

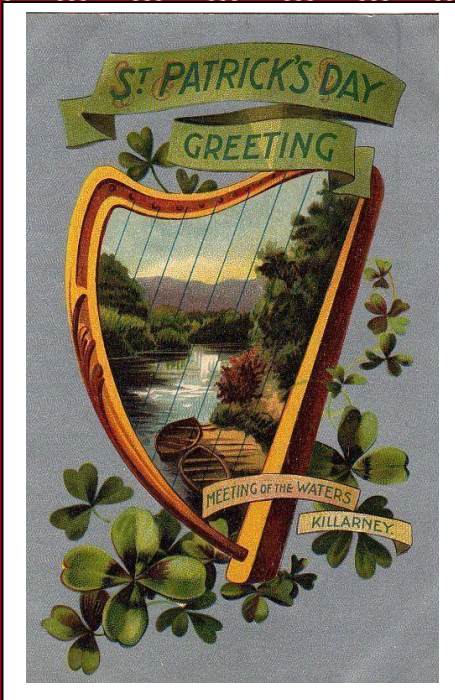
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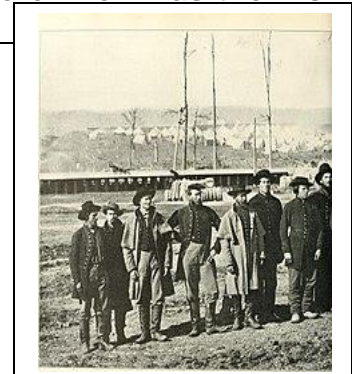


## FOREIGN ENLISTMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR

In the 40 years leading to the outbreak of the war, the United States had received four million immigrants; the vast majority came from Ireland (one million), the German states (500,000), and Great Britain (300,000). By 1860, well over a tenth of all Americans were foreign-born, with a similar proportion being second or third-generation immigrants. The influx drove a significant demographic shift in the country. At the start of the 19th century, the U.S. population was around five million; by 1860, it had swelled to roughly 31 million.

Featured in the photo below are immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Germany and France who fought for the Union at the Battle of Corinth, MS. It was reported that 150,00 Irish immigrants enlisted to fight for the Union.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry was largely made up of Irish volunteers and organized in Madison, WI. They mustered into service on March 15, 1862 and were known as the Irish Brigade. (Battle flag shown below)



Wherever you go and  
whatever you do,  
may the Luck of the Irish  
be there with you.



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30pm



### WHO, WHAT AND WHERE ARE OUR SISTERS?



**Welcome Kathleen Sachs!**  
Kathleen is a new Tent 23 Member from Bean Station, TN. Her Civil War ancestor is Henry Vickery who enlisted in Co. E of the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry.

The Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23 is forty-one (41) Sisters strong. We are all unique individuals that come from a myriad of different backgrounds, age groups, skills and professions. Our membership resides in the states of Wisconsin, Wyoming, California, Texas, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota and Tennessee. As varied as we are as individuals, we have all come together to honor our Civil War ancestors. We strive to perpetuate their legacy, promote their history and honor our current military personnel and our veterans. We are special ladies!

For those of us that are still residing in our home base of Walworth County, Wisconsin, we are looking forward to resuming our meetings in March. A warm welcome to our new members, Kathleen Sachs and Bonnie Hulse and safe travels to those of you who will be returning to Wisconsin!



**Welcome Bonnie Hulse!**  
Bonnie is a new Tent 23 member from North Platte, NE. Her Civil War ancestor is Danford D. Searles who enlisted with Co. M of the 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry.



**Ashley-Anne Hobbins** graduated with a B.S. degree in Public Health Education and is currently in nursing school. Congratulations! We are proud of your accomplishments.



Linda Tanner-Frietag, on the right of the photo below is in Tennessee for the winter.



Susan Urbush is enjoying a month in Florida soaking up the sun and relaxing.



Sisters Judy Manning and Pam Wanazek are enjoying their annual stay in Florida. The snowbirds should return in April. (photo to the right)



Sharon Carlson is enjoying a visit with family in California and will return to Wisconsin later this spring.



**Our March Meeting will be devoted to the Dedicated Daughters Program! Come and learn everything there is to know about the Daughters Of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. You may be surprised!**





President Biden presented the Medal of Honor to Ret. Col. Paris D. Davis on March 3, 2023.

Davis is a Vietnam Veteran of the U.S. Army.

As members of the United States Vietnam War Commemorative Committee Tent 23 joins the nation in thanking this heroic veteran. The Medal of Honor is the United States Armed Forces highest military decoration and is awarded to those individuals who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.

**The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29**

### MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

To honor the achievements of historic women in our immediate area, the editor wishes to share the story of Dr. Mary Reynolds.

Mary and her husband, Dr. Benoni Reynolds settled in Elkhorn in 1854 where he established his medical practice. Mary stayed at home and cared for the house and their two sons. When the children were old enough to attend school, Mary, then in her late thirties, decided to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. She and the children journeyed back east where she spent many months of study at the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia.

Earning her medical degree in 1861, she joined her husband in his practice in Elkhorn. With the Civil War raging in 1861, Benoni was appointed First Surgeon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry and remained in service until the end of the war in 1865. Dr. Mary carried on the medical practice alone ministering to the sick, dispensing medicine, delivering babies, setting broken bones and sewing up wounds.

Following Benoni's return from the war, the couple moved to Lake Geneva where they practiced their medical professions and resided until they died.

Interestingly enough, Dr. Mary was active in the Walworth County Aid Society sending care packages to our troops in the war to include her famous pickled potatoes.



Photo on Left: The Women's Medical College of Philadelphia established in 1850 Photo on Right: Aspiring female medical students such as Mary Smith Reynolds

Now that winter is transforming into spring, consider an outing to area museums and libraries that are rich in Civil War History: the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, the Hoard Museum and Library in Fort Atkinson, the Doris Reinke Research Center/Walworth County History Center in Elkhorn and the Milton House Museum in Milton.