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DETACHED TENT #23

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CHARLENE AND HOLLY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

Tent 23 Co-President, Charlene Staples and Ellen Holly departed for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in early December with a Penske truckload of items for residents and homeless veterans on the Reservation. Among the donations were over 200 winter coats and various sundries that they had collected. Tent 23 donated \$100 for the purchase of items needed by the Homeless Veterans Shelter which accommodates both male and female vets. This year the duo packed goodie bags for the residents at the shelter which included a tin of cookies, 2 pair of socks and chocolate mints. They also supplied the usual toilet paper, coffee and soda.

Pine Ridge Reservation is located on 2.7 million acres in the State of South Dakota. The Rez has a population of 40,000 Native Americans who have an average annual income of \$3,800. It is one of the poorest Reservations in the entire country.

Staples and Holly made both a spring/summer and fall/winter trip to Pine Ridge with donations. The winter trip this year found them enjoying temperatures in the 50's. Returning to Wisconsin, they encountered the customary high winds that are typical of South Dakota. We are fortunate that Tent 23 can contribute to such a worthy cause!

Top Photo: Charlene Staples and Ellen Holly

Bottom Photo: Homeless Veterans Shelter on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held
Virtually
on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30pm



REMEMBERING OUR HOMELESS VETS AT THE HOLIDAYS

For a number of years, Tent 23 has contributed “goodie bags” filled with assorted candies as well as Christmas greeting cards to the homeless veterans residing at the Housing 4 Our Vets facility in Janesville, Wisconsin. While the Tent has been unable to meet in person during these turbulent times, our youngest duv, nine year old, Lauren Richardson completed preparing the greeting cards and the goodie bags as her project. The shelter currently has 37 residents, however, Lauren prepared for 40 vets in the event that others enter the shelter before Christmas.

As always, the candy and cards were donated by Tent members for this project.

In addition to remembering the homeless veterans in Janesville, Mary Picard volunteered to send cards to the Veterans Home in Milwaukee and Linda Tanner-Frietag is sending holiday greetings to Veterans who are in nursing homes in the Madison area.

Tent 23 is proud to remember and care for veterans of all wars to those individuals who are worthy and needy.



Above Photos: Top photo: duv Lauren Richardson (Granddaughter of Dan Richardson and Pat Blackmer) prepares greeting cards. Middle photo: Lauren and Pat fill goodie bags with the help of Ethan Richardson. Bottom photo: Housing 4 Our Vets Homeless Shelter in Janesville.

Tent 23 has purchased a full page to be printed in the Patriotic Luncheon Program Book. The ad contains the names and service of all Tent 23's Civil War Ancestors. Luncheon details are located on page 3 of this issue.



**JOHN McDERMOTT
G.A.R. HALL, Boscobel, WI**

In 1896 the building was bought by the [Grand Army of the Republic's](#) local chapter, John McDermott Post #101 and Women's Relief Corps #32. They remodeled the building, splitting the nave into two floors, with a kitchen and other rooms on the first floor and with a meeting hall on the second floor – the current layout. The hall remained a meeting place for the G.A.R. until 1942. The site is now a museum. The hall is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The building is currently in need of interior repair to its ceiling and walls. Possible grant money is being sought to make the needed renovations.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 52ND ANNUAL

PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON

Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley

Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.



**Guest Speaker: Max Daniels
Appearing as President Abraham Lincoln**

“Lincoln’s Constitutional Conundrums”

Luncheon Buffet Price \$25 per person

**Location: Alioto’s Restaurant
3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, WI**

**Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Registration forms for the luncheon will be sent to
Tent 23 members by email.**



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

**2 cups of sugar, 1 cup of butter, ½ cup of sweet milk (whole milk), 1 teaspoon of baking soda,
2 teaspoons of lemon extract, dip cookies in sugar before baking
Recipe published in “The American Citizen”, Canton, MS, October 8, 1881**