AARON KREBS, BY MADISON ELKS LODGE 410 SCOTT THORNTON, JOHN BELL CHAPTER BY BETH HOLDEN & NANCY TIBBITS, MARY PARKER AND LORI OTTESON FOR GOVERNOR NELSON DEWEY CHAPTER DAR, DAUGHTERS OF 1812 CHAPTER BY LINDA FREITAG. PRESIDENT RANDY GLYSCH AND CEMETERY SEXTON JEFF RAU REPRESENTED OREGON. MEMBERS OF THE NATHANIEL AMES FAMILIES WERE PRESENT, PLUS AN ARRAY OF LOCAL, STATE AND NATL VETERANS ORGS, WITH THE OREGON LEGION VFW GREG GRAF, VFW POST 7591 VETS FIRING SQUAD JOE LUSTGRAAF, MVC CHAPLAIN UEBERSETZIG, PUBLIC SAFETY, GLACIERS EDGE BSA. A SPECIAL BILL RAFTERY TRIBUTE WAS GIVEN. THE USA'S FIRST VETERANS LIBERTY TREE® IS A MAJESTIC, 20-FOOT TRIUMPH ELM TREE DONATED BY DANE CTY AND OREGON'S VERY OWN MCKAY NURSERY. OREGON PICKED UP, PLANTED AND NURTURED THE VETERANS LIBERTY TREE.

### THE PROUD AMERICA, VETERANS LIBERTY TREE® PROGRAM

NATHANIEL AMES CHAPTER SAR COLOR GUARD PRESENTED THE COLORS. NEXT, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY JOHN BELL DAR'S BETH HOLDEN. THE PLEDGE. PRAYER INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN UEBERSETZIG. THEN, REMARKS BY OREGON VILLAGE PRESIDENT RANDY GLYSCH, BEN HOBBS. NEXT DISCUSSION ON WI AND NATIONAL HISTORY ON USA'S FOUNDING, TO PATRIOT NATHANIEL AMES, AMES FAMILIES, AND THE EVENT PURPOSE, ALL AMERICAN VETERANS WERE HONORED. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (J DECKER, AA HOBBS), T. JEFFERSON PAPERS (JOHN DECKER, BEN HOBBS), AMERICAN'S CREED (SCOTT SCHABLE, SUVCW) OUR GETTYSBURG ADDRESS (AL HEMBLE), EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION (AARON KREBS, SAR)

### DEDICATING THE NATION'S FIRST VETERANS LIBERTY TREE®

EXEC DIR HOBBS SPOKE ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DEDICATING AMERICA'S VERY FIRST VETERANS LIBERTY TREE & HONORING ALL AMERICAN VETERANS. THE LUSTGRAAF FIRING SQUAD TOOK ITS POSITION ALONGSIDE THE VETERANS LIBERTY TREE. A DOZEN COMMEMORATIVE WREATHS WERE SOLEMNLY LAIN BEFORE THE VETERANS LIBERTY TREE BY SUVCW, DUVCW, SAR, DAR, CAR, 1812, AND NFALTP. VFW POST 7591 FIRING SQUAD READIED, THEIR RIFLES BROKE ALL SILENCE, TAPS WERE PLAYED, SPECTATOR PATRIOT TEARS WERE SHED, A CLOSING UEBERSETZIG PRAYER DELIVERED, THE COLORS RETIRED. PATRIOTS CELEBRATED.

NATIONAL FREEDOM AND LIBERTY TREE PROJECT  
- J. BEN HOBBS, EXEC DIR / ASHLEY-ANNE C. HOBBS, SECRETARY -

On August 3, 1949, a joint resolution by Congress designated June 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as "Flag Day". This resolution commemorates the adoption of our first official flag in 1777. Wisconsin was admitted to the Union in 1848 and as a result, a 30<sup>th</sup> star was added to the flag (1848-1851). No US flag has ever been retired