



# Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## General Orders

National Headquarters

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Dear Sisters,

It is with much pride and humility that I accept this honor that you have given to me. I can only promise that I will do my best. As some of you already know, I am a teapot lover as well as a tea-totaler, and for that reason I have chosen for my theme this year "TEAPOT" — Teaching Each Auxiliary Patriotic Objects Together. So what better way to start the year then to invite you all to a tea in my room on the Saturday we will be in Gettysburg honoring our beloved Albert Woolson. This will be held following the parade, so it will be a great social time as well as a warm-up after standing outside watching the parade. I will be staying at the Eisenhower Inn, so please come and join me. My door is always open.

I would be remiss if I would not say a big "Thank you" to all of the 2011-2012 officers for the splendid job they did during the year, as well as at our National Encampment. Sister Anne, you are all to be commended. Thank you for your service, from all of us.

To the newly elected and retained officers, I wish to say thank you for accepting these positions, and I am truly looking forward to working with all of you. My phone is always ready to accept your call. I would appreciate your input on anything. I am a good listener. If you cannot call, my e-mail is read on a daily basis, sometimes two and three times, so I will get back with you as soon as possible. Let's keep the lines of communication open and going.

I must bring to your attention that some of our Departments are not filing their Per Capita reports on a timely basis. It was voted at National that we would pay on a tertiary time period. That means three times a year. Sisters, in order for us to keep our bookkeeping current and help our National Officers, we MUST follow these rules. No Department can overrule these directions and make up your on pay periods. REMEMBER all Per Capita reports and checks MUST be sent to the National Secretary for recording. They are then forwarded to the National Treasurer for a second recording and deposit. If we do not follow these procedures correctly, it makes more work for everyone involved. We still have some Departments that are behind on their reports. PLEASE see that these are brought up to date immediately. Charter suspensions may occur if Per Capita is not paid on a regular basis.

As we go into the next year very soon, I would like to make my travel plans as quickly as possible. I have had several invitations already, but would like to visit as many Auxiliaries and Departments as I can schedule. Please Sisters, if you would like to have a visit from your National President, I would truly like to come visit you. I know there are some that have not had a visit in a long time, and I would really like to remedy that situation.



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National President's Message con't

For those of you that do not know me, I have been a member for 49 years in this great organization. I served my first national office in 1973 as Chief of Staff in Palm Springs, California. I hail from the state of Ohio, but have also served in the states of New Jersey and Virginia in one capacity or another. I am a retired Special Education Teacher having graduated from Kent State University, a job that was very dear to my heart and one that I would go back to if the opportunity ever arose.

When I first joined the Auxiliary, I had to use my husband's lineage to gain membership, but since that time I have secured my own. I am the great-great granddaughter of Samuel E. Crawford who joined the 104th OVI in Lisbon, Ohio in 1861. He served until the war ended in 1865. I am very proud of this soldier for they traveled several states and took part in many battles to help make this country what it is today.

The National Organization is trying to put together a true roster of names of its members. We are asking each auxiliary to send to the Census Committee (which is named in this issue) a list of all of your members. If they should be dual members please mark them as such. Include correct addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. Should you have any Life Members, we need their information also, including the number they hold as a life member. This information is very important for the well-being of the organization and it needs to be sent to this committee immediately.

I am hoping that each of you will remember to fly your flag whenever possible. Honor your family, veterans, as well as our honored dead on Veterans Day. Be prepared to vote for the candidate of your choice on election day so that we can keep this country alive and well. Remember to give thanks as we sit at our respective Thanksgiving Dinners for the many blessings that we have received.

Yours In F, C, & L

*Jane Graham, NP*

### **Sick and Sun Shine**

To all who have been sick or have someone in their family or group of friends who has been ill, we wish for them many days of good health and ask God's blessing be with them as they recuperate.

### **Charitable Deeds**

I would like to honor our female veterans this year. Both ones in our VA Hospitals, as well as the ones of our Order who have given of their time and talents to serve this country. As I travel to each Department, I will be happy to pick up any donations that you might like to make to give these sisters a pleasant day. We are working with the Department of Wisconsin, securing information about female veterans that are confined to VA Hospitals, so that we can take our donations to them on our visit next August. Remember Sisters, some of the things you like to use these female veterans would like to use them also. If you cannot donate articles to me, I will be happy to take money donations and purchase articles for you. Things they can use are socks, tooth paste and brushes, combs, deodorant, feminine needs, tweezers, nail clips and emery boards, chap stick, tissues, lotions, etc. If it is something you would like, so would they!

