



ASUVCW Newsletter

Presidential Update

I would once again like to thank my Sisters for having the confidence in me to elect me as your National President. It has been a wonderful experience to travel the country last year with the Commander-in-Chief. I have met many wonderful Sisters and Brothers and listened to the many ways they are promoting our organizations. This year should prove to be an even greater experience as it will be my turn to proudly represent all of you around this wonderful and beautiful country.

In my first General Order and in face book correspondence, I have promised to have an open administration and to let the members know what is happening in their organization. So, in the face of openness and accountability, I present the following:

My year started with a Sunday morning meeting of the outgoing and incoming council. After, the financial review, I asked for a meeting with my council and asked the secretary to stay and take notes. At this time, I explained to them what I wished to accomplish this year. I explained that I was separating the GO's from the newsletter, and would put them out as needed. I also explained that they would also be printed in the newsletter that will be published and mailed three times a year.

We talked about getting an official facebook page put on our website, and asking the Publicity Chair to take it on, we also decided that it would be a place to publish articles of what has happened and what will be happening with our Sisters across the nation, and that we want to use it to advertise ourselves in a positive light. It was decided that only the NP, NSec, and the facebook administrator would post messages. There were other minor items, like I would be relying on my council for input on decisions that came my way this year.

My vacation with my family in the Wisconsin Dells started that same day, and we had a wonderful and relaxing time.

The first weekend home, found us traveling again. We had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the LGAR Museum at the Veterans Home in Sandusky, OH. The grounds there are beautiful and a living history encampment was in process. The programs put on by the LGAR were entertaining and informative. Graciously done.

An invitation by our good friend DUV Department President Elsie Bonney took us on a day trip to Maine for her testimonial. It was a beautiful ride, great company and good food. It was an honor to bring the Maine Daughters our National Greetings.

Council and Counselors were asked for their opinion on the situation concerning minors (under the age of eighteen) and the SUVCW's GO#3. Their input resulted in the issuing our own GO#3.

A letter was received asking for permission to reprint a letter from the Auxiliary from 1939 about the movie "Gone with the Wind". Again Counselors and Council were asked their opinion, and after reading their comments, I am in the process of giving this permission, along with a few remarks. This letter will be made available to you soon.

An e-mail was received in early October from our Supply Officer, informing me that she was resigning as Supply Officer as of October 15th, 2013 and would ship the supplies to me. This was an unexpected blow. I want to thank Sister Michelle for her years of service to the Auxiliary and wish her well in her future endeavors.

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General Order #1
Series 2013 - 2014
24 September, 2013

To all the Sisters that attended the 127th National Encampment in Brookfield, WI. I extend my appreciation for the confidence you have in me to lead this great organization. I am humbled and honored by your support and faith. I will work hard to serve you and the organization efficiently and diligently.

The Department of Wisconsin deserves and receives our gratitude for a wonderful encampment. You did a great job Sisters and Brothers. I send my congratulations to Ladies of the Grand Army President, Judith Rock, Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865 President Carol Morton, and Woman's Relief Corp. President Shirley Grant. I look forward to working with these great ladies in the coming year and learning "the ropes" as it is their second year in term.

To my Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley, not only do I congratulate you on your election, I look forward to serving with you to re-enforce our goals, to bring friendship, camaraderie and respect back to the Allied Orders. Sir, we are your auxiliary, and we are ready to help the SUVCW in attaining their goals for the Boys in Blue.

National Headquarters for the Auxiliary President is now located at the above address or in my car. My cell phone (Verizon), as well as my home phone, are at the top; please feel free to use them both. Both my personal e-mail and that of NationalPresident@asuvcw.org will reach me. All questions (even rumors) should be addressed to me directly. I promise to be as open and forthcoming with information as possible. I will hide nothing from our membership. I will listen to all and seek council from others in decision making. I will try to be fair while keeping "the good of the order" in mind.

