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Greetings Sisters,

Now that we sprung ahead an hour, we have spring flowers, birds singing and hopefully warmer weather to look forward too. Also new babies who will be born and mommies will have them out in the fields, that says new life is beginning, and with Easter approaching, we are to be washed clean of sin. May we all rejoice and do under others, as we would have them do unto us.

Check in on your neighbors, friends and relatives, and when out put a smile on your face (under your mask) and greet people you do not know.

I want to THANK those members who were responsible for getting the end of year forms, filled out and sent to the Department. I really enjoyed reading what the Circles did during this past year of shut down. Thank all of you for carrying on the tradition of what the Ladies of the Grand Army stand for.

With Memorial Day rapidly approaching, I hope every Sister is thinking of something that can be done to Honor those who gave their all, even if we are still under the CDC rules. I would like all those who do something, no matter how small, to write a note of what you did and maybe even a picture and send it to me. Would like to see how each and every one of you Sisters honored those who are no longer with us. Thank you.

Several Sisters asked if we could have a Virtual Meeting again this year, seeing as no one really knows what June will bring, and PA, seems to be way behind on their vaccine, and I know some are still worried about getting into a group of people, we will once again have a meeting per Zoom. The day, time, information and schedule of meeting will be send out as soon as all is arranged, so you Sisters can plan to attend. We need as many Sisters as possible to either get on line through your computer or phone; we have a lot of things that need taken care of for the Department and year. So please mark the date when it is sent to you.

We need more Sisters, taking part in the Department meeting, you can attend from the comfort of your home, no travel, hotel or food expense, plus you won't have to worry about someone having Covid 19 sitting beside you. Look for the instructions, coming soon to your location.

The Department Registrar, Linda Kao, would like to report that her records now contain originals, copies or transcriptions of the applications of almost all Sisters from active Circles, Starkweather Circle 173 and General W. H. Davis Circle 232. She has also some types of records for members who mustered out, rather than transferred, from disbanded circles, Gen. E.O.C. Ord Circle 20 and Ellwood City Circle 179. In addition to maintaining a repository for members' paper applications, she has transcribed application information to Excel sheets which can serve as a searchable and sortable digital database. The database will be updated with information about membership status, as received. This will include dates of transfer, muster out and death. Another type of record that is welcome and has a place in the Registrar's files, is additional summary information about members' Civil War ancestors, whether this information is about the primary Veteran under whom they joined, or additional CW ancestors. Please feel free to send this type of information to Linda Kao, isk71150@yahoo.com

Answers for Quiz in GO#1 Aug. 2020

1. Dysentery/Diarrhea
2. Major Martin Delaney
3. Sick List
4. Troops from Georgia who had a zest for peanuts
5. Mosquitoes
6. A. Rest in Peace, Eternal sleep
B. Death and Immortality
C. Authority , Strength, Faith or Virtue
7. Aug. 3, 1861, Balloonist John LaMountain, took off from the "Fanny" to observe Confederate soldiers.

Quiz

1. Tree that its flowers resemble a cross. _____
2. Bush that has cat paw blossoms for blooms. _____
3. A flower at jumps. _____
4. Bird that is the sign spring is coming. _____
5. March _____ brings April _____ for May _____.
6. Flower that is called Easter flower. _____
7. Spring flowers that stand for spring, rebirth and eternal life. Originated from Portugal/Spain. _____
8. White _____ flower that represents the sounding that Jesus has risen.
9. Plant that has thorns and is associated with Good Friday. _____
10. Easter Bunny legend was documented in the _____.

My activities since September have been few, sat in on the Circles meeting by Zoom. For Christmas, I sent cards and made cookies for the local Veterans. Have been playing "Taxi" for some Veterans who needed rides to and from appointments. Attended several Board of Directors meetings of the LGAR Health and Rehabilitation Center via Zoom. Plus, the usual paper work of a Department President.

Just remember a call or just a card or even an email can make a Sister, neighbor, friend or relative's day. This year isn't looking too good so far, a lot of unsureness for travel and meeting in groups. So Please stay safe and healthy and try to follow the CDC rules.

Have a very Blessed Easter.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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Attested By:

Deborah Schiesser, Department Secretary

Attachment: Ways and Means

Ways & Means Continues to Fundraise for the Department Two Lovely Items Still Available

Sisters,

The beautiful, one of a kind, 40" by 40" scarf on the left below was made by Nina Akin of Ninakin Designs, who specializes in custom-designed patriotic scarves. It is New Silk – 100% polyester. This design was created especially for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.



The sturdy, ample-size Tote Bag above was custom-made by Lynne Ober of Your Finishing Touch, based on a previous webpage banner from the National LGAR website. It measures 15.5" x 15.5" x 1.5" with 1" wide handles of black webbing.

Both the scarf and the tote bag are \$30 each with no extra charge for shipping. Please send a check payable to **Department of Pennsylvania – LGAR** to:

Linda Kao,
711 Holmes Street,
State College, PA 16803

Please make sure your correct address is on the check.

**Why not send a gift to someone special - and get one for yourself, too?
You will be supporting the Department as well!**

Thank you
- Linda Kao, Ways and Means