



New Jersey Department  
Auxiliary  
To  
the Sons of Union Veterans of the  
Civil War  
**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Greetings Sisters,**

Here is your long awaited picnic report. **IT RAINED.....**



.....**AND THEY CAME!** Here is Nancy Hilton National Auxiliary President from Md. and Jane Graham, National Members-at-Large Chairperson.



Van and Sundance came too.



..... **AND WE ATE.**



... **AND WE SHOWED OUR COLORS.**



....**AND FELLOWSHIPED AND CELEBRATED.**  
Shown L—R, R. Wilhelm, PDC, B. Meyers, Dept. Pres., D. Lynch, Dept. Cmdr., B. Smithcors, PDC & N. Hilton.

Yes, it rained! Then the sun appeared. Then it rained and the sun reappeared. The pattern continued until mid afternoon. But the hardy souls who came enjoyed themselves and stayed beyond closing time. They continued to talk and fellowship which was the purpose of the event - just the Sons and Auxiliary and their families getting to know each other beyond one annual encampment.

Some guests toured the Fort. Many others, especially the kids, climbed the observation tower and others visited the museum. Several others walked, in the rain, to the cemetery at Finn's Point to honor the Civil War veterans and others, buried there. Children ran through the fields and watched the ships on the river. Adults walked to the pier to view Fort Delaware.

The many who braved the weather included Commander Dan Lynch and his wife, National Aux. President Nancy Hilton and her husband, from MD, and any number of past and present national and state officers. But be sure to take another look at the pictures on the first page. Guests also included two beautiful, rescued greyhounds and their owners Kathleen and Nancy Wilhelm, members of Hancock Aux. #10. Erin Swoop, PDP, of Ellsworth #2, honored her grandmother, Florence Spring, by attending.

I know the weather and the distance were factors limiting the ability of many to participate. I hope to plan a spring activity and tell you about it in the January newsletters. Department Orders will be issued in Dec. If you have any contribution or announcement you'd like to include in a newsletter please e-mail it to me.

VOTE!

Too many Americans are finding excuses for not going to the poles or for not voting. We, as Americans, have such unique privileges and the freedom to vote is one we take too casually or choose to ignore all together. We don't teach our children what it means to live freely and prosperously probably because most of us have never lived any other way and don't understand how truly unique we are among all the world. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE! I encourage you to take your children with you to the poles to observe the process or sit at the kitchen table with you while you fill out a mail-in ballot. Encourage your neighbors to vote and offer them a ride to the poles. Teach your children what it means to be a citizen of America.

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BALL - GETTYSBURG - NOVEMBER 21, 2009

This gala event was well advertised on p. 2 of the October newsletter. If you need more information and especially if you need tickets, please contact Bud Atkinson by whatever means is most convenient to you at: [budatkinson\(S\)verison.net](mailto:budatkinson(S)verison.net) or phone 215-673-1688 or write to 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE

On Oct. 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln invited his fellow citizens "in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens".  
INVITE A VETERAN TO YOUR TABLE.

## MORE NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

- November 3..... Election Day in New Jersey - please vote ! Fly your flag!  
 November 11 .....Veteran's Day - Stop by a local veteran's home and visit someone.  
                     Take a vet to breakfast!  
                     Join in a local celebration  
                     Fly your flag!  
 November 14 .....National American Teddy Bear Day  
 November 15 ..... America Recycles Day  
 November 21..... Remembrance Day parade and National Civil War Ball, Gettysburg  
 November 22 ..... JFK was assassinated in Dallas TX in 1963. Where were you?

Instead of a recipe, try this word find puzzle while you think about our veterans.

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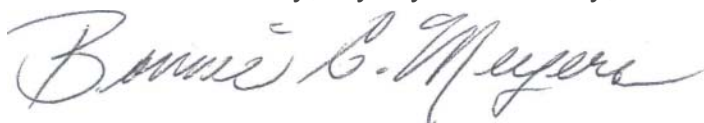
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CAVALRY	NATIONAL GUARD	VIETNAM
DEFEND	NAVY	WAR
DESERT STORM	PEACE	WW1
FREEDOM	PLANES	WWII
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### DO YOU KNOW.....

.....about the Girls of Rhea County (TN)? In 1862, they created the only female cavalry company raised on either side of the Civil War. These 'sidesaddle soldiers' called their unit the Rhea County Spartans. They held secret meetings in rural churches west of Washington, DC and joined groups of Confederate bushwhackers who plagued eastern Tennessee and Georgia. In 1865, Cpt. John Walker of the 6<sup>th</sup> TN Mounted Infantry sent officers to arrest the Spartans. A few eluded their pursuers but 16 were captured. They were shipped to Chattanooga, to Major Gen. James Steedman who promptly chastised Walker for "wasting his time with such nonsense", required the women to take an oath of allegiance to the Union and housed and fed them in a local hotel at Union expense before returning them to Rhea Co. The war ended and the Spartans disbanded.

Yours in fraternity, loyalty and charity,



Bonnie Meyers, President NJASUVCW