

MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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Above photo: Lt. Colonel Nathan Bond, Walworth County Veterans Service Officer speaks to local organizations. Courtesy of the Delavan-Darien Rotary

NATHAN BOND, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO SHARE INFORMATION ON WALWORTH COUNTY BENEFITS

Lt. Colonel Nathan Bond, U.S. Army, Retired, will be the guest speaker at Tent #23's June meeting. Col. Bond served 24 years in the U.S. Army as both a Corps of Engineer Officer and a Public Affairs Officer, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. Bond is the Walworth County Veterans Service Officer who provides professional claims assistance, advocacy, benefits counseling and outreach for Walworth County Veterans and their family members. Col Bond reported that there are more than 7,000 veterans receiving some kind of federal V.A. benefits in Walworth County today and a total of 18,000 including family members. Since the military is now all volunteer, Bond feels that it is vital that the nation take care of veterans once their service is completed. Some of the major areas that he works with are Service Related Disabilities, Education Benefits, Housing Assistance (VA Loans etc.), Health Care and Survivor and Memorial Benefits. Wisconsin Veterans who reside in the state can attend Wisconsin Public Universities tuition free—even after their Post 9-11 G.I. Bill (Education) Benefits are exhausted! Bond will share the expertise and advocacy his office provides to assist veterans in applying for the benefit programs to which they are entitled. The Veterans Service Office is located in the Walworth County Government Center in downtown Elkhorn, Room 110. They are open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5 P.M. (closed for lunch 12-1 PM). Let's welcome Lt. Colonel Nathan Bond!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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

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VISIT HISTORY AT MY FAVORITE CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS

I have always enjoyed history and travel. Being a Civil War buff, I wanted to share photos of my favorite battlefields and historic sites, with hopes that you may stop and visit while vacationing this summer. Just remember that the Civil War consisted of 10,500 battles....you have many stops to make!



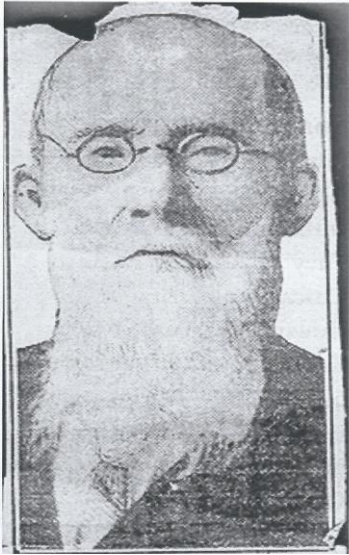
Upper left photo: Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Upper right photo: Vicksburg National Military Park, Wisconsin Monument with Old Abe, Vicksburg, MS

Lower left photo: Chattanooga National Military Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lower right photo: Appomattox Court House Historical Site and Battlefield, Appomattox, Virginia

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865
129TH National Convention, July 24-28, 2019 at the Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia



CARL NELSON

Co. F, 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry

THE OLDEST NORSE VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR

In 1906 Carl Nelson wrote a diary of how he arrived in the United States from Norway and settled in Ephraim, WI with his wife Stina in 1856. He included the difficulties they faced during immigration and a description of his service as a private in the Wisconsin Norwegian Regiment during the Civil War.

Nelson joined Co. F of the 15th Wisconsin on February 24, 1862. At the time he was a 32 year old farmer with a pregnant wife and three young children. He was against slavery and felt that it was unconstitutional. Not only did his deep patriotism as a new American make him want to fight for his country, but he felt it was his duty to help prevent the spread of slavery to the North.

Nelson was discharged from the 15th Wisconsin in 1863 after sustaining an injury during the battle at Chickamauga under the command of Colonel Hans Heg. Heg was killed during this event. Nelson returned to Door County, Wisconsin where he and his wife had three more children. Upon the passing of his wife, Stina, in the early 1870's, Nelson remarried and he and his wife Marie had two more children.

Suffering from poor hearing and vision later in life, Nelson enjoyed music and continued to play his violin. He also was a member of the GAR and attended the Norse-American centennial which was held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In 1925, Nelson was declared the Oldest Norse Veteran of the Civil War. He died later that year, at the age of 96, in Milwaukee while he was visiting his son.

Sister Susan Urbush of Tent #23 is the 2nd Great Granddaughter of this remarkable man.

*Carl Nelson's Diary has been published by the Ephraim Historical Foundation who allowed the editor of this newsletter to excerpt portions for this article.



Top photo: Carl Nelson
Bottom photo: Colonel Hans
Christian Heg

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS, PLEASE!

**REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JUNE 25TH MEETING ARE COURTESY OF
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