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Cadet Executive Officer,  
Ethan Christensen accepts  
ROTC award from Past  
President, Pat Blackmer



ROTC cadets at  
UW-Whitewater



## TENT #23 AWARDS CHRISTENSEN WITH ROTC MEDAL

Cadet Executive Officer, Ethan Christensen of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater was presented with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War gold ROTC medal. Christensen hails from Waterford, WI and is presently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Geographic Information Systems and Ground Sensing Technology. He also focused studies on his military education through his minor in Leadership and Military Science. While attending the university he became involved in the Army ROTC program, leading to his enlistment in the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Selection of Christensen as the DUVCW recipient was made on a recommendation of the Military Science staff at the university under the leadership of Major Bart Droessler. He indicated that Christensen was an outstanding candidate and exemplified the qualities of leadership, patriotism, public service and intelligence. Christensen has been on the Dean' List every semester at UW-W and maintains a grade point average of 3.9.

Pat Blackmer, Past President of the Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent #23 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War made the presentation at the Whitewater Armory where the cadets were enjoying an end of the year picnic. During the presentation, Blackmer indicated that this was the first time that Tent #23 has presented an ROTC medal. She also indicated that this is the first time in Wisconsin's DUVCW history that this award has been made at the collegiate level.

The origin of the ROTC (Reserved Officer Training Candidate) program came about with the concept of the Morrill Act of 1862. The Morrill Act required land grant colleges to offer military training and tactics as a part of the college curriculum.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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



### MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

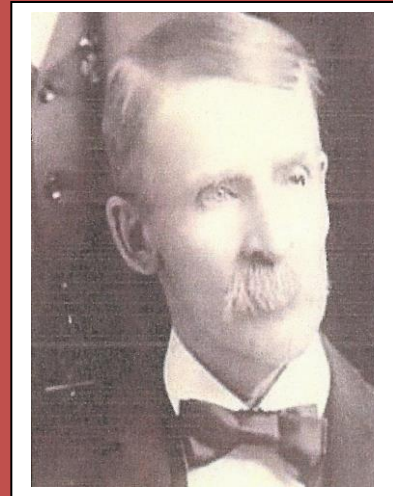
“Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.” US Department of Veterans Affairs

### EMERSON WILBUR – LONGEST SURVIVING CIVIL WAR SOLDIER IN WALWORTH COUNTY

Tent #23 will honor Emerson Wilbur on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am by placing a GAR marker on his grave site at the Milton Cemetery in Milton, WI. Wilbur was the longest surviving Civil War Veteran in Walworth County and a resident of Whitewater when he died. He was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of the Charles E. Curtice Post #34 in Whitewater. Wilbur served with the 13<sup>th</sup> WI Volunteer Infantry, Co. A from his enlistment on September 9, 1861 in Janesville, WI until he was mustered out of service on November 11, 1865. We are proud to honor this Civil War Veteran.



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MAY MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY SHIRLEY PETERSON

Joe and Pat Fallon will be the speakers at the May meeting. They will discuss the arms and equipment used by Civil War soldiers. Pat has been a re-enactor since 1987 and has been active in the SUVCW since 2007. He has held the position of Camp Commander twice. He is also a member of the SVR. Joe has been a re-enactor since 1987, starting at age 3. He is now active in the SUVCW and the SVR.



### HONOR FLIGHT ACCEPTING VIETNAM VETERANS

The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Program has recently announced that effective May 1, 2017 they will be accepting Vietnam War Veteran's applications for those who served our country from 02/28/1961 to 05/07/1975. The program also flies Veterans from WWII, the Korean War or any terminally ill veteran from any conflict to Washington, D.C.



### US BANK CELEBRATES MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH DURING MAY

Stop by the local US Bank in Delavan (or a US Bank location in your area) and take the time to extend your gratitude and appreciation honoring the contributions and sacrifices of our military, veterans and their families by writing a thank you note. Thank you cards and pens are available for your use at each of the locations.



### LINDA TANNER-FRIETAG RECEIVES VETERAN'S MEDAL

Tent #23 honored Tanner-Frietag with the DUVCW Women's Veteran Medal at their April Meeting. Linda served in the US Air Force as a member of the Law Enforcement contingent at Kessler Air Base in Biloxi, MS. She enlisted in the Air Force from 1974-1977. From 1979-1985 she joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard, 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Truax Field in Madison, WI. She has the distinction of being the first woman Firefighter on the Truax Field Base. Presenting the medal was Tent President, Susan Fallon who also received the DUVCW Women's Veteran Medal from the tent for her service in the US Air Force. Fallon and Tanner-Frietag are the only tent members who are veterans. We thank them for their service to our country and are extremely proud to have them as our sisters! (Photo to left, Susan Fallon (L), Linda Tanner-Frietag (R))

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