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- 1) I want to thank my Brothers for electing me Department Commander. It is a great privilege and a singular honor to command the biggest and best Department of the SUVCW. I enter upon this office with a deep sense of humility and grave responsibility. As I traveled the road to arrive at this destination, I was encouraged and assisted by many Brothers and Sisters, to whom I will be eternally grateful. Especially do I cherish the wisdom and advice of those who have gone before me. And to those Brothers who have taken upon themselves the responsibilities of the various offices and committees, I extend my most sincere appreciation, and the gratitude of the Department. Without you, there would be no Department. I look forward to working with all of you.
- 2) Headquarters of the Department of Pennsylvania SUVCW is established at 534 Saw Mill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, with telephone and email contact as above.
- 3) A listing of elected and appointed Officers and Committees of the Department of Pennsylvania SUVCW is attached to and made a part of this communication.
- 4) I extend sincere appreciation to PDC Eric Schmincke for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership during his term as Department Commander.
- 5) I extend my personal congratulations, and those of the Department of Pennsylvania SUVCW to;
Sister Elizabeth "Kate" Sienerth, PA Representative of the Woman's Relief Corp.
Sister Kelly Rose, President PA Dept. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Sister Dawn Roberts, President PA Dept. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Sister Margaret Shuttlesworth, President PA Dept. Auxiliary to SUVCW
on their elections to the leadership of their Orders. It is my earnest desire that we work together as truly Allied Orders toward our common goal, and toward that end, I pledge to my Sisters the full cooperation of this office.
- 6) The Gettysburg Blues SVR is designated as the official Color Guard for the Department of Pennsylvania. This is an elite unit that will represent this Department in an exemplary manner. Members in good standing of the Gettysburg Blues are hereby authorized to wear a ribbon of the Department colors affixed behind their regular SUVCW Membership badge for the duration of this appointment.