



Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Department of Pennsylvania

September 2021 General Orders #1

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Dear Sister,

Greetings and hope you are doing well. To say the least, it has been a trying year for all of us, some more than others. We all have our stories to tell, complete with joy and happiness as well as heartache and disappointments. But we are resilience and I think everyone has gained strength and grace through these troubled times we now find ourselves in. I don't know what the future holds, but I do know that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will muster up the grace, that we didn't even know we had, to carry on and fulfill our mission of "Honoring our past through Patriotism, Education, Preservation, and Community Service."

Thank you to Ladies of the Department of Pennsylvania for electing me to the office of Department President. It is an honor and a privilege to represent and led the Department. I have very large shoes to fill as our Past Department President, Sister Darlene, has done a wonderful job in leading the Department for the last six years. Congratulation Darlene on a job well done. I look forward to the advice and guidance you will give me as my Counselor.

I would like to thank the Ladies that attended our Department Convention on Wednesday, June 9, 2020 via Zoom. It was well attended and we accomplished a great deal of business. We elected a full slate of officers, approved our budget for 2021-2022, approved reports and generally had great fellowship. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions, comments, or concerns on how best to fulfill the duties of your office.

I was registered to attend the National Convention via Zoom, but due to a conflict I was unable to attend. As of this writing I am waiting for the proceedings to see what

was accomplished at the meeting. I hope to have an update in my next General Orders of the proceedings of the National Convention.

The upcoming Remembrance Day activities will take place on the weekend of November 19-21, 2021 in Gettysburg. The annual ceremony at the Woolson Monument is scheduled for 11:00 AM, with the parade kicking off at 1:00 PM. The evening Remembrance Day Ball, at the Wyndham Hotel, is scheduled to begin at 8:00 PM with the Grand March. I will be at all events that weekend and hope that you can join me, especially the march down Steinwehr Street in the parade.

The Department was bequeathed a sum of money by a former supporter of our PA LGAR Home in Turtle Creek. Her lineal ancestor was a Union Veteran who spent his last days at the home. The stipulation is that the money be used for the benefit of Veterans and their immediate family. Past Department President, Sister Darlene, has established a scholarship committee to look into establishing scholarships at a university or college in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Additionally, she had appointed a Sister to look into the needs of our Veterans at the State Veterans Homes in Pennsylvania. Both will have a report at our 2022 Department Convention.

Remembering 9-11 ~ It has been two decades since our country was attacked, we will forever be changed by those terrible and tragic events of that day. I ask that you take time this September 11, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to pay respects to the firefighters, first responders, and police officers who responded to help and for those who lost members of their families. Pay also a gratitude of thanks to the rescue, recovery and volunteers who help at Ground Zero in the clean up effort in the days, weeks and months following the events of New York City, Shanksville, PA and the Pentagon in Washington, DC

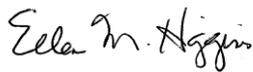
Sister Linda continues to sell the LGAR scarves and LGAR tote bags. Please consider helping the Department Treasury by purchasing the items. Visit our website at [www.palgar.org](http://www.palgar.org) for the Ways and Means items for sale.

Remember that the Department and the Circles, as subordinates under the Department, have been approved by the IRS as a 501c3 for Federal Income Tax purposes. Individuals, business, corporations, etc., can donate money or physical object to the Department or Circles and claim an exemption on their Federal Income Tax return. If anyone has a question if their donation qualifies, please direct them to consult a tax account. We are not able to give income tax advice.

In closing, I look to the Sisters of the Department of Pennsylvania to keep me informed of their activities. Please review our department website at [www.palgar.org](http://www.palgar.org) regularly for updates on events and other items of interest. If you would like to see anything posted on our website please contact me.

Let's commit to learning more deeply, connecting more fully, showing love and kindness to everyone we meet and embracing what we have learn this year. I am looking forward to a year of good health, happiness and living our mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty



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