Jane Graham  
National President ASUVCW



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### Bereavements

To those who have suffered the loss of someone dear to you, we ask that God grant you peace and comfort during your grieving period. May He hold you in the palm of his hand.

Jane Graham  
National President ASUVCW



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Excitement is building for the Annual Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg! This year, the weekend falls on November 16-18, so please plan on coming! Saturday morning features the wreath-laying ceremony at the GAR Memorial, and then the parade kicks off at 1 pm. We start forming on LeFever Street at noon, and all sisters are welcome to march with us. Period dress is not required, but you must wear your membership badge if you choose to wear modern attire. Also, no motorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed in the parade.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve are in charge of the parade and have done an excellent job as Parade Marshals for years. I have pledged to them our full cooperation in order to ensure needless misunderstandings arising that morning. If you would like to read all the rules for participation, they can be found at <http://suvcw.org/svr/orders.htm#go1512>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Ann M McMillin, PDP PA



**126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, August 10 – 11, 2012 at Los Angeles, CA**

**Summary of Decisions Made by Vote**

1. The C, R & R changed to read one delegate and one alternate for every fifteen members or major fraction thereof per Auxiliary, to be able to vote at the National Encampment.
2. White dress slacks may be worn by any Sister, in any position, at the National Encampment.
3. All Recommendations are to be sent to the National Secretary within two weeks of the close of a Department's Encampment. They will then be posted on the National Auxiliary website prior to the National Encampment for all Sisters to consider for voting.
4. A roster of all Sisters will be available upon request of the National Secretary. A Census will be taken immediately to allow for an accurate listing of all Sisters in Good Standing, and will be the basis for all mailings and notifications for the National Auxiliary.
5. The "Revision of Blanks Committee" is replaced by the "Forms and Documents Committee". The committee is responsible to see that all forms and documents are kept current and accurate, and are posted on the National Website as soon as possible after being changed or updated. The permanent Chairman is the sitting National Secretary. The committee will be composed of the sitting National Treasurer and three Sisters of the Order, selected by the President from those Sisters expressing a desire to assist. The National Webmaster will serve as an Advisor to the committee.
6. The President, in consultation with the National Secretary and National Treasurer, shall appoint an Editor who will be responsible for the oversight of preparing for publication the national newsletter, the General Order. Deadlines for submittal of articles will be posted on the National Auxiliary website.
7. The modified Oath and Ritual for Junior Members and the Junior Member Handbook were approved, and will be made available on the National Auxiliary website for immediate use.
8. The C, R & R changed from reports being sent to the National Headquarters, to being sent to the correct National Officer.
9. The Ritual will be updated with all corrections that have been passed, and made available on the National Auxiliary website under pass-word protection. Pre-order form for new printed editions will be included in the first General Order.
10. A National Coordinator will be appointed to oversee the Girl Scout awards. It will be a five year term.
11. Job Descriptions were referred back to committee for needed revisions and clarifications. The incoming President will be allowed to make changes to the committee membership, but must include some of the current members. The committee will have six months to make their changes. The incoming President and incoming Council will approve the final draft, which will then be posted on the National Auxiliary website for all Sisters to review prior to the 2012 National Encampment voting.
12. A cd created by the Dept of PA that demonstrates the proper way to do the ritualistic floor work will be posted in the Ritual section on the National Auxiliary website, under pass word protection.
13. A national fundraiser to repair the Memorial Bench installed at the front entrance of the Capital building in Springfield, IL in 1940 was approved. It will not be a budget item, but it's own activity.
14. The National Press Correspondent is authorized to submit advertising to Civil War publications.



## 2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT VOTES (continued)

15. A central repository for the archival preservation of all Auxiliary historical documents must be found as soon as possible.
16. The National Treasurer will submit a preliminary budget to the National President, National Vice President, National Secretary and each member of the National Council no later than thirty days before each National Encampment. The aforementioned officers will review and offer their recommendations for approval, rejection or modification to the National Encampment at the time the budget is brought up. Each Delegate will receive a printed copy of the preliminary budget at the time of their registration.
17. Proceedings of each National Encampment will be digitally produced and posted electronically on the National Auxiliary website as expediently as possible. Only the number of copies required for legal and archival purposes will be physically printed.
18. Any Sister seeking a national office is requested to submit a Candidacy Statement of her qualifications for the office being desired, including any endorsements, to the National Secretary by July 10. Any Sister seeking nomination from the floor of the National Encampment must provide copies of said Candidacy Statement, at her own expense, for distribution to each Sister sitting at National Encampment prior to the vote being called for that desired office. The National Secretary will post all Candidacy Statements on the National Auxiliary website prior to the National Encampment for every Sister to consider.
19. Each Auxiliary and Department is responsible for filing their own IRS 990-N. A copy of the IRS acceptance of the filing is to be included with the Per Capita report covering January –April. The National Treasurer only files the National Auxiliary's IRS 990-N. It is recommended that each Auxiliary and Department seek out an individual with tax reporting knowledge or background to provide instruction and assistance with maintaining current IRS filings.



