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DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmaryclee>

## WELCOME LOUISE

Louise McGannon from Mitchell, South Dakota is our newest member! Her 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather is Austin Whitehead who was in Co. K of the 28<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. Louise commented that she has a very special place in her heart for the Pine Ridge Reservation. She spent several weeks there volunteering with a group of vets spaying and neutering dogs and cats. She has returned year after year to visit the reservation with people that were special to her.

## TENT 23 SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER!

We have always supported our veterans. This year, we once again, adopted a vet. Charles resides at the Housing 4 Our Vets Homeless Shelter in Janesville. Charles requested a roundtrip bus ticket from South Beloit to Chicago, underwear and gift certificates from Kwik Trip and McDonalds on his Christmas wish list. Through the generosity of our membership we were able to accommodate his request by donating (12) pair of boxer shorts, \$105.00 in assorted dominations of gift cards from Kwik Trip, (5) gift cards totaling \$100.00 from McDonalds and (2) roundtrip bus tickets from South Beloit to Chicago as well as the added bonus of a James Patterson thriller and a "snuggie". The homeless shelter also houses 47 of Charles' friends, who along with Charles received candy packets and Christmas cards from the Tent. Photos below feature industrious elves at the November meeting where gifts were wrapped, candy packets assembled and Christmas cards signed. THANK YOU LADIES!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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



### “Adopt-a-Marine” Event at the Reserve in Indian Wells, California

On Thanksgiving Day, The Reserve in Indian Wells hosted the 17th Annual “Adopt-a-Marine” event, involving 31 Patriotic Marines from Twentynine Palms Marine Base in California.

The day started with a bus pick up of the 31 American Marines at the base. From there, they traveled to the Reserve in Indian Wells and Palm Desert. At the Reserve, the Marines had a free shopping spree at the Reserve Golf Pro Shop, then they proceeded to a Putting Contest on the Main Clubhouse putting green.

After the Flag Award Certificate Presentations and Photo Op, the Marines were picked up by their respective Reserve Adopt-a-Marine families who took the Marines into their homes for a day of Thanksgiving celebration.

The Flag Award Certificates Presentations: The Hobbins family presenters of the Flag Certificates for the Marines are also honoring them in support by and on behalf of the Wisconsin Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Detached Tent #23, the Wisconsin Dept. of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp #2 Col. Henry Harnden in Madison WI and a host of other patriotic organizations.

“Adopt-a-Marine” for Thanksgiving 2023, is a partnership with the American Friends of Our Armed Forces (AFAF). The AFAF motto is “We Serve those that Serve Us”.

Ashley-Anne Hobbins is a member of Tent 23 who currently resides in California and shared this wonderful event with all of us!



**Marine Putting Contest at the Reserve Golf Course in Indian Wells, California**

### PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, S.D.

The Veterans Homeless Shelter at Pine Ridge was the recipient of requested items from Tent 23 when Co-President, Charlene Staples and Ellen Holly made their annual holiday pilgrimage to deliver a truckload of donated items. In addition to the vets shelter, winter coats and clothing were dropped off at the children’s protective service on the Rez.



**Charlene Staples (L) Homeless Shelter at Pine Ridge. Ellen Holly with a loaded truck of donations from DUVCW and Walworth County.**

**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**



**WHERE IS JORDAN GILLES**  
**Proud Grandma Judy Gilles**  
 reported the following:  
 Jordan is finishing the first semester of her Junior year at Cornell University. The summer of 2023 she interned for Wisconsin State Senator Jesse James in Madison. In November she received the America FFA Degree. This is the highest honor awarded and less than one percent of FFA members achieve this award. During January 2024 University break she will be an intern at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. She is also a College Ambassador for Agriculture Future of America. **WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF THIS YOUNG LADY!**

The photo below is of Jordan when she graduated from Cadott High School in 2021.



### Shirley Peterson

Anna Marie Shirley Peterson, age 88, a beloved resident of Delavan, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at Lakeland Healthcare Center on November 16, 2023. She was born on September 7, 1935 in Muscoda, Wisconsin to Frank and Cordelia (Bremmer) Sikhart. She married Lyle David Peterson of Richland Center, WI on February 4, 1956. In addition to her personal pursuits, Anna was known for her generous and fierce commitment to make her community a better place. Delavan will forever remember her as a pillar of support. If you have ever gone swimming or skating at the Mill Pond, attended Mass at St. Andrew's Catholic church, or picked up a book at Aram Public library, you will see evidence of her passion for and pride in the community she cherished. She was a charter member of the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Anna is preceded in death by her husband Lyle Peterson, her parents Frank and Cordelia Sikhart, and her sister Mary Freymiller. She is survived by her children Lisa (Rob) Fricker of Wauwatosa, WI; Christie (Jim) Stark of Stoughton, WI; Joanna (Bob) Seymour of Cedar Falls, IA; Mary Kathryn (Jeet) Chadha of Seattle, WA; Emily (Trevor) Peters of Wauwatosa, WI; Erik (Jennifer) Peterson of Nashville, TN; Sigrid Peterson of St. Louis, MO; and Anders (Amy) Peterson of Middleton, WI. She is also survived by her sister Evelyn Bronowski (Rockford, IL), her grandchildren Sam (Christina) Fricker; Susannah (Patrick) Nichols, Ethan (Lidiana) Fricker, Martha (Ronnie) Opela, Ben Stark, Madeleine Seymour, Walter Seymour, Annie Seymour, Niels Peters, Gaike Peters, Odin Peters, Ivy Peterson, Connor Peterson, Zoey Peterson, and her great-grandchildren Bodhi Opela, Lilah Opela, and Chastene Nichols.

**Group Photo Above:**  
 Shirley is seated in the first row on the far right



**BEST WISHES FOR HOLIDAYS FILLED WITH  
 HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!**