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Fall/Winter 2006 Update

Rebecca Otis Tent #54
Daughters of Union
Veterans of the Civil War
1861-1865

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Completing the Tent's Website

In August the development of a Tent website began. Draft Web-Pages were debuted at the September meeting. The ladies present went over the National Guidelines and made suggestions.

After our own changes, the site was sent to National President Pat Mullenix for approvals to be listed on the National website. Sister Pat made her suggestions, (she helped write the National guidelines) and our site was sent to the National Electronic Communications Committee. With only minor changes, we are on our way to being on the National website.

Yet to be added are: history page on the Tent, history of Rebecca Otis, and adding more ancestors to our current page.

When all pages are active we shall be approved and linked to National. :-) [Our site is a free site so it doesn't start with WWW.]

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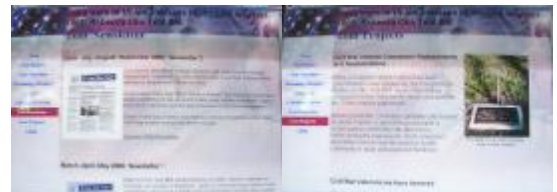
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Website Home page (L) and Our Purpose page (R)



Our Civil War Ancestors page (L) and the Calendar of Events page (R)



Newsletter's page (L) and Tent Projects page (R)

Meeting Schedule

October 7th

Hessen Cassel Library
Branch 1 pm
Annual Tent Auction

November 11th

Georgetown Library
1 pm

December 2nd

Hessen Cassel
Library 12:30 pm
Annual Dinner, meeting following

Rebecca Otis Tent 54's
grave marker rededication in Wabash this past August was in the National General Orders #2!!!

Sister Vickie Day speaks at Wabash Genealogy Society

Monday November 20th Sisters Vickie Day and Patricia Frederick traveled down to Wabash, IN. Sister Vickie was asked to speak on the DUVCW for the Wabash County Genealogical Society. Over 20 people gathered in the Wabash County Historical Museum's small theater to hold their monthly meeting and listen to Sister Vickie as their fea-

tured speaker. She told the histories and methods of joining the Daughters and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and answered questions of documentation for our applications. The group was most interested in her own ancestor who was born in Wabash County.

30th Indiana Civil War Reenactors at the Pvt. John Hart Ceremony



(L to R) Francis Frederick, Patricia Frederick, Elaine Sweet, Alan Teller, Lee Ann Teller, Vicki Layman, Loretta McCann, (kneeling) Suzanne Frederick



Small group of attendees listen to Vicki Layman speak.

**Pvt. John Hart
Ceremony Agenda
October 29, 2006**

Presentation of the Colors
30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Patriotic Instructor, Loretta McCann, DUVCW Tent #54

Welcome
Vicki Layman, President
DUVCW Tent #54

Tribute from the Indiana Department DUVCW
Lee Ann Teller, President

Tribute from the Indiana Department SUVCW
Alan Teller, Past Dept. Commander

Tribute from the William Link Camp #12, SUVCW
Francis Frederick, Camp Commander

Information on the life of Pvt. John Hart
Loretta McCann

Tribute from Rebecca Otis Tent #54, DUVCW
Vicki Layman

Poem "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone"
Vicki Layman

Singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
verses 1, 4, 5

Military Salute
30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Prayer
Patricia Frederick, Senior Vice Pres.
DUVCW Tent #54

Retiring of the Colors
30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry



30th Indiana march in and present the colors.



30th Indiana honors while bugler plays



New Grave Marker for Pvt. John Hart

National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri: August 8-12, 2007

The 2007 Convention will feature a performance about: the President and Mrs. Lincoln before leaving for Ford's Theater, at the Annual Memory Banquet. The Lincolns are portrayed by Max and Donna Daniels of Wheaton, IL.

Also featured at the Convention will be Indiana's own SUVCW Champion Hill Camp's *The Company Singers*. The singers performed at the Convention in 2004 (at Fort Wayne) and were a big hit.

This Convention will be held in conjunction with the Sons of Union Veterans who will be hosting the Allied

Order's Banquet.

Two sites to partake a tour of are the childhood home of Julia Dent Grant—wife of President U. S.

Grant—and the Jefferson Barracks, an infantry school begun in 1826 on approximately 1,800 acres. Next to the Jefferson Barracks is a National Cemetery with both Union and Confederate soldiers buried, and over 1,000 African Americans who fought in the Civil War.

Several Indiana Sisters plan to attend Convention.
Don't be left out of the Fun!



Charter's New Blue Case and the Tent's Charter (right)

Tent has new permanent case for its Charter

Rebecca Otis Tent #54 has received a new wooden case to keep the Tent Charter in from our brothers in SUVCW Col. Link Camp #12.

Our identical blue case with identifying white lettering was crafted by Brother Francis Frederick to match the case that holds the Charter of Camp #12. Both cases were fashioned out of scrap materials with shiny new hardware.

This will protect our Charter and make it easy to transport to meetings. Thanks to Brother Frederick—father of the new Tent President.

2007 Tent Officers for Rebecca Otis Tent #54

President: Patricia Frederick

Senior Vice-President:
Elaine Sweet

Junior Vice-President:
Tammy Armstrong

Chaplain: Laverne Amstutz

Treasurer: Phyllis Diehm

Patriotic Instructor:

Loretta McCann

Council Member #1: Vicki Layman

Council Member #2: Vickie Day

Council Member #3: Alnora Cromer

Our December meeting/banquet had distinguished guests: Lee Ann Teller, Alan Teller, and Francis Frederick. Good food, gift exchange, and the signing of the Christmas Cards for the VA were part of the festivities. Sister President Lee Ann gave the installation of officers and the gavel was passed to new President to conclude the meeting.

Officers
Installed at
the December
Meeting by
Dept.
President Lee
Ann Teller

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Tent's Tidbits

- November meeting the tent agreed to purchase the \$50 brick to support the National President's project.
- Sister Elaine Sweet received the paperwork from the National Archives on Pvt. Gideon Brothers in Gar Creek Cemetery. She is preparing the application for his grave marker from the government. Ceremony shall be on the 2007 calendar.
- Sister Vickie Day purchased a DUV Banner kit at the National Convention (2006) and donated it to the Tent for future activities. Sister Patricia will assemble it.
- Sister Vickie Day also gave donated school supplies to Sister Beverly Massey for the students at Knightstown. Two large bins filled with notebook paper, pencils, glues, markers, and some backpacks. Items much appreciated! Thank you Sister Vickie!
- Tent signed Christmas cards at December meeting for the VA Hospital (Fort Wayne), and agreed to donate oranges and apples again with the 30 cards.
- Tent scrapbooks are being reviewed and the Scrapbook Committee will be creating a system of updating and keeping our history current. If you have any materials that you wish to include in the scrapbooks see that it is given to Loretta, Elaine, Vicki L., Vickie D, Phyllis or Patricia.
- October 14th, Sisters Vickie Day and Patricia Frederick joined Sisters Lee Ann Teller and Beverly Massey at the Hartford City statue dedication. It was a cold morning! But Sister Beverly did a great job representing the National Organization with her speech.