



General Orders #1 September 2018

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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Greetings Sisters,

Hope your summer was filled with happy moments which produced good memories for the future. It is hard to believe that in four months we will be writing a new year on our checks and letters, I am wishing at this time, that November will find us all giving thanks for what we have and not wishing others misfortune; December bring us peace, love and forgiveness for those around us, family, friends and those who we meet in each day, for this is the season of the birth of the Savior. May we all have the Christmas Spirit of good will toward others and as the New Year arrives, may it bring happiness, health and peace to all.

At this time I would like to welcome the Department Officers for 2018-2019. Secretary Debbie Schiesser, Vice President Ellen Higgins, Treasurer Jane Crosby, Chaplain Jessica Schaffer, and Patriotic Instructor Mary Ann Herbsleb. Please give them all the cooperation you can. Thanks to all of you.

June found me in Williamsport attending the 2018 PA Encampment of the Allied Orders. We, the LGAR, had our annual yearly meeting, was hoping for members to attend on Thursday evening, but it was not to be. Too many other obligations for our members. We will once again have our meeting at the 2019 PA Encampment of the Allied Orders, and hopefully this year will find more members able to attending. Date is June 27-29, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. Mark the date now. As more information comes out, it will be on our Website. Please try and plan to attend, the meeting is for only one day or evening, whichever is decided and usually runs for maybe 3 hours. We need the membership to attend to keep us alive and to maintain our organization which was formed by our ancestors to show their support of those who gave their lives so that we could live free.

Attached with this General Orders, you will find an additional sheet, it is for a Department fundraiser. As far as we can tell, there has never been one in the Department. But with only \$2.50 (Department per capita) per member going into the Department, the treasury has been slowly going down. With the cost of everything going up, it is hard to meet our obligations of helping others and doing what we are to be doing. Postage and printing are one of the things going up, if there are some of you who would prefer to be able to read the General Orders on line, rather than a hard copy, the General Orders can be found on our PA website. Please let the Department Secretary know, if you desire a electronic copy dschiesser@aol.com or mail her at Deborah Schiesser, 115 North Hamilton St., Doylestown, PA 18901

Please send your donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale to help support the Department to Jane Crosby, PA Dept. Treasurer, 406 Hecla Rd., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. The idea of a Bakeless Bake Sale is to donate the money instead of baking and selling the baked goods. Thank you.

How new member applications should be handled: The original (with documentation) stays with the Circle, 2 copies should be made, 1. To go to the Department Secretary, Deborah Schiesser, 2) Elizabeth Rock, National Secretary, 68 West Marion St., Doylestown, Ohio 44230. Both are important so please send the copies to these Secretaries, that way you are on both the Department and National mailing list.

Circles, if you are planning something special, consider sending an article to National to be put in the Bugle Call. If you send a picture, please put names of who is in the picture. Let other Sisters know what you are doing for the good of the organization to spread the word.

Chaplains, remember to let the Department Chaplain Jessica Schaffer, 144 Bennett St., Laureldale, PA 19605, know of any deaths of Sisters, and if there is a Sister who needs our prayers, please contact Jessica. eriksangel15@gmail.com

Webmaster Ellen Higgins could use pictures for the site of members doing things for the organization, if you have any, contact her. SquirrelOCNj@aol.com We need to show what we are doing and what we are about.

Patriotic events or ceremonies are important for us, it tells what we are about, and what our ancestors fought for. We are all interested in things that other Sisters do, so please remember this and let Patriotic Instructor Mary Ann Herbsleb, 389 South 4th Avenue, Royersford, PA 19468 know about your events. MAHstar518@hotmail.com

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If you or someone you know wants info about the LGAR, contact either Ellen Higgins or myself, darscatseye@yahoo.com

Dates to Remember:

Columbus Day	October 8, 2018	
Halloween (for the candy trick/treat)	October 31, 2018	
Veterans Day	November 11, 2018	
Remembrance Weekend	November 17, 2018	Gettysburg, PA
Thanksgiving	November 22, 2018	
Wreaths Across America	December 15, 2018	
Christmas Day	December 25, 2018	

Remember, the LGAR is only as strong as the members make it.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Darlene Alcorn, PA Dept President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

/s/ Darlene Alcorn

Attested by: Deborah Schiesser, PA Dept Secretary

/s/ Deborah Schiesser