



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Wisconsin

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1 June 2022

**Presentation of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award**

1. Sister Lori Coffey of Annie Etheridge Detached Tent #14 of the Department of Florida has been selected by the Commander of the Department of Wisconsin to receive the Department's Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award.
2. Sister Coffey is a 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter of Col. Hans Christian Heg, the highest ranking Wisconsin soldier to give his life in battle during the Civil War. She provided invaluable assistance as a member of the Hans C. Heg Statue Rededication Committee in the conception, planning, promotion, and execution of the ceremony, held on 29 May 2022 at the Wisconsin State Capitol Grounds.
3. Through Sister Coffey's tireless efforts the committee was able to identify all living descendants of Col. Heg and extend invitations to attend. As a result, 25 descendants of Col. Heg participated in a ceremony honoring their valiant ancestor in accordance with the rituals and ceremonies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
4. The Award is presented in grateful appreciation for outstanding service to the Order and for preserving the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 – 1865.
5. A Court of Honor is directed to be held during the Department's 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, Wisconsin on 4 June 2022 to present the Award Certificate and Medal, with Sister Ashley-Anne Hobbins of Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 of the Department of Wisconsin accepting on behalf of Sister Coffey.

SO ORDERED in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John R. Decker  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Brian G. Peters, PDC  
Department Secretary