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DETACHED TENT #23

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TENT 23 MAKES
DONATION TO DELAVAN
CIVIL WAR MONUMENT
RESTORATION FUND



Ken Wargo, Chairman of the Delavan Civil War Monument Restoration Task Force, accepts a check for \$1000 from Treasurer Sandy Stratmeyer. The funds were raised primarily at our rummage sale and cemetery walk in July. Ken reported that as of the week before our meeting, the restoration fund was at \$18,000. With our Tent's donation, along with several other recent donations, they are nearly at their goal of \$20,000 and will be able to begin the restoration of the monument soon.



REENACTOR AT GETTYSBURG 150TH

Sister Susan Fallon and her husband Patrick attended the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg as reenactors in Cushing's Battery, an artillery unit that does its training in Boscobel, WI. They camped in canvas tents in a freshly mowed field in 95 degree weather. It was ¼ mile to the nearest porta-potty and ½ mile to the shuttle that would take you to the sutler's tents to purchase anything you were unable to make yourself. She also portrays Ellen Wilson, a vivandiere (Federal field nurse), and showed us the museum-quality uniforms she had made herself from material woven on a 160-year-old loom. The skirt had blue and black stripes along the bottom which indicated she was with the infantry; black also designated medical or minister. Medical supplies a nurse would carry included two canteens, one for water and one for spirits, and bandages.



LAKE GENEVA YACHT CLUB GAR TROPHY

Bob Pagel, Chairman of the Trophy Committee for the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, brought the Whitewing Trophy to our August meeting. He explained that the travelling trophy, a silver coffee server, was first presented to the winner of a sailing competition on Lake Geneva in 1883 by the Lake Geneva GAR Post 27. After an indefinite time at the bottom of the lake, it was recovered in 1974 by divers and restored by the LGYC. It is the 2nd oldest trophy of over 175 trophies the LGYC awards each year. Only the Sheridan trophy is older, named after the Civil War general who would vacation in Lake Geneva.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Detached Tent #23 will be held at 6:30pm on September 24, 2013 at the Delavan Community Centre. Refreshments will be provided by Terri DeVoy & Shirley Peterson

2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The DUVCW National Convention was held in Lincoln, Nebraska from July 31 – August 4. Pat Blackmer and Pam Johnson were again honored to serve as color bearers (top right). Pat has been elected to serve on the Council next year and was sworn in with the other new officers (second from top). In addition to the business meetings, there was a Grand Opening the first evening, workshops and presentations including one on Women in the Civil War, a Memory Banquet, a Granddaughters Breakfast, and an All States Banquet (third from top). During the All States Banquet, Jo Seiler presented “Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad”. Various states competed for a travelling trophy for best skit. Michigan won with a hilarious skit featuring residents of a retirement home. PNP Ozzie Thompson, who attended our Induction/Installation Ceremony, conducted a fundraising auction. One afternoon featured a lunch at and a tour of the Governor’s Mansion (bottom right) and Nebraska State Capitol, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the GAR Circle in Wyuka Cemetery (bottom left), where 110 Union veterans are buried. Next year the National Convention will be held July 30 – August 3 in Gettysburg, PN.



Omaha had been the capital of the Nebraska Territory since its creation in 1854. Many of the people south of the Platte River had been sympathetic to the Confederate cause in the Civil War. When it was suggested that the capital be moved to Lancaster, Omaha attempted to derail the move by trying to have the city renamed after President Lincoln, and assumed that the legislature would not pass the measure if the future capital were named after the former President. To Omaha’s disappointment, the measure passed; Lancaster was renamed Lincoln and became the state capital when Nebraska was admitted to the Union in 1867. The capitol building is the 2nd tallest U.S. State Capitol. The Gettysburg Address is carved into the granite backdrop of the *Standing Lincoln* statue which was designed in 1912 by sculptor Daniel Chester French. French collaborated with architect Henry Bacon to provide the statue's setting, and ten years later the duo also designed the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., which uses the same head as the one on *Standing Lincoln*. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln,_Nebraska)

SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield was the site of the Sons National Encampment. A number of Daughters from the Delavan and Milwaukee Tents were in attendance at the Banquet on Sat., August 10.



DUVCW National Senior VP Ellen Higgins was presented the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award for dedicated service by SUVCW Commander in Chief Perley Mellor (*on left*).



Tent #23 Sister Susan Fallon's husband Patrick participated in the magic show held after the dinner.

SISTERS HONORED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sisters Gwen Dwyer and Ginny Williams were remembered at the Memory Banquet during which candles were lit in memory of our departed DUVCW Sisters, Real Daughters, the Boys in Blue, and members of the military.

TENT #23 WINS NATIONAL AWARD

It came as a pleasant surprise when Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 was announced as the winner of the Julia Dent Grant Award for the Detached Tent with the most new members last year. We had 28 new members, not including transfers. As of the writing of this newsletter, our membership has risen to 39, a remarkable accomplishment considering how young our Tent is!



TENT #23 "SON" ONE OF 3 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



The winners of the three GAR Living Memorial Scholarships awarded this year were announced at the National Convention. Ben Johnson, son of Sister Pam Johnson, was one of them, along with two girls from Georgia and Pennsylvania. If you know of a college student (and lineal descendant of a Union veteran) who might be interested in applying next year, the request form may be found at: www.duvcw.org/images/pdf/GAR%20req.pdf

We will be collecting items at the September meeting for a care package for Barbara Hale's nephew, James Stone, who is serving with the Navy in the Persian Gulf. Items requested include freezer pops, flavored drink packets for bottled water, hand sanitizer, antacid, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, energy or protein bars, snacks, cookies, and PopTarts. **PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE OR ANYTHING THAT WILL MELT!**

Several Sisters in Manitowoc Detached Tent #21 have been involved in reenacting for many years, and have recently been promoting the DUVCW at these events. They are making a quilt to donate to a local Military Unit or Veterans' facility and are inviting the public & fellow Sisters to join them (quilters & non-quilters alike). They are at the following events this fall: **September 28-29:** Wade House, Greenbush for the Civil War Weekend (3 of the Sisters are part of the "Civil War Singers" and they will have a tent there)

