



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

**Pennsylvania
Department**

Department Orders #3

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

Hoping everyone is staying warm and healthy. It sure has been some year so far, been a long time since we have had a cold, snowy winter like this, it makes you wonder what summer will be like. I've been holding off doing this General Order till we received something about 2026 Encampment. Please review the attachments and forward to your Auxiliary members.

Ruth Webster, Patriotic Instructor, has been working on her fundraiser, she has it posted on the web page, but it will also be attached to this printing. If you want to see the actual photos of the coins, please go to our website, www.paasuvcw.org. Hope you can help her out. I would like to remind you that we need baskets or items for the raffle table at the Encampment, which is our Ways and Means for the year. We really appreciate it, other groups check out the items and purchase tickets, hoping to win.

Hoping some of you can attend the 2026 Encampment in June. If you can't afford to stay the whole time, even one day would really be appreciated, this is your organization and without your help, we will not survive. We need to hear new voices with ideas on how to keep going and how to attract new members. SUGGESTIONS! The officers realize that most don't want to take a position, but what happens, if no one comes forward? I was told a few years back, by Sisters that the Encampment was boring and no fun, all they did was discuss business, sorry, but that is the time we must discuss things that pertain to the Department. There's also time for socializing at lunch, the campfire and the banquet.

Got a question: what happens to you if you don't take care of your body? You get sick and it seems to take forever to get back on your feet and get strong again. You get disgusted and then depression sets in, which takes you longer to get back, but support and good thoughts help you. It's the same with an organization, people working together, and helping others.

Reminder, Betsy needs your Per-Capita report and the other reports as noted on the attached listing. Return the reports by the due dates, so the officers can report that they at least heard from you. If you need assistance, I am sure Betsy or I can help you. Thanks in advance. Please share the attached information with your Auxiliary members.

I hope to see you in June, if not, then I would like to hear from you.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Darlene Alcorn

PA Department President ASUVCW

Attest: Betsy Matthews

PA Department Secretary

Attachments:

Appomattox Luncheon

Ad Form for Encampment Booklet

Hotel Information

Pre-Registration

Meals Information

Patriotic Instructor Raffle

Auxiliary Due Dates list

cc: Auxiliary Presidents

Auxiliary Secretaries