

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

Hazel Susie Baumberger, age 109, passed away peacefully on Dec. 30, 2025 surrounded by family in Ft. Pierre, SD.

Hazel became a member of Tent 23 last year and was the oldest recorded member not only in our Tent, but in the national DUVCW. Hazel was described as an incredible woman. Funeral services were held on January 13, 2026 with interment at the Onida Cemetery. She realized her dream of honoring her grandfather, William Bush of Co. I, Reg. 15, Iowa Infantry. Sgt. Bush had been a POW at Andersonville.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH **Co. F of the 29th Infantry, U.S. Colored Troops:** **Wisconsin Civil War Regiment**

Co. F of the 29th Infantry, U.S. Colored Troops, was the only African American Civil War unit credited to Wisconsin.

During the Civil War, each state was required to provide a set number of soldiers, known as a quota. To fulfill these quotas, states had the authority to pay volunteers to serve in place of individuals who had been drafted.

Company F, 29th U.S.C.T., was primarily made up of black soldiers who volunteered to substitute for white Wisconsin residents. The majority of these men were originally from Illinois or Missouri.

A small number of Wisconsin African Americans also joined Company F, including Sgt. Alfred Weaver, a former slave residing in Vernon County. After the war, some members of Company F from other states chose to settle in Wisconsin. Company F participated in combat mainly during the latter part of the war, most notably in the Petersburg Campaign and the Appomattox Campaign between June 1864 and April 1865. The unit arrived in Petersburg, Virginia, on July 22, 1864, in the midst of intense fighting.

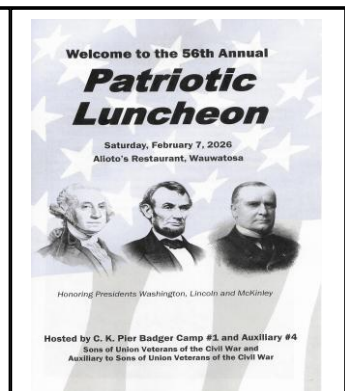
During the following week, eleven of the company's eighty-five men, including their white colonel, were killed in the renowned Petersburg Mine Assault, also known as the Battle of the Crater. Some members of Company F were present at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 9, 1865 when Lee surrendered.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
On Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30pm

THE 56TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026 AT ALIOTO'S RESTAURANT, WAUWATOSA
Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4
HONORING PRESIDENTS WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND McKINLEY

More than 100 people and 40 patriotic organizations were represented at the luncheon where Past National Commander, Steve Michaels of Camp 1 served as the master of ceremonies. Following the opening ceremony of the posting of the colors, Bill Seaman the bugler of Camp 1 played the National Anthem. Auxiliary 4 President and Tent 23 member, Susan Fallon provided a welcome to luncheon participants and Kent Peterson, Camp 1 Treasurer introduced the sponsors of the event. Daniell Michaels, the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans gave the invocation. The guest speaker for the event was Doug Dammann, curator at the Kenosha Civil War Museum. It was a wonderful day of comradery, seeing old friends and celebrating our patriotism. (Photos of the event are below)



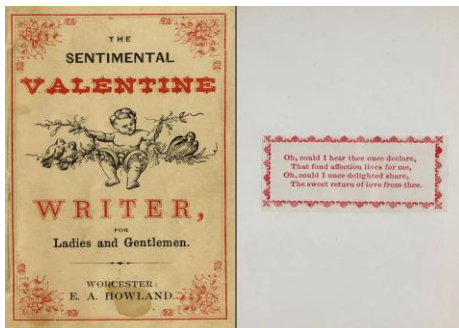
Photos: Upper Left: DUVCW Members, Pam Howard Grahg, Denise Oman, Pat Blackmer, Susan Fallon, Barb Pahlow, Beth Stadler Upper Right: Kevin Tucker, SUVCW National Commander, Steve Michaels, PNC, Jeff Graf, Wiscosnin Commander Lower Left: Banquet, Speaker Doug Dammann, Susan Fallon Patriotic Program

DUVCW 135TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
JULY 22-26, 2026
CROWNE PLAZA

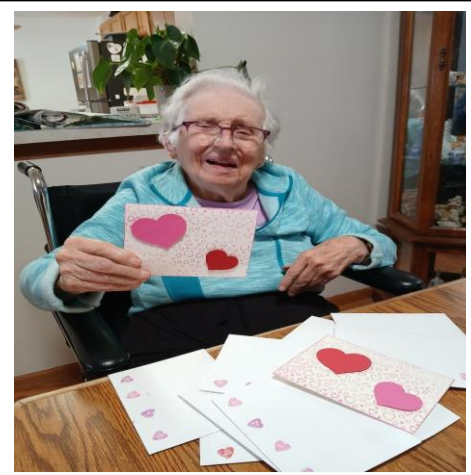
VALENTINES FOR VETS

Sister Kristen Hyde, who works at Sonrisas Assisted Living facility in Verona had her clients make valentine cards for our veterans. The ladies who displayed their artistic talents are Nahldean who is 102 years young and Evelyn who is a mere 93 years of age. Thank you Kristin for inspiring your clients to remember our military heroes.

Also providing valentines was our President of Tent 23, Linda Tanner-Freitag who sent fifty cards to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of our Tent.



E.A. Howland, realizing that European valentines were too expensive for the new American public, fashioned valentines from ribbons, lace and scraps of paper. She proposed that no words needed to be on the front of the valentine, but contained inside. She wrote a book which contained appropriate phrases that could be used for your loved one!



Thank you Ladies!

**Photos: Upper left, Nahldean
Upper right: Evelyn
Lower left: Valentines sent by
Linda-Tanner Freitag**



Happy Valentines Day