



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

**Pennsylvania  
Department**

### **Department Orders #1**

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Greetings Sisters,

We are starting a new year; seems for now it is a very hot humid year, I'm hoping all are staying cool and healthy.

It was a very good encampment meeting; we got a lot accomplished and we were privileged to have National President Sister Rosemary with us for the two-day meetings, plus three Past National Presidents (PNPs) came to visit us for our Friday meeting. All were extremely helpful and appreciated.

The Department officers for 2025-2026 are:

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| President            | Darlene Alcorn    |
| Vice President       | Pam Fisher        |
| Secretary            | Betsy Matthews    |
| Treasurer            | Barb Indan        |
| Chaplain             | Joan Webb         |
| Patriotic Instructor | Ruth Webster      |
| Council #1           | Ann McMillin      |
| Council #2/Guard     | Joyce Dowler      |
| Counselor            | Richard Essenwein |

I want to thank all those who helped me with support and prayers this last year, I appreciated it very much. Hopefully this year will be a very good year for all.

There will be a copy of the by-laws and minutes sent to each member when all have been approved. Please share with your members and review. Direct any questions to me or to our Secretary, Betsy Matthews at [betsy1865@verizon.net](mailto:betsy1865@verizon.net).

I want to thank all those who attended the Encampment and helped to make the meetings informative and progressively done. Also, those for making the meeting room very patriotic, and for all the hard work that was put in to making the by-laws amendments presented for approval.

A welcome to Sister Susan, who became our newest MAL member at the encampment and was initiated by three PNPs. Congratulations!

Also, a thanks goes out to all the Auxiliaries who handed their reports in on time. Hopefully we will see some of you at the 2026 Encampment being held in Carlisle and the 2026 National Convention of ASUVCW will be in Gettysburg.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Darlene Alcorn

PA Department President ASUVCW

Attest: Betsy Matthews

PA Department Secretary

Attachments:

Chaplain Greetings

Patriotic Instructor Greetings

Updated Department Roster

cc: Auxiliary Presidents

Auxiliary Secretaries

**\*\*Please read this Department Order and attachments at your Auxiliary meeting/share with all members.**

**From the Department Chaplain:**

Greetings Sisters,

Another Pennsylvania Encampment is behind us. It was a great time of fellowship and productive meetings. I am sure we all want our State Auxiliary to continue the Patriotic work entrusted to us and I believe we made good progress towards that goal.

The Memorial Service entitled, "The Train of Life", planned by Brother Clark Brocht was very inspiring. We remembered all our brothers and sisters who passed away since the last Encampment.

It is truly an honor to serve as your Department Chaplain. You are all remembered in my daily prayers. If you have a prayer request, please, contact me via email at:

[19jwebb48@gmail.com](mailto:19jwebb48@gmail.com) or by phone at: (814) 410-2424

May God bless you all for carrying on the time-honored tradition of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Joan Webb

Chaplain, PA Dept. ASUVCW

## Greetings from your Patriotic Instructor

Greetings, Sisters:

We are embarking on another exciting year in the land of the ASUVCW. I hope you agree with me that there isn't a much better way to spend one's time and energy than with a group whose mission is to "Keep Green the Memory" of our beloved ancestors who defended the Union and its flag.

I began the PI Blog last year and intend to add to that with articles related in some manner to the war in Pennsylvania. It will be solely digital this year. Once an article is posted, Ellen or I will send out an email asking you to access the blog post on our website. One of the decisions at the Encampment in June was to make more use of the website. I also will be looking for guest bloggers. I know that some of you like to share instructional pieces among the group while we are together in person. Why not write those stories down, send them to me, and post for all to see?

You raised \$345.00 for our chosen charity at the Encampment, and I thank you for that. This year it was given to Operation Santa Claus, which is a Christmas gifting program at the Southwest Veterans Hospitals in Pittsburgh. The charity is run by Harry Blackwell who is the Commander of SUVCW Camp 502. Next year a different charity will be chosen from the area where our Encampment will be held in 2026.

At our convention we decided on a charitable contribution of \$300.00 for next year. Any funds raised above that amount will go to our State Auxiliary's general fund to pay our share of Encampment and other operating expenses. We also plan to make contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor fund and their Chief of Staff.

So, you will be hearing from me. I will be shaking your Money Trees again and hope to run a raffle of some sort during the year. I will be putting my greying head together with the other officers to see what might work.

If you care to chat, my email is [ruth.webster07@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.webster07@gmail.com).

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In F.C.& L.

Ruth Webster