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DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865

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WELCOME BARB FADROWSKI

I have two grown kids and two lovely grandchildren. My husband, Bill, and I have been married for almost fifty-one years. We've traveled all over the U.S. over the years, amazed at the beauty and history within our nation. I volunteered within churches and scouting as well as being employed in interesting and varied positions. More importantly is the legacy I'm leaving for my grandchildren, by becoming part of this historic organization. My Grandfather, Lester Davis was in Co. F, of the 2nd Kentucky Infantry.



Discussing Women's Issues New Beginnings: Supporting Victims

Suzi Schoenhof, the Executive Director of New Beginnings, is eager to connect with Tent 23 at our March meeting. The organization, which has its headquarters in Elkhorn and offices in Whitewater and Jefferson, has been a cornerstone of support for individuals affected by violent crimes in Walworth and Jefferson County for nearly five decades.

Formerly known as APFV, New Beginnings has provided assistance to victims for 48 years. The organization offers all of its services at no cost, ensuring that support is accessible to everyone in the community. Their commitment extends to people of all ages, genders, and socio-economic background.

New Beginnings specializes in addressing a wide range of critical issues. The primary services include support for those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking, stalking, and harassment. Through these comprehensive services, New Beginnings remains dedicated to fostering safety and healing for all members of the community.

In the past 20 years, 80-90% of homicides in WI were related to Domestic Violence. WI is the 8th leading state in the U.S. where men killed women in an interpersonal relationship. (NNEDV & DOJ 2022). In 2024, 110 individuals died in WI due to Domestic Violence (End Abuse).

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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

GOVERNOR'S QUARTERS, NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME, WISCONSIN



MILWAUKEE VETERANS HOME NEWS

Built in 1868 and remodeled in 1916, the Governor's Mansion was built for the Soldiers Home's director, whose position was then referred to as "governor." The oldest building remaining on campus, the Governor's Mansion is located on the main road, separate from the core grouping of buildings, across from Lake Wheeler. The mansion's design is attributed to architect Edward Townsend Mix. Until recently, the Governor's Mansion served as the Medical Center Director's Quarters. It is currently slated to undergo a full restoration and house supportive services. This restoration will return the Governor's Mansion to its original purpose - the service of veterans.

A WEE BIT OF IRISH CIVIL WAR HISTORY

It's estimated that up to 200,000 Irish Americans fought in the American Civil War, with 150,000 on the Union side and approximately 30,000-40,000 on the Southern Confederacy side. Many joined of their freewill, as they fully accepted America as their new homeland, but others were drafted by the controversial Enrollment Act of March 3, 1863.

This controversial move, by the Union, lead to bloody battles in the form of the Detroit Race Row of March 6, 1863 and the New York Draft Riots of July 13-16th of the same year. Despite the huge racial and slavery issues that dominated the Civil War from a political standpoint, the Irish simply wanted to secure their freedoms and a better economic standing for their families and future generations to come.

Thanks to the Emerald Blog for the above information.



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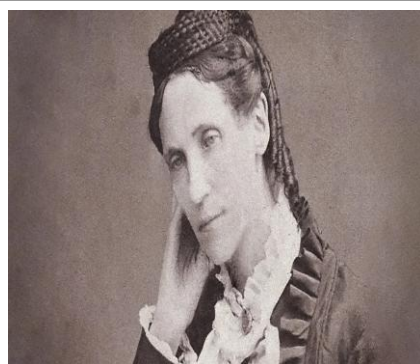
Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 70th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 160th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2026.



Honoring Elvira "Ella"/"Ellen" Gibson Hobart During Women's History Month

Elvira "Ella" or "Ellen" Gibson Hobart was born on May 8, 1821, in Rindge, New Hampshire. She began her career as a teacher and quickly gained recognition for her thoughtful writings and compelling lectures on abolitionism and other social issues. Her commitment to advocating for change was evident in her early professional life. In 1861, Elvira Gibson married Reverend John Hobart. During the American Civil War, she served as a chaplain for the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Live Eagle Regiment." Her appointment marked her as the first woman to serve as a military chaplain in the United States military, though her contributions were overlooked at the time. In 1864, Gibson became an ordained minister and served with the 1st Wisconsin Regiment of Heavy Artillery. However, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton refused to officially recognize her chaplaincy due to her gender. Following the war, Gibson faced significant challenges, including difficulties in receiving compensation for her service. She did not receive any pay for her work until 1876. To support herself, she continued writing and focused on women's issues for publications such as *The Truth Seeker*, *The Boston Investigator*, *The Ironclad Age*, and *The Moralist*. After divorcing John Hobart in 1868, Gibson resumed using her maiden name. She continued her advocacy and writing until her death on March 8, 1901. In recognition of her pioneering service, she was posthumously awarded the rank of captain in the Chaplains Corps of the U.S. Army with the passage of Senate Bill 1438 in 2002.



Ella Elvira Gibson



May your troubles be less and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness come through your door!
An Irish Blessing