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Dan Nettesheim (above), Lt. Col. Ret., a friend and speaker for Tent#23 recently visited West Point Military Academy where a plaque has been installed to commemorate Alonzo Cushing's Congressional Medal of Honor. Cushing, a Wisconsin Civil War soldier from Delafield was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg defending the Union position on Cemetery Ridge against Pickett's Charge.

**TENT #23 ELVES PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Industrious and dedicated members of Tent #23 prepared Christmas cards for the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program sponsored by the American Red Cross. The Tent sent a total of 125 cards to Madison which the Red Cross will deliver to Veterans and current military personnel and their families.



Not only does the Tent participate in this worthwhile activity, but it remembers those individuals in service to our country that are near and dear to our hearts with cards and candy.

The elves of Tent #23 also packed a total of 50 candy packets which along with a variety of donations to include underwear, socks, lap blankets, toothbrushes and assorted hygiene items were donated to the Rock Valley Community Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Janesville, WI. Tent #23 has been involved with supporting this organization for the past four years.

A donation of men's clothing has Also been made by sister S. Behn to the newly established program for Veterans at the Waukesha County Technical College. Our sister, Sue Schroeder is directly involved in working with Veterans in this program.

Thanks to all those that contributed!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE VILLAGE SUPPER CLUB ON DELAVAN LAKE



Pictured above are Susan Fischbach, Nancy Braatz and Sandy Stratmeyer waiting to order their holiday luncheon.



Shirley Peterson, Barbara Shreves, Ryan Schroeder and Helene Hurdis discuss politics while waiting to order their meal.



Past President Charlene Staples, Pam Johnson and Pam Wanazek (front row) Linda Tanner-Frietag, Judy Manning and Barbara Steuer (back row) pose for the camera.



Sister Zoe Woelky is engaged in a lively conversation with Barbara Steuer regarding the Silent Auction fundraising event sponsored by Tent #23 at the holiday luncheon.

TENT #23 RAISED A TOTAL OF \$189.50 AT THE SILENT AUCTION HELD DURING THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED OR PURCHASED ITEMS!

MEET BARBARA

Barbara Muschler is a delightful addition to our Tent. Barbara is a retired teacher from Aurora, IL who enjoys genealogy and researching her family.

Her Civil War ancestor is Her 2nd Great Grandfather, Charles Choak. Choak was a member of Company C of the 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Barbara's sister,

Jimna Lee Bower is also interested in joining our tent.

Welcome Sister Barbara!



Kathy Willemsen, above left is one of the fundraising geniuses for the Tent. Kathy has worked along with her sisters, Nancy Braatz and Sandy Stratmeyer to create an array of arts and crafts projects. Most recently, Kathy has created patriotic pins and wonderful "Cookies in a Jar" which contain all ingredients for baking them.

2016 ROAD TRIP WITH CHARLENE AND ELLEN

Past President, Charlene Staples and friend, Ellen Holly recently completed a 2200 mile road trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Their mission was the delivery of clothing, furniture, food and donated fire department gear to the Reservation. Items were dropped off at the Pine Ridge homeless Veterans and rehab shelter, the Children's Protective Service Agency and Children's Village which deals with foster placement on the Reservation.

The trip was facilitated by the Kunes Country auto dealership who donated the use of a 16 foot truck for the expedition. The girls picked up the truck in Antioch, IL, loaded it with the donated items and set out for South Dakota on November 21st.

Holly has been tending to this extraordinary charitable enterprise for the past 16 years while Staples is a two year veteran. The items are donated by area churches, individuals, businesses or purchased at resale shops. This year the fire department turn-out gear was donated by the LaGrange/Lauderdale Lakes, Elkhorn Area Fire departments.

Staples and Holly were able to celebrate Thanksgiving on the Reservation with friends. Departing S.D., the duo stopped at Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota where they dropped off medical supplies and food.

The trip certainly exemplifies our DUV motto of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty"!

