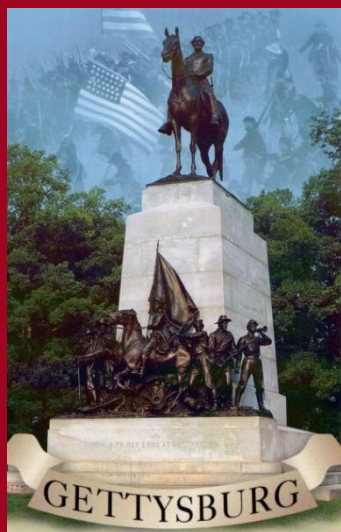


MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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ALONZO CUSHING MEDAL UPDATE

Born in Delafield, WI, Alonzo died defending the Union position against Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. The Virginia Monument to Gen. Robert E. Lee (above) looks out over the battlefield. On August 26, 2014, more than 150 years after his death, the White House announced that Alonzo Cushing would be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



SPRING GROVE CEMETERY WALK

On August 16th, Detached Tent #23 hosted the second annual cemetery walk at Spring Grove Cemetery. Re-enactors shared the lives and stories of Delavan Civil War soldiers and circus personalities. Barbara Shreves shared brief historical accounts of the twelve soldiers encrypted in the mausoleum. Charlene Staples and her husband Brian portrayed Susan and James Aram who were Delavan philanthropists that had donated the 1870 Civil War monument in the cemetery. Judith Manning posed as Sarah Palmer, a recognized portrait artist from New York who related the story of her brother Professor Rodliff Rodley Allen Palmer of Co. A, 83rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry and world famous circus aeronaut and balloonist. Greg Rodenbeck from Milwaukee who is a Civil War medical re-enactor portrayed Dr. D.B. Devendorf who served as a surgeon with the West Virginia Infantry and the 4th Brigade of the 18th Army Corps. Zoe Woelky shared the story of her great grandfather, John B. Gould who as a young man was a zealous patriot. He served with Co. C&E of the 104th New York Volunteer Infantry.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will be held at
6:30pm on Tuesday, September 23, 2014
at the Delavan Community Centre

Refreshments provided by Barbara Shreves & Barbara Hale

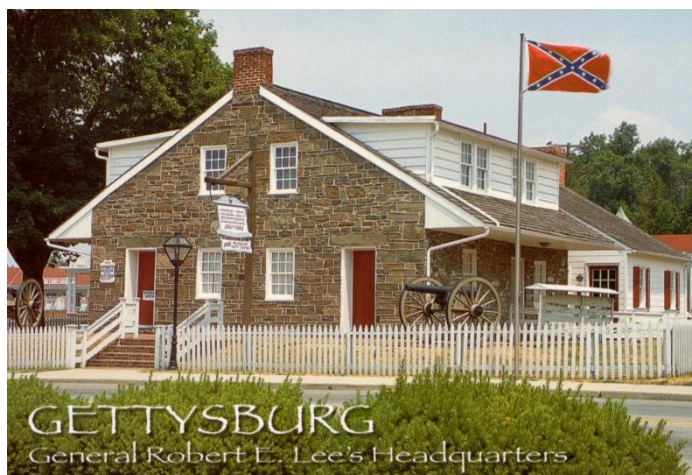
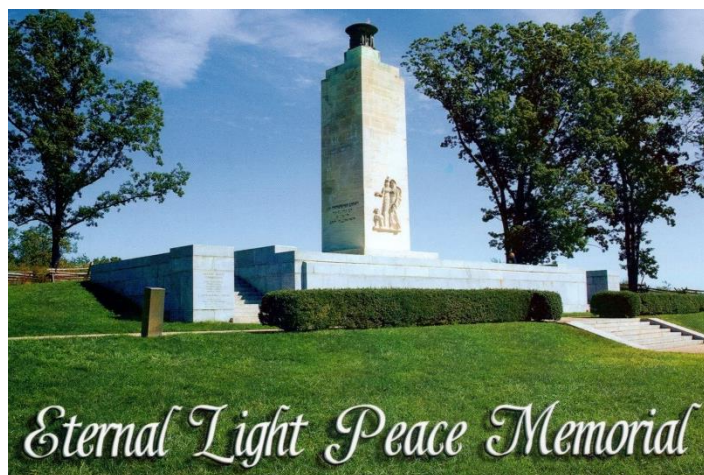
DUVCW 124TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pat Blackmer and Pam Johnson attended the 2014 DUVCW National Convention in Gettysburg, PA from July 30 – August 3. On the way there they stopped at the Flight 93 Memorial honoring the occupants of the plane downed during the terrorist attacks on 9/11. It was a very solemn and moving site.