### **National Vice President Diane Mellor, Dept. of Mass**

Thank You, Sisters! I extend to you all my warmest appreciation for electing me to the office of National Vice President. I am truly looking forward to working with NP Jane and the rest of the National Officers to make your year a great one.

My main "job" is membership. As our ranks have decreased over the years, this position is one of great importance. It is imperative that we interest and recruit new Sisters. I will be doing lots of traveling this year and have asked that when possible, a meeting be set up with wives, children and female relatives, as well as anyone else who might be interested in our organization. I will try and make myself personally available to help any Department host a tea or organizational meeting. I will do my best to answer all e-mails in a timely manner and am almost always available by phone. Both my home and cell numbers will be printed for your use. I am now an official senior citizen! And I am truly doing my best to enjoy these years. My husband, Perley, is Commander-in-Chief this year, and we plan on doing a lot of traveling. I live at 16 Norma Drive in Nashua, NH 03062, but I am President of the Massachusetts Department. I have three daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren. All three of my daughters are also members of the Department of MA, and hold offices at both Department and Auxiliary levels. One of my sons-in-law is an associate member of Willie Grout Camp #25 of Worcester, MA. I will be installing my three granddaughters (ages 10) this year into the Willie Grout Auxiliary #25, and I am very excited about the new Junior Program.

I truly hope that all of my Department Vice Presidents will join me in an "all-out" recruiting program. Please let me know what you are doing, and how I might be able to help. The most innovative ideas will be rewarded next August.

Diane Mellor, National Vice President



**National Press Correspondent Barbara Indan,  
Dept. of Pennsylvania**

Sisters, remember to forward copies of any news articles pertaining to, or of interest to our Allied Orders to  
2629 Fillmore Street , Philadelphia , PA 19137.

Also, don't forget to promote our organizations good works! It just might get us some new members!  
Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank You  
Barb

**National Secretary Tricia Bures, Dept. CA and Pacific**



As I begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of my term, I do feel less overwhelmed than this same time last year. Thank you, everyone, for the kind words of support this past year, as they were surely appreciated. Life was most obnoxious, getting in the way of my Auxiliary tasks. It was a rough year medically for my husband, but it's much better now. The schedule and amount of Per Capita has continued to cause some confusion. Per Capita is to be paid three times a year, in the amount of \$2.00 per Sister each time, for a total of \$6.00 per year per Sister. Jan – April is due to me by May 25; May – Aug is due to me by Sept. 25; Sept – Dec is due by Jan 25.

If you have any questions about Per Capita, please contact me. It can be confusing and challenging, but together we can figure it out!

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**Greetings sisters!**

I am honored to serve as this year's National Patriotic Instructor, and I will do everything I can to fulfill the responsibilities of this office to the best of my ability. That being said, I would like to mention that one of my responsibilities includes raising funds to assist a deserving cause. I would like to ask for any donations or helping hands in this matter. Currently, I am selling table items at my local Auxiliary, but would greatly appreciate help from anyone that is able to do so. A huge "Thank you" goes out to the wonderful ladies that have already answered this call with their donations. I know times are rough for a number of us right now, so I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. Good luck and God bless all members of the Allied Orders.

In F., C., and L,  
Allison Graff  
National Patriotic Instructor  
ASUVCW



**National Supply Officer Michelle Langley, Dept. of NY**

The supply order form is available on the National website. There is a flat rate of \$7.50 for all orders. In order to save money, if you have a small order, join with a Sister or two when you place your order and split the shipping cost. Orders for supplies should be sent to Michelle Langley PNP, 3191 Co. Rd. 139, Interlaken, NY 14847.





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September 21, 2012

Sister President,

National President Sister Jane Graham will be holding a special meeting of the National Council on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. at Headquarters, The Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA. The Council will be addressing the National Auxiliary's Budget that was not completed at the recently concluded National Encampment.

