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DEPARTMENT ORDER #3

My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.

Abraham Lincoln

Dear Sisters,

I hope that you are all enjoying the weather as spring has finally arrived. I was glad to put the snow shovel away. The Appomattox Luncheon was held in Somerset once again and was a very nice affair. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and everyone in attendance appreciated all of the hard work done by our hosts and hostesses. General Grant shared his perspective on the war and we all learned something new.

I would like to thank our Department and Auxiliary Officers for all of their hard work this past year. We would not have a Department without your dedication to our mission.

I hope that many Sisters will be able to attend the Department Encampment. The Encampment will be held from June 21 to June 24, 2018 at the Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, 200 West 4th St. in Williamsport, PA. Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-800-321-1388. Our group rate is \$111.25 tax included. The deadline for this rate is May 21st. You must mention that you are a member of the Allied Orders of the GAR. Your stay includes a hot breakfast. An additional \$10.00 per person above double occupancy will be charged. Breakfast will be held from 6-10 am. Meal information is also available on our website.

Again, please support our encampment booklet by having your Auxiliary or individuals who are able, place and 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, 210 Trinity Court, Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551 by June 12. 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 Matthews, 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, and Laura Kane DVP.

Resolutions Committee Mary Jo Long PNP

Greetings Committee to the Sons Barbara Day

Greetings Committee to the Daughters Linda Snook

Response to the Site Committee Betsy Nightingale

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 Laura Kane

Response to the Daughters Margaret Shuttlesworth, PDP

All other Responses Ellen Essenwein

Floor Officers Guide Barbara Indan PDP

Assistant Guide Cindy Fox, PNP

Color guard #1 Marilyn Fleming and #2 Ellen Essenwein

Recording secretary Judy Wolfe PAP

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. Please pray for PNP Cindy Fox's family as her husband is ill.

This Memorial Day marks the 150th Anniversary of General Logan's Order 11, which established this solemn observance. I urge you to publicize this sesquicentennial in your area.

I hope that you will consider getting involved at the Department level. Many of our Officers have served for many years and are hoping to see more interest in helping the Department. In some areas of the country, Departments are collapsing and are being melded into regional Departments instead of state Departments. Let's not let this happen in Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

Margaret Shuttlesworth, PDP

Department Secretary