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General Order #1

Dear Sisters,

Greetings from the Department of Pennsylvania Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

These are extraordinary and difficult times, and I pray that we are all healthy and well, (both physically and mentally) and that we are safe from any violence and crime.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS, THE NOVEMBER 2020 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE, CEREMONIES AND BALL HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

In June 2020, the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment was a virtual event. I think I can say, without checking my facts, that this year's Encampment is the first ever that was held in that manner!

During our "virtual encampment", it was voted that we retain our current officers until we can meet again next year and have a proper in person Encampment. Our current roster will remain unchanged with the exception of our Counselor. Anne Sosnowski requested and was given an honorable discharge and is sadly, no longer a member of our Auxiliary. Cynthia Fox has graciously accepted to fill in as Counselor. Cynthia is a Past National President and I know that she is fair, diplomatic and knowledgeable. I look forward to working with her in the coming months.

Congratulations to Auxiliary # 502, as they are this year's recipients of the Dorothy Kern Award. This award is presented to the Auxiliary that has the highest grand total on their annual Aux. Charitable Activities Report. Auxiliary # 149 was a close second! Thank you to everyone who sent in reports. I know that it can be somewhat contradictory to the act of being charitable to track your charitable contributions, but I am told that the information is imperative to our national organization's tax-exempt status. So, even during this unusual year, please continue to keep in mind any charitable deeds that your

members participate in and, next May, collect Charitable Activities Reports from your members, compile the information and send it in.

Congratulations to Darlene Alcorn! Darlene won the Visa Gift Card that was raffled off by our Chief of Staff, Ellen Higgins.

A Message from our Department Secretary, Betsy Matthews:

Greeting from your Department Secretary,

I would like to remind everyone about Per Capita Reports. It is important to mail your report and payments as soon as you can at the end of each quarter. Also, please include any changes to your membership and any changes in mailing/e-mail addresses. In accordance with our Constitution, I am doing a census of all members in December. Therefore, I ask that you send me an updated roster of all members with contact information after your elections.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please send me a copy of any reports that are typically due at Encampment, including Aux President's Reports. These documents will be included in our June 2020 proceedings packet.

A Message from our Department Counselor, Susan Mertz:

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I wish everyone a happy holiday season and hope that they stay safe!

A Message from our Department Patriotic Instructor, Linda Snook:

Greetings from your Dept. Patriotic Instructor,

The Patriotic Instructor is charged with raising money to help support the financial needs of the Department of Pennsylvania. This is typically done by raffles and auctions at the various events throughout the year. With these events being cancelled, please consider a monetary donation either from your auxiliary or from you personally. (Checks can be made payable to the Penna. Dept. A.S.U.V.C.W.)

A Message from our Chief of Staff, Ellen Higgins:

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Attached to the General Orders is a form to purchase a fundraising item for the Department. It is an Auxiliary Decal and details are on the form. Please consider ordering several. In addition, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated as explained by our Patriotic Instructor. Hope we will be able to meet in person in June 2021!

Again, I pray that we are safe and healthy and I look forward to a time when we can be together both for the Good of the Order and for the personal social enjoyment as we have grown to know with our Pennsylvania Allied Order Family!

Until that time, I remain sincerely yours in Fraternity Charity and loyalty,

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NOTE: Please read this General Order at your next Auxiliary meeting. Thank you!