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Happy Holidays to you and your family. May you all enjoy good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year!



"ADOPTED VETERAN" TO ENJOY A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

Thanks to the generosity of the members of Tent 23, our adopted veteran from the "Housing 4 Us" homeless shelter in Janesville will enjoy a wonderful Christmas season.

The Tent was able to donate all items on Dylan's wish list to include multiple pairs of socks, a six (6) quart Ninja Air Fryer and Walmart gift cards which totaled \$275.00.

The Tent has participated in the Christmas Adopt a Vet program for several years and plans to continue to do so. This year alone, the homeless shelter has 39 clients that they provide housing for. Each veteran has his own room or shares a room in the former and remodeled Caravilla Nursing Home.

Not only has the Tent remembered Dylan at this wonderful time of the year, but they have sent candy packets and holiday cards to all of the veteran residents at the facility.





FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at The Delavan Community Centre on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30pm DECEMBER 2024

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Sister Mary Picard who was unable to attend our meeting, prepared holiday cards which thanked veterans for their service and extended wishes for the holiday season. They will be delivered to the VA in Milwaukee.

You're invited to our 55th Annual Patriotic Luncheon Honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. "The Devil is in the Details: Lincoln & Temperance" Guest Speaker: Steve Rogstad Luncheon buffet price \$27 Location: Alioto's Restaurant 3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis. Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War For more information, call (414) 614-3690

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Past President Charlene Staples and Ellen Holly left on December 1st for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in a 22 foot rented truck loaded to the max with supplies for the residents of the reservation.

Through the generosity of several organizations, to include Tent 23, they were able to collect winter clothing, quilts, linens, food and household supplies. In addition to these donations, they also received monetary donations which were used to assist with travel expenses.

The duo has been making the trip to the Rez twice a year for the past ten years. Holly has been traveling to Pine Ridge for 23 years bringing donated items from Wisconsin.

Pine Ridge is the poorest reservation in the country. The median family income is only \$26,000 a year. They have established a homeless veterans shelter which Tent 23 has supported for the past ten years, donating items that the veterans have requested. (see photos below)





Photo (L): Packing up for the trip in Elkhorn Photo (R): Tent 23 donations to the shelter

According to SUVCW Camp 2 Commander, Ben Hobbins, "the restoration of the 20 GAR tablets will be completed by Memorial Day 2025! The Tablets mark over 700 Men in Blue from Dane County, who gave their lives in the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery.