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#### DEPARTMENT ORDER #6

*One thing life taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are generally interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else. — Eleanor Roosevelt*

Our Auxiliary work takes us in many directions and links us to many other patriotic, veterans, educational, historic preservation, and civic groups. Our work strengthens the fabric of our communities and our nation.

Our Lincoln Luncheon and Appomattox Luncheons were very successful and well attended. I was amazed to see a piece of the bunting from the platform on which President Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address and to learn that the illness he had when giving the Address was a mild case of smallpox.

The luncheon in honor of PNP Margaret Atkinson was lovely. It was great to celebrate Margaret's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of the Auxiliary. It was nice to see so many PNP's come out to honor her.

I would like to thank our Department and Auxiliary Officers for all of their hard work this past year. Please send all of your required reports to the officer whom you report. We must document all of our work in order to maintain our non-profit status.

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The Site Committee and Camp #1 and Auxiliary #1 have been working very hard on this year's 139<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Allied Orders. This year marks the beginning of the SUVCW with the founding of the Cadet Corp in Philadelphia. I hope that many of you will come to this historic encampment. We have planned guided tours of the Valley Forge Battlefield and Laurel Hill Cemetery. Laurel Hill holds the remains of 40 Civil War Generals including George Gordon Meade. There will be a wreath-laying at his grave.

Our special hotel rates will be shouldered before and after the Encampment so you can take full advantage of touring the city of Philadelphia. Breakfast is included in our room rate. We have a regimental band concert planned for the Campfire. I hope that you will come and support all of our hosts and the site committee's efforts.

Our Encampment will be held from June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia. The cut-off date for reservations is 5-28-19. Our meals include both beverage and dessert. Meal forms and trip forms are on our website also.

Please support our encampment booklet, information is on our website.

To register at the Department Encampment, bring \$10.00 in cash or check, your Credential card, and your membership ID card. You will have to show your membership card before each business session. Members who wish to pre-register must send their credential card and \$10.00 to our Department Secretary, Betsy Matthews, PDP, 602 N. Rosina Ave., Somerset, PA, 15501. 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 an Auxiliary endorsement should also be sent to Betsy Matthews, PDP. The Department needs your participation.

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

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Officers Reports Chairperson Cynthia Fox PNP, Barbara Indan PDP, Laura Kane DVP

Resolutions Committee Mary Jo Long PNP

Greetings Committee to the Sons Anne Sosnowski PNP

Greetings Committee to the Daughters Linda Snook AP

Response to the Site Committee Barbara Day PDP

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

Response to the National President or her Designee Judy Wolfe PAP

Response to the Department Commander Laura Kane DVP

Response to the Daughters Betsy Matthews PDP

All other Responses Mary Jo Long PNP

Floor Officers

Guide Anne Sosnowski PNP

Assistant Guide Barbara Indan PDP

Color Guard #1 Marilyn Fleming

Color Guard #2 Judy Wolfe PDP

Recording Secretary Linda Marker

If you cannot honor these positions please call me at 610-253-0408 or email me at [susan.mertz@rcn.com](mailto:susan.mertz@rcn.com). All Sisters attending should wear white in the event that you should be called upon for service during our business sessions.

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## REPORTS

All Officers should bring two copies of their 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please get all of your reports in on time so the information is available for the Encampment. Please send your charitable activities report to Judy Wolfe PAP by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Her address is 200 Lake St. Dalton, PA 18414 or [judywolfe@aol.com](mailto: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 our PI Linda Snook's husband, Ken as he recovers from a stroke.

Thank you for all of your support during the past three years of my Presidency.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve our department and to share the lives Union ancestors.

ATTEST:

Betsy Matthews PDP

Department Secretary