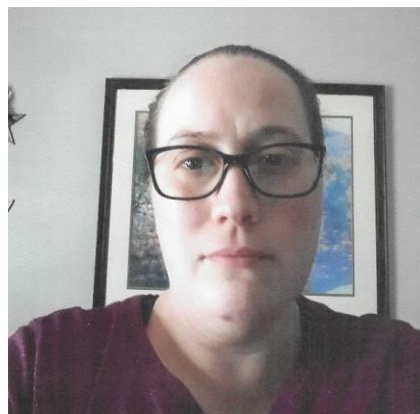


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DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmaryclee>Tent 23 Welcomes
PAM HOWARD-GRAHN

Our newest member was born in West Virginia and currently lives in Menomonee Falls. She and her husband enjoy gardening, genealogy, researching and their Lab mix dogs. Pam works for Gary Comer, Inc. where she does research and assists with numerous projects. She has a storied ancestry to include royalty and castles. Her Civil War ancestors are John W. Howard and John W. Hill.

Welcome Pam!

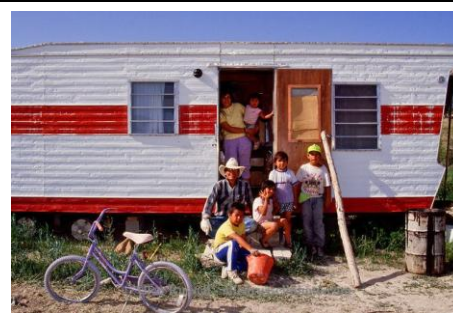
“TWENTY THREE YEARS OF ROAD TRIPS”

Our March meeting, the first of the year, will welcome Ellen Holly and Charlene Staples who will present an interesting Power Point program to update Tent 23 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Tent has supported the Veterans Homeless Shelter at Pine Ridge for years. Holly who has been faithfully making two trips a year to the Rez for 23 years and Staples who has accompanied her for the past 10 years will share photos, stories and insights about the Reservation and their experiences.

The spring/summer trip finds the “duo” gathering school supplies, diapers, food, personal hygiene items and clothing. The fall/winter trip focuses on coats, mittens, boots and hats as well as the essentials.

Both Holly and Staples have been adopted by members of the Oglala Lakota tribe for their humanitarian efforts and because the “duo” are just nice people!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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

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DETACHED TENT #23



54th Patriotic Luncheon

The annual luncheon is Southeast Wisconsin's premier President's Day tradition. Over 90 people from 43 organizations were in attendance where they enjoyed a delicious buffet and an outstanding program presented by Lincoln historian, Nicholas Bur. C.K. Pier Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 hosted the event and raised hundreds of dollars through a raffle and silent auction to benefit local veterans.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 1, 2025**

**Above Photos: Top Left: Lincoln Historian, Nicholas Bur Top Right: Emcee, Steve Michaels
Past National Commander Center: Members of Tent 23, (L-R) Susan Fallon, Barb Pahlow,
Mary Picard, Natalie Brown, Pat Blackmer Lower Left: Past National Chaplain Kowalski,
Susan Fallon Lower Right: Attendees at the luncheon Photos by: Kent Peterson**



Brother Kim Heltemes of Old Abe Camp 8 of the Sons of Union Veterans which is located in the Fox Cities is in the process of writing a rather lengthy book on the 21st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. While the book is not finished, he has already completed 875 pages detailing the biographies of members of the regiment. As a Past Dept. Commander for the Sons in Wisconsin, Kim also is a member of the Sons of the Veterans Reserve and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

We congratulate Brother Kim on this monumental undertaking and look forward to the publication of his book!

FEBRUARY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

You may not be aware of the fact that Blacks were not able to join the Union Troops until January 1, 1863 when Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Prior to that date Black men who wished to support the war effort were employed as cooks, drivers and scouts.

In Wisconsin's Civil War history, we find that 129 Black soldiers from our state, Illinois and Missouri were members of Co. F of the 29th US Colored Troops.

Another 224 African Americans in Wisconsin joined other units in LaCrosse, Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien.

The late Maude Totten, Civil War historian of Walworth County, has indicated in her research that eight Black soldiers enlisted from our county, three of which are interred in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan. Totten, who began a book on the Civil War history of Walworth County was unable to complete her volume. The lengthy tome is housed at the Walworth County Historical Society waiting for someone to complete her life work. During her life time, Totten obtained all of the records of Walworth County individuals who had enlisted in the Civil War from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.



HAPPY VALENTINE DAY!

ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S DEATH

There will be two events held at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL.

The host on Saturday, April 13, 2024 will be the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On Monday, April 15th, the National Lincoln Monument Association will celebrate the anniversary.