

“Tent 58 Remembers our Veterans in 2023”

There are three events in November and December when we honor our country's veterans: **Veterans Day, Remembrance Day and Wreaths Across America**. Tent 58 did just that to **Keep Green the Memory** of these heroes.

Kathy Edinger and her mother-in-law Shirley Edinger made a newsworthy visit at the Mifflinburg celebration that honors men and women from all wars. This is held the week before **Veterans Day** so it will not interfere with other events. *The Sunbury Daily Item* featured them.



Dorothy Wright visited the grave of her great, great grandfather, Michael Comer in Jersey City, NJ.

Veterans Day cards were sent to 24 veterans by **Mary Jane Morrison**.

Daniel Heffernan, our adopted veteran, was remembered with a card from Tent 58 sent by our Chaplain **Kathy Wible**.



Being the true patriot that Daniel is, he was honored with a Patriots hat from **Ellen Harwood**, our sister from Massachusetts.



You could also find **Ellen Harwood** volunteering at the Dell Park Cemetery in Natick, MA, where she is the fourth member of her family to do so. They honor veterans as far back as the Revolutionary War, and have a section called the Old Soldiers Lot for those who died in the Civil War.

November 18 was **Remembrance Day** in Gettysburg filled with many dedications, ceremonies and a parade. Tent 58 was represented by **Mary Wible, Michele Wallenta, duv Cadence Wallenta and Ellen Higgins**.



They began the day at the wreath laying services at the Gen. George Meade monument and the Albert Woolson GAR Monument where **Ellen Higgins** placed a wreath.



Next was the parade in which **Ellen, Michele and Cadence** marched, along with our National President Verna Maleski, the Gettysburg DUVCW Tent 55, and sisters from other states.



The day concluded at sunset with the lighting of luminaries at the graves in this solemn event at the National Cemetery.



December 16 found our sisters participating in **Wreaths Across America** at various locations.

Debbie Scheisser and her husband Ed were at Doylestown Cemetery where Ed was saluting a fallen soldier designated by the American Legion Post to be honored.



Sharon Collopy Cossaboon did double duty at both the Paoli Battlefield and the Birmingham - Lafayette Cemetery south of West Chester.



At Beverly Cemetery in New Jersey, **Dorothy Wright** placed a wreath at the grave of Gordon Curtiss Brown, a Navy Seal who was killed three days before he was to retire.

Lynda Nolan arranged the ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Tom's River where 5 Revolutionary soldiers are buried. She and her husband made a soldier for the event which can be seen in this photo, although Lynda is not in it.



Mary Jane Morrison, Mary Wible and I am sure **many of you** purchased a wreath to be placed at particular cemeteries where we were unable to visit in person.

Tent 58 purchased five wreaths for Laurel Hill Cemetery, and were represented by **Carole Janssens, her friend Michele, Michele Wallenta and Mary Wible.**



Carole's
ancestors
Robert Taylor
Conrad and
Robert Y Chase
are buried here.

Wreaths were placed at the **Mary Morris Husband** monument by **Michele and Mary**, and the graves of Michele's great grandfather John F. Conaway and her grand uncle James Conaway.



Thank you to all who honored our veterans both in person as well as in thoughts and prayers. I am grateful to those who sent photos even if I could not use them all, and I appreciate the pictorial journey that you provided for us.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Mary Wible

Tent 58 Historian and Patriotic Instructor