General Order #2
Series 2013 - 2014
27 September, 2013

All financial correspondence of the Auxiliary should be directed to National Treasurer Betty Baker, PNP. All other correspondence should be directed to National Secretary Patricia Bures. Applications, not being directly handled by a Department and/or Auxiliary should be sent to National Vice President Rachelle Campbell, PDP-CA. All changes to membership should be reported, within 30 days, to National Vice President Rachelle Campbell, PDP-CA.

It is the duty of all Department and Auxiliary Vice Presidents to assist the National Vice President. Please send your name, e-mail, and phone number to Rachelle, so that she will be able to better place new members.



All deaths of members (including those listed on membership forms), sickness, hospitalizations, birth and marriage announcements, as well as other happy news should be reported to National Chaplain Kathy Anderson. All Auxiliaries and Departments are instructed to forward reports, per capita dues and officer installations reports to Secretary Tricia Bures on time. Next per capita is due in to Departments by Jan 10th and to National by Jan 20th 2013. This will be the last installment of the 2013 per capita. The 2014 per capita of \$9.00 will be due in full to National by April 20th 2014.

In order to proceed with coordination of the National President's travel schedule, dates of Department Encampments should be forwarded to her as soon as possible. It would be nice to include what is offered by the department for rooming and meal accommodations as well, so she may budget her stipend. She would like to attend as many as possible.

A newsletter will be printed at three times per year. It will include a message from participating officers who wish to address the membership. It will also include any General Orders that have been published on the website, as well as newsworthy items of interest. Our newsletter publisher is Sister Sue Freshley, who along with the NP, will have final say on what to include in the publication.

The www.ASUVCW.org website will have all general orders published on it. These should be shared with those who do not use computers either by mail or auxiliary meetings. Sister Ellen Higgins is webmistress. She has done a wonderful job at updating our information. Any changes should be sent to her, as well as, the change of officers (copy of Installation report) as soon as possible.

Publicity Chair, Press Correspondent and Face Book administrator is Sister Anne Michaels. Our Official Face Book Page is now attached to our website. Please check it out! This will be consistently updated with news items, pictures and calendar events. Please send these items to Sister Anne, who will have the final say on what is added. This is our advertising! By submitting events that your auxiliaries are participating in, we can show the world what our organization is about. A small paragraph will let Anne know who it is, and what they are doing. Please include pictures without Period Dress as well, we are not a re-enactment group and we want people to know this. I know many of you are working on your own Face Book Pages, please forward that information, when ready, to Ellen Higgins for inclusion on our website. Auxiliaries and Departments having trouble filing form 990N or getting EIN's are instructed to contact PNP Nancy Hilton who is our IRS Dispute Liaison.

I have also started a new committee to look into the Federal Regulations on Minors in Organizations. The SUVCW has also started a similar committee and has agreed to have our liaison take part in their discussions. Another committee called Technology & Communications has also been started. They will monitor our website and Facebook page as well as look into ways to incorporate technology into our organization. Following is a list of our committees for the year 2013-2014.

Standing Committees

Membership: NVP Rachelle Campbell, Ca/Pac; All Department and Auxiliary Vice Presidents

New Auxiliaries: NVP Rachelle Campbell, Ca/Pac, National Secretary Tricia Bures, Ca/Pac and Sister Cher Petrovic, AP-MO.

Remembrance Day: Chair Ann McMillan PDP-PA; Helen Geppi, PDP-Cspk; and Viola Loder-Smithcore, DSec.-NJ

Charitable Deeds: Marilyn Rittel, DP-IA

CR&R: Chair Melanie Caines, DP-CA/PAC; Linda Kronberg, PDP-MI; and Barbara Day, PDP-Chspk.

Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines: Linda Murray, PDP-NH

Website: Ellen Higgins, NJ

Encampment Site: Rachelle Campbell, NVP-CA/PAC; Veronica Mellor, Personal Aide-MA.

Ritual: Chair NPI Joyce Norman, DP-CT; Barbara Indan, PDP-PA; PNP Virginia Twist, NY.

