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DEPARTMENT ORDER #4

The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the angels of our nature.

Abraham Lincoln

Dear Sisters,

I hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful spring flowers despite a few snowflakes. I am hoping that the April showers will soon realize that they have overstayed their welcome.

The Appomattox Luncheon held in Somerset was a very nice affair. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and the program and lunch were very good. Everyone in attendance was appreciative of all of the hard work done by our hosts. Our trip to Somerset was a lot of fun. Our side of the Allegheny Tunnel had a few wispy snowflakes. When we came out the other side of the tunnel, it was like a raging blizzard. It always amazes me how different the weather can be on either side of that mountain. It was 84 degrees on our side of the state on the return trip. It is always an experience to cross our great state.

I would like to thank our dedicated Department and Auxiliary Officers for all of their hard work this past year. You have all kept our Department humming.

I hope that many Sisters will be able to attend the Department Encampment in Cranberry Township. The Encampment will be held from June 22 to June 24, 2017. We will be at the Pittsburg Marriot North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Hotel reservations may be made by calling 724-772-3700. Our group rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax. The deadline for this rate is June, 1st. You must mention that you are a member of the Allied Orders of the GAR. Your stay includes a breakfast buffet

for two people per room. Additional people will be required to purchase their breakfast for a fee. Breakfast will be held from 7-10 am.

The local host committee is seeking donations to be presented on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department to the Veterans at the Butler County area VA hospital. Donations are not to be confused with the donations at our Campfire. The committee is looking for individual donations of comfort items such as stationery, clothing, shoes, bathing soaps and recreational items. They cannot accept books, used clothing, medical equipment, lap robes, and magazines over six months old. Please check our website for a more complete list. Checks or money orders can also be donated. Additionally, the host committee is selling tee shirts and mugs to help cover costs.

Meal information is also available on our website.

Again please support our encampment booklet by having your Auxiliary or individuals who are able, place an ad. Please send your ad and check payment to Ellen Higgins, PNP DUVCW 1731 Shore Rd. Unit #42, Seaville, N.J. 08230-1383. Email SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com

To register at the Department Encampment bring \$10.00 in cash or check, your Credential card, and membership ID card. You will have to show the membership ID before each business session. Members who want to pre-register must send their credential card and \$10.00 to our Department Secretary, Margaret Shuttlesworth, PDP, Lakewood Hills Apts. B89, 4570 Londonderry Rd., Harrisburg, PA17109 by June 15. Registration will be Friday and Saturday morning outside of our meeting room prior to our business sessions.

I would also like to encourage you to consider running for a department office. A letter of intent or Auxiliary endorsement should be mailed to Betsy Nightingale, PDP Council Member #1 at 316 Piersol Rd., Friedens, PA 15541. Our Department needs your participation and we always like to see new faces.

I am now appointing the following Sisters to serve at the Department Encampment:

Officers Reports Chairperson Cynthia Fox PNP, Barbara Indan PDP, Anne Sosnowski PNP

Resolutions Committee: Mary Jo Long PNP

Greetings Committee to the Sons: Barbara Day

Greetings Committee to the Daughters: Laura Kane

Response to the Site Committee: Betsy Nightingale PDP

Response to the Commander- in- Chief: Faye Carlisle-Thomas PNP

Response to the National President or her Designee: Judy Wolfe

Response to the Department Commander: Linda Snook

Response to the Daughters: Margaret Shuttlesworth PDP

All other Responses: Ellen Essenwein

Floor Officers Guide: Anne Sosnowski PNP

Assistant Guide: Barbara Indan

Color Guard #1 and #2: Katelynn and Gracee McMillin

Recording Secretary: Ann McMillin PDP

If you cannot honor these positions please call me at 610-253-0408 or email me at susan.mertz@rcn.com All Officers are to wear white dresses, skirts or dress slacks. All Sisters attending should wear white in the event that you are called upon for service during the business sessions.

Reports

All Officers should bring two typed copies of their department reports to the encampment. Any Officers who are making recommendations in their reports are asked to send said recommendations to the Chair of Officer Reports, Cynthia Fox PNP at 1157 Isabella St. Williamsport, PA 17701 by June 8th.

Please get all reports in on time so the information is available for the Encampment. Please send Judy Wolfe your charitable activities report by June 1st. Her address is 200 Lake St. Dalton, PA 18414 or judywolfe@aol.com These reports are very important as they help to insure our tax exempt status.

For the Good of the Order

Get well wishes and prayers are sent to any member who is in ill health and condolences to those who have suffered a loss. Congratulations are sent to PDP Betsy Nightingale on her recent engagement.

I hope that your Memorial Day services are well attended. As President Lincoln said, our hearts are tied to every battlefield and patriot grave.

ATTEST:

Margaret Shuttlesworth, PDP

Department Secretary

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

133rd Annual Encampment

Headquarters: Pittsburg Marriot North, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

Tentative schedule {subject to change}

Sessions:

Thursday, June 22, 2017

7:00 pm Council meeting and audit-Past Presidents meeting

Friday, June 23, 2017

7:00 AM Set up and Registration – Atrium Terrace
8:30 AM Joint Opening Session and Memorial Service Cranberry III
10:00 AM Business Session – Cranberry II
10:30 AM Exemplification of the Ritual
Noon Lunch Buffet in the Atrium
1:00 PM Business session Cranberry II
4:00 Adjournment

***Dinner on your own

7:00 PM Campfire Cranberry III

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM Business session – Cranberry II
10:30 AM Visitations
Noon Lunch in the Atrium Chief of Staff and P I
1:00 PM Nomination and Election of Officers/ Business session
2:00 PM Chief of Staff and P I drawings
3:00 PM Final Report of CS and PI
3:30 PM Installation of Officers
4:00 Adjournment

6:00 Cocktail Reception and Dinner, Lounge and Cranberry#3

Sunday, June 25, 2017

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