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Ladies Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.

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

May You Enjoy a Very Merry Christmas...

May Your New Year bring Good Health, Happiness, Peace... and

May all your dreams come true!

(Apologies fate has delayed this mailing.)

Thanks to all who attended the 2016 Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg. Hope you enjoyed it; I also hope the true meaning of why you were there was always on your mind.

Many events are planned for the New Year! Mark your calendar. Perhaps I will see you there:

Lincoln Luncheon – Saturday, February 18, 2017 1 o'clock

United States Army Heritage Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA

Appomattox Luncheon – Saturday, April 8, 2017

Oakhurst Tea Room, Route 31, Somerset, PA

PA Department Encampment June 22-24, 2017

Marriott, Cranberry Twp., Pittsburgh, PA

At the encampment we are trying to arrange for an LGAR meeting room on Friday evening for discussion, announcements, food, opportunity to get to know the Sisters from other Circles. There are many items that need to be discussed by the body of the PA LGAR.

The main banquet for the encampment is on Saturday evening. More info is to follow after the first of the year. Hope all those who are planning on attending can take time from their other organizations of the Allied Orders to meet with our LGAR.

On Remembrance Day it was my honor to place a wreath on behalf of the PA Department LGAR at the Wilson Monument. PDP Dorothy Walker and I attended the Past Commander/Past President Dinner on Saturday evening before the Civil War Ball. The weather was fairly mild for the time of the year, but on the way home encountered snow and mixed rain/sleet.

I attended the Starkweather Circle Christmas party in Monongahela as circle member, Department and National Officer. I presented certificates to those members present whose longevity exceeded 20 years. The Circle has four surviving granddaughters of Civil War veterans experiencing both gladness and sadness this Christmas season. Rose Baxter Gust and Catherine Baxter Liparulo hold 68 years membership.

Betty Walters Sutherland (30 years) and her Korean War veteran husband Clyde, mourn the passing of their son and volunteer firefighter Mark. Granddaughter Annabelle Mathias Walters (27 years) was unable to attend; she was waiting for her Grandson and great grandchildren to arrive from Australia. Her Grandson is a Captain in the Australian Army who had served as a USA Marine before marrying and moving to Australia. The honored guest was Mrs. Paul Simmons whose now deceased husband was a Federal judge and a Civil War veteran grandson.

I was presented with an exquisite ribbon Christmas wreath made by Department Secretary Shirley Dines. A lovely time was truly had by all.

Upcoming **Wreaths Across America** is being held **12/17/2016!** Able Starkweather Circle members are planning to attend the *National Cemetery of the Alleghenies* ceremony at Bridgeville, Pa. Wreaths for placement were purchased both on Circle and Department levels.

I am encouraging Circle members to network and reach out into your community to let your presence be known. If you or your circle has done service to community or to any other service projects, please write and let me know. Would enjoy hearing from all of you.

Wishing you and your Circles all the luck with your plans in the future.

For those who have lost loved ones this past year, I extend my personal sympathies.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Darlene Alcorn, President

Attested By:

Shirley Dines, Department Secretary

