

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861- 1865
MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23



Martha Hay hard at work "re-vamping" the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 website. Included in the web site will be the tent's history, mission, members, ancestors, ancestor bios, monthly calendar, meetings and tent projects. Martha hopes that all members will submit bios on their ancestor to be posted on the new website.

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wimclduvcw



SUVCW MEMBERS SPEAK AT OCTOBER MEETING

Tent #23 was honored to have as its guests at our October meeting two members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Department Commander Tom Brown (below) and Steve Michaels (right), Past National Commander and editor of The Banner, the SUV journal. Tom explained the history of the SUVCW, which was begun in 1881 by the GAR as the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America. In 1925 its name was



changed to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The SUVCW does not require that all its members have direct lineal descent from a Union veteran. Up to 1/3 of a camp may be associate members. Everything in the SUVCW is patterned after the GAR and it is one of the five allied Orders, along with the DUVCW. The Wisconsin Department will be hosting the SUVCW's 130th Anniversary convention in Brookfield from August 8 – 11, 2013. Their website is www.suvcw.org for more info.

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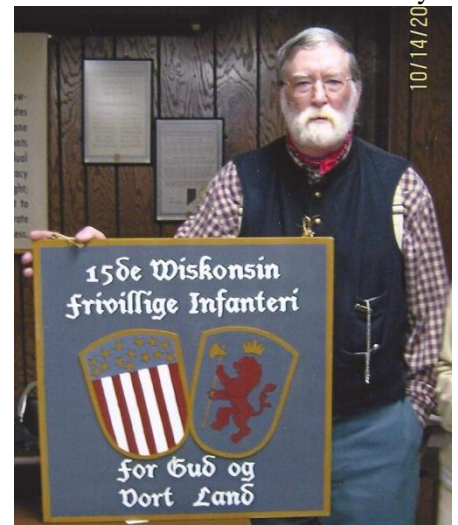
The next meeting of Detached Tent #23 will be held at 6:30pm on November 27, 2012 at the Delavan Community Centre

STEVE SHERRY SPEAKS TO DHS ALUMNI ON THE 15TH WISCONSIN INFANTRY

Several sisters of Tent #23 attended the Delavan High School Alumni and Friends meeting on October 15 at the American Legion Hall to hear Steve Sherry (below left). Sherry is a retired history teacher, former Civil War reenactor, current skirmisher (shooting competitions with a Civil War Springfield rifle) and rosemaler from Burlington. Well versed in Civil War history, he related information regarding the 15th Wisconsin Infantry. The "Fifteenth" was a predominantly Norwegian regiment who trained at Camp Randall and had somewhat of a "rowdy" reputation. Over 100 men in the regiment shared the first name of "Ole", a typical Norwegian name of the era.



(above) Steve Sherry with an accurate recreation of the 15th WI Infantry battle flag presented to the regiment in Chicago. (below) Sherry with a sign that represents reverse side of the original battle flag. Written in Norwegian it says: "15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry" and on the bottom is the logo of the 15th: "For God and our country".



Please bring individually wrapped Christmas candy or treats to the November meeting to be included in holiday gift packets we will be making for the homeless veterans.

Help Tent #23 support the Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Janesville by bringing donations to the monthly meetings. Items needed include men's shoes (top priority) & clothing, toiletries, laundry detergent/softener, books, magazines, & gas cards.

THANKSGIVING

“On October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, 1789, as an official holiday of “sincere and humble thanks.” On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln made the traditional Thanksgiving celebration a nationwide holiday to be commemorated each year on the fourth Thursday of November. In the midst of a bloody Civil War, Lincoln issued a Presidential Proclamation in which he enumerated the blessings of the American people and called upon his countrymen to ‘set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise.’ In 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to the third Thursday of November to lengthen the Christmas shopping season and boost the economy, which was still recovering from the Depression. This move, which set off a national debate, was reversed in 1941 when Congress passed and President Roosevelt approved a joint house resolution establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.” - from the National Archives website.

