

Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 – Activities

Dear Sisters,

Tent 58 has been busy in June and July. Let's start with the **Department of Pennsylvania Convention in Altoona.**

Ellen Higgins, our Tent Treasurer and Secretary, has a new role as the Department President. We congratulate her and look forward to supporting her endeavors for our state.

Michele Wallenta was appointed as the Department Press Correspondent, and will be keeping us informed of our state's happenings.



Tent 58 is proud to report that we **won the Loving Cup** for the most new members. Pictured left to right are **Sharee Solow, Sharon Collopy-Cossaboon, duv Cadence Wallenta, Michele Wallenta, Ellen Higgins, and outgoing President Linda Kao.**

Donna Gerber and Sharon Collopy-Cossabon were in Gettysburg for the **160th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg.** Some of us who remained home watched YouTube videos of the events.

July 4th celebrations were attended by some of our sisters. **Deb Grady** was at the annual, informal gathering and parade with the locals near her Pottstown farm.



Mary Wible, a born and bred Philly girl, visited Feasterville in Bucks County for their annual 4th of July parade which featured one of Philly's Mummers. As you can see, "It's a Philly Thing" stretches beyond the city border.



Washington's Crossing found **Barbara May** hanging out with General Washington where she participated in the **Revolutionary Run**. Remind me to ask her is she practiced for this by chasing those Redcoats.

R-L: Hope Callan-Beck, George, Barbara Jean May

Our Tent 58 President **Jackie Carter** spent the July 4th weekend doing her patriotic part by collecting and shipping **cell phones** for the soldiers charity, shopping for and assembling bags of **goodies to deployed soldiers** who don't receive mail, cutting/clipping **stamps** for our tent project, and **donating food and clothes** to the needy.

Finally, our Department Historian's Report featured the involvement of the twelve Tents in Pennsylvania. Ours is listed below.

Keep up the wonderful work of your patriotism and **KEEPING GREEN THE MEMORY** of our veteran ancestors. Have a wonderful summer and fall, and I will be in touch about the month of November which will include Veterans Day and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. As always, contact me at anytime with information to share.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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PA Department Historian's Report

Tent 58, Philadelphia: The Mary Morris Husband Tent from Pennsylvania's largest city contributed to the overall work of the department in a fitting manner. Tent members were constantly involved in honoring veterans, educational pursuits, and furthering the organization.

Memorial Day activities included: making and placing seven wreaths at National Cemeteries in Baltimore, MD, and Richmond, VA; adopting Old Salisbury Cemetery in Salisbury, NC; laying of a wreath at Silent Century at Laurel Hill Cemetery; participating in an honor ceremony and wreath laying at Octavius V. Catto Memorial in Philadelphia; and attending the Anna M. Ross graveside service at Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge, PA.

Tent 58 collected and mailed stamps for the Stamps for the Wounded Program. They then introduced the program to senior citizen groups and assisted them in continuing this endeavor on their own. The sisters placed flags at the graves of veterans and family members in Bethlehem, PA, and visited Nisky Hill Cemetery in Bethlehem to honor the Civil War veterans who were members of the J.K. Taylor GAR Post 182.

In the educational realm, Tent 58 began an outreach program to speak to senior citizen groups about the DUVCW and GAR Civil War Museum and Archive in Philadelphia, showcasing artifacts. They visited a youth group in Philadelphia to show them artifacts from the same museum and introduced the Stamps for the Wounded Program. Sisters volunteered at the GAR Civil War Museum and Archive on a continuing basis, assisting visitors with research about their ancestors, and working weekly on Post records to organize and prepare for digitization. They wrote articles for the GAR Museum and the Delaware Valley Civil War Roundtable. Sisters represented both the GAR Civil War Museum and the Delaware Valley Civil War Roundtable at the Historic LaMott Day at Camp William Penn.

To support and further the mission of the DUVCW, Tent 58 members held Departmental and National offices and committee positions. They attended Department and National Conventions, participated in Wreaths Across America, and distributed information about joining the DUVCW to interested parties at the GAR Museum and Archive.