IRS Dispute Liaison: PNP Nancy Hilton, OH.

Newsletter Editor: Sue Freshley, OH;

Girl Scouts: Chair Beverly Graham, CA/PAC, 4 years left of term; Peggy Franz, PDP-PA; Valencia Reyes, AP, TX.

Publicity:

Anne Michaels, PDP, WI ; Karen Hamann, DP, Susan Sweet, CA/PAC.

Forms & Documents:

Chair NSec Tricia Bures, Ca/Pac; National Council IPNP Jane Graham, OH;
NC Alison Graff, PDP-WI; NC Linda Murray, PDP-NH.

Special Committees

Minor's Program: PNP Danielle Michaels, WI

Archival Investigation: Chair Judy Morgan, PDP-OH; Ramona Greenwalt, PDP-OH; Mary Louise Jesek-Daley, OH.

Policies and Procedures:

Chair NVP Rachelle Campbell, Ca/Pac; PNP Nancy Hilton, OH; NPA Veronica Mellor, MA; All PNP's.

Liaison to DUV: Ellen Higgins, NJ

Liaison to LGAR: Janice Corfman, OH

Liaison to WRC: Cher Petrovic, AP-MO

Liaison to SUVCW: Anna Frail, PDP-RI.

**General Order #3
Series 2013-2014
September 27, 2013**

Sisters:

As some of you may know, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans has temporarily suspended the recruiting of junior members.

The Federal Government has passed new guidelines with dealing with the protection of minors under the age of eighteen (18) years of age. Several states have followed suit. This has placed our organization in a vulnerable position to law suits for not taking proper action to safeguard minors. Since all of these states have different guidelines and since several of our departments (i.e. CA/PAC and Chesapeake) consist of more than one state, the ASUVCW must find a way to also incorporate into our By-Laws a policy regarding the protection of our young ladies within the organization.



The wording must be worked on, should it meet the harshest of State Laws (PA) or go with the Federal Law and then let individual departments decide on whether to enforce their States requirements? This is a question that will take much research. There are many organizations that have dealt with this in the past. Many of them (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.) already have training in place for those dealing with minors. Our organization is amongst those that only deal with minors in a very minimum capacitation, and will need to be dealt with a little differently.

After consulting and receiving opinions of my Councilor and Council members and carefully considering the impact to our junior's program, I have come to the following decision. In order to protect our youth and our order, I am asking that active recruiting of minors be held to a minimum. That each Department enacts a ruling that a parent or guardian be present and accompanies minors at all times. That a parental signature slip releasing the Order from liability be signed and witnessed at the time of recruitment. I ask that a parental signature slip for all junior members be added to their files.

I will set up a committee to follow the actions of the SUVCW and to look into how we can best protect our order. I further order that every step be taken to protect those Junior Members and to comply with your State Laws dealing with Child Protection, until such time as the committee Can present their report at National Encampment to the Sisters of the Order. I know some of you will disagree, some will think I didn't go far enough and some will think I overstepped my bounds. This is a situation that needs careful deliberation within the Departments on how to handle the situation.

Please discuss this matter at your local and department levels. Our youth are our greatest asset, and the future of the Auxiliary, we must take steps to guard them with utmost care and love.

General Order #4
Series 2013-2014
November 14, 2013

Sisters:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Sister Darlene Alcorn of the Department of Pennsylvania as our new Supply Officer. Sister Dar will hold this office until the expiration of the current term ending August 2016.

Sister Darlene will be sworn into office in Gettysburg and receive her inventory at that time. I ask that you give her time to set up the supplies, and I am sure she will start delivery as soon as she is able.

Included in her inventory are the New Rituals, in both hard bound and three-hole punched versions. These will also be available on-line soon.

Sister Webmaster, please add Sister Dar's information to our web page. I am hoping a new order sheet will be available soon, as well.

I would like to thank our National Council for a job well done; it was not an easy task. My gratitude also goes out to the many Sisters who offered their services. I hope this will not deter you from seeking positions in the future.



