

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865



New York Department



General Orders # 2
October 2026

President Ella Youngs Peryea
103 West End Ave # 1
Binghamton, NY 13905

Sisters,

I am amazed at how quickly the year has gone by and here we are at that time of year when leaves are turning, and we are harvesting the last of gardens and blooming flowers.

As fast and furious as the last months have been, I have thoroughly enjoyed attending events and meeting new people along the way. My trip to the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois was highlighted by a tour of *Lincoln's Tomb* located in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Impressive as the monument and tomb are, I was truly honored to participate in a flag lowering ceremony carried out by the Illinois 114th Volunteer Infantry. The ceremony is performed only on Tuesday evenings from June through August. As NY Department President, I was chosen to review the troops. Having been around the military for much of my life the lowering of the flag was not new to me, but walking among the men in uniform was a very solemn moment and one I will keep close to my heart. I am so proud of all active military, our veterans and the good work that DUVCW continues to do every day.

In August, I was able to attend the headstone rededication of Corp. David B. Robbins in Auburn, NY presented by SUVCW Sgt. William C. Lilly Camp #66. These collaborative events with the Sons and Auxiliary are perfect examples of our organizations coming together and supporting the continuous charge of honoring our veterans, *"Keeping the Memory Green"* and educating the community.

So, on the work mode side of the Department, our Bylaws Committee has been working hard to finalize the draft for your votes at our convention the end of April before being submitted to National for acceptance. More information regarding changes and what to vote on will follow later.

Let me ask.

- ❖ Have you added a new member to your Tent? We know that our membership needs to grow for us to continue to serve. Think about ways your Tent can encourage someone to join before the end of the year.
- ❖ Are you ready to vote and install your Tent officers for 2027?
- ❖ Have you contacted members for dues for 2027?

I hope each of you gets a chance to enjoy this last quarter of 2026 with good health and some laughter.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ella Youngs Peryea

New York Department President

Sisters at the 2026 National Convention



*Past National Presidents at Opening Gala
Ellen Higgins, Norma Feidler, Lynne Dolan*

Several New York Daughters attended the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois in July. New York was well represented with delegates from 5 of the 6 Tents. Business meetings, educational workshops and collaborative sorority were enjoyed despite the long drive from our homes in New York. When Sisters get together it is an event with purpose!



RuthAnn William, PDP & Ella Youngs Peryea, DP



Rita Barker, PI & Susan Berardi, PDP, Dept Sec



Eileen Sleckman, Nat'l Historian, PDP, VAVs Rep



*Nicolle, RuthAnn, Eileen, Ella & Deb
Girls want Cake!!*

*duv Sarah Beatty
decorated our
room for Friday's
Open House*



If you haven't been to a convention, consider attending in 2027 when Pennsylvania hosts at King of Prussia. More information to follow in General Orders # 3.

Lincoln's Tomb **Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL.**



Walking to the monumental Tomb



One of many bronze statues within

The Lincoln Tomb is the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States; his wife Mary Todd Lincoln; and three of their four sons: Edward, William, and Thomas.



President Ella reviewing the troops



Flag lowered. Day is done.

From the Desk of the Department Senior Vice President

I want to thank everyone for supporting the quilt raffle. Hopefully, it will be a successful fund raiser for us. Tickets are currently being sold with the drawing on Veteran's Day in November. The winner will be notified as well as the Tent who sold the winning ticket and posted onto the Department website. Please send your ticket stubs and money to me.



Those Sisters who attended the National Convention in Illinois in July, got a first-hand look at the quilt and were pleasantly surprised at seeing the finished product. Those who saw it commented on how wonderful it turned out. The pictures do not do it justice.



I have been asked to display the quilt at Tent 56's Harvest Dinner on Oct.24th in Ontario, NY. I hope to see many of my fellow Sisters there.

Submitted by Ruth Williams, PDP, Dept. Sr VP

Julia Hibbard Tent 71 – Bridgewater

Tent 71 continues to participate and support events in our locality and across New York. In July, as part of the United States' 250th Anniversary, we attended a dedication of a Patriot Pomeroy Sign honoring the burial place of 9 Patriots of the Revolutionary War.



Tent 71 Sisters

In September, we were honored to attend the unveiling of the newest Civil War monument in the USA, "True Valor at Gettysburg" in Lyons, NY. It was a day full of patriotism and fraternity.



Corp. David B. Robbins Rededication, Auburn, NY

In August, we attended the rededication by SUVCW Sgt. William C. Lilly Camp # 66 for Civil War soldier Corp. David B. Robbins, 1st & 2nd District of Columbia Infantry. Brothers and Sisters from the Sons, Auxiliary, and Daughters were in attendance as well as a descendant from Kentucky. Department President, Ella Youngs Peryea joined us.

Submitted by Ella Youngs Peryea, DP & Tent 71 Comrade Member

Lodema Strickland Tent 56 - Ontario

The historic monument, *“True Valor at Gettysburg”*, honors local soldiers and depicts their bravery and historic sacrifice. The scene is fashioned after an account from July 2, 1863, when four color bearers of the 111th NY Volunteer Infantry fell at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The dedication took place in Lyons, NY on August 22, 2026, and was a momentous occasion. It is said to be the newest Civil War monument in the United States.

