

MARY CHESEBRO LEE

DETACHED TENT #23

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Tent 23 awarded a JROTC medal to Cadet Cedar Murray at Valley High School in West Des Moines, IA. Murray was the Cadet Corps Recruiting NCO and responsible for driving the JROTC program enrollment from 28 cadets to 54. Tent 23 stepped in to make this award when the DUVCW Department of Iowa was unable to do so. We are proud to honor our outstanding young people.

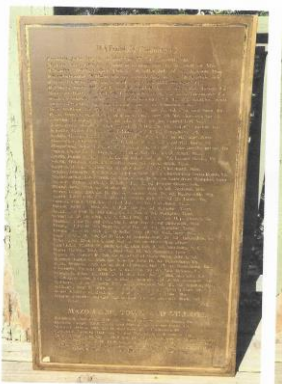
GAR MEMORIAL TABLET PROJECT

The tablets were created as the result of a successful fundraising drive conducted by the Soldiers Memorial Hall Association of Dane County, Wisconsin, an independent organization established in 1902. The tablets were housed in the Association's Memorial Hall on what is now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison from 1912 to 1972, when the Hall was demolished.

The Dane County Historical Society has engaged Craig Deller, a highly regarded expert in restoration and conservation work, who has been a faculty member of the Art Institute of Chicago and staff member of the Wisconsin Historical Society, to conduct restoration work on all of the tablets. His work is ongoing and restoration of the tablets is progressing as schedule and funds permit. Each plaque will cost \$450.00 to restore. By John Decker, President of DCHS

Tent 23 is considering the adoption of a plaque to aid with the restoration effort. It is a wonderful way to honor our ancestors!

PRE-TREATMENT



HAZOMANIE, TOWN AND VILLAGE
(Continued)



POST-TREATMENT



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30pm

MEMBERS OF TENT 23 CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY 2024



Barb Pahlow, Natalie Scott and Nova Brown attended SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremonies at Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison.



Charlene Staples and Pat Blackmer rode in the Delavan parade and laid a wreath for Tent 23 at Spring Grove Cemetery.



Ashley-Anne Hobbins and her father, Ben Hobbins, SUVCW Camp 2 attended the Palm Springs Air Museum Memorial Day and Flower Drop in California. A B-25 Mitchell bomber dropped 3000 carnations on a crowd of 5,000. The plane was the one flown in the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo.



Mary Winchowky attended the parade in Mukwonago and sent a photo of a fund raiser where 217 flags were placed to honor the fallen. She donated a flag in our Father's name who fought in WWII for the Navy.



Sisters, Our June meeting should be an exciting event. We are fortunate to have Chris Ghilani, a musician who plays Civil War music including "Lorena" and the "Sweet Bye and Bye".



Natalie Scott, Tent 23 duv, submitted the adjoining essay to be included in a booklet to be sold at the Granddaughters breakfast at the National Convention to assist in raising scholarship money for the duvs.



Photo above: Chris Brookes presented an interesting and educational program entitled "Wedded Bliss" at our May meeting. She related wedding customs through history.

ANCESTORS OF TENT 23 MEMBERS REMEMBERED

In 1864, the prison site in Andersonville was official. This prison would start to gain 400 imprisoned Union soldiers daily. One of these soldiers was Erastus Gould who is a Great-Uncle to Judy Manning and Pam Wanasek of Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23, Delavan, Wisconsin. Erastus had a brother named John who was in the Union army with Erastus but was not imprisoned. John would later move to Wisconsin and stayed there. Erastus Gould was born around 1838 to 1839 in Gibsonville, New York. On October 9, 1861 when he was 22, he enlisted in the Union army, Company C, 104th New York Volunteer Infantry. Then, in the battle of Gettysburg, on July 1, 1863 he was taken prisoner. He was placed in the Andersonville prison, where a year later, he died of diarrhea on July 6, 1864. The Andersonville Prison treated Union soldiers horribly. About 13,000 prisoner deaths are recorded there. Many were shot by the Confederate prison guards, but many died as well from disease and starvation. The condition of the prison was unsuitable. A maggot-infested, trash-filled swamp was their source of water. There is a chance Erastus had contracted disease in the prison. His brother John, on the other hand, had a different experience. Born on April 7, 1843, he joined Erastus and enlisted in Company C, 104th NY Infantry on October 9, 1861. On December 1, 1864, John was promoted to Sergeant, and mustered out on July 17, 1865 with the rank of 1st Sergeant. He moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, met and married Augusta Ayers in 1874, and raised 8 children. In 1894, the family moved to Walworth County, where he prospered as a farmer and a well-respected citizen. He was a member of the G.A.R., Charles H. Ford Post #258 in Galesville, Wisconsin. He passed away in the Milwaukee Soldiers Home on December 29, 1917. He is buried in Delavan. The conditions endured by prisoners at Andersonville should never be forgotten. Erastus was only one of about 45,000 prisoners who spent time there. Thanks to Erastus, John, and other soldiers, we are a united country today. John and his family had a fresh start in Wisconsin and made sure the story of his brother Erastus survives to be retold.

Written by Natalie Scott, Tent 23 duv



JUNE 14TH IS FLAG DAY!

