SEPTEMBER 2015

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

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Our "Naval Nephew" James, Barbara Hale's nephew, is currently stationed at the Phillipines.





#### LANDMARK STATUS FOR MONUMENT

Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23 sought and received landmark status for the Civil War Monument located in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan, WI. Dan Kilkenny, chairman of the Spring Grove Cemetery Board, was approached with the request and notified our Tent at the end of May that it had received permission from the Board to proceed. The Tent contacted Delavan's Mayor, Mel Nieuwenhuis who presented a proclamation at a ceremony on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Spring Grove designating the iconic Civil War Monument as a Landmark.

In attendance at the historic program was the First Brigade Band from Watertown. The band of authentic historic reenactors played a selection of Civil War songs including "Lorena" which was written by Walworth County's historic composer, Joseph P. Webster during the Civil War. Our Brothers from C.K. Pier Camp 1, Milwaukee, Major General John Gibbon Camp 4, Waukesha, Colonel Hans Heg Camp 15 of Wind Lake and The Grand Army of the Republic Post 8 were also in attendance at the event where Past National Commander of the Sons of the Union Veterans, Steve Michaels was the keynote speaker.

The Monument which was erected in 1870, was donated by Delavan benefactors, James and Susan Aram. Italian immigrant sculptor, John Bossi designed the marble and limestone structure at a cost of \$1200. The Monument was originally dedicated on Delavan's Decoration Day ceremony on May 30, 1870.

The Monument was extensively restored and conserved largely through the efforts of the Civil War Restoration Project Task Force chaired by Ken Wargo. Corporate, individual and organizational donations in excess of \$20,000 made possible this effort. The Civil War Monument which was rededicated at the 2014 Memorial Day Ceremony, stands proudly as a testament to the fifty-seven "Boys in Blue" from the Delavan area who gave their lives for our great country. *(See photos on page 2)* 

### FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at the Delavan Community Centre at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2015

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## NATIONAL AWARDS

AUGUST 2015

At the national convention Tent #23 was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" by Sherry Brady, DUVCW National Chairman of the Real Daughters Committee. The award was given in recognition of Tent #23's involvement in the project which collects greeting cards to be sent to our "Real Daughters". Our tent is very proud to have received this recognition and will continue to support this worthy project. This year we will be collecting greeting cards for our seven "Real Daughters". For the second year in a row, Tent #23 received the "Frederick Ahlvers Award" for the most new supplemental ancestors registered with the national DUVCW. The award was  $125^{\text{th}}$ National presented at the Convention in St. Louis, MO.





**WALLDOGS MURALS IN DELAVAN** Above are just four of the eighteen murals the Walldogs painted in Delavan in June. 200 artists participated in the five day event. A map of the murals can be found in front of the Delavan Post Office.