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## MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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### TENT 23 HONORS CORPORAL HUNTER LOPEZ, USMC



Tent 23 honored 22 year old Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez who was killed in a suicide bomb attack along with twelve other U.S. service members. The bombing took place at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan. Lopez was from Indio, CA. Featured to the left is a bouquet made by Tent 23 member, Ashley-Anne Hobbins and presented during a memorial service for Lopez on September 4<sup>th</sup> in Indio, CA. Ben and Ashley-Anne are residents of Palm Desert, California. (see complete story on page 2)

Above photo: Desert Sun Newspaper

### FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will be virtual and held  
On Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Informative email to follow



# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

### Immediate Release

#### **National Prayer Ceremony for Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC // September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Indio City Hall**

Sons, Daughters, Children of the American Revolution, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ally for National Prayer Ceremony Honoring American Hero, Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC

A solemn ceremony was held by 30 individuals in 117-degree heat September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 honoring an American Hero, Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC, recently KIA in Afghanistan by a terrorist bomb at the gates of Kabul Airport. Hunter Lopez is graduate of La Quinta HS and was only 22 years old, son of Herman and Alicia Lopez of Indio, California.

The event was organized by Daughters of the American Revolution, Cahuilla Chapter and the Coachella Valley Chapter SAR. But there was an extra special mission to organize this event accomplished by CC Junior Ashley-Anne Hobbins who is also a recent LQHS graduate. She and her dad, Ben Hobbins, Chair of the Veterans, Flag and Country Cmte and VP of Coachella Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution stepped up to help with organizing the event, including an array of state and national allies, the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to honor Hunter's life collectively.

The solemn ceremony lasted about 30 mins, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by an Iraq War Marine Hero retired -Christopher Cerillo (President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Coachella Valley Chapter) as event organizers DAR Cahuilla Chapter BOD's Corresponding Secretary Lynn Johnson, CC Junior Ashley-Anne and CV Chapter's VP Ben Hobbins (also President of Nathaniel Ames Chapter in Wisconsin), and Cahuilla Chapter DAR Regent Alice Barnhart and about 30 others stood by.

Next, Cahuilla Chapter DAR Chaplain Marilyn Morsch delivered an extremely moving prayer eulogy honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC.

Following the prayer ceremony were the formal laying by Ashley-Anne Hobbins of beautiful Yellow Ribboned Rose Bouquets with cards, a stunning Yellow Wreath, with other cut flowers and cards from and on behalf of the allied national, state and local organizations of Sons, Daughters and Children of SAR, DAR, CAR, SUVCW and DUVCW organizations.

Lastly, Taps was played. There were hugs everywhere and there was not a dry eye, even in the scorching 117-degree desert heat.

SAR, DAR, CAR, SUVCW and DUVCW Organization SALUTE and HONOR HERO Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC ETERNALLY.

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- 1) SAR California, Coachella Valley Chapter President Chris Cerillo, VP Ben Hobbins, Yellow Wreath
  - 2) SAR Wisconsin Nathaniel Ames Chapter Ben Hobbins, Wisconsin State SAR Sam Keith: Yellow Roses, Ribbon and Card
  - 3) DAR Wisconsin John Bell Chapter, WI CAR Timothy Hatch Society, WI DAR: Yellow Roses, Ribbon and Card
  - 4) SUVCW Wisconsin Dept Commander John Decker, National HQ CiC Michael Paquette: Yellow Roses, Ribbon and Card
  - 5) DUVCW Wisconsin Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23: Yellow Roses, Ribbon and Card
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All Yellow Ribbon Rose Bouquets with accompanying Cards, Wreathes, Cut Flowers, were delivered personally to the Lopez Family by Ben and Ashley-Anne Hobbins on Labor Day.

Thanks All for your support in Honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez USMC.

(Written by BH)



The article above was written by Ben Hobbins, a member of the Madison Camp of the Wisconsin SUVCW honoring Corporal Hunter Lopez, USMC who was killed in Afghanistan. Ashley-Anne Hobbins is the daughter of Ben and a member of the Mary Chesebro Lee Tent 23 in Wisconsin.



**MAY 30, 1870**  
 DECORATION DAY CEREMONY FOR THE SOLDIER MONUMENT  
 SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, DELAVAN, WISCONSIN



### TENT 23 AWARDED THE GETZEN GRANT

Tent 23 was awarded the Getzen Grant by the Walworth County Historical Society at its September 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting. The Tent's Treasurer, Mary Winchowky applied for the grant on behalf of the tent. The \$1,000 award will be used to clean the Civil War Monument in Spring Grove Cemetery.

The grant which was established by the Getzen family from Elkhorn, Wisconsin is to be used for cemetery maintenance and monument restoration. The Walworth County Historical Society administers the annual grant on behalf of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

Tent 23 was active in the restoration of the monument which began in 2012 under the direction of Ken Wargo, an interested citizen who raised substantial funding and donated a significant amount of time to the project. Because of the involvement of Tent 23 in the restoration project, a bench was placed at the monument site commemorating the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Since the initial restoration, the monument needs to be cleaned of the lichen and mold that have developed through the years. The cleaning product which was used in 2012 was an application of D-2. This will be used once again. The cleaning will require the use of a lift so that the 151 year old, 20 foot monument can be restored.

The historic marble monument was designed by John Bossi, who was the proprietor of a Delavan monument company. It was donated to the city on May 30, 1870 by philanthropists, James and Susan Aram. It honors the fifty-seven (57) "Boys in Blue" who gave their lives during the Civil War for our great country.

"Keeping the memory green" of our ancestral fathers is one of the missions of our Order.



**Photos to the left: Top photo of the original monument, 1870  
 Bottom photo: Monument in 2020 in need of cleaning**

**Card donations sought for our Real Daughters: Tent 23 has sent cards to our Real Daughters Chairman for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays and "thinking of you". We are looking for donations of cards for Valentine's Day, Easter, St. Pat's Day and additional "thinking of you" cards.**