The National Convention is a busy time with several business sessions every day. This year it was voted to increase National Department dues from \$10.00 to \$13.00. It was announced that a new full time person will be hired at the National Headquarters in Springfield, IL. Thursday afternoon there were several workshops, including one on navigating the National DUVCW website.

There are also a number of non-business events at the convention. The All States Banquet features skits from different departments vying for a coveted travelling trophy. The duvs (girls under 18) host a Granddaughters Breakfast on Sunday morning. One of the highlights of every convention is the memorial service held on Sunday morning after the breakfast, during which Sisters who have passed are remembered. There were several entertaining fundraising auctions which were led by National President Carole Morton.

During a guided bus tour of the Gettysburg battlefield included a stop by the Virginia Monument at Picket's Charge (*see photo on page 1*). This was the first and largest Confederate monument built at Gettysburg. The tour also drove by the Eternal Light Peace Memorial (*below left*) which was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1938, at which over 1,800 Civil War veterans were in attendance. In addition to the battlefield tour, Pat and Pam were also able to tour the General Lee's Headquarters Museum (*below right*) and the Seminary Ridge Museum, where they were able to ascend the famous cupola for an amazing view of the whole Gettysburg battlefield area.



TENT #23 WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Frederick Ahlvers Award for the most new supplemental ancestors was presented to Pat Blackmer on behalf of our Tent at the 124th National Convention in Gettysburg.

NEXT THREE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS CLOSER TO HOME

The 2015 Convention will be Aug. 5-Aug. 9 at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, MO, just 20 miles from downtown St. Louis. 2016 Convention will be held July 21-25 in Springfield, IL. 2017 Convention will be held July 26-30th in Grand Rapids, MI.

FIELD ARTILLERY PROGRAM AT AUGUST MEETING

Brian Staples, attired in his uniform which he used when re-enacting for Battery B of the Wisconsin 2nd Volunteer Infantry provided Tent #23 with a captivating program on field artillery used during the Civil War. Through the use of hand-outs detailing carriage types, limbres, caissons, battery wagons, traveling forges and cannons, he explained the rigors of transport. In transit, a battery had to use multiple teams of horses. One carriage may require as many as six horses to draw it. The horses were of the quarter horse variety and specially breed for endurance. A field cannon would be mounted on a wooden carriage which was most often made of white oak. Staples explained the process of firing a cannon including the orders that were given to do so. Tent members reflected on the percussion of multiple cannons being fired at the same time and the resultant hearing loss of many of our Civil War ancestors.



WISCONSIN MONUMENT DEDICATED IN GEORGIA

The dedication of the Wisconsin Civil War monument at Allatoona Pass Battlefield in Cartersville, Georgia was held on August 17, 2014. The event was made possible by the SUVCW and DUCW of Georgia in conjunction with the Etowah Valley Historical Society and those individuals who contributed not only financially to the project but in time and talent. The Wisconsin monument made of Wausau red granite was the last Union monument to be placed at the park. It honors the brave soldiers of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and the 12th Wisconsin Independent Light Artillery who fought in service to their country on October 5, 1864.

Representing our Tent at this historic event were Pat Blackmer and Shirley Grant. Pat gave a tribute to the Wisconsin soldiers citing the heroic efforts of Private James Croft of the 12th Wisconsin who though wounded continued to fight. When his ammunition ran out, he gathered the bullets and socks of his wounded and dead comrades to make homemade cannon balls so that he could continue to fire at the enemy. Twenty years later Private Croft would be awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Pat also placed a wreath at the monument on behalf of the Wisconsin DUCW and also spread soil brought from the Delavan Civil War Monument. Shirley placed a wreath during the ceremony on behalf of the Women's Relief Corps of which she was national president from 2012-2014.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dinner was held at the Stonewall Manor which is an historic Italianate home that has been converted to an event center. Diners were treated to a southern style feast complete with Georgia peach cobbler.

Special thanks to our Georgia sisters in the Amanda Stokes Detached Tent #2 for their wonderful southern hospitality and a particular thank you to Sarah Meyer, who chaired the Wisconsin monument committee.

(photo at right - the Wisconsin Contingency at the dedication of the Wisconsin Monument at Allatoona Pass Battlefield in Cartersville, Georgia)



DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!

Jenna Theissen will be speaking on Sarah Emma Edmonds, who impersonated a man to enlist in the army during the Civil War, during which she served as a spy!