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-29.html>

REMEMBERING VETERANS

“World War I – known at the time as ‘The Great War’ - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month...In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday...In 1954, Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word ‘Armistice’ and inserting in its place the word ‘Veterans.’”

Photo and information from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website. <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>



President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” – Abraham Lincoln
Don't forget to vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012

“In 1917 William Tyler Page won a nationwide competition to compose a National Creed. The Creed was officially accepted by the House as the American's Creed on April 3, 1918.”

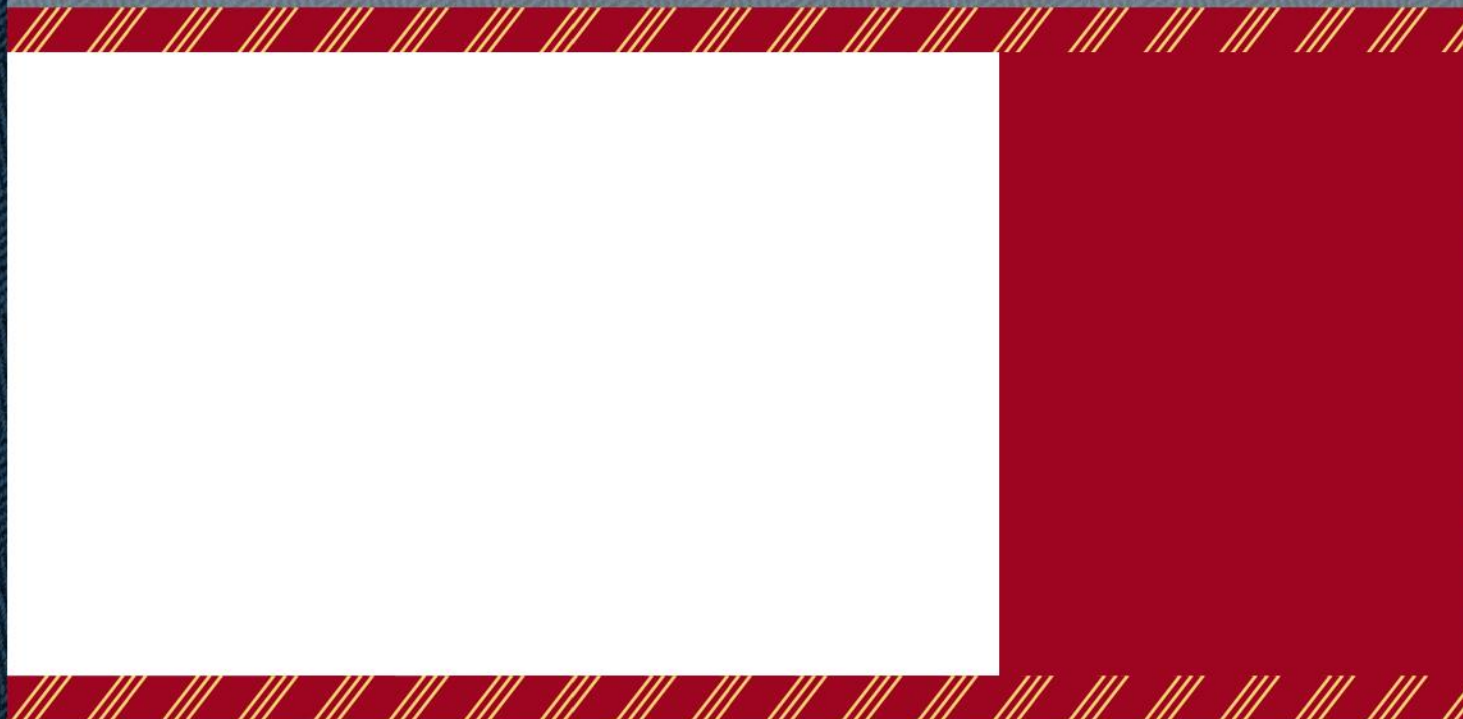
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