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DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865

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MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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As Linda Tanner-Freitag leaves the office of Co-President of Tent 23, we welcome, Pam Johnson as her replacement. Pam will be installed at our September meeting. Pam is a charter member of the Tent and has held other positions since its inception in 2012.

We thank Linda for her leadership, generosity and continued support of not only the Tent but the entire DUVCW Organization.

TENT 23 TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION WEEK

We will celebrate at our September meeting by playing an exciting round of Constitution Bingo to see just how very much we know about our form of government and the Constitution. It should be an enjoyable evening, complete with prizes, perhaps a few laughs and most definitely educational for all of us.

Constitution Week is an American observance to commemorate the 1787 adoption of the United States Constitution. It runs annually from September 17 — proclaimed as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in the United States — through September 23.

Constitution Week was officially enacted on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The tradition of issuing a Presidential Proclamation designating Constitution Week continues to this day.

The purpose of Constitution Week is to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, to inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, September 22, 2017 at 6:30pm

Wisconsin's Civil War Monument at Antietam Will Honor Our Soldiers.

In 1913, the Wisconsin Legislature authorized a monument commission to explore the construction of memorials at the Antietam and Manassas Battlefields.

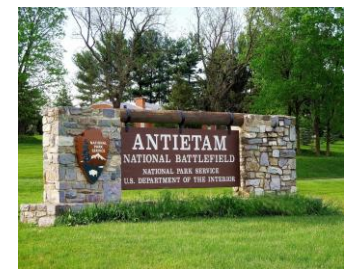
Among the brave soldiers who fought in the deadliest one-day battle in American military history were officers and enlisted men from the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Wisconsin Infantry Regiments. Four of these regiments fought in the cornfield at Antietam, while the Fifth regiment was held in reserve to support artillery efforts. Together, men from these regiments paid the ultimate price and suffered great loss, with over 500 Wisconsinites killed, wounded, or missing after the battle.

Wisconsin's Second Regiment was composed of ten companies, including Company F, which was made up primarily of volunteers from Janesville and Rock County, and Company D, whose ranks were largely filled by men from Racine County.

There are currently ninety-six monuments at Antietam, predominantly representing the Union army.

Recent legislative efforts, led by representatives like Steil and Fitzgerald, seek to authorize the construction of these memorials to honor Wisconsin's soldiers. This news comes from Beverly Vaillancourt of the Sauk County Historical Society, who is leading the charge. Vaillancourt traveled to Washington in mid-April to lobby for support.

The bill says the secretary of the Interior, where the NPS is located, "shall authorize" the monuments within both parks at "suitable" locations. The "size, design and inscriptions" of the monuments would be subject to the approval of the secretary.



The above photos are of Antietam National Battlefield from the National Park Service collection.

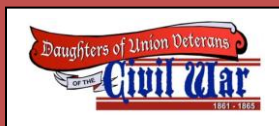
It is believed that the MUSTER TREE is at the Delavan Dept. of Public Works



We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Susan and Patrick Fallon whose son, Joe died unexpectedly on August 31st. Joe was active in the SUVCW Camp 1 in Milwaukee. He had also been a reenactor. Joe had provided Tent 23 with an education program regarding the life of a soldier in the Civil War.



CIVIL WAR REMEMBERED
Pinecrest Village in Manitowoc will host an encampment on September 26/27 where guests can meet figures from the past and experience as well as attend raging battles scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Plaza Blue-Ribbon Cutting in Madison, WI on August 25th, 2026

Our Wisconsin Allied Orders received a special invitation to participate in the Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Plaza Blue-Ribbon Cutting ceremonies at UW Athletics and adjacent Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Grounds. Sisters Pat Blackmer and Ashley-Anne Hobbins served on the "Blue-Ribbon Committee for the Protection and Preservation of Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Park", a committee founded and appointed by SUVCW Camp #2 Col Henry Harnden Camp Commander Ben Hobbins in June of 2024. The committee issued a cautionary "guardrail" proclamation of "observing oversight" to the University of Wisconsin as they redeveloped and renovated Camp Randall sacred grounds on behalf of our Veterans and the memory of our Wisconsin Boys in Blue. Camp Randall requisitioned the grounds in 1861 and mustered in over 70,000 of Wisconsin's 90,000 Boys in Blue, could accommodate up to 5,000 volunteers, possessed a Military Hospital, and served for two months as a prison camp. The memorial plaza features a relocated cannon from Camp Randall Memorial Park, 63 medal of honor winners from Wisconsin whose names were placed on planters and story boards detailing the history of Camp Randall.



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