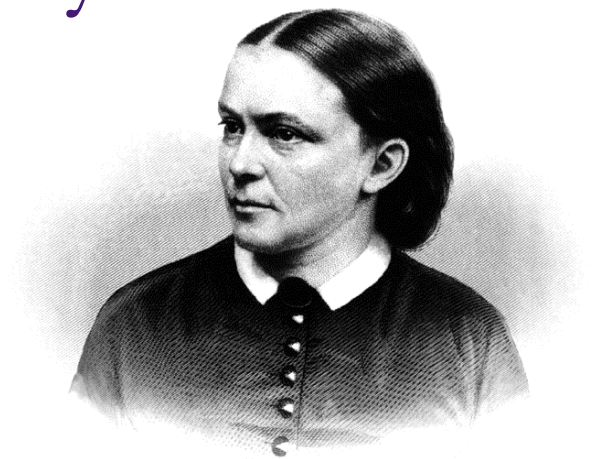


Meet Mrs. Cordelia Harvey “The Wisconsin Angel”

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Presented by
Jessica Michna

In 2016 Jessica was awarded the Presidential Service Center’s Distinguished Service award for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies. While she has appeared before a wide range of audiences, including appearances at the National Churchill Museum, the Lincoln Boyhood Home National Site, and Valley Forge, Jessica is particularly fond of performing for senior groups and communities. The life experiences of those in her senior audiences enhances her understanding of life stories. She often reminds her audiences that everyone has a history and encourages them to record their own life stories. “History is not a litany of which general died under which tree. It is the story and life experiences of each human life.”

Cordelia Perrine Harvey came to Wisconsin as a young girl. Trained as a school mistress, she would meet and marry Louis Harvey, who would rise to the governorship of Wisconsin. Cordelia’s life unraveled when she was widowed after less than three months in the Governor’s Mansion. Her husband’s tragic drowning left Cordelia rudderless and without purpose. She would set aside her grief to become the healing angel of a nation wracked by civil war. Her meetings with President Lincoln would culminate in the building of three hospitals in Wisconsin, the basis for the VA system of today.

a philanthropist, nurse, and teacher who organized relief for Wisconsin soldiers and their children during and after the Civil War

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