The monument stands at this date incomplete. Impressive as it is, at the point of the dedication, two of the key figures were not yet available. Unfortunately, because of issues involved with flooding in Kentucky, pieces of *“True Valor”* depicting the color bearers were not ready. It is expected to be installed in October, said the man who created the monument, Gary Casteel of Gettysburg, one of the premier sculptors in the nation with other sculptures featured at Gettysburg National Military Park.

Due to these circumstances, they enlisted two young men in Civil War uniforms (wounded soldier Parker Maybe and kneeling soldier unidentified) to portray that part of the monument that was not yet available.



“True Valor at Gettysburg” by Sculptor Gary Casteel

There was plenty of red, white and blue, short speeches from the benefactor, George McGraw, dignitaries, Wayne County Museum Director, Deb Hall, period music, food, vendors, the 148th reenactors and DAR displays.



NY Department Chaplain Marsha Ashbarry and I were escorted to the monument to lay the DUVCW wreath during the program. The wreath with sash was donated by Sister Susan Berardi, NY Department Secretary, for the monument. The wreath is now on display at the museum in their Civil War room.

The weather was perfect and there was a good turnout of visitors for all the events that took place.

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Lodema Strickland Tent 56 (cont.)

We were honored to represent the DUVCW with a display with information about our organization and the ways in which we honor our Veterans. Tent #56's display/recruitment table



adjoined Tent #109 Waterloo and we had a delightful and productive day in the county seat with our Sisters. Across the way, we were delighted to see our counterpart SUVCW with their display table with information regarding their organization.

Sisters Susan Berardi, Pauline Novick and I, (who brought Civil War and Tent #56 display items), explained meanings to the public and were encouraged by the amount of interest that we received. We are hopeful that this will bring an increase in members as well as educate the public about this important time in our history.

PDPs, Nancy K., Pauline N., Susan B.

Submitted by Nancy Karasinski, PDP, Tent 56 President

Mary Gahan Tent 109 - Waterloo



Tent #109 members have been active this summer. Members traveled to Owego to honor and enjoy lunch with our new Department President Ella Peryea.

In August members participated in the "*True Valor at Gettysburg*" monument dedication in Lyons. We joined Tent #56 in representing the DUVCW. Many individuals were interested in learning about the organization and how they could become a part of the Daughters. Several quilt tickets were sold.

On Saturday, September 18th, Tent members had a booth at the Dryden Historical Heritage Fair. Candy, flags and other patriot items were distributed. Membership information was also distributed, and quilt tickets were for sale.

As Department Chaplain, I have continued to send greeting cards (sympathy, get well, thinking of you, special birthdays, etc.) as requested. Please contact me via my email with all requests including as much information as possible (name and address) where the card should be sent.

Submitted by Marsha Ashbarry, NY Dept. Chaplain, Tent 109 President

Charlotte Mulligan Tent 110 - Buffalo

In July, I was honored to tell Tent 110 that we had won the *W. Glen Davis Award* at the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois. The award is for the tent with the greatest membership increase, not including transfers and reinstatements.

On September 19th, members of Tent 110 gathered at Charlotte Mulligan's grave in Forest Lawn Cemetery to honor our tent namesake for her birthday.



Tent 110 Sisters at Forest Lawn Cemetery

After a short service for Charlotte, roses were laid at her two brothers' graves (Greig and James), both of whom were killed during the Civil War. Next, we walked to the resting place of a Revolutionary War soldier where a 1776-2026 flag was left.

Tent 110 member, Shirley Erb, celebrated her 95th birthday on September 20th.

On October 10th, we will meet at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval Park to tour the museum with Steven Tedesco, Director of Education.

We are collecting warm hats, gloves, and socks to donate to the VA Hospital in Buffalo, and puzzles for the Vietnam Veterans in Tonawanda, where their food pantry supplies Christmas gifts to families. Items will be donated after our November meeting.

Submitted by Nicolle Beatty PDP, NY Dept. Registrar, Tent 110 President

Kady Brownell Tent 36 – Long Island

Tent 36 continues to support military veterans and their families through programs at the Northport VA. The VA recently held its annual *Veterans Appreciation Barbeque*, which was a huge success. To help, Tent 36 paid for the expense of a balloon animal artist who was there to entertain the children.

In support of the *Women's Clinic at the VA*, Tent 36 donated 10 children's comb and brush sets that had been requested. With the winter and holiday seasons approaching, the Tent is anticipating its annual gifts to the *Secret Santa Soldier* and *Hero Hunger Help* programs as well as making donations of warm clothing and underwear.



Submitted by Eileen Sleckman, PDP, NY Dept. VAVs Rep, Tent 36 Secretary

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent 2 - Binghamton

Tent 2 hosted a luncheon for newly elected Department President Ella at the 1867 Park View Inn located in historic downtown Owego. Guest speaker was George Cummings who talked about



Sisters, Family and Friends Gather to honor Ella

Scottish culture and the wearing of kilts. George displayed several antique items he had collected from Scotland. We had some great food and lots of discussion on the Scots' participation in the Civil War.



