

MARY CHESEBRO LEE  
DETACHED TENT #23

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WELCOME NEW  
SISTER LINDA



Tent #23 is pleased to introduce our newest Sister, Linda Tanner-Freitag from Madison. She has two Civil War ancestors, Private John Clark Davis who was in Co. I of the 16<sup>th</sup> WI Volunteer Infantry, and Private William Franklin Rose who was in Co. B of the 25<sup>th</sup> WI Volunteer Infantry. Welcome Linda!



VETERANS DAY  
PROGRAM AT WCHS

Sisters from Tent #23 honored area veterans (*below*) by attending the Walworth County Historical Society/American Legion Veterans Day Program at Heritage Hall. Major General Grant Mulder (*at right*) was the guest speaker. He is the highest ranking officer in the history of Walworth County. Participants enjoyed coffee and cookies after the ceremony.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Village Supper Club at noon  
on Saturday, December 5, 2015

### TENT #23 "ELVES" HARD AT WORK!



At our November meeting we signed cards and filled goody bags for veterans at the Janesville Homeless Veterans Shelter. We also put together a package of holiday sweets to send to active servicemen and signed cards for the Red Cross Holidays for Heroes Program.



Charlene Staples at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Veterans Home located in South Dakota. She accompanied a friend on several stops there to deliver clothing and supplies to the Lakota Sioux tribe.

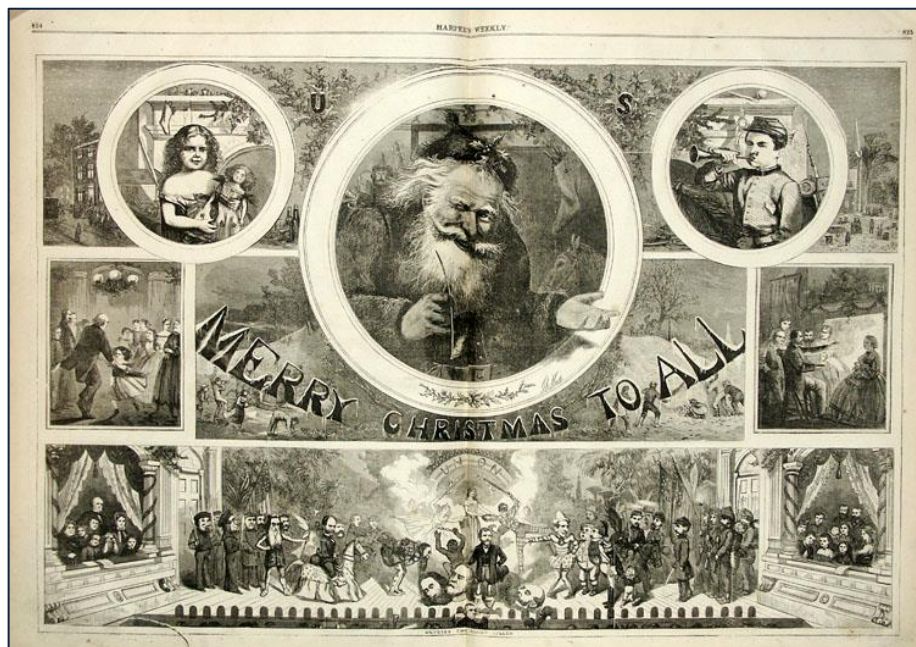


## CHRISTMAS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

“By late 1865 the country was starting to reunite as the horrors of war and the shock of Lincoln’s assassination faded into memory. That December brought the first peacetime Christmas in five years. Most soldiers had been mustered out of the military and were home to celebrate the holiday with their families. Of course, many others had never returned home.

“In the South, Christmas was being rediscovered after four years of deprivation. In the North, shops beckoned passersby with window displays full of tempting goods. And Nast illustrated another Christmas issue for Harper’s Weekly with Santa Claus as the centerpiece attraction (*below*), though he took a disturbing poke at the beaten South: part of the image showed the heads of several Rebel generals lying at the feet of “Ulysses the Giant Killer” Grant.

“For a Christmas issue titled “Santa Claus and His Works” for 1866, Nast drew Santa Claus in his workshop and gave him a permanent address at the North Pole so no other country could claim him and use him for propaganda, as Nast himself did during the Civil War.” (*Information from <http://www.historynet.com/christmas-in-the-civil-war-december-1998-civil-war-times-feature.htm>*)



(Image from [http://www.sonofthesouth.net/Original\\_Santa\\_Claus.htm](http://www.sonofthesouth.net/Original_Santa_Claus.htm))

“The 13th Amendment to the Constitution declared that ‘Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.’ Formally abolishing slavery in the United States, the 13th Amendment was passed by the Congress on January 31, 1865, and ratified by the states on December 6, 1865. [On] December 18, 1865, Secretary of State William Seward issued a statement verifying the ratification of the 13th Amendment.” (*Information from <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/13thamendment.html>*)