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MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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IN MEMORY OF SISTER GINNY WILLIAMS



Our Tent was saddened to learn of the passing of one of our charter sisters, Virginia (Ginny) Williams, on March 1. A lifelong resident of Lake Geneva, Ginny was 97 years young and enjoyed golf, knitting, crocheting, bird watching, playing bridge, and travelling. Her interest in the DUVCW was shared with several generations of her family including our fellow Tent sisters Zoe Woelky, her daughter; Tonya Crowell, her granddaughter; and greatgranddaughters Amber Lazzeroni and Kaitland & Kelsea Woelky.



CIVIL WAR POETS

Patriotic Instructor Barbara Shreves presented an informative program about Civil War poets at our March Tent meeting. In 1861, when her great-grandfather enlisted in the Civil War, the U.S. population was 23.1 million. There were over 620,000 deaths during the war, and everyone would have known someone involved in the war. Barbara quoted Poetry of the Civil War as stating that there was "scarcely a household in the land that did not have a loss to mourn".



While musicians and painters did not depict the war in their works, poets did not shy away from the subject. John Greenleaf Whittier, an abolitionist, was inspired to write when he heard bells announcing the Emancipation Proclamation. The poem "Lorena", was put to music by Elkhorn's very own Joseph Webster and played by both sides in the war. It was so popular that it was used in the 1956 movie "The Searchers". Lorena was the middle name of Scarlett O'Hara's sister, and the song was featured in Ken Burns' Civil War.

Emily Dickinson's poetry, published after the war, discusses the cost of the war in human life. Walt Whitman, whose free verse changed poetry forever, did not serve in the Civil War but went to hospitals to help the injured. He wrote the famous poem "Drum-Taps". Barbara concluded her presentation with a reading of what is perhaps the best-known Civil War poem: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe, the wife of a minister who was very involved in the Civil War.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Detached Tent #23 will be held at 6:30pm on April 23, 2013 at the Delavan Community Centre.

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CIVIL WAR WORD SEARCH (words are answers from March's Civil War Trivia)

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GAR AND DUV SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Barbara Shreves informed our Tent of two different scholarships that are available for students from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To qualify for the GAR scholarship, the applicant must be a sophomore, junior, or senior attending a college or university, and must prove lineal descent from a Union soldier of the Civil War. To qualify for the DUV scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior who has been a member of the DUVCW for at least two years. The awards are announced at the National Convention, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska from July 30 – August 4, 2013. Last year there were two GAR scholarships awarded at \$500 each, and one \$1000 DUV scholarship awarded. The deadline for the applications is April 30, 2013. Barbara has forms available for both scholarships.

If anyone would like assistance accessing our Tent website or with any other computer help, please contact Martha Hay at (262)279-6541 or email her at m.k.hay.mh@gmail.com

ANSWERS TO MARCH CIVIL WAR TRIVIA (IN ORDER LISTED):

Mary Todd, Five, Lincoln Nebraska, Gettysburg, Death Day, Bragg, April, February, Manassas, Taps, Goober, Jefferson Davis, Confederate, Union, Andersonville, Ironclad, Monitor, Kentucky, Black Hawk War, Whig, Four, Stephen Douglas, Seward, Booth, Fords Theater, Springfield Illinois, Robert, Tad, Hamlin, Johnson, Bull Run, Shiloh, Grant, McClellan, Sherman, Lee, Hood

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HOT CHICKEN SALAD

(GINNY WILLIAM'S SIGNATURE RECIPE)

CHICKEN MIXTURE:

2 c. chicken cut into chunks (4 pieces or 2 breasts)

1 c. cream of chicken soup, undiluted

3/4 c. Hellman's mayonnaise

1 c. diced celery

1 c. cooked rice

1 tsp. grated onion

1 tsp. lemon juice

½ tsp. salt

½ c. slivered almonds

3 hard cooked eggs, sliced

1 small can water chestnuts, sliced

TOPPING:

1 c. crushed corn flakes
Chunks of butter
Preheat oven to 375
degrees. Combine all
ingredients except the corn
flakes and butter chunks and
place in a buttered casserole
dish. Put corn flakes and butter
on top of mixture and bake at
375 degrees for 25 minutes.

SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IN BROOKFIELD ON AUGUST 8-11

For the first time since 1943, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold its National Encampment in Wisconsin. The Women's Relief Corps, the Women's Auxiliary to the GAR, and the Women's Auxiliary to the SUV will be present at the Encampment. It will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel on 375 S. Moorland Road. The registration fee is \$10 before July 31 and \$20 after that date. The fee includes the Friday Campfire program, Memorial service, and the Saturday hospitality room. The meetings are closed, but additional activities planned include:

Thurs. Aug. 8: 9-11:30am – Commander-in-Chief's Civil War Sites tour will feature a tour of the historic Milwaukee Soldier's Home and adjacent Wood National Cemetery.

1-3:30 pm - Brewery tour

6-8:30 pm – National Soldiers Home tour

Sat., Aug. 10: 6:30 pm. Allied Orders Banquet including formal evening meal and entertainment with a choice of two entrées. Pat will be attending the banquet. If you would like to attend as well, please let her know.



Civil War soldiers did not wear dog tags, so when men fell in battle there was often nothing to identify them with. Records of these men are therefore very slim. Often people would go to a place where they thought loved ones had died and would search the battlefield for them. Later in the war soldiers started pinning name tags on themselves. (from Barbara Shreves' Civil War Poets presentation)

Lincoln's remains were placed in a temporary vault while his memorial was being built. Upon its completion in 1874, his remains were interred in a marble sarcophagus in the center of the burial room. In 1876, two Chicago criminals attempted to steal Lincoln's body & hold it for ransom, prompting the National Lincoln Monument Association to hide Lincoln's remains in another part of the memorial, first under wood & other debris and then buried in the ground. In 1901 he was sealed in a cement vault 10 feet below the surface of the burial room. The Lincoln Tomb was designated a National Historic Landmark on 12/19/60, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 10/15/66.