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HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Linda Tanner-Freitag baked cookies to honor members of the Madison Fire Dept.
Her donation, on behalf of Tent 23, recalls the heroic efforts of the police and fire-men that responded to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, September 11, 2001. With heartfelt thanks and appreciation, we thank all first responders for their courage and dedication in protecting and serving our communities.

BROTHER BRUCE NASON WILL PRESENT STRANGE AND FASCINATING FACTS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Brother Nason of the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee will be the guest speaker at our September meeting. He will share strange and fascinating facts that people are often unaware of which occurred during 1861-1865.

Brother Nason is a member of the SUVCW Camp #1 Speaker's Bureau. The SUVCW's patriotic education includes teaching patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country and the love and honor of our flag. Each year the Order conducts presentations in schools and at various community events.

Just imagine a few of these strange and fascinating facts:

Confederate General Stonewall Jackson refused to eat pepper because he thought it made his left leg weak.

Before William Tecumseh Sherman became a great Union General he was demoted for insanity.

Nearly one-third of the men that fought in the Civil War were immigrants and one in ten were African Americans.

During the war, Robert E. Lee's estate was confiscated and used as a cemetery.

Join us for an educational and entertaining evening with Bruce Nason on September 24th at 6:30 at the Delavan Community Center.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:30pm

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MONUMENT DECICATION FOR SERGEANT JOHNATHAN M. HUNTER

Tent 23 was honored to participate in the headstone dedication for Jonathan Marion Hunter at the Sheboygan Falls Cemetery in Kohler, Wi on September 6th. Sister Terry Lee Madtson honored her 3rd Great Grandfather commemorating his service during the Civil War by ordering and placing a headstone at his burial site. Sister Terry is a member of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent #1 of Phoenix, Arizona. Traveling to Wisconsin, the cemetery set the headstone for her and the SUVCW assisted with the program from Wisconsin Camps 1, 8 and 15. In addition, Tent 23 placed a wreath as did the SUVCW Auxiliary 4 from Milwaukee. Past National Commander in Chief, Steve Michaels acted as emcee for the event, NP Danille Michels of the Auxiliary was chaplain, Brother Will Ammann provided the Drum Roll and Brother Bill Seaman closed the event after a musket salute with TAPS.

Photos: Top Left: Terry Lee with members of Camp 1, 8 and 15 Top right: Terry Lee, Barb Pahlow, Pat Blackmer, Charlene Filipiak, Cheryle Jakum, Linda Tanner-Freitag Bottom Left: Terry Lee Madtson, Bottom Middle: Wreath, DUVCW, SUVCW, ASUVCW Bottom Right: Musket Salute by SUVCW

A time capsule of the events that transpired when Tent 23 honored Thomas Jefferson's grandsons and grandson-in-law at Forest Hill Cemetery in June of 2025 has been prepared and will be stored at the Dane County Historical Society to be opened in 2075. Thank you to all who participated in this historic event!

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CO. K, 20TH WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

When Sister Terry Madtson decided to honor her 3rd Great Grandfather, she not only ordered a gravestone but had the battle flag of the 20th WI replicated for the event. The flag that she had made flew proudly over the burial site of Jonathan M. Hunter on the day of the ceremony. The 20th Wisconsin trained at Camp Randall in Madison.

ONE PROUD AUNT, ONE AMAZING MAN!

Sister Sandy Stratmeyer couldn't be more proud of the achievements of her nephew, Colonel Matthew Stratemeyer. Matt hails from Milwaukee where he met his wife Rachael while in college. They married just before he began dental school at Tufts University in Boston on a military scholarship. He was assigned to several posts including the Pentagon. During his career he was deployed to Kuwait as the Medical Operations Flight Commander while still a captain. In 2014 he was named the Air Force District of Washington Dental Educator of the Year and appointed Chief of Dental Services at Geilenkirchen Air Base in Germany. He eventually returned to the States where he was stationed at Nellis AFB. In 2021, his achievements were recognized at the highest level when he was named the Air Force Dental Educator of the Year. Then Matt was deployed once again to serve as Commander of the 380th Medical Squadron at Al Dhafra Air Base.

It is no wonder that Dr. Stratmeyer, a humble, intelligent and dedicated young man was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force, a promotion well deserved.

Matthew and Rachael have purchased their first home in Colorado. Colonel Stratmeyer is now at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, ready to do more great things!

Matt's promotional Ceremony to Colonel, Colorado Springs May 30, 2025

To celebrate AMERICA 250, DUVCW has designed a commemorative pin located to the left. The pin is currently $15.

THE 135TH DUVCW NATIONAL C0NVENTION
July 22-26, 2026
held in Springfield, Illinois at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
Information to follow on the Members Only Website or consult General Orders #2