

## “2025 June and July with Tent 58”

Sisters,

The month of June found Tent 58 attending the **145th Annual Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania for the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic**. It was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Pittsburgh-Cranberry.

Our sister **MaryAnn Herbsleb** was honored in the **Memorial Service**. Her friend and fellow sister **Sharon Cossaboon** read a tribute about her telling what a dedicated, patriotic woman Maryann was, especially with her work for our veterans.

**Tent 58 won the Loving Cup** again this year for the most new members. We are proud to welcome our six new sisters.



President Daryl Reed awards the Loving Cup to Tent 58. L-R are **Mary Wible, Daryl Reed, Ellen Higgins, Michele Wallenta and Sharon Cossaboon**.

Congratulations are in order for **Michele Wallenta**, our newly elected **Department Chaplain**.

Commander Bill Fischer awarded the **Dr. Mary Walker Award** to our own **Ellen Higgins** as well as **Department Treasurer Sharon Harkcom**. Check out our Department website for a great photo.

**Independence Day** was celebrated by **Patti Offner's granddaughter** at the Southampton Parade. I think we have a new div in the making. Perhaps she will join the School Safety Patrol as she seems to have the method down pat.





**Sharon Cossaboon** was a busy patriot. She visited the **East Vincent Revolutionary War Cemetery** where 22 unknown soldiers from the Valley Forge Winter Encampment of 1777-1778 are buried.

Also included was a program about illness, treatments and medical tools of the Revolutionary War times.

Then it was off to Trappe, PA, for a **reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Muhlenberg House.**



Finally, **Mary Wible** joined friends in **Riverton, NJ**, for their annual July 4th celebration. This day included a parade, downhill race with homemade boxcars and a homemade raft race on the Delaware River. She watched the raft race from the banks of the river.

The PA Civil War community lost an icon. **Margaret Atkinson passed away on July 10 at the age of 97.** She and her **husband Bud** were the **founders of the GAR Civil War Museum and Library.** This Philly girl was dedicated to giving service while honoring its history.

**Michele Wallenta and Mary Wible** attended her memorial service to represent the DUVCW, Tent 58.

Next year will be the 250th Anniversary of our great nation. We should have quite a newsletter with events and photos to share as we **KEEP GREEN THE MEMORY** of our beloved ancestors.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Mary Wible  
Tent 58 Historian and Patriotic Instructor