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WISCONSIN STATE COMMANDER OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS TO SHARE 'THE LAST SOLDIER PROJECT'

Commander Brian McManus (photo at left) will be the featured speaker at the August meeting of Tent 23. McManus who is a member of the Colonel Hans Heg Camp #15 has been instrumental in forwarding the project in Wisconsin. Camp 15 has designed a plaque which commemorates the last Union Civil War soldier each of the counties in Wisconsin. The plaque is modeled after the GAR star. (photo to left)

The "Last Soldier" project was initiated in 2003 by the Sons of the Union Veterans as a national effort to locate and appropriately mark the grave of the Last Civil War Soldier buried in each county/parrish of each state in our nation.

In the State of Wisconsin, nearly all 72 county soldiers have been identified. Key to the project is locating research, genealogical records and the grave site to substantiate if the soldier is indeed, the last Civil War veteran to die in the county.

The SUVCW held a commemorative ceremony honoring Isaiah Apollos Ryan who passed away at the age of 96 in Elkhorn. His ceremony took place at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Geneva in May of 2018.

Since our mission is to "keep green the memory" of our ancestors, there is no more fitting way than to honor those who fought to save the Union. Let's welcome Brother Brian and members of his camp to our Tent meeting.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30pm

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TENT 23 CELEBRATES THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY WITH AN UNUSUAL GIFT EXCHANGE!



While Martha was busy photographing everyone, the girls were into seeing who would come away with the most interesting gift. Apparently the award goes to Sandy who unwrapped the most unusual garden gnome!

Above left: Pam, Kathy and Sandy look on as Judy rolls the die Above right: Nancy and Barb are hoping for a miracle
Middle left: Charlene seems harried Middle right: Mary applauds while Susan wonders what's the big deal
Bottom left: Susan always has a smile, how does she do it? Bottom right: Ok Sandy, what exactly does that gnome look like?

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Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 128th National Convention

The Crowne Plaza Aire Hotel located in Bloomington, MN was the site of the 128th National Convention. President, Caren Cleaveland of the Department of New York served as the 2017-2018 National President and themed this year's convention with the slogan "We're All About the GAR". (Caren is featured at the top left escorted by the National Commander of the SUVCW)

Following the seating of the National Officers by the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Michelle Walburn, Convention Chair, welcomed everyone. (middle photo)

Highlights of the Cleaveland Administration include the establishment of the National Fraternal Relations Committee whose purpose is to foster comradery and cooperation between the Allied Orders. The organizations that are in the Allied Orders include the DUVCW, SUVCW, Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. She has and will continue to work closely with all of these Orders.

In addition, Cleaveland initiated a program for graduating "duvs" which provides recognition of their membership in the DUVCW. As a graduating senior and with permission of the school administrations and parents, the "dvv" will be presented with a red, white and blue honor cord symbolizing her membership in our organization. Not only does this serve to honor the individual, but also draws awareness to our organization.

Highlights of the Convention included the Mall of America, the Memory Banquet, the Granddaughters Breakfast and the All States Banquet. Entertainment at this year's banquets included an appearance by General Grant and the ever popular talent show. The winners of Lulu, the traveling trophy for the talent show, went to the host Department, Minnesota. Or is that pronounced Minnesooooohta!



**129th National Convention will be hosted by the
Department of Georgia July 24 –July 28**

**Save the Date: AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

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