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ELVES OF TENT #23 BRING HOLIDAY CHEER

Members of Tent #23 gathered at the November meeting to share their joy of the holiday season and their deep respect for our Veterans and current military. The “elves” were busy writing 130 greeting cards for the inpatient veterans at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison. The cards were delivered to the Veterans by our Tent Secretary, Linda Tanner-Frietag who lives in Madison.



While several of the sisters worked on the Christmas cards, another group packed Christmas treat bags with assorted candies for the veterans at the transitional homeless shelter in Janesville. A total of 50 bags of candy was packed and delivered to the Veterans by Pat Blackmer. This year the shelter is at their capacity of 48 homeless veterans. Holiday cards were also included with the delivery of the candy. This has become an annual tradition for Tent #23. The tradition began in 2012 with the organization of our Tent.

Past President, Charlene Staples made her annual trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Tent #23 sent items for the homeless Veterans on the Reservation. (see story on page 3).



Cards and candy were also sent to those in our current military associated with members of our Tent. While holiday greetings were extended to all, we are very thankful that our “Navy Nephew”, James Stone is doing extremely well. Candy was sent for him to share with other military personnel who are hospitalized on the cancer ward in San Diego. Merry Christmas, to all!



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:30pm



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 9th the Delavan Historical Society along with Tent #23 enjoyed a lovely holiday luncheon at the Village Restaurant on Delavan Lake.

Entertainment was provided by the Delavan Darien High School Concert Choir. The choir sings for civic organizations and is in the process of earning money through donations for a trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York. Both Tent #23 and the DHS provided donations for the choir to make the trip.

An annual fund raiser for the Tent was also held when members donated items for a Silent Auction providing everyone in attendance with the opportunity to complete their Christmas shopping early. Purchases assist with our efforts to support our Veterans in various ways.

Unfortunately, not all the items were sold! Above you will see a musical Christmas flamingo that no one purchased. It was determined, that this item will return each year until he finds a loving home. Mary Winchowky, our treasurer reported that we earned \$209.00.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMINDER TO ALL:

If you have not already done so, please remit your dues to Mary Winchowky, Treasurer at 520 Fox Street, Mukwonago, Wisconsin, 53149. Dues are \$30.00 and checks may be made out to

Mary Chesebro Lee, Tent #23 or DUVCW, Tent #23.



CHARLENE AND ELLEN HIT THE ROAD

A annual tradition has developed between friends who pack up a U-Haul truck each November loaded with coats and clothing in a variety of sizes, food, hygiene supplies, linens, board games, cleaning supplies, a little of this and a lot of that! We are sure by now that the truck knows its way to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota all on its own.

This year Tent #23 donated money so that the duo could purchase supplies specifically for the homeless Veterans on the Reservation. Pine Ridge is a 13 bed homeless facility that provides shelter for both male and female Veterans on the reservation. The Veterans are members of the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe.

Pine Ridge is the eighth largest reservation in the United States and it is the poorest. Individuals living on the reservation suffer from health conditions, severe unemployment which hovers near 85 percent of the population while nearly 50% of the tribe is living below the federal poverty level. Many of the families have no electricity, running water and must use wood stoves to heat their homes.

Research indicates that the population on Pine Ridge has among the shortest life expectancy in the Western Hemisphere. The average life span for a male is 47 years, while the female life expectancy is 52 years. The infant mortality rate is five times the national average and teen suicides are four times the national average.

We look forward to hearing more about the Pine Ridge Reservation and the assistance given to the homeless Veterans there next year. Ellen Holly has been invited to be a guest speaker at one of our DUVCW meetings in 2018.

Thank you Ellen and Charlene for assisting with the material needs of the homeless veterans as well as their emotional needs when they see you arrive, not by sleigh, but by U-Haul truck!



You are invited to the 48th Annual Patriotic Luncheon
Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 12:30 pm at Alioto's Restaurant, 3041 N Mayfair Rd,
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Cost: \$20.00 per person for more information call (414) 614-3690