

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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Tent #23 honored the following Walworth County Veterans with greeting cards: Art Lein, Tom Cotter, Dale Folkers, Harry Larsen, George Ballman, Red Dahl, Frank Eames, Bob Webster, Larry Malsch, Ralph Moehrke, Ray Woods, Alan Buzzell, Dick Carlson, Paul Rausch, Lynn Allen, Chris Jordan, Bill Bultman, Denise Doerries, Bob Penniman and our own Tent #23 veterans, Susan Fallon and Linda Tanner-Frietag.  
Thank you for your service



### HOUSING 4 OUR VETS

#### Veterans Transitional Housing in Rock County

Tent #23 has supported this extraordinary program since we chartered as part of the DUVCW in 2012. The goal of this transitional housing program is to end veteran homelessness one veteran at a time. In April of 2011, Rock Valley Community Programs in Janesville, WI opened the veterans transitional program with 24 studio apartments having the ability to house up to 48 homeless veterans. In addition the program provides needed support services, employment opportunities and re-training.

The Rock Valley Community Program (RVCP) has assisted more than 300 veterans in regaining their independence. Many of our homeless veterans are single and may come from disadvantaged communities. Statistically, 45% suffer from some form of mental illness while 50% have a substance abuse problem. Many of these vets have served three or more years in the military and 47% served during the Vietnam era. A large number of them have the lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which is often compounded by a lack of social support networks as well as a lack of family.

Tent #23 has donated clothing, hygiene supplies and household goods to RVCP. During the holiday season, it has been an annual Tent ritual to pack treat bags with assorted candies for the vets and send greeting cards to them. We are keenly aware of their service to our country which protects our rights and freedoms as Americans. **VETERANS ARE HEROES!**

## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30pm





### THANKSGIVING AND THE CIVIL WAR

Most all of us know the traditional tale of our New England Pilgrims celebrating Thanksgiving with the Indians. Few of us are aware of the alternative story that occurred during the Civil War.

In 1863, we were a divided nation engaged in a Civil War. Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation establishing the first national day of Thanksgiving. He called on his “fellow citizens” to “set apart and observe the Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving”. Lincoln’s proclamation never mentioned Pilgrims or Indians, the North or the South, or our national origin. He did not even mention our founding fathers. He simply called attention to a nation’s desperate need for healing. Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day to “commend to his tender care all those widows, orphans, mourners and sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” our nation faced. He called for a day “to heal the wounds of the nation”.

Scholars have indicated that Lincoln’s formal education was no more than one year. Yet, the incredible intellect of this man, his compassion for our country and all of its citizens lead him to declare the very first national day of Thanksgiving hoping to unite a country.

\*The second paragraph was a paraphrase of an article written by Honor Sachs, noted historian and an Assistant Professor of History at Western Carolina University.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING, SISTERS!**

Let us remember those who have served our country and made sacrifices for our freedom by attending the Walworth County Historical Society’s Veterans Day Program on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
Heritage Hall, 103 East Rockwell in Elkhorn, Wisconsin



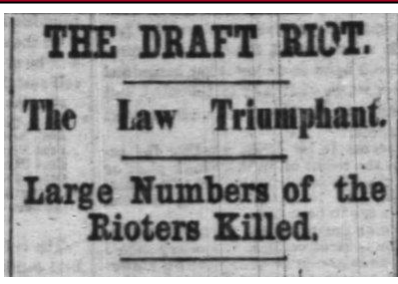


## KEEP GREEN THEIR MEMORY: WHERE DID OUR ANCESTORS SERVE DURING THE CIVIL WAR?

Have you ever wondered about the service record of your ancestor? Do you know where he fought or what he did to assist in the preservation of the Union? This is a continuing series of articles regarding the heroic efforts of our Tent #23 ancestors.

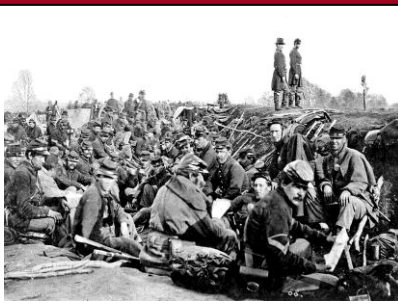
### ADOLPH BREMMER, 8<sup>TH</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery (Ancestor of A.M. "Shirley" Peterson)

Adolph Bremmer enlisted at Madison, WI on November 26, 1863 in the 8<sup>th</sup> Independent Wisconsin Light Artillery which was nicknamed the Lyon's Pinery Battery. Bremmer saw duty in Nashville, TN until March of 1864 guarding the railways. He was then moved to garrison duty in Murfreesboro, TN where his unit protected Fort Rosecrans which served as a supply base for Union troops who were to seize and hold the vital southern rail junction town of Chattanooga, TN. Bremmer was mustered out of service on August 10, 1865.



### MENZO HONE, CO. I, 5<sup>TH</sup> Wisconsin (Ancestor of Barbara Shreves)

The 5th Infantry was assembled at Camp Randall, in Madison on July 12, 1861. It left Wisconsin for Washington, D.C. on July 24, 1861. Hone enlisted on August 30, 1861 and joined the troops in Washington. During the war the 5th moved through Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York (helping to quell that city's famous draft riots). It participated in the battles of Williamsburg, Glendale, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Battles of the Wilderness, the Battle at Spotsylvania Court House, the Siege of Petersburg and the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee and his army.



Photos to left from top: 1. Fort Rosecrans, Tennessee 2. Vital Railroads in Chattanooga, Tennessee 3. Poster of Draft Riots in New York 4. Union Troops at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia

Make plans to join us for the DUVCW/Tent #23 and Delavan Historical Society's Luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at the Village Supper Club at 1725 South Shore Drive, Delavan