# DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS
## OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865
# MARY CHESEBRO LEE
## DETACHED TENT #23

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Happy Holidays



VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

ROCK COUNTY, WI

**Let's remember our veterans and current military by bringing cards and candy to our November meeting. It is a Tent 23 tradition that benefits many!**



### TENT 23 PARTICIPATES IN THE "ADOPT A VET" PROGRAM

Realizing the importance of the contributions made by those who served in our military, Tent 23 has adopted a homeless veteran who lives at the transitional housing facility in Janesville. While his name cannot be released, he is known to us as #14. He has created a wish list of gifts that he would like to have for the holiday season. Among the items on the list which have already been purchased are a hair/nose trimmer, belt, flashlight, underwear and a digital watch with a light. Items which remain on the list and need to be donated are army pants, gloves, a winter scarf and an electronic toothbrush. (At the time of publication, all items have been donated!)

Let's make this veteran's wishes come true and donate every item that he has requested. It is the least that we can do to bring Christmas cheer into the life of a man who protected our country and sacrificed so very much to do so.



# FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30pm

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## 100 YEARS AGO:  November 11, 1918

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I.   With the approval of this legislation by the U.S. Congress which occurred on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Historically, in 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War".   The event marked the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of the War.

## VETERANS DAY:  November 11, 2018

The Daughters of Union Veterans Tent 23 along with the Samuel Phoenix Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Walworth County Historical Society honored the veterans of all wars.  Special recognition was given those veterans who served during the Vietnam War era from 1955-1975 marked by the presentation of a commemorative lapel pin.  Michael Clark, a recently retired physicians assistant and a Vietnam veteran who served as a medic, was the keynote speaker.



Above photo honors those veterans in attendance at Heritage Hall at the Walworth County Historical Society.  Seated, second from the right is Tent 23, Past President, Susan Fallon.

## VETERANS AND CURRENT MILITARY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

## HOW THANKSGIVING BECAME A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of every November. The holiday was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941). Earlier it was the last Thursday in November as was designated by the former President Abraham Lincoln. But sometimes the last Thursday would turn out to be the fifth Thursday of the month. This falls too close to Christmas, leaving the businesses even less than a month's time to cope up with the two big festivals. Hence the change. But irrespective of the date of celebration the Thanksgiving Day has been observed as the national holiday since the regime of Lincoln.
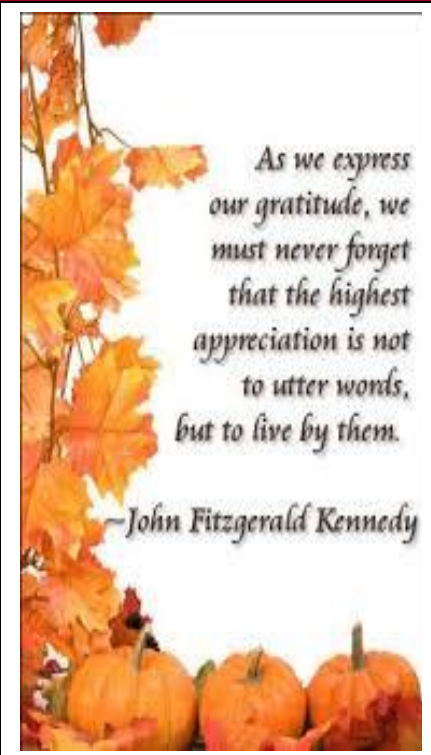
Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. Although the demand for making it a regular national holiday came in from various quarters, but was of little impact. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale began lobbying several Presidents for the proclamation of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. It didn't see success until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday with his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation. So it was Lincoln who resumed the tradition. And it has continued to the present day. Probably the last Thursday of November was set by Lincoln to somewhat correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which occurred on November 21, 1620 as per the modern Gregorian calendar. To the Pilgrims who used the Julian calendar it was November 11.

MORE INFORMATION AT: https://www.theholidayspot.com/thanksgiving/national_holiday.htm#UXjcRSDrsk5PMhWc.99

**Judy Manning and Pam Wanazek will provide treats for our November meeting.**