

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### New Year's Eve Civil War Style: Celebrating While at War

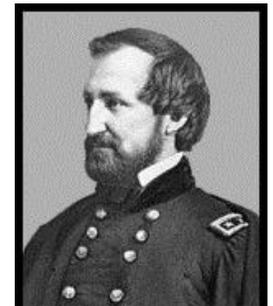
We must remember that while some rejoiced, in 1862, a war was going on to make the freedom for the slaves a reality. In Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the battle of Stone's River was being waged on a chill, foggy New Year's Eve. The forces of General Bragg and General Rosecrans met from December 30th to January 1st in a battle involving over 80,000 men with casualties numbering 24,500.

However, even in the midst of battle, the soldiers took time to mark the occasion. The night of New Year's Eve, the Union troops played Yankee Doodle, followed by Hail Columbia. The Confederate soldiers hearing the music played Dixie in return. Songs went back and forth across the battle lines throughout the night. The exchange of music ended with the Union playing Home Sweet Home and the Confederate band joining in.

The Union squeaked out a victory in a bloody conflict at Stones River, which boosted morale in the North and gave the Federals control of central Tennessee. Of the major battles in the Civil War, Stones River had the highest percentage of casualties on both sides. Excerpts from American Civil War Voice.org



Photo on Left: CSA  
General Braxton  
Bragg  
Photo on Right: USA  
General William S.  
Rosecrans



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held  
virtually  
Date and time to be determined



### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: DECEMBER 18, 2021

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. (From L-R) Sisters Barb Pahlow, duv Natalie Scott and Linda Tanner-Freitag placed wreaths at Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison, WI. Below: Arlington National Cemetery



WI DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, RVCP WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION OF CANDY AND CHRISTMAS CARDS. THESE ITEMS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY OUR VETERANS. YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS ARE TRULY A BLESSING.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,  
RVCP / HOUSING 4 OUR VETS

### CARDS FOR ZABLCOCKI VETERANS

Sister Mary Picard reported that Chaplain Ed was very pleased to receive the 20 Christmas cards she sent on behalf of Tent 23. He thanks the Tent for the work done in honor of veterans.

### HOUSING 4 OUR VETERANS SENDS THANK YOU CARD

Our annual donation of candy and Christmas cards is always well received by the Housing 4 our Vets program. Thanks to duv Lauren Richardson, Granddaughter of Dan Richardson and Pat Blackmer for packing the 40 candy bags and preparing the Christmas cards for us this year since an in person meeting by Tent 23 was not possible due to the COVID pandemic.



**WE HAVE SO VERY MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL!**

March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day was established by The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, to be observed in perpetuity. This special day joins six other military-centric national observances, including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of this special day.

### NEWS FLASH!

Looking forward to an early summer opening, the Housing 4 or Vets plans to open the Veteran's Wing Expansion. Once completed, Housing 4 Our Vets will offer 47 single bed transitional housing units to our homeless veterans in need.

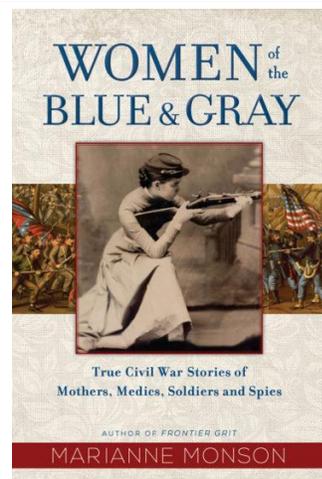


### FOR YOUR WINTER READING ENJOYMENT: THEN AND NOW

“Good came out of evil, as it often does...” Thus writes Susan Warner at the end of her novel *The Wide, Wide World*, a work often considered America’s first best seller. Published by Putnam in 1851 Warner’s novel was widely acclaimed and a literary sensation. It remained in print through 1892 and sold thousands of copies in both the United States and England. *The Wide, Wide World* is the story of a little girl’s journey to womanhood. Ellen, a spoiled and highly emotional child, is transformed by a series of unfortunate circumstances and the guidance of autocratic men into a submissive, self-sacrificing woman—the ideal woman of the Victorian period. Most importantly, the book is a cultural artifact of its time. This is what a huge proportion of people, particularly women, were reading before and during the Civil War. *The Wide Wide World* is available as an e-book from Google books.



Sisters, Please share any books you have read regarding the Civil War Era for our book review column.



Sister Mary Picard recommends this 2018 publication by Marianne Monson. The book tells the stories of remarkable women heroes whose biographies are from the North and South, women who were black, white, immigrants and Native Americans, all who lived during the Civil War. Mary enjoyed the book and she believes that you will too! The book is available for purchase at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Walmart or at your local library for free!

The above vintage postcard displays the motto of the Grand Army of the Republic which was “Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty”. This motto was also adopted by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the other Allied Orders.