

National Encampment Summary 2016

This is a summary of decisions made by the Delegates to the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois.

These are NOT the official proceedings, but are provided for informational purposes. Items are not listed in any particular order.

1. The resolution to amend the Constitution to remove the U.S. citizenship requirement failed. In accordance with the current Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&R), only Departments, not Auxiliaries-at-Large, are allowed to vote. Written documentation of each Department's vote is required and verbal confirmation by Delegates at the Encampment is not acceptable. The Order has sixteen Departments. Six Departments voted "no", either in whole or in part. Of the remaining ten, written documentation of their vote was not submitted and therefore the resolution failed.

2. A Department-at-Large will be established, to which the Auxiliaries-at-Large will be attached. This is an effort to give the Auxiliaries-at-Large better representation and more support from the National Organization and better representation.

3. A Special Committee on Bylaws Review was established. All Departments and all Auxiliaries must submit current copies of their respective Bylaws to the committee. The committee will review each set of bylaws to ensure they are not in conflict with the Constitution Rules and Regulations (CR&R) as well as IRS requirements. A suggested generic template will be created for the use of Departments and Auxiliaries.

4. The Special Committees on Job Descriptions and Girl Scouts were discontinued. These committees have completed their purposes. The task of keeping the Job Descriptions up to date will now be the responsibility of the standing National Committee on Policy and Procedures.

5. Sisters who have been awarded military medals may wear them at Auxiliary functions, providing the Auxiliary Badge is worn in the place of honor (closest to the heart).

6. Every Department is encouraged to develop some sort of formal recognition or award for those Sisters whose efforts "go above and beyond" in the work of the ASUVCW.

7. The national budget presented by the National Treasurer was approved with the following amendment: Should there be a profit generated by the National Supply Officer, that 12.5% of that profit (not to exceed \$500.00) will be allocated to National President's Scholarship Fund, and an additional 12.5% of that profit (not to exceed \$500.00) will be allocated to a veteran-related charitable organization of the National Supply Officer's choosing.

8. The Order's national newsletter, the Auxiliary Voice, may be issued in two versions. One version will be delivered via U.S. Mail and may contain full contact information for all National Officers and Committees. A second version will be delivered electronically and for posting on the national website, and shall not contain personal contact information for the National Officers and Committees.

9. The Forms and Documents Committee was tasked with revising the current Membership Application Form to include the amount of the National fee, and to indicate that each Auxiliary and Department may impose additional fees. The committee was also tasked with creating a Junior Membership Application Form, which will include language about legal guardian responsibilities.

10. The incoming National President shall issue a General Order, similar to that issued by the SUVCW, regarding the requirements for filing IRS Form 8976. Department and Auxiliary Presidents will please contact National Treasurer Mary Flynn for assistance in complying with these requirements. The National Organization will reimburse any new Auxiliary's \$50 filing fee, providing they have worked with the National Treasurer to comply with all IRS requirements.

11. Department websites and Department Facebook pages wishing to have their sites linked to from the National website shall contact the National Webmaster.

12. A Sister may belong to as many local Auxiliaries as she wishes; however she must pay dues in every Auxiliary and must claim one as her home Auxiliary. That Auxiliary must pay her Department Per Capita dues. The term "Dual Member" no longer exists and should not be used for any Per Capita calculations.

13. Submission deadline dates for the national newsletter, the Auxiliary Voice, shall be posted on the National website, on the Order's official Facebook page, and in the Auxiliary Voice itself.

14. The National Supply Officer shall investigate options for obtaining flags and poles for purchase by Departments and local Auxiliaries. These items will not be stocked by the National Supply Officer, but will be made to order.

15. Information regarding the National Encampment's Thursday evening training session(s) will be posted ahead of time on the National website and in the Auxiliary Voice to better inform those Sisters who may wish to attend.

16. The Policy and Procedure Committee has been tasked with establishing an official procedure for recognizing those members of the other Allied Orders who have gone above and beyond to support the ASUVCW in its mission and goals.

17. The office of National Washington DC Representative was eliminated. The CR&R Committee was tasked with removing language pertaining the office from the CR&R and the Ritual Committee was likewise tasked with removing language pertaining to the office from the Ritual.