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DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865 MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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A Visit with Jennie Wade's Mother MARY WADE

May 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Hear about the Battle of Gettysburg from a first person narrative as Connie Hansen from Manitowoc shares her personal experiences of the historic battle that took the life of her daughter, the only civilian killed during the Battle of Gettysburg.



#### THE LAST CIVIL WAR SOLDIER OF WALWORTH COUNTY IS HONORED

On a cold and rainy Saturday, May 12, 2018, the Col. Hans C. Heg, Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans commemorated the service of Isaiah Ryan by placing a marble marker indicating that he is the last known Union Civil War veteran buried in Walworth County, Wisconsin.

The event took place at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Geneva and was attended by members of the Allied Orders to include the DUVCW, Mary Chesebro Lee, Tent #23, the Women's Relief Corps #71-W.H. Bennett, and the Ladies Auxiliary #4 of the Sons of the Union Veterans. In addition members of the Board of Directors of the Walworth County Historical Society were in attendance along with interested civilian representatives from the area.

Of special note was the surprise attendance of Ryan's descendants to include his 95 year old granddaughter, Ruth Smith-Khedroo, great granddaughters Gayla Stein and Betty Allen and great great grandson, Daniel Immega.

Private Ryan was a volunteer in the 193<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry under the command of Col. John B. Van Petten. His unit was recruited near the end of the Civil War and mustered into service in March and April of 1865. The 193<sup>rd</sup> was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, Army of the Shenandoah where Ryan was a dispatch rider through the Cumberland Gap. After July 1865, they were assigned to the District of West Virginia, Middle Department. Ryan was mustered out of service at Harpers Ferry in January of 1866. (see photos of the event on the next page)

## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at The Delavan Community Centre on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30pm

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Above photos (L-R) Camp #15 fires a gun salute honoring Ryan, Mike Wozny (SUVCW) conducts ceremony, Susan Fallon lays a wreath for Ryan, Commemorative plaque honoring Ryan as last CW Veteran in county, Bill Seaman, bugler from Taps for Veterans, The Ryan family & SUV & DUV

Tent #23 invites its Daughters to participate in Delavan's Memorial Day Parade and Service. The parade begins at 9:00 am at the American Legion with services to follow at 10:00 am at the Civil War monument in Spring Grove Cemetery where the Tent will lay a wreath to honor our ancestors.

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#### HONORING ZOE WOELKY

Members of Tent #23 met at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Geneva to honor our late Sister, Zoe Woelky who passed away unexpectedly in February 2018. The service commemorated her belief in "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" which was the way that she had lived her life.

As a member of the Tent she had served as a guide and cochaplain. She is cherished for her generosity, sense of humor and the amazing ability to "spin a yarn" about her travels, volunteering for the Red Cross and the Peace Corps.

Placing a DUVCW grave marker at the site were from (L to R) Charlene Staples, Pat Blackmer, Judy Manning, Sue Fallon and Pam Wanasek.

**Rest in Peace. Sister!** 

Daughters of Union Veterans

### REMEMBERING MARGARET

Our Sister, Margaret Legois passed away in April. While she was unable to attend our Tent meetings, her spirit was always with us as she sent news clippings and small donations through her years with the DUVCW. She was the late Marybell Seeber's sister and a cousin of current member, Barbara Steurer.

Margaret Mae Legois of Black River Falls passed away peacefully at home on April 18, 2018 at the too soon age of 85. Born August 21, 1932 to Ernest and Violet (Holt) Cooper of Troy Center, WI. Margaret graduated from Whitewater High School and went on to receive an LPN Certification from the Kenosha Technical College.

She was preceded in death by husbands Maynard Eide and Claude Legois as well as best friend Richard Ryerson. Also preceding her in death were her brother Donald and sisters Marjery and Merrybell. Margaret is survived by many nieces and nephews. Margaret is also fondly remembered by a large circle of friends stretching from Kenosha to Black River Falls and beyond.

While her career was primarily in Kenosha County, her heart was in Jackson County and the Black River area. She has resided as a retiree there for more than thirty years. During those thirty plus years, volunteer service was an ongoing mainstay of her life. She was a charter member of the Robinson Creek Preservation Group; the Black River Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; the prime Time Club of Jackson County Bank; and, a life member of the Jackson County Historical Society. In addition, she had been a Hospice volunteer since its inception as well as assisting in area blood drives. She lived a full life that was a credit to her family and her community.



**"KEEP GREEN THEIR MEMORY"** 

GRAND MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT: 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Soldiers and Sailors Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall, 211 North Main Street, Rockford, Illinois (\$10.00 for tickets) Teddy Roosevelt will provide a Grand Performance Sponsored by SUVCW, John Logan Camp #26 and Mary Logan Auxiliary #20