

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmarylee>**Congratulations Jordan Gilles**

Our duv graduated from Cadott High School, Co-Valedictorian of her class. She wore her DUVCW patriotic cord along with her high honor cord and National Honor Society Sash. Jordan will attend Cornell University in New York to study animal science this fall. Tent 23 wishes her the very best for a very bright and successful future.

MEET ASHLEY-ANNE HOBBS

Tent 23's newest member is Ashley-Anne Hobbs who is the 4th Great Granddaughter of Dr. William James Hobbs, Co. F/S 8th/1st WI Infantry/Light Artillery who was a Surgeon in the Civil War and James Rockwell Mears who served as a Paymaster from WI during the Civil War. Ashley-Anne lives in Palm Desert, California and is currently attending school to become a registered nurse. In her younger days (featured below) she was a participant in Deaflympics as a swimmer. We welcome Ashley-Anne as our newest Sister to the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent.



Ashley-Anne is an American record holder in swimming and has also been a world record holder.

**FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY**

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
445 W Center St., Whitewater, WI
on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:30pm

RESTORATION OF A NATIONAL TREASURE: GRAND OPENING OF SOLDIERS HOME RETURNS SITE TO THE SERVICE OF VETERANS

The Alexander Company celebrated the grand opening and dedication of six buildings on May 27, 2021 at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home campus, a monumental milestone marking the completion of a complex, decade-long preservation and rehabilitation project achieved through the collaboration of organizations nationwide.

Opened to veterans in March 2021, the six restored buildings now offer 101 permanent supportive housing units for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Veteran residents receive access to a range of supportive services, including case management, educational training and employment assistance, benefits assistance, recreational activities, independent living skills training, sobriety maintenance and nutritional support.

Organizations across the country, as well as locally, joined together to make this complex historic project a reality. Significant grassroots support from preservationists, historians, veterans, elected officials and business leaders aided in identifying a vision for the future use of the District's vacant buildings.

Established in 1867 after the Civil War, the Milwaukee Soldiers Home is one of three original Soldiers Homes in the country, with some of the oldest and most historic buildings in the VA system. It is one of only 43 National Historic Landmarks in Wisconsin and one of Wisconsin's most historic assets. However, after years of service housing veterans, buildings on the Soldiers Home campus were vacated more than 30 years ago and subsequently fell into disrepair.

The restoration project began in 2011 when the Milwaukee Soldiers Home Landmark District was added to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's (NTHP) list of 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Following this honor, the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance (MPA) and the NTHP joined together to form the Milwaukee Soldiers Home Community Advisory Council. The Alexander Company joined the Council, alongside groups of committed veterans and preservation organizations, to explore the protection, repair and rehabilitation of the Milwaukee Soldiers Home National Landmark District. (Editor of the Milwaukee Independent)



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

PROUD AMERICA DAYS, INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021!

BREAKING: Nathaniel Ames SAR, SUVCW, Veterans and Partners Launch American Pilot Project in Wisconsin for Patriots and coming America's 250th Anniversary on Independence Day July 4th, 2021 at Oregon, WI Prairie Mounds Cemetery



Memorial Day 2021

Ann Day, Pat Blackmer and Charlene Staples featured above participated in the parade in Delavan and laid a wreath at the Civil War monument in Spring Grove Cemetery on Memorial Day to honor our ancestral fathers. Both the parade and ceremony were well attended.

Mayor Ryan Schroeder acted as emcee for the event while veteran Len Hahn provided an inspirational program. The DDHS band provided a variety of patriotic music.

HEAD TO PAT'S HOUSE FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Changing up our meeting venues is a challenge. Last month we met in Elkhorn at the county historical society and this month the Tent is invited to 445 W. Center Street in Whitewater for the meeting scheduled on June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. The private residence is the home of Pat Blackmer and her husband Dan Richardson.

The house is celebrating its 165th "birthday" this year. Built prior to the Civil War in 1856, it has a storied history that includes 13 owners and wonderful stories. Blackmer will share the history which includes snippets of the Civil War soldier who lived there along with a connection to the Underground Railroad. The house which is considered the Italianate Villa style of architecture is the first Whitewater Local Landmark and is also listed on the National Registry. Come and share an evening of history and tour the home. Filled with antiques and collections, you won't be disappointed. Refreshments will be served.



SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS!

**130th DUVCW National Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel Frontenac in St. Louis
August 4-8th**