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Department Orders #2

Each day is a gift from God, use it wisely.

Greetings to all my Sisters in Pennsylvania,

I apologize for the lateness of these Department Orders. As most of you know my dad passed away on December 12th. The weeks before and after have been especially tough for me but my life is settling down now.

Annual Per Capita Report: Each Auxiliary must submit two (2) copies of Form A02 to the Department Secretary, Margaret Shuttlesworth with all supporting paperwork (applications, rosters, etc.) and include a check for all money due to the Department on or before April 1st. This is a new form which can be found on the National website at: www.asuvcw.org. If you have questions or cannot access the new form which was revised in January 2014, please let me know. This is very important as Margaret has to submit her report to National by April 15th. Margaret's address is: 3613 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Upcoming events:

Lincoln Luncheon – February 14, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Altland House in Abbottstown, PA. Sponsored by Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl, Camp #33. Registration is due by February 6. Registration form is attached.

Appomattox Luncheon – April 25, 2015 at the Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsport, PA. Details and registration form will be forthcoming.

2015 Encampment – June 18, 19, 20, 21 at the Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsport, PA. Telephone number for reservations: 1-800-321-1388.

Due to some concerns about the location of the Encampment, it has been moved from Franklin PA to a centralized location in Williamsport to ensure good attendance. Costs remain the same as last year with one exception: if there are more than two people in a

room, the additional ones must pay \$6 per day for the breakfast buffet. I recommend that you make your reservations for the Encampment as soon as possible. If anyone needs a special accommodation for the Encampment, please contact Faye Carlisle-Thomas at 570-998-2591.

I would like to encourage all to attend the above events. It is a good opportunity to meet and socialize with members from other Auxiliaries. I am planning to attend all three of the above events and look forward to meeting you.

I ask that all auxiliaries and members do their best to support the two money officers. These Sisters would appreciate every bit of help we can give them in this difficult job. Our 2014-2015 Chief of Staff is Cindy Fox and our Patriotic Instructor is Susan Mertz. The money that is raised helps with the functioning of the Department.

From our Patriotic Instructor, Susan Mertz:

A letter was recently sent out to all auxiliaries outlining my fundraising efforts so far this year and also a request for all auxiliaries to participate in the annual fundraising drive for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund. I have collected jewelry, artwork, Hummels, and collector dolls and bears, etc. for my upcoming raffles at luncheons and our encampment.

Additionally I want to thank Auxiliary 149 in West Chester for their wonderful donation of vintage flag holders to the Department in memory of our dear Sister, Dr. Florence Williams, whom we all miss.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and I hope we all do something in his memory.

From our Department Press Secretary, Linda Snook:

As the State Press Secretary I would encourage everyone to send me copies of what they have been doing so that the photo album to be presented in June will be a complete story. A special thank you for all the photos already submitted.

From the Department Counselor, Margaret Atkinson:

Sisters, it has been a difficult year for some of our Department's Officers. Department President Betsy Nightingale suffered the loss of her father after trying to oversee his health care for months. On behalf of the Department, we express our sincere sympathy. Department Secretary Margaret Shuttlesworth encountered a situation where she had to find another place to live and move in temporarily with her son. This meant she had to empty her former home, furnishings and all, move her computer etc. I would ask all Sisters to understand why this Order and other paperwork has been delayed. Thank you for your patience.

From the President:

Some bits of information about me: I come from a large family and I am the oldest of eight children. I have worked at a state prison for 22 years; currently as an administrative assistant. I am divorced with one son and two grandchildren who I love! My interest in Civil War history goes back many years. I also enjoy photography, good restaurants and looking for antiques.

Reminder: Please notify our Chaplain Linda Marker of the illness or death of any member. Her address is: 1489 Trent Road, Rockwood, PA 15557. Her e-mail address is: Lmarker1@zoominternet.net.

All of our thoughts and prayers are with any of our Sisters that are ill or are suffering bereavement of family or friends.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Betsy Nightingale
Pennsylvania Department President

Attest:
Margaret Shuttlesworth
Department Secretary