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Greetings

I would like to wish you all a New Year filled with good health and much happiness! It's hard to believe that it was 20 years ago that we were anticipating Y2K!

On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a testimonial luncheon in honor of our Department Commander, Gregory E. Kline. The luncheon will be held at The National Civil War Museum Reservoir Park in Harrisburg. I have enclosed a flyer with all the information. I look forward to being there and spending the afternoon with many of you and our Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders.

Also attached is a flyer announcing the Appomattox Luncheon to be held on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. This year's luncheon is being hosted by Isaac Eaton Camp 504 and The Davis Star Camp. The luncheon will be at My Brothers Place Restaurant in Grove City, PA (near the Grove City Outlets).

If you can make either or both of these events, I encourage you to do so. It's a great opportunity to meet and socialize with old and NEW friends of the Allied Orders.

I have also included in this letter a flyer for ads for our encampment booklet. The deadline for submissions is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Placing an ad in our booklet is a great way to honor a loved one or ancestor, and it also helps fund our encampment. Please consider purchasing an ad (of any size) and sending it to Ellen. Why wait until May 17<sup>th</sup>? She'll be happy to receive your ad any time starting today!

This year has been a little hectic for me personally. Steve (my husband) has had some health issues that, although aren't too serious, have taken up some of our time. Steve also suddenly lost his younger brother this year. At my work, I have been taking on some new responsibilities. I am enjoying the new challenges, but sometimes when I get home I'm a little frazzled. On a lighter note, my daughter (and

personal aide) Sara got married and is expecting a baby at the end of February! So I'm going to be a Grandmom! I am telling you all this as I feel that I haven't been able to perform my duties as Aux. Dept. President as well as I would like. I'll just keep at it and keep trying!!!! That is all any of us can do ☺

Plans for our Department Encampment are continuing and are well under way! The encampment this year will be held in Altoona. I am told that the accommodations are very nice and there is much to do in the area. More information on the Encampment will follow. In the meantime, plan on coming and having a great time! Pennsylvania knows how to do encampments, and 2020 will be no exception!

Recently, we've lost some brothers in our Pennsylvania Family that I'd just like to mention. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Brother Joe Long passed away. Joe was a very active member in Pennsylvania, and words cannot express how much he will be missed. My prayers and sympathy are with Mary Jo and her family. Eight days earlier on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Rev. Richard Partington of Camp 1 passed. I remember him from when I first became a member of Aux 1. His knowledge and memories of our organization were priceless. He was a great asset to our organization. Back in October, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Ken Snook passed away. Ken was Linda Snook's (our patriotic instructor) husband. I was just getting to know Ken more and I am sorry for Linda's (and Laura's) loss. I truly believe we are "brothers and sisters", and even though our Auxiliary is separate from the Sons, we are better because of them.

Please remember our money officers; Linda Snook our Patriotic Instructor, and Ellen Higgins our Chief of Staff. Any donations to their funds would be greatly appreciated.

Also, anyone who has any news articles of interest is encouraged to send copies to our Department Press Correspondent Marylynn Rose Fleming.

Just a reminder that I no longer can be reached at my phone number which I have had for years!!!!!! My new telephone number is **215-514-1018**. If I don't answer, please leave a message and I'll call you back. It's my cell phone!

I wish you all the best in 2020 and I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months.

Until then,  
Sincerely in FC & L,  
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PA Department President.

Attest: Betsy Matthews  
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