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Greetings Sisters,

Hope everyone is staying safe and well, it has been a very long and weird year for all of us. We all love to be with our friends, but it seems that we are not able to do this. I truly hope that you are keeping in touch with your friends and Sisters; we need to be staying in touch as an organization, to be there to help each other get through this rough time. Praying that we stay healthy and that our country remains free and United under God.

I want to THANK those who took time to attend our on line virtual annual Department meeting. We are required to have this meeting. At this time, I would like to stress how important it is to try and attend this yearly meeting, it shows you are interested in the organization and want to help keep it going. Hopefully the year 2021 finds us in a position where we can meet together (face to face).

There have been no updates about Remembrance Day, as of now all activities are still on as planned. The town of Gettysburg, has a lot of decisions to make on safety and how to make sure all goes well, without causing harm to those gathered and the surrounding area. I will keep you updated if anything changes. You can also visit our Department website for the most up to the minute info.

With our Circle meetings being cancelled and gatherings of all kinds to be small, hopefully everyone is checking on neighbors, family and Sisters. A phone call, can be very special, it lets them know that you are thinking of them, and wishing for their safety. So REACH OUT. That one person might need a little HELLO, when they are feeling down.

On the lighter side, the Department of Pennsylvania was approved to be a 501c3. Briefly that means, we are exempt from federal income tax. We are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under this status and by simply making sure we file an e-postcard yearly, we keep this status.

The Department Scholarship committee has been formed and it is comprised of three (3) members and the Department President, who will be a none voting member. So hopefully, by the new year, the scholarship requirements will be in place, to put in affect the first scholarship to be given at the 2021 Convention. Thank You.

Reading some old newsletters, I came across questions that were asked, and members giving the answers to see how many could give the correct answers. So, we are going to give a try, you simply send me your answers, then at the Convention we will announce how many gave the correct answers. There will be three (3) General Orders, with questions in them.

1. What is the official name of a common camp disease defined by Union army surgeons as “A temporary feeling of depression on account of discomfort, hardships and exposures”?
2. Who was the first black officer to hold a field command in the Union Army?
3. What was “Company Q” in the Confederate Army?
4. Who were “goober grabbers”?
5. What were gallinippers?
6. Cemetery Artwork meaning.
  - a. Poppy
  - b. Ivy
  - c. Oak Leaf
7. What distinction does the Union ship “Fanny” holds in naval history?

Good luck, Civil War trivial. Email me your answers by May 1, 2021 to [darscatseye@yahoo.com](mailto:darscatseye@yahoo.com)

*A statement for thought: “A gush of emotion or a finely turned thought are well and good, but they are insubstantial and frankly devalue the real flesh-and-blood sacrifices of those who have gone on before. To live Americanly in our communities, in our states, in our nation seems basic. To hold American leaders to account for these standards seems necessary. To hold ourselves accountable seems fundamental. If our history represents ideas and past actions that compose the American soul, then to disregard them is to reduce our country to a mere political mechanism, and America is so much more than that.”*

By: Joel J. Miller and Kristen Parrish, The Patriot’s Reference 2010

May you have peace of mind, love in your heart, speak no evil or do evil unto another, for some day you might have to walk in the shoes they did.

Please pray for this great country we love, keep in your memory those ancestors who fought for us to be free, may we never forget and may we always keep what they gave their lives for us to have.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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Attachments: 2020 Department Annual Conventional Virtual Meeting