

**New Jersey Auxiliary**  
**to the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**September, 2009**

**September! In Department Orders, published in July, I vowed to stay in touch with you by issuing a monthly newsletter, beginning in September, in order to encourage and enhance our unique sisterhood. Well, it's September!**

**SAD NEWS**

**The first item of news is sad. After prolonged illness, Sister Florence Spring succumbed on July 22, 2009. She and her five children are lifetime members of the SUVCW. Florence held office in the NJ Department Auxiliary for many years before first being elected President in 1968, an office to which she was re-elected several times. She was also active in the National Auxiliary and was elected President in 1993. Her last service was during the 107<sup>th</sup> Encampment in Belmar, NJ, just five weeks before her death.**

**Sister Florence Spring, PNP, died at home in Hamburg, PA. Funeral services were conducted at Klee Funeral Home in Shillington, PA and she was buried at Crest Haven Memorial Park in Clifton, NJ. She leaves children, ten grandchildren, nine great-grand children and numerous friends and relatives to cherish her memory.**

**MULLICA HILL**

**Be sure to mark the weekend of October 10/11 on your calendar. You'll want to be in Mullica Hill, NJ for a great fall event. Take Rt. 295 to Exit 2. Turn east on Rt. 322 to Rt. 45. One block south on Rt. 45 will put you right in the middle of this great antiques town. There will be displays and activities all day Saturday that include cooking/baking over an open fire, candle making and basket weaving and a guided tour of Union and Confederate Camps on Sat. evening. Camps open again at 9:AM Sunday and ecumenical services begin at 9:30, followed by a fashion show and ladies tea. Uniforms and gowns are most appropriate but not required. A skirmish begins at approximately 2:PM. All this takes place in and around the numerous antique shops which remain open all day. Be sure to come. You and your family will have a great time.**

**PATRIOT DAY – SEPTEMBER 11**

**In 2001, Congress passed a bill authorizing the president to declare September 11, as PATRIOT DAY, a national day of remembrance to be observed every year on the anniversary date of the terrorist events that occurred in the US on 9/11/01. American**

flags fly at half staff on 9/11 in remembrance and honor. YOU can fly your flag. Military personnel, YOU can wear your medals. YOU can gather a group of neighborhood children, supply crayons and paper and sponsor a flag drawing/coloring contest, right on your porch or kitchen table. Ask questions: What colors do you need? How many stars? How many stripes? Provide a small prize for every contestant. Tootsie Pops are great! Encourage the children to take their drawings home and display them in a window. This is a charitable endeavor. You are encouraging patriotism. If you only reach one child, you've already won!

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## BIG NEWS

The New Jersey Department Auxiliary is sponsoring a BIG family picnic in Fort Mott State Park on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Fort Mott is in Salem County along the Delaware River. Two covered pavilions have been reserved. Each has picnic tables and each can seat about 80 people. There is a playground nearby for smaller children, acres of grass for games and clean restrooms. Sailboats, barges and cruise ships can be seen on the river. You can take a boat ride to Fort Delaware on Peapatch Island, which can be seen from the shoreline. Kids can fish off the pier. Fort Mott is open for all visitors to explore as they wish. Finns Point National Cemetery is just a short walk away and marks the graves of the many Confederate prisoners who died at Fort Delaware, as well as those of other military personnel. There will be games and prizes for the younger children and badminton, horseshoes, etc. for the adults. Bring your own picnic basket and beverages (no alcohol) and a desert to share. There are small grills available for cooking but you will need to supply charcoal and foil. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and come prepared for a great time of friendship and fellowship.

This is a new idea, designed to unite the members of the New Jersey Department. We don't know each other but we are a unique group of people joined by a common interest in a truly American war, fought on American soil. We are searching the same genealogical sites to document our common history. Bring your stories and pictures with you to share. We will celebrate who we are and all that unites us.

The site is available to us between the hours of 10:AM and 4:PM. Please phone or e-mail me of your intentions:

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