



**AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT**

Department Orders #1

622 N Pitt St
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Greetings Sisters!

Headquarters is hereby established at the above address, and any mail for the Department President may be sent there. Email correspondence may be sent to ammcmillin@gmail.com, and phone calls to (717) 462-5871.

I wish to thank the Sisters of this great Department for electing me to the office of Pennsylvania Department President at the Department Encampment, held in Williamsport. It is a great honor to serve you in this capacity. I also wish to thank Past President Barbara Indan for her excellent leadership through the COVID pandemic these past three years.

I would like to introduce you to your 2022-2023 Department Officers, as elected at the Encampment.

President.....	Ann McMillin, PDP, Aux 50 & 27
Vice President.....	Darlene Alcorn, Aux. 1
Council #1	Susan Mertz, PDP, Aux 10
Council #2.....	Cindy Fox, PNP, Aux 44
Council #3.....	Joan Webb, Aux 615
Secretary.....	Betsy Matthews, PDP, Aux 502
Treasurer.....	Barbara Indan, PDP, Aux 1
Patriotic Instructor.....	Linda Snook, Aux 10
Chief of Staff.....	Gracee McMillin, Aux 27 & 50
Chaplain.....	Laura Kane, Aux 10
Counsel.....	John M. McNulty, PDC, Camp 273 & 101 and Douglas P. McMillin, PDC, Camp 112 & 50

Sister Secretaries, please make sure to disseminate these Department Orders to your members. The Department mails out limited numbers of D.O.'s and it is the

responsibility of every Auxiliary to ensure their members are kept up to date on Department news and events.

Congratulations are extended to Dane DiFebo, newly elected Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also, to Linda Kao on her election as Department President to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Congratulations are also extended to Shirley Dines on her election to Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Last, but surely not least, the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrade Gabrio Corps, is Betsy Matthews, and congratulations have been extended to her as well.

Sisters, it is crucial that the ties of "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty," that binds us together be extended to these organizations, as we all are dedicated to the same goals. To that end, I am asking Linda Snook to chair a Fraternal Relations Committee, whose duty will be to further the spirit of cooperation and friendship between the Allied Orders. More information will be coming soon.

It is *vital* that any and all changes to a member's personal information be reported to Department as soon as possible. I am enclosing a copy of the Auxiliary Status Report, which is also available on the National website under "FORMS, Auxiliary." Please, make sure that your complete information is correct. It might be a good idea for Auxiliary Secretaries to keep a few copies of this form on hand, so that they can be filled out right there at the meeting. Even email or telephone number changes should be reported on this form, so that we can better communicate with you.

It was voted on and approved at Department Encampment that Department Per Capita will be collected once a year, rather than the quarterly collection. This will save the Auxiliary Secretaries on both time and postage. Therefore, beginning in January 2023, Per Capita Tax will be due to the Department Secretary by March 15th of each year. This will give Sister Betsy the time necessary to compile the reports and get the Department Report to National on time.

Another issue that came up for discussion at Department Encampment pertaining to Per Capita Tax was Dual membership. According to the Auxiliary's National Constitution, Rules, & Regulations, Article 2, Section 8,

"Dual Membership is permitted with the person entitled to the rights and privileges accorded all members. All Auxiliaries of which she is a member will pay per capita tax to National, however they will not pay per capita tax on any Life Member who joins as a Dual Member."

A recommendation has been sent to National from our Department, that would change this, but until such time as it is passed, we must make certain that Per Capita Tax is paid on ALL members, except those having Life Memberships. For those interested in Life Membership, the rates are as follows;

Members up to 49 years old -- \$350.00;
50 years up to and including 64 years-- \$250.00;
65 and over -- \$200.00.

Department Encampment is vital to our organization. This is where we get to work together, having input in the direction this Department takes, and getting to know each other better. Let your voice be heard, come to Encampment! Also, as a reminder, any Auxiliary who fails to send representation to Department Encampment faces paying a \$10.00 fine to the Department.

This year, my focus will be on improving communication between the Department, Auxiliaries, and members. I am hearing reports that our Sisters feel disconnected from Department and National, and it is my goal to try and change that. The first step is my willingness to travel to your meeting and/or event. Please, invite me!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me any time.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Attest:
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