



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Pennsylvania Department

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(To be read in the Camps and retained in Camp files)

1. I thank my Brothers for the honor bestowed upon me by my election as Pennsylvania Department Commander. I also express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has helped in my election to this office. I pledge to the best of ability to be worthy of the trust placed in me by the Brothers assembled at the 142nd Department Encampment in Williamsport. I thank my immediate predecessor, Commander John Gipson for his efforts, his calm approach and leadership skills, and his helpful assistance with matters on the behalf of this Department. It was truly a pleasure to serve in your administration.

2. The Headquarters of the Pennsylvania Department is hereby established at:

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Harrisburg, PA 17109
Phone: 610-751-1483
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3. I extend my congratulations, best wishes and promise of cooperation to:

- President of the Pennsylvania Department, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ann McMillin, PDP

- President of the Pennsylvania Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Linda Kao

- President of the Pennsylvania Department, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Shirley Dines

- President of the Pennsylvania Department, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic Daryl Reed.

It is my sincere hope that we may all work together in the spirit of mutual cooperation to keep green the memory of the "Boys in Blue" and to honor their wishes by our actions.

4. All Camp Commanders are instructed to provide to this office the time, place and dates of their Camp meetings along with contact information by October 15, 2022.

5. Retention and recruitment of members is an ongoing priority. The efforts of this Department over the last year have paid big dividends as the Pennsylvania Department received the Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award for the greatest number of new members recruited in a department nationwide. I encourage all Camps and Brothers to not only continue with their recruitment but also focus equal attention on retention of current members. Many times, when a Brother is dropped for non-payment of dues, he is dropped and forgotten. Perhaps a friendly telephone call from a Camp Officer will be all that is needed to determine the underlying reason the Brother did not rejoin and the Officer may be able to help the Brother reconsider his decision.

6. I encourage all Camp Commanders who have an interest in having me visit your Camp please contact me using the information above. This would include local ceremonies, dedications, Last Veteran Project ceremonies, Christmas parties and so forth. I will try my best to visit all the camps in Pennsylvania.

So ordered this 30th day of August 2022,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dane A. DiFebo, DC
Commander
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