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Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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TO: Sisters of the PA Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

As we look toward Fall – hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. With Fall comes harvest time & Thanksgiving...time to reflect on that for which we are thankful.

It has been a busy summer starting with Memorial Day. I helped place over 300 flags in cemeteries & planted flowers on graves of my Civil War, WW I, & WW II ancestors. I also attended 3 memorial services &, in traditional dress with escort had the honor of tossing Starkweather Circles' ceremonial fresh flowers on the Monongahela River after a rainstorm under the arch of a beautiful rainbow!

Cranberry Township was the site for the June 23-25 Pennsylvania Department Encampment of the Allied Orders. Special thanks to:

PDP Dorothy Frye & Sister Mary May for filling the position of Chaplain at the Memorial Service Friday morning; Ellen Higgins, PA Dept Sr VP & event committee member for the splendid job on the Encampment program booklet; Shirley Dines for designing & making the candle centerpieces for the banquet.

Congratulations to Pa Dept Aux President Susan Mertz, SUVCW Pa Dept Commander Alfred C Carty, & to Pa Dept DUVCW President Daryl Reed.

Special appreciation to the Sons committee & Court of Honor where Aux PNP Cynthia Fox & I were awarded the prestigious medal for meritorious service to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Encampment 2018 will be held June 21-23 at Genetti's Hotel in Williamsport, Pa. For those planning on attending, there will be a Dept of Pa LGAR meeting Thursday afternoon (June 21st), enabling you to attend your other Allied Orders meetings on Friday & Saturday. Let's aim for a good turnout.

Please keep the Dept updated with names of all members who pass away between June 2017 to May 2018. Thereby we can then honor them appropriately at the Memorial service Friday, June 22.

At the August 10-13 National Allied Orders convention in Lansing, Michigan, I participated in the Memorial service as the National LGAR chaplain. I also was elected National LGAR Jr Vice President & anticipate working with President Carolyn Agosto.

Congratulations to the new National SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Mark Day; National Aux President Ramona Greenawalt; re-elected National President Carolyn Agosto.

The 2018 National Encampment of Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will be at the Sheraton-Framingham Hotel in Framingham, Massachusetts August 9-12. President Carolyn & I met with the site committee & had a most congenial time planning (see flyer enclosed).

Planned Upcoming events:

Oct 21, 2017 Starkweather Circle meeting, 11am, Monongahela Library;

Nov 18, 2017 Remembrance Day, Gettysburg; 61st Annual parade, wreath-laying ceremony at GAR Memorial, Past President/Past Camp Commander banquet & ball.

Hope to see you there!

Dec 16, 2017 Wreaths Across America, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, Pa.

Miscellaneous:

Hoping our Dept of Pa website will soon be up & running as a source for increasing membership.

Submit articles for inclusion in G.O. to Darlene Alcorn.

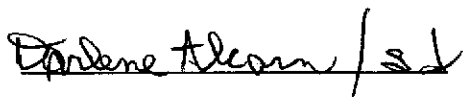
For info concerning National, go to National LGAR website.

See National's "Battlefield Flag and Monument Proposed Statement" attached*.

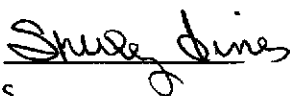
Send suggestions for PA Department fundraiser to Darlene Alcorn.

Keep me posted on your circle activities!

Yours in F, C, L,



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