

MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23

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LAUREN RICHARDSON

Welcome to the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23. Lauren is our newest and youngest member. As an eight year old, third grader she loves school and sports. Lauren lives in Plymouth, MN and is actively engaged in playing club soccer, swimming, golf and tennis lessons and skiing. She is the granddaughter of Dan Richardson and Pat Blackmer. Her Civil War ancestor was Hugh Richardson, Co. G of the 192nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

TENT 23 OFFERS HELP WITH RESTORATION AT SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, DELAVAN

Frank Landi, Delavan author and historian is preparing to do significant restoration on the gravestone of Alonzo Chase who is buried in Old Settlers Cemetery. The stone had been fractured by vandals and the portion to the right has been housed safely in the DPW storage unit for years. Landi sought funding for the project and Tent 23 was willing to provide \$100 to assist. The Blooming Prairie Questers from Delavan offered to pay the entire tab of \$800. The \$100 contributed by the Tent will be applied to Landi's next project which is the resetting of the Dr. Orin W. Blanchard marker in Spring Grove Cemetery which is "atilt". The cost of resetting the stone is \$400. We are fortunate to have individuals like Landi who care so very much about the preservation of our history. This project allows the Tent to realize one of the missions of DUVCW – the preservation of monuments and honoring our Civil War ancestors.



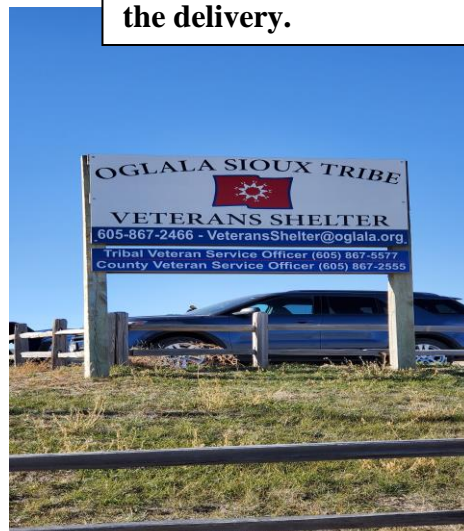
FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
TO BE DETERMINED IN 2021

WE'VE BEEN BUSY!



It was pretty much a last minute decision when Ellen Holly (packing the van to the left) and Charlene Staples decided that despite the Covid 19 Pandemic, they would head out to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Carrying much needed supplies of winter clothing and food, PPE and cleaning supplies, the dynamic duo were required to go through check points to enter the reservation. The Covid pandemic had a devastating effect in South Dakota and 50% of those tested were positive for the virus. The Reservation was particularly hard hit. As usual, Tent 23 donated money for the purchase of items that were delivered to the homeless veterans shelter at Pine Ridge. Thanks to the Christmas angels – Ellen and Charlene for the delivery.



Our usual delivery of Christmas cards and candy was made to Housing 4 Our Vets homeless shelter in Janesville. As always, the treats were greatly appreciated. The facility currently has 32 residents living there. Photos of the shelter are to the left and right.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY**



We are able to remember our veterans and fulfill our mission of the DUVCW because of your generosity and membership in our Tent. If you have not already done so, please remit your dues for 2021 by December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$30.00 to Mary Winchowky, 520 Fox Street, Mukwonago, WI 53149



Tent 23 remembered our adopted Grand Nephew, Jimmy Stone with baby gifts of clothing and socks. Jimmy is the son of James (our adopted Navy nephew) and his wife Faith Stone. What a cutie!



KAY DONNA CLINGMAN

Kay Donna Clingman, 84, passed peacefully December 8th, 2020 in Baraboo, Wisconsin, surrounded by her loving family as the result of an aortic aneurysm.

Born in Carlinville, Illinois to Kenneth and Eileen (Harris) Blackmer, the family moved to Janesville, then settled in Baraboo, Wisconsin where she raised a large family.

She retired to Cave City and then Mountain Home, Arkansas for 30+ years before returning to Baraboo last month.

Kay considered herself a Domestic Engineer. An accomplished cook and gardener, she hosted wonderful holiday feasts. She enjoyed sewing, making clothes, quilts and outfits for her doll collection.

She was a voracious reader and played Scrabble daily with Harvey, her beloved companion and husband of 45 years.

Kay is survived by her children and their spouses: Steven, Phillip, Abby (David) Weigel, Carl (Beth) Clingman, Marianne (Robert) Bovy Jr., Jane (Mark) Nachreiner, step-son, Jerry; numerous grand- and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and cherished sister-in-law, Pat Blackmer; and nieces Tami Williams Watson and Pam Blackmer Johnson.

Kay was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23 in Delavan, WI.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harvey; brother, Gary Blackmer; sister, Linda Ellen HoltzClaw, and Kay's sons; William, Chad, and Vincent. A service will be held in the summer of

2021 at Fairfield Cemetery to honor Kay and And her late husband Harvey who passed Away in September.

Redlin Funeral Home, Baraboo, Wisconsin



“Donna” was the great granddaughter of William Blackmer who served in Co. H of the 186th New York Infantry.

A recipe from Charlene Staples’ Civil War Cookbook Collection. It was one of Abraham Lincoln’s favorites:

CARAMEL BARS

2 cups of brown sugar, ½ cup of butter, ½ cup of nuts, 2 eggs, 1 and ½ cup of flour, 1 tsp vanilla
Cream sugar and butter, add well beaten eggs, flour, vanilla and nuts. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes