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DETACHED TENT #23

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tent #23 will be celebrating the season on Saturday, December 13 with the Delavan Historical Society at the Village Supper Club, 1725 South Shore Drive, Delavan. Socializing/cocktail hour will begin at noon and lunch will be at 12:30pm. Lunch will be ordered off the menu, with separate checks (lunch menu prices range from $8 - $12). RSVP to Charlene at 262-949-0064 if you plan on attending.

Instead of a gift exchange, please bring an unwrapped gift for the Santas for Seniors Program, which provides gifts to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted care facilities. Suggested items include books for men, big print books, lap blankets, picture frames, socks for men or women, winter scarves, sweat pants of all sizes, lotions, necklaces for women, slippers of all sizes for men or women, and wallets. Donations of rolls of wrapping paper would also be greatly appreciated.

CANDY AND CARDS FOR OUR VETERANS

Members of Tent #23 were busy at the November meeting packing candy bags for the homeless veterans in Janesville and signing Christmas cards for them. The tent managed to pack 48 bags of candy and forward the same number of cards to the men that we have supported since the tent started in 2012. In addition, another 200 cards were signed and will be sent to the recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. for the Christmas holidays. It is always a pleasure to remember those individuals who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom. *(article by Pat Blackmer)*
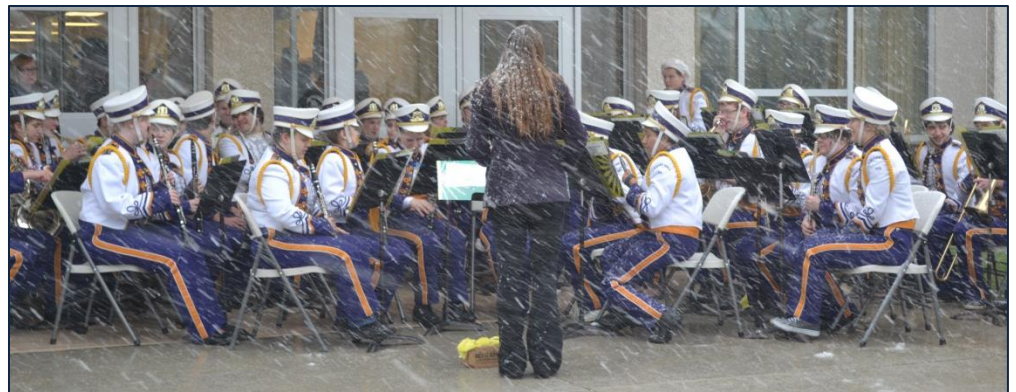
FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will be a Christmas party held at the Village Supper Club in Delavan at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 13, 2014
(See sidebar for more information)

FINAL "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" RALLY IN ELKHORN

The final "Support Our Troops" rally was held at the Walworth County Government Center on Monday November 24 after a decade of Monday morning meetings *(see photo on top right).* The rallies will conclude because the last individual in service to our country will arrive home on December 1st after serving in Afghanistan. Event organizers, Bob and Lavonne Webster were presented with citations from the Walworth County Board of Supervisors and the office of Rep. Paul Ryan commending their dedication and service. The 509th rally was well attended by veterans, their family and friends to witness the dedication of a monument honoring those service personnel who participated in the Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan theatres. The monument, a military cross consists of a helmet supported by a rifle next to a pair of boots. The Miller family (father and son) unveiled it *(see photo on left).* In addition, the Elkhorn High School band played a selection of military anthems for each branch of the service *(see photo on bottom right).* Each Monday, the names of military personnel connected with Walworth County have been read as well as the seven war casualties from Wisconsin since the rally began. We are fortunate to have been a part of this organization by our attendance at the meetings. *(article by Pat Blackmer)*

Ever wondered how many Civil War monuments and memorials there are in Wisconsin and where they are located? Visit http://wisconsincivilwarmemorials.blogspot.com/p/links-to-markers-by-county.html
For a list of all war memorial / monument / markers in Wisconsin, visit
http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/99999999/APC0101/50930008&template=printart

