

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### STARS & STRIPES HONOR FLIGHT FACTS

- SSHF has flown over 3400 veterans since the launch of "Operation Resolve"
- 747s are chartered to fly up to 300 veterans at a time. Flights average 120 veterans and 120 Guardians.
- Veterans do not pay anything for their trip. Guardians pay \$500 to help defer costs. 98.6% of funds are raised through charitable organizations and schools.
- The quote on all SSHF garments "Every day is a bonus" comes from Joe Demler, the POW from Port Washington on the cover of LIFE magazine in 1945 (he weighed 68 lbs after 3 months in a German POW camp).
- SSHF garments are color coded: navy blue=WWII vet, royal blue=Korean War vet, red=guardian, chartreuse=medical staff
- The guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier click their heels in honor of the veterans when they visit on their tour.



### STARS AND STRIPES HONOR FLIGHT

Ron Borowski, a Stars and Stripes volunteer since 2010, spoke at our March meeting about the Honor Flight program. In 1992, Bob Dole proposed a memorial for our WWII veterans which was completed in 2004. Earl Morse, a retired Air Force Captain and physician's assistant conceived of the idea of the Honor Flight and in May 2005, he and 5 pilot friends flew the first group of 12 veterans to see the memorial in May 2005. The mayor of Port Washington, Joe Dean, thought Wisconsin should also do Honor Flights, and in 2008 the first flight from Wisconsin flew 70 veterans to Washington, DC. Over 1000 people were signed up on the waitlist. Over \$600,000 was raised in 2010 to help fund the flights. Each veteran is paired with a guardian, and there is medical staff on each flight. The vets arrive at the airport at 4:30a.m. and have a picture taken with their guardian. In DC, the plane is met With an honor guard on the tarmac. A welcome team meets them in the airport where they get on buses. The vets are given a tour including the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other sites. During mail call on the flight home, each veteran is given at least 25 pieces of mail. Upon arrival in Milwaukee, they are greeted by thousands including an honor guard, band, and USO ladies. Later each vet is given a photo book of their trip (above).



*Ron Borowski*



### FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at the  
Delavan Community Centre at  
6:30pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2015

### UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

**A LINCOLN WEEKEND** - April 17th-19th in Manitowoc. The Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the Civil War and the death of President Abraham Lincoln with three separate events. Friday 4/17 6:30pm Chicken and Ham dinner followed at 8:00pm by “Our American Cousin”, the play the Lincolns were attending at Ford’s Theater the night the President was assassinated. Saturday 4/18 10:00am – 2:00pm “A Hunt for the Conspirators”; registered participants can win prizes by finding any one of the five conspirators hiding in the City of Manitowoc or the surrounding area. Sunday 4/19 1:00pm – 3:00pm Lincoln’s body will be on display for a visitation at Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home. For more information or to purchase dinner or theater tickets, call Dennis or Rogene Moore at 414-682-0235 or visit [www.alincolnweekend.weebly.com](http://www.alincolnweekend.weebly.com)

**CUSHING MEMORIAL ENCAMPMENT** - May 23rd & 24th in Delafield. At 1:00pm on Sunday there will be a parade. The re-dedication program will begin at 2:30 and will follow the original program from 1915. The Alonzo Cushing Medal of Honor will be there. Post 8 will be setting up a Grand Army Camp at Cushing Park in Delafield.

**POST 8 GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT** - June 27th & 28<sup>th</sup> in Elkhorn. For its second year, this event will again be held at the Historical Webster House on the grounds of the Walworth County Historical Society. The program is still being set up, but there will be a Ladies fashion show on Sunday afternoon, an ongoing children's scavenger hunt and firing demonstrations on both days. There may be a period (late 1800s & early 1900s) Saturday evening dance. There will be a Civil War diorama set up in the Heritage Hall with over 2,000 54mm hand painted figures, a display of original G.A.R. items, and hopefully a Sunday morning Service by the Post 8 Chaplain.

**CAMP RANDALL MONUMENT DEDICATION** – July 18<sup>th</sup> in Madison. There will be two camps set up, a Civil War Camp and a G.A.R. Camp. The 2nd Wisconsin Infantry will be doing a 1865 “Welcome Home the Troops” scenario. The 1st Brigade Band, 2nd Wisconsin Infantry and Veterans Post 8 of the Grand Army of the Republic will be present. **11:00am** Commemorative Ceremony - Unveiling of the Monument - Grand Review of the troops by VIPs. **11:30am** 1st Brigade Band Concert **2:00pm** The troops assemble to receive their final pay before receiving official notice of being mustered out **4:00pm** Public is directed to gather around the campfires in small groups and listen as reenactors tell campfire stories (either stories of Wisconsin’s role in the Civil War or stories of reenacting and why they do what they do) **5:30pm** Soldiers bid farewell to each other after having served a long and hard 4 years of war together.

*Many thanks to Commanding Officer Mike Wozny of GAR Post 8 for the information about the above events.*

“Most of the worst battles in the Civil War had two factors: large armies and ROBERT E. LEE. Nine of the top ten bloodiest battles involved one hundred thousand soldiers or more, and seven involved Lee.” These battles were Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Antietam, The Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Shiloh, Stones River, Fredericksburg, Second Manassas, and Spotsylvania. (from *The Civil War Top Ten*, by Thomas Flagel)

“The average soldier weighed 145 pounds...However frail he might have appeared, the soldier with the diminutive carriage tended to last longest. Diaries are ripe with stories of giants in camp, but the same accounts praised the thin, more efficient soldier in the endurance events of marching and fighting...Two soldiers not on the diet plan were Gens. Winfield Scott and George H. Thomas. Scott topped three hundred pounds at the beginning of the war, and Thomas reached the three-hundred mark soon after the war ended.”

(from *The Civil War Top Ten*, by Thomas Flagel)

### SUVCW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

We were fortunate that the C.K. Pier Camp #1 of Milwaukee offered a membership orientation workshop for the SUVCW, Daughters and the Allied Orders on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Delavan. Sisters in attendance were Charlene Staples, Ann Day, Marilyn Traver and Barb Hale.



### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CIVIL WAR EXPO

Below are some pictures from the Expo held at the Kenosha Civil War Museum on Saturday, March 21. Tent #23 had a table at the Expo.



“Of all the men I ever met, he [Lincoln] seemed to possess more elements of greatness, combined with goodness, than any other.” - General W.T. Sherman

“On March 9, 1906, Congress authorized furnishing headstones for the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in national cemeteries as well as in Confederate burial plots. Congress specified that the headstones be fashioned in the same size and of the same material as those of Union soldiers...There was to be one difference, however. Whereas U.S. headstones were rounded at the top, the Confederate design was pointed.”

*(from Weird War: Curious Military Trivia, by Alan Axelrod)*