

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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### WELCOME HEATHER!

Heather Dalin, a life-long resident of Chicago is Tent 23's newest member. A former teacher, she is currently an in-house regulatory paralegal for several large companies. Heather has two adult children. In her free time she enjoys walks, traveling, attending concerts, spending time with family and friends and of course, family genealogy.

Heather's Civil War ancestor is James E. Proctor who served with Co. D of the 49<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Vol. Infantry.

### 2024 SHOULD BE AN EXCITING YEAR!

We are looking forward to an exciting year of meetings that will provide our members with a variety of programs.

**March:** Ellen Holly and Charlene Staples will share updates on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation which the Tent supports.

**April:** Gen. Kilburn Knox, First Governor of the Milwaukee Soldier's Home (1889-1891) will stop in for a visit.

**May:** Chris Brookes from the Wisconsin Historical Society will delight our members with "Wedded Bliss Through the Ages".

**June:** Chris Ghilani will share her talents with her performance of Civil War Music.

**July:** Features our annual "Christmas in July" game and gift exchange.

Plans are pending for the months of August-October.

**November:** We are busy elves sending holiday cards, preparing candy packets and honoring our veterans.

**December:** Let's get together for a Holiday Luncheon!



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30pm

### Tent 23 Welcomes Jennifer Ashmore (Jenni transferred from a Tent in Georgia)



Jenni worked in aviation for 42 years, first as a flight attendant for 15 years with Piedmont Airlines / US Airways, then at World Airways as a supervisor, later moving to operations and finally charter sales. She retired after a brief stint in the non-profit arena: as director of volunteers at a local hospice, followed by ministry manager serving the Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel. She enjoys volunteering as assistant manager at a local thrift store which supports a shelter for fostered dogs and cats.

Raised in suburban Chicago, Jenni resides outside of Atlanta with her beloved husband of 28 years, Stan and their entertaining kitty and pup. Visits to see their dearly missed children and energetic grandchildren in Tennessee and Arkansas are all too infrequent, as are trips back home to the Midwest.

A member of DAR and UDC on her paternal side, she is excited to learn more about her ancestors' lives. Becoming a member of Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23 of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is her way to "keep green the memory" of her 2nd Great Grandfather, veteran Corporal Peter Reiter who was a member of Co. K, the 72<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Vol. Infantry and belonged to the General Willich Post #780 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Plaines, Illinois.

#### Interesting Fact:

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Vol. Inf. was known during the Civil War as "The First Chicago Board of Trade Regiment".



The above flags and photo are in the archival collection of the Wisconsin State Veterans Museum which is located in Madison and open to the public free of charge. The flag on the left is the 17<sup>th</sup> WI Inf. Battle Flag, the center photo depicts two unidentified soldiers who were members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Irish Brigade and the flag on the right is a Company flag of the 17<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regiment.

**KEEP GREEN THEIR MEMORY**

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House at the DUVCW Headquarters and Museum located at 503 S. Walnut Street in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Death

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Sister Barb Hale reports that her nephew and our adopted Navy nephew, James Stone was deployed for a seven month tour of duty aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Faith and the children reside in San Diego awaiting his safe return.



### PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING AN ITEM OR MORE TO OUR MARCH MEETING

The William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital food pantry is for discharging Veterans at risk for potential food insecurities. A Veteran is considered at risk for food insecurity if they have recently run out of food before being able to purchase more or have worries about running out of food before being able to purchase more. Our food pantry will help grant relief to these Veterans to ensure they have several days' worth of nutritious food to sustain them until they are able to purchase more.

- Food Donation Needs:
- 42oz quick oats
  - Mac n 'cheese box
  - Tuna Helper box
  - Microwavable Rice pouch
  - Canned Soup
  - Instant Mashed Potato
  - Canned Beans
  - Canned Fruits
  - Canned Vegetables
  - Canned Chicken
  - Canned Tuna
  - 16oz Peanut Butter
  - Boxed Cereal
  - Can Opener



**\*PLEASE DONATE ONLY THOSE ITEMS ON THE LIST!**

Thank you,  
Jim Barnett, Community Services Director

**133<sup>rd</sup> DUVCW National Convention**  
**July 31 – August 4, 2024**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona**