

MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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Patriotic Instructor Barbara Shreves told the Tent about a presentation she gave for 4th graders at Turtle Creek School who are studying Wisconsin history. She covered the history of Delavan including information about the Civil War and the veterans buried in Spring Grove Cemetery. She also had the students portray different people in the history of Delavan.



TENT #23 WELCOMES SEVEN NEW SISTERS



Seven new members of Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 were inducted at our November meeting. From left to right are Barbara Steurer of Elkhorn, Barbara Hale of Elkhorn, Judith Manning of Waukegan, Pam Wanasek of Burlington, Marilyn Traver of Elkhorn, Justina Vickerman of Madison, and Ann Day of Paddock Lake. This brings our Tent's membership up to 37 sisters.

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The next meeting of Detached Tent #23 will be held at 1:30pm on December 18, 2012 at the Delavan Community Centre



HISTORY OF DELAVAN G.A.R. MEMBERSHIP BADGE DISCOVERED

An incredible journey began this fall when Franklin Stoneburner, a Delavan historian, showed Pat Blackmer a G.A.R. membership badge from the George H. Thomas, Post #6 of Delavan in virtual mint condition. The badge would have been worn to meetings and in parades, and the reverse side would have been worn to honor the deaths of Civil War comrades at their funerals. Franklin did not know who the owner had been, but told Pat he had purchased it at an auction in the late 1950's from the Robert T. Seymour estate on Racine Street in Delavan.

Intrigued, Pat offered to assist in identifying the owner and embarked on a search to find him. Robert's father, father-in-law, and other relatives were ruled out. His mother, however, had resided at the Racine Street address with Robert and his wife, and upon further investigation, Pat discovered that she was no longer a Seymour. She had gotten remarried to John Richard Brabazon in 1894. Upon checking Delavan and the state of Wisconsin Civil War records, a soldier by his name was found.

John Brabazon was born in 1843 in Canada near Niagara Falls, and his family moved to the Delavan area in 1857. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in Co. E of the 28th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry on Aug. 21, 1862. He was discharged from Union service on Aug.

23, 1865. Following his service, he settled in Sugar Creek for 16 years before moving to Delavan where he raised poultry and developed several businesses. He served on the Delavan city council for many years, and was a member of numerous clubs and organizations. At the time of his death on Jan. 24, 1917 he was commander of the Delavan G.A.R. He is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan. His grave site no longer has a G.A.R. marker, so Tent #23 will honor his service by installing one there.

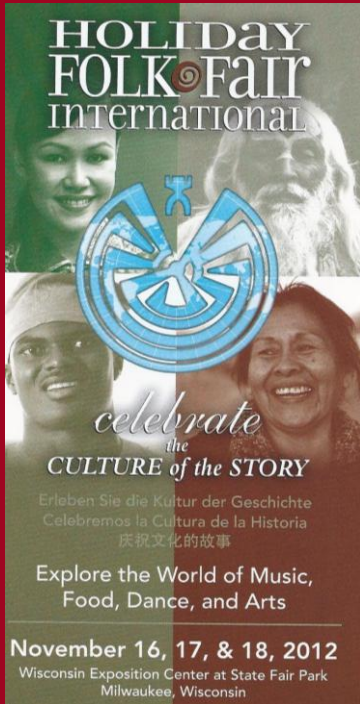
In John's obituary, his stepson, Robert Seymour, was mentioned. Robert must have inherited John's badge when his mother passed away. Franklin Stoneburner has graciously decided to share this piece of history by donating it to the Delavan Historical Society. Tent #23 has purchased an archival display box for the badge.



CORRECTION: The Tent #23's website was incorrect in the last newsletter.

It should have been: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wimclduv/

Help Tent #23 support the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Janesville by bringing donations to the monthly meetings. Items needed include men's shoes (top priority) & clothing, toiletries, laundry detergent/softener, books, magazines, & gas cards.



Tent #23 was present at the annual Holiday Folk Fair in the Civil War booth at the State Fair Park in West Allis to recruit potential members for the DUVCW in Wisconsin. Contact was made with five women who are interested in membership. Three live in the Milwaukee area and have been referred for membership in the Mary Hutchins Detached Tent #22. The remaining two women will be contacted by Tent #23 because they live in close proximity to Delavan.

