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## MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OF YOU



### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

We are planning an exciting year for Tent 23. Plans are underway to provide a variety of interesting meetings for our membership. We welcome Chris Brooks who will provide a step back in time when she presents “Wedded Bliss Through the Ages” which looks at the traditions, superstitions and customs influencing weddings from Queen Victoria to the brides of Wisconsin. David Desimone of the Wisconsin Historical Society will be invited to share “Why Old Places Matter”. Our own member, Susan Schroeder who has worked with veterans for twenty years will share her experiences coordinating benefits for their education. Susan works in her position at the Waukesha Technical College. We hope to welcome General Kilburn Knox, to one of our meetings. Knox was the First Governor of the Milwaukee Soldiers Home from 1889-1891. Knox is portrayed by Steve Michaels. It should be a most informative and exciting evening. Tent members always look forward to our “Christmas in July” when historic games are played and presents exchanged. A power-point program is being planned allowing the Tent to visit the Civil War monuments in Wisconsin from the comfort of our meeting room. Our annual November elves meeting will find us wrapping gifts, preparing candy packets for veterans and signing holiday cards. We plan to adopt another homeless veteran for the Christmas holiday who resides at the Housing 4 Our Vets shelter in Janesville.

We hope you will be as excited about the plans for 2024 as the editor of the newsletter!

### FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30pm





### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Henry Harnden, Camp #2 of Madison honored those veterans buried at Forest Hill Cemetery celebrating the annual "Wreaths Across America" event on December 17, 2023. Members of Tent 23 participated in the event assisting with the laying of wreaths at each gravesite. The annual event has over 4,225 participating locations across the country to include private, public and national cemeteries. The wreaths are laid following a ceremony honoring those veterans buried at each site. Barb Pahlow, (bottom left photo) is seen preparing to lay a wreath.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

### OUR VERY OWN ENERGIZER BUNNY!

Ashley-Anne Hobbins took the opportunity to partner with a Department of Defense supported Angel Force event in Irvine, California in December. The event recognized Vietnam Veterans. Not only did the honorees receive commemorative lapel pins for their service, but Ashley-Anne also provided each Veteran with a framed certificate recognizing and honoring their heroic service to our country.

We are proud to have this young lady as a member of our Tent.

Sister Susan Fallon presented our Brothers who were Vietnam Veterans and members of the Hans Heg Camp 15 of the Sons of the Union Veterans with commemorative lapel pins for their service to our country. Tent 23 has been a commemorative partner with the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Program since its inception.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Aliotos Restaurant, 3041 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin**

**Luncheon Buffet: \$25 per person, Registration information sent to members by email**





Thank you Sister Mary Picard for reaching out to our Vets in Milwaukee with holiday cards!



The 2024 Harriet Tubman commemorative coins have been released by the US Mint recognizing her birth and the extraordinary work Tubman had done regarding the Underground Railroad.

December 23, 2023

Dear 'Adopt a Veteran Donors,

Warm holiday greetings! I am thrilled to reach out to you on behalf of the veteran's program to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support through 'Adopt' a Veteran this festive season. Your enthusiasm for spreading joy and kindness has truly made a significant difference in the lives of those who have valiantly served our nation.

The holiday season can be a challenging time for many of our veterans, and your generosity has shone like a beacon of hope, lighting up their spirits and filling their hearts with gratitude. Your decision to 'adopt' a veteran has not only brought cheer but has also created lasting memories that will warm their hearts for years to come.

On behalf of Housing 4 Our Vets, we send you a sleigh-load of thanks and heaps of holiday cheer. Your kindness has made this season truly magical for our veterans, and we are immensely grateful for your commitment to making a positive impact in their lives.

Wishing you a season filled with joy, laughter, and the warmest of holiday blessings!

Cheerfully yours,

*Tiffany Ford*

**Tent 23 made one homeless veteran by the name of Charles a very happy individual when they adopted and supplied all of the items on his 2023 Christmas wish list. Our members who donated items for this event are exceptional and caring individuals who understand and value the sacrifices of those who served to protect our freedom. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.**