



General Orders #3 April 2019

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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Greetings Sisters,

Wishing you a joyful blessed Easter and a wonderful spring.

It has been a time for sadness the last three months for many members, sympathy and prayers go out to friends and family of: Sister Betty Walters Sutherland, Circle 173, Margaret "Annabella" Walters, Circle 173, Anna "Catherine" Baxter Liparulo, Circle 173 (combined membership in LGAR over 130 years), Sister Mary Jane Bannan, Circle 20. Also prayers and sympathy to Jessy Schaffer, Circle 232, on the passing of her husband, Mike. Please keep these families in your prayers.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in June for the PA Department Encampment located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resorts, King of Prussia, PA. I know many of you will be attending other meetings of the Allied Orders that weekend. I would really appreciate it if you could take some time and attend the LGAR meeting being held Thursday, June 27th 2019, 1:00-4:00 am in the Freedom V or VI meeting room. To keep our organization going in PA, we need the support of all members. If you can't make the meeting, contact me and I will arrange to meet you during my stay at Crowne Plaza. The Memorial Service Opening for all groups will be Friday, June 28, 2019, 8:00-10:00 am.

There will be a Ways and Means table set up at the Encampment to raise money for the Department. If there is anything you wish to donate for the table, please let me know before then. We will have several items to raffle off. Thanks for the support.

COMMENTS FOR OFFICERS CORNER

Vice-President: Please do your best to recruit new members, spread the word about the LGAR. We are a patriotic organization that helps our Veterans. Please let me know what you are doing for our Veterans. Remember our ancestors, the "Boys In Blue" by honoring them at parades, monument dedications or re-dedications or laying a wreath, perhaps on the grave of an "Unknown" soldier.

Ellen Higgins, Department Vice-President

Secretary: Please remember, all paperwork must be received by me before May 1, 2019, for we are to have it to National before the 15th of May, 2019. If you have no activity, turn paperwork in stating such, it still counts. Thank you for your Cooperation.

Deb Schiesser, Department Secretary

Treasurer: Twelve Sisters responded to our fall Department Bakeless Bake Sale, yield was \$305. Thank you Sisters. The patriotic collectible figurine, donated by Joyce Florek, raffled in February had proceeds of \$40.00 Thank-you to all who purchased tickets. In this fiscal year to date we have donated \$75.00 to Monongahela Chapel Veteran's Salute and \$25.00 to Andersonville Insurance fund. No reimbursements have been requested for travel expenses or materials needed for functions of officers. Wreath for Remembrance Day, to honor those, was \$60.00. The deadline for Department Treasurer to receive 2018-2019 per capita penalty-free is April 10th, 2019. Thank You.

Jane Crosby, Department Treasurer

Patriotic Instructor: When is a good time to show your patriotism for our country? All the time!!!! No matter the political turmoil going on, this is still the greatest country in which to live!! Fly the flag every day, wear a flag pin on your blouse or jacket, put a flag in your window at home. If you are watching a parade from the sidelines, and a flag goes by, remember to stand and put your hand over your heart or salute until it passes. Always remember to thank a Veteran for their service, whether in or out of uniform. Vietnam Veterans are our forgotten warriors, be sure to thank them and shake their hand. Memorial Day will be here before we know it, but there is still time to decorate in red, white and blue, and replace any worn out flags that you may have. Keep green the memory of our ancestors by showing your patriotism for the country they so valiantly defended.

Mary Ann Herbsleb, Department Patriotic Instructor

Chaplain: Please have all death notices to Jessy as soon as possible, so they may be honored at the Memorial Service, Friday, June 28th, 2019 at PA Encampment.

CIRCLES CORNER

Starkweather Circle #173, mourns the passing of three Union Civil War Veteran Granddaughters. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers and thoughts. Upcoming events that we participate in: 4/25/2019 The Legacy of Southwestern PA Civil War Sacrifice Inspires honoring all Veterans in the Present and Future, Speaker; PDP Dorothy Frye Walker. Website <http://monongahelahistoricalociety.com/> Facebook <https://facebook.com/MonongahelaHistoricalSociety/>.

5/4-5/5/2019: Beaver County History Celebration, Civil War recipes/food customs. <https://visitbeavercounty.com>

5/29/2019 at 6:00pm: Starkweather Circle's Annual Memorial Service at Monongahela Aquatorium with placing flowers upon the water, Military Salute, and attendees in period dress. Theme: You Are Not Alone. Reception to follow. More info: dfryewal@comcast.net

General William W. H. Davis #232, Welcomes the visit of our Department President at our May meeting. She is looking forward to seeing our Circle, it will be an honor for her to be with us at our meeting. President Darlene states since we were instituted May 5, 2018, we have accomplish many things, participated in so many events and grown in members, we are spreading the word about the Civil War and have shown what we as members should be doing to help Veterans and their families and honoring those who gave so much to keep us free. Thank you.

PRESIDENTS TRAVELS

My travels so far this year have mostly been for National but I still remind people I am also the LGAR Department President. February 9th, I attended the Lincoln Luncheon in Easton, food was good and fellowship great, it is so nice to be with old friends and new ones. Traveled on to Sister Ellen's home where I stayed the night and the next morning, we headed to Washington D.C. for Lincoln's Birthday Celebration, to lay a wreath. It was a cold, windy, wet day, but then again enjoyed the meeting of both old and new friends.

Attended Circle 179 meeting and then had the sad duty of going to funeral home, for two of the three Sisters who passed away. I was asked to participate in the Memorial Service of Anna Baxter, where I met her family and friends. Makes you think of a lot of things, both sad and happy.

Saturday, April 6, 2019, I traveled to Harrisburg, PA to say good bye to another Sister, Mary Jane Bannan. She was a wonderful Sister to all in the Allied Orders and believed in all that they do and will be very much missed by all. A Vacant Chair.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 27, 2019 --- Memorial Day ~ Remember to honor, those who gave so much to keep us free.

June 27-30, 2019 --- PA Department Encampment Allied Orders ~ Visit www.palgar.org for more information.

July 4th, 2019 --- Independence Day

REQUEST

Would members who have 10 plus years in the LGAR, please notify me. Either by a phone call, email, or snail mail. Would really appreciate it. THANKS let me know your name, address, and how many years in LGAR and what circle.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Darlene J. Alcorn

Darlene J. Alcorn, Department of Pennsylvania President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Deborah Schiesser

Attested by: Deborah Schiesser, Department of Pennsylvania Secretary