All Sisters in Good Standing are welcome to attend the meeting, and to participate in the discussion with the National Council members and other National Auxiliary officers. Membership cards will be required to be presented at the door. This will require that your Department's Per Capita is current through August 31, 2012. Dress for the meeting is casual.

Please notify every President and Secretary of each Auxiliary in your Department of this special meeting, requesting that they, in turn, notify every Sister in their respective Auxiliary. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact President Sister Jane Graham. Her e-mail address is [President@asuvcw.org](mailto:President@asuvcw.org) and her home phone number is (330) 823 – 6017.

The Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center is located at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Their phone number is (717) 334 – 8121.

On behalf of President Sister Jane Graham and the National Officers, I hope that you and many of the Sisters within your Department will be able to join us in this meeting.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Patricia G. Bures, National Secretary  
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October 3, 2012

Sisters,

These are the items to be discussed at the Council meeting to be held at Gettysburg on Friday, November 26 at 9:00pm at The Eisenhower Hotel. As our National Treasurer Sister Betty Baker was unable to attend our recently concluded National Encampment, she could not address the changes that we voted on that affected the Budget that she presented. After these items are discussed by all those that wish to attend the meeting, the Council will then go into Executive Session to consider the ideas and thoughts discussed, and decide what changes will be best suited for our organization's needs in the coming months. Please do not try to bring other issues to the evening's discussion, as there simply will not be sufficient time to address them.

Increased cost of producing the General Order newsletter, as the cost is now entirely borne by the National Auxiliary. Oct. 2011 - \$806.76; April 2012 - \$1,380.87; July 2012 - \$1,122.51

Printing cost for copies that are now required to be included in the Delegate's packet at National Encampments. Original Packet - \$416.93; Additional copies needed at Encampment - \$165.63

Digital Voice Recorder purchased to replace Stenographer, and the subsequent cost for transcribing recordings to prepare for printing. Recorder - \$152.24; Final cost for transcriptions unknown, waiting for them to be completed.

Cost of printing Proceedings from National Encampment after transcriptions completed.

Cost of printing updated Ritual.

Cost of printing new Junior Member Handbook.

Cost of printing Girl Scout certificates.

Cost of printing updated Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

As you can see, with this short list we have quite a lot to discuss. Please give serious consideration as to how we may best meet the needs and desires of our organization by being fiscally responsible to the best of our ability. We all personally are challenged to try and live within our means, and we need to be sure our wonderful organization does too.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jane Graham, National President



I wish to thank the National President for my appointment as Chief of Staff. It is an honor and a privilege to serve her and the National Organization in this capacity. It is also a great responsibility. To help me in fulfilling this responsibility, I am asking every Department President to appoint one Sister from each Auxiliary in her Department to serve as a National Aide. Please send to me contact information for that sister so that I may begin my work of raising funds for the operation of the National Organization. Auxiliaries that are not a part of a Department can also have National Aides; therefore, I am asking the President of each Auxiliary not affiliated with a Department to send me the contact information for a Sister from their Auxiliary to act as National Aide.

I will have a table set up in Gettysburg to sell items. I have some items already to go. At Gettysburg, I will gladly accept donations from Sisters or Brothers for my table. If you are coming to Gettysburg and wish to make a donation please feel free to do so.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Ramona Greenwalt, National Chief of Staff

### National Chaplain Rachelle Campbell PDP, Dept. CA and Pacific



Dear Sisters,

Thank you for electing me as your National Chaplain for the 2012-2013 term. I appreciate your confidence in me and I look forward to addressing the devotional, commemorative and memorial needs of the National Order.

Please promptly advise me of any Sister who is in distress, whether it be physical or emotional, so that I may rally the Auxiliary's support in their times of need. So often the Chaplain is only thought of during times of crisis, such as an illness or death. The Chaplain is also here to help celebrate high points and accomplishments. To this end, please notify me about special birthdays and anniversaries, family births, and other milestones so they can be properly recognized.

I look forward to serving the Order as National Chaplain this coming year. If you are in need of assistance or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me. The only thing that I ask is please provide me with the Sister or Brother's name AND their contact information so that I can respond in a timely manner.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP – National Chaplain  
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### National Treasurer Betty Baker, Dept. of NY

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Age under 50 years old \$350.00

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Ages 65—90 \$200.00

If you are age 90 or older, you are given a free Life Membership by the National Auxiliary.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please contact National Auxiliary Treasurer Betty J. Baker, PNP at [bjbaux@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bjbaux@rochester.rr.com) or by mail at 3191 Co Rd 139, Interlaken, NY 14847.



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