



**Auxiliary to the Sons
Of Union Veterans
Of the Civil War**

**Pennsylvania
Department**

Department Orders #1

23 S. Quarry Street
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
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Greetings Sisters:

I want to thank the Sisters who attended the 2024 Encampment and elected me President of the Department of the Auxiliary of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War at the King of Prussia Encampment. Email correspondence may be sent to darscatseye@yahoo.com, and phone calls to (724) 448-6682. My mailing address is: 23 S. Quarry Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Also, the following Sisters have been elected to fill the Department offices:

- President.....Darlene Alcorn, Aux 502
- Vice President.....Pam Fisher, Aux. 615
- Council #1Ann McMillin, PDP, Aux. 50 & 27
- 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.....Ruth Webster, Aux. 502
- Chief of Staff.....
- Chaplain.....Joan Webb, Aux. 615
- Counsel.....Richard Essenwein, PDC, Camps 43 & Star
- Membership-at-Large.....Betsy Matthews, PDP, Aux 502

Webmaster.....Ellen Higgins, Aux. 1

Chief of Staff was not filled; anyone wishing to fill this position, please contact me. This position is very important to the Department. It helps to raise money for the Department to meet its obligations.

Congratulations go out to the following PA Departments:

Bill Fischer, Commander	SUVCW
Daryl Reed, President	DUVCW
Shirley Dines	LGAR
Betsy Matthews	WRC, Comrade Gabrio Corps

Please make sure that all Sisters are kept informed of what is going on in the Department. It is only as good as its members; without you, there is no Department. Hard copies of the General Orders are mailed to the Auxiliary President and the Secretary. Please share with all members.

Coming Event: Remembrance Day weekend, Gettysburg on November 16-17. Hope to see you there at the Woolson monument ceremony, the parade or the Ball.

Remember to keep us informed of Sisters who need our prayers:

Ellen Essenwein	Member at Large
Shirley Brocht	Auxiliary #502

I look forward to meeting those Sisters who could not make it to Encampment. Hopefully our paths will cross this year. If you are having an event which you would like me to attend, please notify me.

Following are messages from three of our Department Officers.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Darlene Alcorn
PA Department President, ASUVCW

Attest: Betsy Matthews
Department Secretary

cc: Auxiliary Presidents
Auxiliary Secretaries

Greetings from your newly elected PA Patriotic Instructor.

My name is Ruth Webster, and I am honored to serve as your Patriotic Instructor for this coming year of 2024-25. My home auxiliary is Camp 502. I am also active in the DUVCW in Pennsylvania at the Tent level.

My goal is to inform and educate the members of our Order on matters of historic importance and patriotism. Our ancestors lived during the turbulence of the Civil War and have much to teach us. My hope is to entertain and inspire you. I want to write periodical articles highlighting events pertinent to Pennsylvania and the nation. Said articles will be sent to each auxiliary for their use and disbursement. Hopefully, I can post them on the State website as well. I am a retired Social Studies teacher from the State of Maryland and taught American History. I was born and raised in Kentucky and now live just north of Pittsburgh.

My other goal is to raise money as painlessly as possible to meet the needs of the National Patriotic Instructor. Such funds are used for memorial wreaths, a scholarship fund, the GAR fund, and others.

I am asking auxiliary presidents to send me their name and email addresses, along with the names and emails of your patriotic instructors at the local level. I am also asking for ideas for “painless” fundraising that we could initiate at our State level.

My name, email, and phone number are:

Ruth Webster

Patriotic Instructor

PA Department ASUVCW

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From the Vice President:

Hello sisters;

I am writing today about one of our biggest challenges – recruitment. As of the Encampment of 2024, we gained one new member (at large), but lost 9 members overall. We currently have 119 members and 5 members at large.

We must come up with new ways to recruit. If you are involved in other organizations, please be sure to talk about your auxiliary. Talk about all the great things we do together to honor our veterans. Maybe your auxiliary could even do a presentation to an interested group. If someone seems interested, be sure to follow-up with them and invite them to your meeting or an event you are attending, send an email or give them a call.

Check out your community for possible interest. Is there a veteran's organization you could talk with? Is there a History Club at your local school? A girl scout group?

We must also get our young ladies involved. Maybe after speaking to a girl scout group, you could invite them to become junior members. Junior membership is just what's needed to grow our membership and get our youth involved for the future.

I look forward to working with you and all the future members we will recruit!

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Pam Fisher

PA Department Vice President

From your Department Chaplain:

Greetings Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and safe 4th of July. The weather was ideal for picnics, swimming and all outdoor activities. It is good to celebrate the birth of our country but let us never forget those who made the sacrifice to ensure the freedoms we enjoy.

It is an honor to serve once again as Department Chaplain in the ASUVCW.

You can reach me via email at: 19jwebb48@gmail.com with prayer requests and any other information you wish to share.

Let us carry on in the same spirit as those who have gone before us who faithfully preserved our history and traditions.

It is now up to us to share this history with other women in hopes of increasing the membership. Let us work together toward this goal.

And may God bless our efforts with success.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Joan Webb

Chaplain, PA Department ASUVCW