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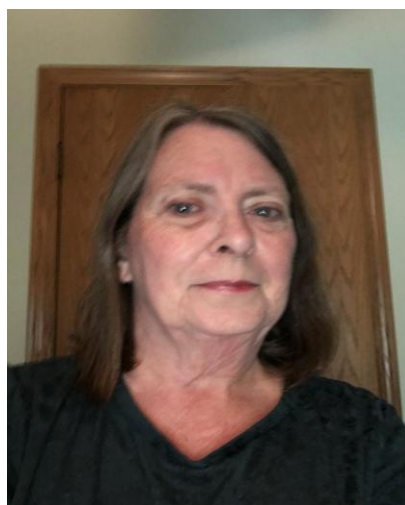
DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865

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MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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AUGUST MEETING TO FEATURE AUTHOR AND TENT 23 MEMBER, JO ANN DALY CARR

Eight Wisconsin women share the story of the Wisconsin home front during the Civil War in Jo Ann Daly Carr's *Such Anxious Hours: Wisconsin Women's Voice from the Civil War* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2020). On August 23, Jo Ann, a member of the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23, will share the stories of these women and their contributions and sacrifices during the war. Two of these women went to the battle front, with one woman making the ultimate sacrifice. The other six women made their contributions from the home front as they managed family farms, shared news of the war, and wrote encouraging letters to their husbands and friends at the front.

Jo Ann will also offer a sneak peek at her forthcoming book, tentatively titled *Members of the Company*, which will reveal the previously unknown story of the women of the Federal Garrison in Charleston in 1860-1861. Drawing extensively from letters and newspaper articles, Jo Ann's research on Union women in Charleston demonstrates their efforts to persuade Presidents and Generals to support the garrison, details the sacrifices of the wives of the enlisted men who were thrice forced to leave their homes, and unveils the experiences of a 17-year-old student at a Charleston boarding school whose brother was a member of the Fort Sumter garrison.

Copies of *Such Anxious Hours*, to be inscribed by the author, will be offered for sale.

Jo Ann Carr joined Tent 23 in March of 2026.

Hailing from Stoughton, WI, Jo Ann's 2nd Great Grandfather, George Becker, Sr. served with Co. I of the 32nd Indiana Infantry during the Civil War.

We are most pleased that she will be our guest speaker for the August meeting.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30pm

135th DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS 2026



It was a wonderful convention! Tent 23 members in attendance included Linda Tanner-Freitag, Susan Fallon, Barb Pahlow, Pat Blackmer and a member who will transfer from AZ, Maura Makowski. Carol Comp completed her administration while Jan Davis of Michigan was elected the new National President. We enjoyed the performances by General Grant, Abe Lincoln and Elvis Presley, honored the passing of 76 Sisters in 2025 and presented the National Battle Field Education Trust with a check for over \$14,000 dollars.

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The Annual Christmas in July meeting found members of Tent 23 all smiles as they displayed the “white elephant gifts” they received. The newsletter editor certainly wants to hear the story behind the interesting mask that Sister Barb Pahlow is holding!



Newsletter Editor meets Mr. Lincoln! Pat Blackmer had the honor of meeting reenactor, Kevin Wood in Whitewater in July. Wood, who impersonates Lincoln is exceptional as he shares the life of Lincoln from his early years to the time he was at Ford’s Theater.

LITTLE PRAIRIE CEMETERY CIVIL WAR HEADSTONES CLEANED

Located in the Town of Troy, the Little Prairie Cemetery will be the next site of Wreaths Across America. In 2025, Tent 23 contributed wreaths to honor the Civil War veterans buried in the Heart Prairie Cemetery and plan to do so again this year at the Little Prairie Cemetery. In preparation for the wreath laying in December, the NSDAR Samuel Phoenix Chapter of which we have Sisters who are dual members, assisted with cleaning headstones. Barb Fadrowski and family and Pat Blackmer attended this event. We have only just begun to clean the Civil War headstones and have several remaining which need attention.



SHARING HISTORY AND PATRIOTISM AT THE 34TH ANNUAL MENOMONEE FALLS CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

Our Brothers and Sisters from the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #2 and the SUVCW Auxiliary #4 participated in the annual Civil War weekend hosted by Menomonee Falls. The weekend provides an educational experience for those in attendance to learn about our Allied Orders and the importance of the Civil War.



Little Prairie Cemetery: Barb Fadrowski, Granddaughter Charlotte and husband Billy. Menomonee Falls Civil War Weekend: Daniell Michaels, Tom Mueller, Steve Michaels, Kevin Wood, Patrick Fallon

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