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General Order #3

Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves as best he can, the same cause-honor to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle.

Abraham Lincoln, December 2, 1863

I hope that you all survived the winter and are looking forward to spring. I know that Mother Nature's last blast interfered with our ability to attend our meetings. Now that spring is on the horizon our work swings into full gear.

I hope that many will be able to attend the Appomattox luncheon in Somerset hosted by Auxiliary and Camp #502 and Susanna Cook Tent #61. Our Patriotic Instructor Linda Snook will be having a book sale at the luncheon as a fundraiser. She also sent out the annual request for donations to the Patriotic Instructor's fund recently. Please give what you can as she was unable to have the basket raffle at the Lincoln Luncheon due to its cancellation.

Our department Secretary Margaret Shuttlesworth, PDP, will be sending out the new department roster shortly. She also asked me to remind you that March 31 is the due date for our per capita reports. Margaret will also be sending out instructions and forms for officer reports. Sister Judy Wolfe also needs your charitable activities report by June 1st.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend our Department Encampment in Cranberry Twp. near Pittsburg. Margaret asked that you pre-register with her. Details will be in my next order.

Please take out an ad in our encampment booklet as it helps to defray our costs and is a nice memento.

Congratulations to PNP Faye Carlisle-Thomas who has been with the ASUVCW for fifty years.

Please remember PNP Anne Sosnowski and her family in your prayers as her sister is seriously ill. Condolences to PDP Margaret Shuttlesworth for the loss of her mother, and to PNP Margaret Atkinson and her family, and Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1 for the loss of PC-in-C Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

I was surprised and pleased to hear Senator Charles Schumer of New York read part of the letter written by Major Sullivan Ballou at President Trump's Inauguration. It is probably the most famous letter written by a Civil War soldier and arguably one of the most beautifully written letters ever penned by an American soldier. Unfortunately few people outside of the Civil War community have ever heard of it.

Senator Schumer also went on to say that there is strength in history, a point that too many people today fail to recognize.

Our ancestors have given us stories of strength, courage, compassion, devotion, and dedication and yet most kids today learn little more than dates and place names in history class. It is up to us to share those stories and the lessons that can be learned from them. In a movie that I saw recently the statement was made, "if there is no witness they just disappear." We are the remaining witnesses to those Soldiers, Sailors, and the citizens who cared for their brothers in the field. We must never let them disappear.