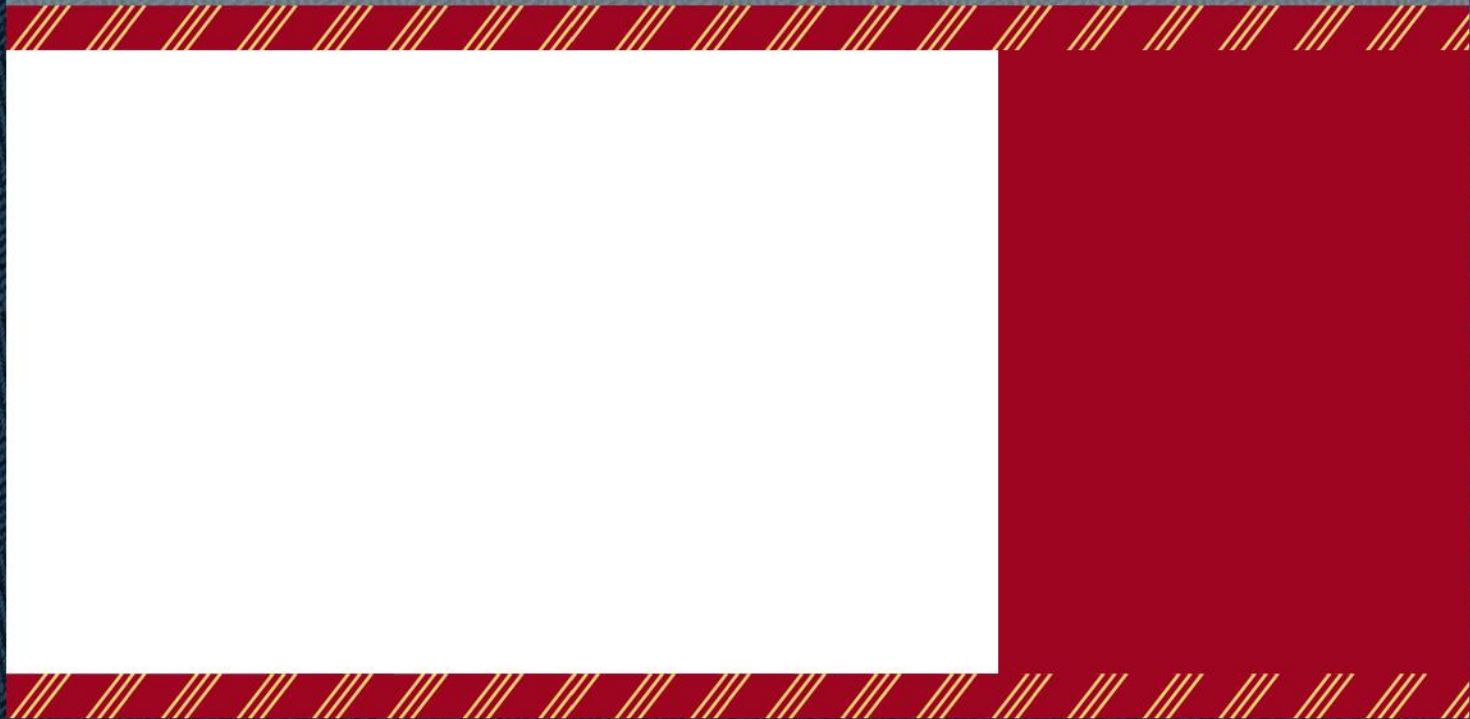
HOLIDAY GIFT PACKETS FOR THE JANESVILLE VETERANS

After the November meeting, Tent #23 put its creative forces to work by making over sixty holiday packets for veterans in the Janesville Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program. Sisters folded festive paper into small decorative packets, then filled them with candy for the veterans.

The Tent also collected many items to donate to the Homeless Program, including toiletries, books, and clothing. Pat shared a suggestion that the Daughters of the American Revolution had for acquiring donations for the veterans: Ask your dentist if he or she would be willing to donate a case of the trial size dental products they give to patients.



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Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865

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