

GENERAL ORDERS #2 September 2016

Ladies Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.

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To all Sisters of the Ladies Grand Army of the Republic, Inc:

Sincerely hoping you have all had a very good and healthy summer, as it has been for me. PDP Dorothy Walker, Past Secretary Mary May, and Secretary Shirley Dines have met with me several times to provide guidance. A new EIN has finally been obtained. These travels have been encouraging and raised my enthusiasm.

April 16 Appomattox Luncheon, Williamsport, PA was the first function. Several Dept. officers attended with me: Sister Walker PDP, Sister Snook Sr Vice, and Sister Ellen Patriotic Instructor.

April 23 Starkweather Circle #173 spring meeting at the Monongahela Library; I wore period dress to enhance the educational public program that followed.

May 22 I assisted in placing over 200 flags on Veterans graves in Kittanning; old flags were taken off to be given to local BSA organization to retire; new flags were placed and grown grass torn from around the headstones. Glad it was not a real hot day.

A few days later, with Sister Jane, I arranged and placed floral arrangements at the Hecla Veterans' Memorial located in Southwest, PA. For the neighboring VFW post in Greensburg, PA, I assisted in making 12 wreaths to be placed on Memorial Day.

May 30 Memorial Day I rode in the Ellwood City parade and threw ceremonial flowers onto the water. This was a solemn and yet fun day with interesting speakers and many new faces.

June 1st was the annual Riverside Memorial Service held by Starkweather Circle #173 at

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Monongahela, PA. Flowers were also tossed on the river in memory of those who have died in service to their country. Sister Dorothy presided.

June 23 Start of Department Encampment of PA at State College, PA with the LGAR participating in the Joint Opening and Memorial Service. Service was particularly well-organized under Brother Scott's effort. While at the Encampment I was invited to represent the LGAR at a 2017 planning meeting by the Camps in the Pittsburgh area.

July 15 Met with Sister Dorothy at Turtle Creek LGAR home to distribute the stained glass windows that had been in storage there from the abandoned LGAR home in Swissvale. (Other stored memorabilia was distributed previously. The flags I received were given to the local BSA to retire; framed collage was converted into a photo album by Sister Crosby; other miscellany photographed by me for future disposition.)

Afterwards, the LGAR staff provided a lovely private formal luncheon where some former Swissvale staff shared their most interesting memories.

I also accepted the honor of representing Dept of PA on the Board of the Turtle Creek LGAR home (non-voting status).

July 16 The Encampment planning meeting was held at the Marriott in Cranberry, PA. The meeting was very enlightening; the Camps are well on their way to hosting the 2017 Department Encampment via a very well documented outline with already designated assistance identified.

July 18 I left with two Sisters of the DUVCW to attend the National DUVCW 1861-1865 Convention in Springfield, IL, returning on **July 26**.

August 11 found me on the road again, back to Springfield, IL, to attend the National Convention for the LGAR. It was an honor to escort the President and a wonderful time updating with old friends. The meetings were most informative amidst moments of laughter.

I was nominated and installed as National Chaplin; Sister Dorothy PDP and I will be handing the National Membership Committee.

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In conclusion, at this time I ask all members to invite eligible women to join us; if we don't soon get members, we are going to join the GAR as a past organization. We all need to work together to make our organization grow.

Keep up the work you are doing to help Veterans and honor those who gave their lives for our Country and Flag. Please keep me informed of things you are doing or planning. **I would like to visit when you are doing things.**

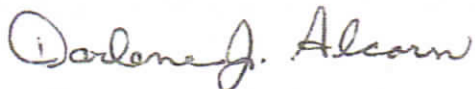
Please keep the Dept Chaplin informed of any deaths so we can give our sympathy to the families.

At Convention I was presented with Certificates for those who have been in the organization for many years. If you have someone or know someone who has been in for 25 plus years, please let me know, so they can be honored. Thank you for your cooperation.

There were no changes to By-Laws or National Dues. But they did ask that you try and support Fundraisers by the Organization and if anyone has any ideas let me know.

Hoping to meet and see all of you very soon. Any questions, please contact me, either by phone or email.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty



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Attested: 
Secretary Shirley Dines