



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

Department Orders #3

622 N Pitt St
Carlisle, PA 17013
April 28, 2023

Greetings Sisters!

It is my duty to report the suspension of the Williamsport Auxiliary #44, due to the failure to report and pay Per Capita. I look forward to their reinstatement once the report has been filed and received by Department.

It is also my duty to report the resignation of our Department's Patriotic Instructor. This office is vital to our Department, as it is a fundraising office for the Department. Our charitable donation to a non-profit organization within Altoona is in jeopardy, as to date, no monies have been received by the Department Treasurer. If anyone would like to fill in for the rest of this term, or would be interested in serving as Patriotic Instructor next year, please let me know as soon as possible.

Sisters, please consider taking a collection up at your next Auxiliary meeting for both the Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff funds. These offices are tasked with raising the funds that this Department depends on to function. If unable to attend your next meeting, please consider making an individual donation to both funds. Send all donations to the Department Treasurer, earmarked for the proper funds.

Sisters, now is the time to make plans to come to Department Encampment in Altoona! A flyer is attached with reservation information for the Altoona Grand Hotel. The room rate is excellent, at \$82.50 after tax, and includes a hot breakfast. Our Encampment planning committee has worked hard to make this a wonderful time for us all to come together as a true family of the Grand Army of the Republic. Meetings and social events are held on Friday and Saturday. You may attend one day or both. Please make sure to use the group name "Grand Army of the Republic," when making reservations.

Please consider pre-registration for Encampment. This way, we'll be able to prepare by having an idea of who might be in attendance. To pre-register, please send the attached form, along with a check for \$8.00, to our Department Secretary, Betsy Matthews, no later than May 31st. You may also register at the door for a cost of \$10.00.

I cannot stress enough how vital Department Encampment is 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 does face being fined by Department.

Sister Secretaries, please forward the Certification of Election forms and a current roster of all members to the Department Secretary immediately.

I would also like to remind all Auxiliary officers to submit their annual reports to the appropriate Department officers no later than June 1st, 2023. This includes the Charitable Activities Report, where all members can be credited with their activities and donations throughout the year. All forms are available on the National website, under the Reports, Local Auxiliary tab.

Auxiliary Presidents, please remember to write up a brief account of your Auxiliary's activities for the past year. These accounts are to be read at Encampment, and are included in the Department Proceedings.

Finally, as we enter the month of May, let us turn our focus on the "Boys in Blue." Assist in placing flags at local Cemeteries for Memorial Day, take part in Memorial Day activities in your community and even discuss the history of Decoration Day/ Memorial Day at your Auxiliary meeting. Remember that their service and sacrifice is the true reason we are here.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Attest:

Betsy Matthews

Department Secretary

IN MEMORIUM

The Department wishes to remember all those who are ill or who have lost a loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.*



Department of Pennsylvania Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Make plans now to attend the annual Convention/Encampment

JUNE 22-25, 2023

Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona, PA

When making reservations mention:
Grand Army of the Republic

Call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631



Room Rate is \$75.00
plus 6% sales tax
and 4% occupancy rate
Total cost = \$82.50 per night
Room rate includes complimentary hot breakfast

*Make your room reservation early, the cutoff date for the
above rate is May 27, 2023*

Hotel includes: Fitness Center, Heated Indoor Pool, Free Parking on site,
Wi-Fi and Internet Access, Restaurant

The hotel is within one mile of a major mall and shopping centers
Near by Attractions include: Altoona Curve Baseball, Horseshoe Curve, Altoona
Works, Railroaders Memorial Museum, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Tour Information will be announced soon
Check the various Pennsylvania Allied Orders individual websites for updates