

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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We decided at our August Tent meeting that we would have a work session creating lap blankets for the Veterans Home at Union Grove. The nursing facility has both male and female residents. The lap blankets will be 1.5 yards of material doubled and cut to fringe. Please see inside this newsletter for more details on constructing the blankets.

Photos to the right:  
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, Boland Hall,  
Interior of Boland Hall which is the nursing home facility.

## WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT UNION GROVE

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove which is located at 21425 E. Spring Street is a 158 room senior housing facility that includes modern and affordable residences, a variety of social opportunities and comprehensive, skilled nursing services on its conveniently located southeastern Wisconsin campus. The Veterans Home provided care needs are assisted living, specialized skilled nursing care and a protective memory-care unit.

In addition, the facility has an abundance of amenities and services for their residents. Health services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and vision services. There is an on-site beautician, library, computers as well as a community dining hall. Social activities include educational programming, health and wellness programs as well as spiritual and religious opportunities.

The Union Grove Veterans home has been in existence since 2006 and has received a stellar five star rating based on quality of care, staff ratings and safety. Tent #23's latest project is to make and donate lap blankets to the residents of the Union Grove Home.



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

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

### IT SEEMS SO VERY EASY: STEPS TO MAKING A LAP BLANKET

If you wish to donate fleece fabric for the August project, please purchase two pieces of fleece that are 1.5 yds. You can find this fabric already cut at Walmart or Joanne's Fabrics. The color doesn't matter because we are making lap blankets for both men and women veterans.

**The following steps will be done at the meeting:**

Start out by laying the piece of fleece that will be the back of your blanket, right side down, on your work surface. This works best on a large area of the floor. Smooth out the piece of fleece with your hands.

Now, lay the piece of fleece that will be the front of your blanket, right side up, on top of the first piece of fleece. Again, smooth out the piece of fleece so it lies flat.

Cut through both pieces of fleece, trimming it to whatever size you want your blanket to be and squaring up the edges. The cuts do not have to be perfectly even, but they should be relatively straight. Keep in mind that the finished blanket will appear about 10 to 12 inches smaller than the size you cut because of the fringe!

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Next, start making the fringe along each edge, cutting through both thicknesses of fleece. Each strip should be the same length as your starter square and anywhere from 1 inch to 2 inches wide.

To attach the top piece of fleece to the bottom piece of fleece, tie the fringe together. Hold a set of fringe pieces (a back and front piece), and **tie a square knot**. Tie each knot so it is tight, but try not to pull at the fabric too much.

Continue tying the pieces of fleece together until you have worked your way all around the blanket. Your fleece tied blanket is now done.

With all of the talented "crafters" and seamstresses in our Tent, making these lap blankets should be a snap. Don't forget your SCISSORS!

Our July meeting celebrates "Christmas in July". Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for an evening of games, fun and laughter.

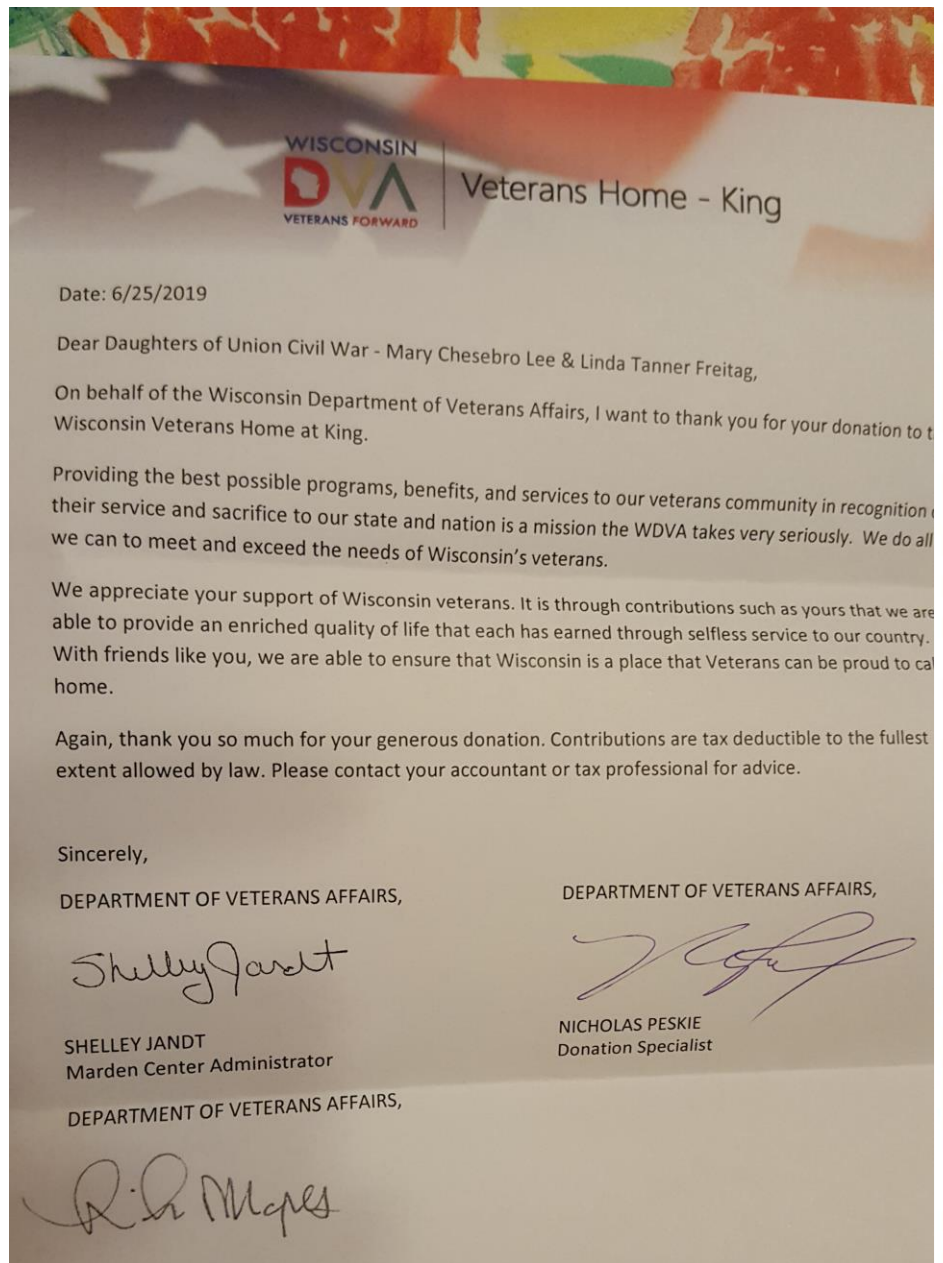
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As reported in an earlier issue of the newsletter, Sister Linda Tanner-Frietag of Madison, knitted five lap blankets which she donated to the Veterans Home at King, WI on behalf of Tent #23. To the right is the thank you letter that Linda received for doing this charitable deed. Thanks, Linda for all that you do for our Tent.



King Veterans Home is located in Waupaca Co. on 42 acres on the Chain 'O Lakes. It is a full service facility with its own chapel. (see above photos)



**“Every sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day.” Richelle Goodrich**

**REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JULY MEETING THANKS TO SANDY STRATMEYER AND KATHY WILLIAMSEN**