



Department of New Jersey

Auxiliary To Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It's October. The weather is cooler, we're on the downside of the Autumnal Equinox, Halloween is fast approaching and I hope you will remember to fly your flag on Monday, October 12, Columbus Day.

APPOLOGIES

I extend sincere apologies to all sisters but especially to the family and friends of Sister Florence Spring, PNP. I announced in the September newsletter that the date of her death was July 22, when, indeed, it was July 21, 2009. I find I was misinformed and ask that you forgive my error.

BIG PICNIC

BIG BIG PICNIC

BIG BIG FAMILY PICNIC

Picnic plans are in place and I hope you will soon e-mail or phone to tell me you and your family plan to attend. Put the date on your calendar - October 24th. Fort Mott State Park, along the Delaware River in Salem County, is the place. Facilities are ours from 10:AM until 4:PM. Restrooms are readily available, with baby changing tables. Playground facilities are nearby, Park guides will provide tours to climb the observation tower at 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM. A 30-45 minute walking tour of the fort is scheduled for 1 :PM. A full schedule of events will be stapled to each table and includes adult and children's games, if you like to fish, bring your pole. No license required. Fort Delaware is just across the river and you can see sailboats, barges and cruise ships on the water. There's plenty of room to explore as you wish. Just a short walk or drive will take you to Finn's Point National Cemetery which marks the burial place of Confederate prisoners who died at Fort Delaware as well as other military personnel. Nearby SUPAWNA MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE is a 3000 acre internationally recognized shorebird reserve with well marked trails for you to explore. Bring your own picnic basket, beverage (no alcohol) and a desert to share. There are small grills available but you will need foil and charcoal. If you prefer, bring your portable propane grill. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and come prepared for a great time of friendship and fellowship.

To repeat a paragraph from the Sept. newsletter: This is a new idea, designed to unite the members of the New Jersey Department and the Sons. 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'll celebrate who we are and all that unites us.

Bring your guitar. Bring your flag. Bring your family. I look forward to meeting you. You can contact me at 856-451-6380 or bcm17@comcast.net [DIRECTIONS Page 2](#)

DIRECTIONS TO FORT MOTT:

Follow Route 295 S or the NJ Turnpike to the last exit where you will connect with Rt. 49 East. Follow this through Pennsville to Fort Mott Rd. on your right. Continue along this road to the picnic area and fort. From the shore area, follow Rt. 49 West through Millville, Bridgeton and Quinton to Lighthouse Road on your left. Continue along this road, past the Supawna Refuge, to the picnic area and fort. Pull out that old NJ map and take a look. See you there!

MULLICA HILL

The September newsletter provided a complete description and the directions to this annual event in Mullica Hill, NJ. It is truly one of the highlights of the Civil War season. If you need help with time or direction you can contact me any day between 9: AM and 9:PM Don't miss this one!

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BALL - GETTYSBURG - NOVEMBER 21, 2009

Each year, this gala event caps off a day of parades and ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA. Members of both Union and Confederate Civil War groups and all military reenactors and interested persons are welcome to join the festivities. Proceeds are given to the Gettysburg National Military Park to be used for preservation and repair and over ten years, \$56,000 has been raised. Authentic Civil War music will be provided by the 28th PA Reg. Military Band and features a dance master, Victorian dance ensemble, cake walk and door prizes. A photographer will be available. Proper dress is essential and period dress is encouraged but not required. Snacks and a cash bar are available. IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS ! Tickets are now available at \$20. if purchased in advance or \$25. at the door. To purchase tickets contact Bud Atkinson at 1016 Gorman St. Philadelphia, PA, 19116 - or- 215-673-1688 - or- budatkinson@verizon.net Make a check payable to "National Civil War Ball", include a self-addressed /stamped envelope and mail it to the address just listed. Tickets for checks received after Nov. 14th will be held for you at the door.

DO YOU KNOW.....

..... Pauline Cushman, a struggling actress employed in a Louisville playhouse? In 1863, an opportunity presented itself - the chance to spy for the Union. History books describe her as 'alluring' and dressed in lace and petticoats she became a camp follower of the Confederate army in Kentucky. She served well but was eventually caught with secret papers. Gen. Bragg had her tried and a military court sentenced her to hang. Her health declined and Bragg moved his military operations leaving Cushman behind. She was rescued by Yankees at Shelbyville, Term., traveled to Washington, DC and made an honorary major by President Lincoln. Her fame ebbed after the war as did her 3rd marriage. She died at age 60, was honored by Veterans of the GAR and buried with military honors in San Francisco.

PUMPKIN SOUP

Yes, it's October and this smooth and creamy soup can be a meal starter on a cold day or dinner all by itself.

4 tablespoons butter	2 cups cooked canned pumpkin
2 onions, finely diced	4 stalks celery, finely diced
2 carrots, diced	1 teaspoon salt
6 cups chicken broth	4 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon white pepper	2 pinches sugar

Melt butter in the soup pot. Sautee onion until golden brown. Add celery and carrots. Cook one minute. Remove from heat and blend in flour. Add pumpkin then gradually add broth and seasonings. Return to heat and bring to a boil, uncovered. Cover and simmer 30 mins. Puree in a blender or use a hand blender in the soup pot. Serve immediately. Enjoy!

BE CHARITABLE

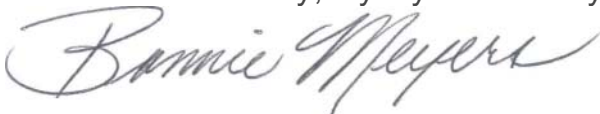
I'm pleased to report that several members of the New Jersey Department Auxiliary have been busy collecting the little things needed by our veterans. It takes a while for the government checks to catch up with them after they have been admitted to a veteran's facility so they have no funds for shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, razors, shaving cream, shower gel, and especially Efferdent and Poly-grip. Please remember that our veterans are both male and female. They enjoy magazines and videos of all sorts or just a friendly chat or game of cards with anyone who takes the time to visit.

Members who travel have accumulated hotel sized amenities and are planning to bring them to the picnic so they can share them with anyone planning to visit a local veteran's facility.

REGISTER TO VOTE - THEN DO IT

This is an election year, especially in New Jersey. Regardless of what you think of the candidates, you live in America and are afforded the unique privilege of voting in local, state and national elections without harm or harassment. How great is that? Just do it! You know that people in many foreign countries struggle to walk miles and stand in long lines to vote, often in fraudulent elections. If you are not registered, do it now. Then plan to vote in early November.

Yours in fraternity, loyalty and charity,



Bonnie Meyers, President NJASUVCW