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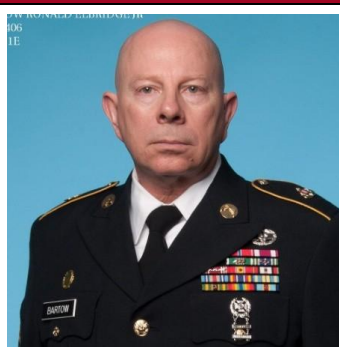
MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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**Major Monte Eldert
instructor JROTC
program at Beloit
Memorial High School**



**Sgt. First Class
Ronald Bartow, JROTC
program at Beloit**



OCTOBER TENT 23 PROGRAM: JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Program)

Join us for an educational and enlightening evening when Major Monte Eldert of Beloit Memorial High School shares information about the JROTC program at Beloit Memorial High.

For 103 years, Beloit Memorial High School has been home to the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Program. Beloit's program is the oldest JROTC program in Wisconsin and just one of five programs statewide.

JROTC is a four-year elective program and part of the PACMES (Public Service, Automotive, Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering, and Science) Academy. All classes are offered on a semester schedule, and even though many might have this belief, only 15 of the more than 150 JROTC classes in the curriculum are actually military related.

The program teaches subjects from eight core subjects including leadership theory and application, health, wellness and fitness, civics, world geography, financial planning and current events. Senior ROTC Scholarships are available at more than 300 universities in the United States. JROTC does not recruit for any branch of the military.

Tent 23 has honored two female JROTC cadets at Beloit Memorial High School and a senior male ROTC cadet at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with certificates and medals of honor for their achievements.

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30pm

WELCOME LYNDA FORD!

I met my husband while we were both undergraduates at the University of Southern California. Subsequently, I earned a Masters Degree and I taught elementary school. I then became involved with acting, which I did in films and television until our first child was born. My husband and I will be celebrating our 53rd wedding anniversary this December and we are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of four grandchildren.

We left California ten years ago and now live on 25 wooded acres in Northwest, Montana, where I have assumed the mantle as the designated "gardener". These days I've abandoned my teacher's chalkboard and a movie director's clipboard for an electric chainsaw, pruning shears and a pickup truck. Certainly in my case, being able to adapt has been a blessing. But I still love to sew, cook and read. I was born in River Falls, Wisconsin. My Great grandfather emigrated from Skoger, Vestfold, Norway to River Falls Wisconsin 175 years ago. All my relatives were born in Wisconsin and they all were farmers. So, I know the value of hard work. These days, between tending to my best friend, my dear husband, helping maintain our property here in Montana and being a doting mother and grandmother - my life is happy and full. (photo below)



Lynda Ford's
Civil War Ancestor
was Corporal
Cyrus R. Howe
who served in
Co. E of the 57th
Pennsylvania
Volunteer Infantry

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED US BADGER HONOR FLIGHT

Tent 23 was honored to have Brian Ziegler as guest speaker at our September Meeting. Ziegler shared the details of the organization's history and mission. Based in Madison, the Honor Flight allows those WWII, Korean, Vietnam and any terminally ill veteran the experience of flying to Washington, D.C. for a one-day tour.

The flight goes from Madison six times per year and can accommodate 90 veterans and their chaperones as well as medical personnel. The average cost per trip is approximately \$130,000. To date, the Badger Honor Flight has flown over 4,400 veterans from the Madison hub which includes veterans from 13 counties. The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight hub is located in Milwaukee and flies out of Mitchell Field serving other counties in Wisconsin.

Veterans on the Honor Flight receive a jacket, hat, shirt, trip photos and food as well as 1:1 assistance if needed.

The next Badger Honor Flight will depart from Madison on November 4th. The organization has already flown over 50 flights and is looking forward to providing many more for our veterans.



Members of Tent 23 contributed \$300 toward the Badger Flight Program.



UNDERGROUND FREEDOM HERITAGE TRAIL

Sister Pam Wanasek of Burlington shared the dedication of historical markers commemorating the Underground Railroad in Racine County.

The Underground Railroad Freedom Heritage Trail continues to grow in Racine County. Seven historical markers were dedicated Sept. 24 in Burlington. The markers make up the second phase of what is intended to be a three-phase project to designate significant Underground Railroad sites across the county. Three of them are at the Abraham Lincoln monument park at State and Kane streets in Burlington.

The Burlington markers memorialize locations used to harbor fugitives on their way to freedom in the 1800s: the Perkins House, the Dyer House and the Cooper House.

Dr. Edward G. Dyer was considered to be the “commander in chief” of the Underground Railroad in Burlington.

Joshua Glover made his way to Racine in 1852 after escaping from his master in St. Louis, according to the Burlington Historical Society. He hid for a short time at the Cooper House. (Excerpts from the Racine Journal Times)



Barb Steuer has planted a branch from the muster tree in hopes that it will grow. Linda Tanner-Frietag has made a shadow box with a Tent photo, branch and leaves from the tree. (Tree photos courtesy of Peggy Murphy)

The Delavan Civil War Muster Tree was taken down on Tuesday, October 17th. The entire process took approximately two (2) hours. A portion of the trunk was left standing with hopes that a carving commemorating the significance of the historic tree can be made.