DP Ella & George Cummings

Tent 2 was honored to receive the *Lulu Downey Cadwalader Award* at the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois in July. The award is for the department or tent contributing the most research or accomplishment involving the history of the Civil War. The booklet represents our “*Tombstone Project*” which details our research and dedication of ten headstones for Union soldiers. The booklet now resides in the DUVCW National Museum, but copies can be purchased through Tent 2. President Ella and Secretary Deb Dvorsky attended the National Convention, and their report was that it was a good business meeting and good times to be had by all.

In August, we continued the Tombstone Project with a headstone dedication for Pvt. William H. Morenus, Co. G, 137th NY Infantry. Due to the location and terrain of the cemetery, the dedication was held at the Richford Congregational Church nearby.

Sister Rosalie (below) delighted us by her mastering of the lovely old church organ and playing several songs throughout the dedication.



After the dedication, we initiated a new member. Sister Sharon Mitchell drove from Massachusetts to share the time with us.



Tent 2 Sisters

We then celebrated with a light lunch prepared by members of the church. Thank you ladies!

Submitted by Ella Youngs Peryea DP, Tent 2 President

ALLIED ORDERS ENCAMPMENT

134th New York Department DUVCW Convention
136th New York Department ASUVCW Encampment
144th New York Department SUVCW Encampment

Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2, 2027

The Venue ~ Kingston Regency Inn
503 Washington Ave, Kingston, NY 12404

Friday, April 30th

7:00 p.m. Allied Orders Meet and Greet at Hotel Lounge sponsored by the SUVCW

Saturday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. Allied Orders Memorial Service followed by Business Meetings

Sunday, May 2nd

Depart

The Kingston Regency Inn will be the 2027 New York Department Encampment Hotel.

State you are with the “Allied Orders Encampment”.

CONTACT: Phone 845-338-1299

GROUP ROOM RATES

Arrival Date: Friday, April 30, 2027

Departure Date: Sunday, May 2, 2027

Room Rates:

Double Queen \$109 per night plus tax

- ▶ Rates do not include 8.0% New York State Sales Tax, 4%, Occupancy Tax, and Local Tax
- ▶ Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check out time is 12:00 PM
- ▶ Free Parking is available onsite

The next two pages include DUVCW Convention and Banquet Registrations for 2027.

The planning committee is pleased that we were able to secure a venue where all activities are under one roof with free parking on the hotel property. The banquet price is more this year at \$68.40 as we negotiated a menu which has more options to accommodate everyone's taste. To offset overall cost, you will also notice that the room rates at \$109.00 + tax are much lower than previous years. Additional information will be forthcoming in 2027.



Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865

Department of New York

134th Department Convention

Business Meeting April 30th - May 2nd, 2027

The Venue Uptown/Kingston Regency Inn

503 Washington Ave, Kingston NY 12401

Convention registration: Advanced registration is recommended.

Registration is \$12 (free for duvs). Please make the check out to
“NY DUVCW “ and mail to: Susan Berardi PDP, NY Dept. Secretary,
1175 Orchard View Drive Apt. 218, Rochester NY 14612

Name _____

Tent Name/Number/Dept _____

Tent Office _____ Department Office _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE A PAST DEPARTMENT OR PAST TENT PRESIDENT
AND WHETHER YOU HOLD A CURRENT OR PAST NATIONAL

OFFICE: _____



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134th Department Convention April 30-2 May 2027

The Venue Uptown/Kingston Regency Inn

503 Washington Ave

Kingston, N.Y. 12401

BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____

Camp/Tent _____

Hotel Reservation Information on the Dept's website: <https://nysuvcw.org/encampment>

Saturday Night Banquet: 6:00 p.m. The Venue Uptown, Kingston, NY

This is a pre-ordered buffet menu for the banquet. Gratuity and fees are included in the listed price.

Mixed Field Green Salad
Tortellini Salad
Roast Prime Rib
Roasted Filet of Salmon

Herb Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Oven Roasted Herb Potatoes & Glazed Carrots
Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water

Price: \$68.40

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Payment: Make payment to "**Dept. of NY, DUVCW**" by 16 Apr 2027

Number of individual(s): _____ Total Amount: _____

Send to: Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, PNP, PDP
89-17 Lyman St.
Bellerose Manor, NY 11428

Upcoming Events

October 2026

Annual Harvest Luncheon hosted by Tent # 56

Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 11:30 am
Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 1973 Ridge Rd, Ontario, NY
Collecting food items for Veterans Outreach Program
Tickets available for patriotic handmade quilt

November 2026

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Drawing to be held for patriotic quilt. Winner will be notified.

70th Annual Remembrance Day Weekend

Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14, 2026
Gettysburg, PA

December 2026

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 19, 2026
Participating locations across all 50 states, at sea & abroad

April 2027

134th New York Department Convention

Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2, 2026
Kingston Regency Inn, 503 Washington Ave., Kingston, NY

July 2027

2027 National Convention

Wednesday, July 28th – Sunday, August 1, 2027
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, King of Prussia, PA

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