

MARY CHESEBRO LEE

DETACHED TENT #23

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Welcome Rachel Wirtz

Rachel is our newest Tent member and is a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She is the 2nd Great Granddaughter of James Randall who enlisted as a private in Co. B of the 17th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry on October 11, 1864. Randall was mustered out of service on July 14, 1865 at the end of the war. Please welcome Rachel!

THE REMARKABLE EFFORTS OF A YOUNG HISTORIAN

In this time of uncertainty and our inability to hold monthly Tent meetings, a young man from Prineville, Oregon has reached out to the Mary Chesebro Lee, Detached Tent 23 in Delavan, Wisconsin with exciting news and historic reading materials to keep us busy for a very long time. Eighteen year old Caleb Smith is the fourth great grandson of our Tent namesake, Mary Lee. By way of introducing himself, Smith sent copies of daguerreotypes and CDVs of his grandmother, along with a copy of a letter written by her son Elon Lee who was in Co. A of the 10th Wisconsin. The letter cites a serious illness which hospitalized him in 1861 in Elizabethtown, KY. It details Mary's decision to leave Wisconsin and head south to care for him. While Elon was eventually discharged due to disability in 1862, Mary continued to provide nursing services for thousands of Union soldiers. She did so until the end of the war as detailed in Elon's letter. Smith has indicated that he has access to Mary Lee's family letters from 1828 until her death in 1890. He will share them with Tent 23. He is currently in the process of digitizing this material and already has provided Tent 23 with two volumes of over 600 pages. Smith's intention is to complete the digitization of 23 volumes contained in thousands of pages of letters. Of particular interest to Tent 23 will be the letters from 1861-1865. We have extended our sincere gratitude to this young historian. His comment, "Thank you for keeping the memory of my grandmother and others from that great conflict alive for future generations" was greatly appreciated.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
DATE TO BE DETERMINED!

Abraham Lincoln's Assassination

One hundred and fifty-five years ago, on the night of April 14, 1865 the actor and Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth slipped into the president's box at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., and shot him point-blank in the back of the head. Lincoln was carried to a boardinghouse across the street from the theater, but he never regained consciousness, and died in the early morning hours of April 15, 1865.

Lincoln's assassination made him a national martyr. On April 21, 1865, a train carrying his coffin left Washington, D.C. on its way to Springfield, Illinois, where he would be buried on May 4. Abraham Lincoln's funeral train traveled through 180 cities and seven states so mourners could pay homage to the fallen president.

Our current international pandemic caused by the Covid 19 virus has forced the cancellation of many events. One such annual event that has taken place for 63 years, which the DUVCW participates in is the placement of a wreath at Lincoln's tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield, IL on Remembrance Day. Below are photos of the past remembering this event.



Photos: Upper left: Lincoln at Ford's Theatre, Upper Middle: Replica of the Lincoln Funeral Train, Upper right: Replica of the Lincoln Hearse Lower Left: Entry Gate at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield IL Lower Middle: Lincoln Tomb Complex at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lower Right: The Allied Orders (SUVCW, DUVCW, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of GAR and ASUVCW place wreaths on Remembrance Day

Now that you have time and may be looking for something to do, there are numerous 4 minute videos that you might find very interesting. Almost all were produced by the Civil War Trust/American Battlefield Trust

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i9PTJcteAM>



Sister Ann Day has been sewing masks: "My 2nd cousin Casey Skora and his wife Ola own Pulaski Auto Parts in Chicago. They still have to work so I sewed them masks. 2 older men I work with at the Census Bureau needed them for when they go out in public for groceries etc. so I mailed them masks. Salem Auto repair needed 6 so I sewed them some masks. My mom still has physical therapy from surgery and my dad takes her so I sewed them masks. A friend who is collecting PPE around Kenosha County, named Andy Berg, also works at a prison, I sewed him 5 masks, a lady posted a photo online of an assisted living place using bandanas instead of masks so I made her 5 masks and this photo is the 10 that I completed for her assisted living yesterday. I need to make at least 10 more for the 25 employees there. If you can see masks would help out right now." I use a 9" x 7" piece of material, 2 elastic pieces (1/4 inch), a wire (am using a bread twist tie).

WHAT WOULD GREAT GRANDMA SAY?

While being "safe at home", the newsletter editor has had time to sort through historic recipes from her family. Since rhubarb is coming up in the garden, thought was given to adapting Grandma's recipe for rhubarb crisp.

I remember well all of the information that was handed down through the family regarding rhubarb. Benjamin Franklin was responsible for bringing rhubarb, which is a vegetable, to the country. While you can eat the stalks raw, the leaves are highly poisonous. Grandpa would often comment about their toxicity and the effect that it had on England during WWI. You can use rhubarb to make jellies and jams, compotes and sauces, pies, tarts and bread and even ice cream. Setting all that information aside, let's try Grandma's recipe for Rhubarb Crisp with a modern twist:

RHUBARB CRISP

Filling: 4 ½ cups of sliced rhubarb (Grandma's note says 6 stalks)
1 cup of white sugar and 2 T of cornstarch

Topping: Mix 1 cup of flour with 1 cup of brown sugar, ¾ cup of Rolled oats, ½ cup of butter and 1 tsp of cinnamon

In a 9 x 9 inch pan, put half of the topping on the bottom, next put the filling on the topping and then complete your masterpiece with the other half of the topping.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour (while Grandma would have had the wood stove ready to go, it's so much easier to preheat the oven)



We hope that Pam Wanazek has returned to Wisconsin. She fell while wintering in Florida and broke her hip. If you wish to send a card: 949 Joseph Court, Burlington, WI 53105

Our deepest sympathies are extended to our Sisters Nancy Braatz, Susan Fischbach, Sandy Stratmeyer and Kathy Willemsen for the loss of their brother and uncle, Charles "Chuck" Larsen who passed away on April 3rd at Meriter Hospital in Madison after a week-long battle with the Coronavirus.