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This year, at the 136th Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department of the A.S.U.V.C.W. held in King of Prussia at the end of June, it was my honor to be elected Pennsylvania Department President. I hope I can perform my duties faithfully and with credibility as I promised during my installation.

Please note my phone number captioned above. This is my cell phone so if I don't answer, please leave a message, or text me. We have decided to eliminate our home phone (which we've had for our entire married life of 37 years).

At this time I would like to take the opportunity, both personally and on behalf of our Department, to offer congratulations and a great big thank you to Susan Mertz. Susan has done such a wonderful job for the past three years as our Department President. Her thoughtfulness and dedication to our order and to the "Boys in Blue" are second to none. We are very fortunate to have Susan in our department. She is a great example of an Auxiliary Member and I am proud and happy to call her a Pennsylvania Sister!

Congratulations and thanks to all our new Department Officers. I look forward to working with you all during our terms. Please know you can call on me any time and I will try to help you in any way I can. Our "official roster" will be distributed soon, but in the meantime, the officers are listed on our web site. Go to www.paasucwv.org for that information as well as other information and photos. Our Webmaster Ellen Higgins does a great job on our web site. Also, thanks to Linda Marker for the wonderful photos of our encampment!

Congratulations to our new Department Commander of the Sons, Gregory Kline and the Department President of the DUVCW 1861-1865, Kayla Reed. I wish you both much success and I look forward to working with you during our terms. I truly believe that we have one of the best departments in that we strive to maintain our relationships with the Sons, and

Daughters, as well as the Ladies of the GAR and the Women's Relief Corps. We have a long history of fraternity with our brothers and sisters in our various allied orders and it is my hope that these relationships continue to grow.

With regards to our Charitable Deeds Report.....It was discussed at encampment that it may benefit our members to periodically make note of our charitable activities throughout the year. This way, when June rolls around and we have to complete our report for National, it might not be such a difficult task, and we will have remembered things that often slip our minds. It was suggested that we keep a copy of the form in a prominent spot (like on the fridge), or review the form at our scheduled Auxiliary meetings during the year. The form is available on our national web site at www.asuvcw.org under forms; auxiliary, auxiliary charitable activities report (A10).

Remembrance Day in Gettysburg is quickly approaching. Sadly, there will be no Past Commanders and Past Presidents Banquet on Saturday this year. Despite Ivan Frantz's hard work on organizing this event, attendance at the banquet has been on a decline while the costs of meals, banquet facilities, entertainment and audio equipment is constantly going up. Unfortunately, it is just not feasible to continue this long running tradition. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas that would allow us to continue this tradition of coming together for some fellowship while we celebrate and honor the consecration of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, those ideas would be welcomed and I would be happy and try to help put something together.

Of course the other scheduled events for Remembrance Day remain and more info on them can be found on most of our allied order web sites both Nationally and within our Department.

In closing, I would like to remind us of our obligation. "I will faithfully assist in promoting the interest of this Auxiliary and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; that I will earnestly strive to keep alive the memory of the heroic deeds of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; that I will, to the best of my ability, aid a Sister of the Order....."

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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