



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

**Department Orders #1**

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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](mailto:ammcmillin@gmail.com), and phone calls to (717) 462-5871.

I wish to thank the Sisters of this great Department for once again electing me to the office of Pennsylvania Department President at the Department Encampment, held in Altoona. It is a great honor to serve you in this capacity. Start making plans to attend next year's encampment in King of Prussia on June 27-30th!

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 .....	Pam Fisher, Aux.615
Council #2.....	Joyce Dowler, Aux. 502
Council #3.....	Faith Troyan, Aux. 16
Secretary.....	Betsy Matthews, PDP, Aux 502
Treasurer.....	Barbara Indan, PDP, Aux 1
Patriotic Instructor.....	
Chief of Staff.....	
Chaplain.....	Joan Webb, Aux. 615
Counsel.....	John M. McNulty, PDC, Camp 273 & 101 and Douglas P. McMillin, PDC, Camp 112 & 50
Membership-at-Large.....	Betsy Matthews, PDP, Aux 502
Webmaster.....	Ellen Higgins, Aux. 1

You may have noticed that both the Patriotic Instructor and the Chief of Staff positions are currently unfilled. The Department was unable to fill those positions at encampment, and we are currently looking for volunteers. They are both fundraising offices, and are vital to our Department's success. If you are interested in either of these positions, please reach out to either myself, Sister Secretary, Betsy Matthews, or Sister Treasurer, Barb Indan. If we cannot get volunteers, we will be forced to ask the auxiliaries to pick up the slack, by remembering these funds when they meet by taking up a collection of some kind, or to raise funds in some other manner.

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 the re-elected Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dane DiFebo. Congratulations are also extended to Shirley Dines on her re-election to Department President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also, congratulations to Ellen Higgins on her election as Department President to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Last, but surely not least, the Woman's Relief Corps, Comrade Gabrio Corps, President is Betsy Matthews, and congratulations have been extended to her as well.

Sisters, I did attend the National Encampment along with our Department Delegates, Lynne Gallaudet Dolan and Ellen Higgins. The quartermaster is still having great issues in trying to get new badges made, and has been authorized to go to another supplier. However, they are warning that there may be a sharp price increase. She also got permission to watch eBay for used badges, which might be sold at a slightly lower price. At this time, please email the quartermaster before sending in any orders, to verify what is currently available.

Congratulations also go out to our new National President, Sue Freshley. She is a member of the Department of Ohio, and is married to Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. We look forward to working with her over the next year, and hope that she will be a guest at our Department encampment.

Remembrance Day is almost upon us! The week-end events in Gettysburg that commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Gettysburg National Cemetery dedication ceremony will take place on November 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Even if unable to make the trip to Gettysburg, please take time to remember the brave "Boys in Blue" who sacrificed their everything for our country.

At this time, I am uncertain how many of the Remembrance Day activities I will be able to participate in, due to my having just had arthroscopic knee surgery last month. Healing is going well, and I am looking forward to resuming my normal activities in the weeks and months to come.

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:

Betsy Matthews

Department Secretary

### *In Memoriam*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all sisters in sickness and distress.

Sisters, our Department has lost a dear friend. Brother David Klinepeter, also known as Governor Andrew Curtin, passed away in October. Brother Dave was a familiar face at Civil War events throughout the midstate, and always had a smile and a story to share.

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*