

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23<https://www.marychesebroleewi23.org><https://www.facebook.com/duvcwmaryclee>**WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR VETERANS**

Tent 23 continues to support our homeless veterans as well as those who live in our communities, attend our higher education programs and reside in or are temporary patients at our state veterans homes and hospitals.

Linda Tanner-Frietag recently participated in the STAND DOWN event held in Madison on October 21st -22nd. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events during which VA staff and volunteers provide food, clothing and health screenings to homeless and at-risk Veterans. In addition, Veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services. She reported that she distributed 90 cards for veterans day, (3) \$20 Kwik trip gift certificates were distributed as well as underwear, socks and puzzle books totaling \$250 in donations. 200 coats were also donated by Lands End.

Our Walworth County veterans will receive cards through postal mail honoring them for their service to our country. We have committed to this since we chartered our Tent in 2012.

Tent 23 will support the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Homeless Veterans Shelter with a \$200 donation for Charlene Staples to purchase needed supplies on their wish list. Staples will travel to the Reservation in late November to deliver our donations.

Once again, Tent 23 will adopt a homeless veteran who resides at the Housing 4 Our Vets program in Janesville. We will be busy shopping for items on his Christmas wish list as well as writing greeting cards and assembling candy packets for all the veterans at the Janesville homeless shelter.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30pm



Tent 23 enjoyed the program presented by Major Monte Eldert, head instructor of the Beloit Memorial H.S. JROTC Program. The Tent will award an outstanding JROTC cadet at the school with a certificate and medal next May.



Sister Susan Fallon, Past President of Tent 23 presented the Vietnam Vets of the C.K. Pier Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with commemorative lapel pins for their service to our country. Tent 23 has been involved with the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Program since its inception. The Tent has recognized the service of over 300 Vietnam Vets and will continue to do so until the program ends in 2025.



Sister Sharon Carlson reports that she is always happy to help out for our military. She recently sent a box of over 200 Christmas cards to the American Legion in CA (her son is a member there) that will be sent over-seas for the military to use. She had a blast making them and a friend contributed some.



Each year, the members of Tent 23 spend their November meeting wrapping gifts, writing cards and packing candy packets for our veterans. These photos were taken of the 2022 elves.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS IMPORTANT!
PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2024 ANNUAL DUES OF \$30.00
PAYABLE TO MARY CHESEBRO LEE TENT 23 AND SEND TO:
MARY WINCHOWKY, 520 FOX STREET, MUKWONAGO, WI 53149



Sandra Behn's love of history led her to become a charter member of the Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent 23 in Delavan on May 19th of 2012. As a patriot she felt that honoring her 2nd Great Gandfather, John Conklin, who served as a private in Co. D of the 22nd WI was of paramount importance.

Obituary: Sandra Behn, Charter Member of Tent 23

DELAVAN – Our dear mother, Sandra Behn sadly passed away on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the age of 86 in her home surrounded by her children and Smokey her cat. She was a wonderful mother who was always there for anyone who needed her. She was so loved, a true patriot and an engaged member of the community in Delavan where she made an impact on so many lives. Her family was everything and she loved them unconditionally with her whole heart. She served 20 years as a member of the Delavan Historical Society and an charter member of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for over 20 years. Sandra was born April 27, 1937 at Lakeland Hospital in Elkhorn, WI to Paul and Elizabeth Scott. She graduated from Delavan High School in 1955 and organized her class reunions for the past several years. Sandra married Stanley Soukup and had six children together. When she and Stanley parted ways she remarried Bill Behn opening all of our hearts to a blended family forever blessed. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Elizabeth; brother, Ronald Scott; husband, Bill Behn; ex-husband and longtime friend, Stanley Soukup; and daughters, Sheila and Shelly Soukup. Sandra is survived by her children, Skip (Patti) Soukup, of Delavan, Scott (Angela) Soukup, of Harshaw, Sherry Soukup (Steve Frederick), of Sharon, Sue (Rich) Schroeder, of Pewaukee; 14 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and all of those she adopted in her heart.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Monroe Funeral Home, 604 E. Walworth Ave in Delavan with longtime family friend Deacon DeSales Wisniewski officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 A.M. until the time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

(Obituary, courtesy of Monroe Funeral Home, Delavan, WI)

We adopted a homeless veteran by the name of Charles L. who resides at the Housing 4 Our Vets Homeless Shelter in Janesville. His wish list includes McDonalds and Kwik Trip gift certificates and 3XL boxer shorts and a bus ticket to Chicago. We will also be packing gift bags of candy and holiday cards at our November meeting. Please remember to bring candy and cards (no glitter).