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DEPARTMENT ORDER # 2
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Date: 13 July 2025

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

1. It is with profound sadness that I report the passing of Past National President and Past Department of Pennsylvania President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sister Margaret Atkinson on 10 July 2025.
2. Sister Margaret was a member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over 75 years, and was instrumental, along with her late husband, Past Commander in Chief of the SUVCW, Elmer "Bud" Atkinson in opening and maintaining the Grand Army Museum and Library of Philadelphia, being one of the longest serving board members.
3. Sister's Margaret wisdom, mentoring, and leadership will be greatly missed by the Camp 1 Auxiliary and the Pennsylvania Department ASUVCW.
4. A Life Celebration will be held in her honor on Saturday, July 19th, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 12:00 PM at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 808 Red Lion Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19115. Interment services will be held privately. A funeral luncheon in Margaret's memory will be held at Bethesda Presbyterian Church following the service.
5. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the Department website and social media pages be draped in black until 8 August 2025 in remembrance of Sister Margaret Atkinson.
6. I extend my deepest, personal sympathy to the Pennsylvania Department of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Atkinson family.

SO ORDERED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY

Michael E. Peter

Michael E. Peter, PCC
Commander

ATTEST:

Rob Koenigsberg, PCC
Secretary