



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

**Pennsylvania  
Department**

## **Department Orders #2**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Sisters

I hope everyone is looking forward to New Year blessed with good health and friendship. I want to thank all the sisters and brothers who have been sending me get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. I really appreciated all the messages, especially since the recovery has been slow. As most know, the older we get, the longer it takes to heal.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Patriotic Instructor Ruth's (Blogs) as much as I have been. Comments and additions are welcome. We would like to hear any comments that you have, especially if you are liking them.

Because of health issues, I was unable to join in the 2024 Remembrance Day Weekend festivities in Gettysburg. I hope all those who attended had a nice time and enjoyed being there for the reason we have the celebration every year. The weekend is always the closest to the date November 19, the date which Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address while dedicating the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

*But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall*

*not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—  
and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from  
the earth.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

November 19, 1863.

Encampment 2025 is a subject that we need your thoughts and suggestions back to me to make any changes necessary. The earlier the better. The 145th Pennsylvania Department Encampment will be held in 19-22 June 2025 in Cranberry Township PA, north of Pittsburgh.

Our Patriotic Instructor Sister Ruth has some ideas about fund raising but Sister Ruth will need our help to make the ideas work. We do have a "Basket Raffle" at the Encampment but could use more baskets donated and always more participation at the Encampment. Even if you can only attend one day of the two days, your attendance would very much be appreciated. I understand if you can't attend both days, but we need your help and support for the ASUVCW of Pennsylvania to survive. The Department can only be strong, if the membership works together and supports each other. Let's make this year a wonderful year for the ASUVCW Department of Pennsylvania.

It would be nice to hear from the PA Department Auxiliaries members about what they have been doing, it doesn't have to be fancy or long just a brief note telling me what you have been doing and sharing your thoughts with other members.

I would also like to thank my officers for their support these months. It is greatly appreciated.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Darlene Alcorn

PA Department President, ASUVCW

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