"…One count indicates that there are approximately 1,328 monuments, markers and memorials at Gettysburg National Military Park. By comparison there are only 19 main monuments, 80 historic structures and about 150 named landmarks on the National Mall in Washington, DC…There are 30 states with monuments, plus a US Monument. Kentucky had no one who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg, but they have a memorial to President Lincoln…Although they are not technically monuments, there are 371 cannon displayed across the battlefield, of which 301 are authentic and the rest are replicas."
(information from http://www.gettysburgbythenumbers.com/monuments.cfm)

ROUND TABLE EVENTS

The following are dates and topics to be discussed at the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table, held at 6:00pm at the Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee:

January 8, 2015: "The Most Christian Nation in the World: Religion in the American Culture on the Eve of the Civil War"

February 12, 2015: "Gone With the Wind" and Popular Culture

March 12, 2015: "Searching for George Mead"

April 9, 2015: "The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln"

May 7, 2015: "When We Held Each Other Prisoner: Civil War Military Prisons & Prisoners of War"

June 11, 2015: "4-D War Photography Extravaganza"

http://www.milwaukeecwrt.org/

The McHenry County (Illinois) Civil War Round Table will be having a discussion group on Saturday, December 20 from 10:00am – noon at the Panera Bread Company, 6000 NW Highway, Crystal Lake, IL (about 1 hour SE of Delavan on US Hwy 14). The topic will be "*Christmas in the Civil War*". Also you can bring five trivia questions to stump everyone.

http://www.mchenrycivilwar.com/

CIVIL WAR ODDITIES

Have you ever wondered about the unique items that were used during the Civil War? From her collection, Pat Blackmer brought hand grenades, a buck and ball, civil war bullets and a Civil War store token to share with the tent. The grenades were of two varieties. On August 20, 1861, William F. Ketchum, mayor of Buffalo, NY invented the Ketchum grenade *(bottom left)*. The grenade had the appearance of a dart. To detonate the device, the grenade had to land on its nose where a percussion cap was located. Basically, it was quite ineffective. The Ketchum came in weights of 1, 3 and 5 pounds. Another rather unsophisticated grenade was invented by John S. Adams *(bottom right)*. It consisted of a round sphere with a priming pin to which was attached a wrist strap. When the grenade was thrown the strap pulled the pin from the shell to ignite the fuse. This dangerous device resulted in multiple injuries to the thrower more often than not. The buck and ball was a common load for the confederate muzzle-loading muskets. It consisted of a .69 caliber round lead musket ball that was combined with three to six buckshot pellets. It was devastating on impact because of the spreading pattern that resulted. Civil War tokens were either patriotic, sutler or store card tokens and privately minted and distributed in the US between 1861 and 1864. They were popular in the northeast and the Midwest because of the scarcity of government issued cents during the Civil War. This particular token brought to the meeting was issued for groceries in Whitewater, Wisconsin and is a rare example of a store card token. *(article by Pat Blackmer)*

1 LB. KETCHUM HAND GRENADE
VICKSBURG, MISS.   UNION ARMY   U.S. CIVIL WAR

3 LB. ADAMS HAND GRENADE
CONFEDERATE ARMY U.S. CIVIL WAR
SIEGE OF FORT BLAKELY, ALA.
APRIL 2-9, 1865

"The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee was established in 1947 and is the second oldest of the more than 300 Civil War Round Tables in the United States and abroad. Current membership is approximately 300."
(information from http://www.milwaukeecwrt.org/)

On December 22, 1864, General William T. Sherman occupied the port of Savannah and wired Lincoln: "I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, and also about 25,000 bales of cotton." This was the subject of John Jakes' book, SAVANNAH: Or A GIFT FOR MR. LINCOLN.

(http://thelateunpleasantness.wordpress.com/2013/01/06/christmas-1864-a-civil-war-christmas-post-7/)