**Special Order #1
Series 2013 – 2014
August 30, 2013**

It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Past National President Mary Jane Simpson of the Reading Auxiliary in Pennsylvania

PNP Simpson passed away the afternoon of July 26, 2013. She faithfully served as our National President 1983 –1984, at the same time as her husband, Brother William L. Simpson, served as the Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Mary Jane was the Pennsylvania Department President 1974 –1975. Her mother, Irene K. (Stroudt) Murphy also served as a National President.

Services for Sister Mary Jane will be held on Wednesday, July 31st, 2013, at the Bean Funeral Home, 3825 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19605.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Auxiliaries and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order.

**Special Order #2
Series 2013–2014
October 30, 2013**

It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert of the Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73 of Chillicothe, Ohio. PCinC Medert passed away the morning of October 29, 2013. He was very instrumental not only at the National Level as a Commander-in-Chief during the year of 1995-1996, he was a 2 year Ohio Department Commander during the years of 1991-1993 and active in his own Camp.

Services for Brother David R. Medert will be held on Friday, November 1st, 2013, at Grandview Cemetery beginning at 1 PM. The hearse will be escorted to the cemetery by the State Highway Patrol.

At 1 PM there will be a Masonic service followed by a clergy service and last will be a military service which will provide a rifle salute.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Ross County Historical Society at 45 W. 5th St. Chillicothe, OH 45601, (740) 772-1936.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Auxiliaries and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order.



**Special Order #3
Series 2013–2014
January 8, 2014**

Sisters,

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I announce the passing of Real Son and Brother John W. Dinsmore, Colonel, USAF (Ret) on 4 November 2013 at the age of 85. Brother Dinsmore was a Real Son, his father was Pvt. Samuel P. Dinsmoor of Co. B, 116 OH Inf.

Brother Dinsmore joined the SUVCW on 14 Jan 1996, as a member of Centennial Camp 100 ; he later transferred his membership to Legion of the West Camp 7.

Internment was at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver with full military honors.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Auxiliaries and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Diane Mellor, National President
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Patricia G. Bures,
National Secretary,
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Presidential Biography



I joined the auxiliary in Nov. 2007 under my husband's lineage. Although only being a member for 8 years, I have been around the Organization for over 47 years, as my husband and in-laws, as well as their families have been active members and I have attended many events throughout my married life.

Although I live in NH, I am a member of the Department of Massachusetts. I was instrumental in organizing and instituting two (2) new auxiliaries into the MA department and recently installed 3 new Junior Members. I have served 4 years as Auxiliary President to Willie Grout Aux. #25 of Worcester, MA and am currently Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer.

I have served two years as President of the New England Regional Association, as well as holding many other positions and am currently the Secretary

Nationally I have served a year as Council Member #2 and a year as Council #3, where I helped audit the books and was of service to then National President, Jan Harding, and NP Anne Sosnowski. I spent a year as National Chief of Staff, helping to raise one of the highest amounts ever for the organization. As Chief of Staff, I acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for Campfire and Joint Opening at National that year. I was also on the National Encampment Committee held in Peabody MA. I was National Personal Aide to National President Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, served as National Chaplain, taking part in the National Memorial Service at the encampment in Reston, VA. As National Vice President this past year, I helped to Institute 5 new auxiliaries across the country and have another two, which are planning on starting this year.

I am the wife of I PCinC Perley Mellor, and the daughter-in-law of (now deceased) PCinC Clark Mellor. I have three lovely daughters who are very active in the auxiliary, 2 son-in-laws (1 is an associate member) and 3 beautiful granddaughters, who are Jr. Members and a joyous grandson. I have worked as a bookkeeper, running my own business over the years as a certified consultant and am still working part-time in the field.

Without change, there would be no butterflies!

This will be my mantra this year. I believe that in order to continue to grow our membership, keep our young members interested and to better communications, we must embrace change. We must shed our cocoons and fly. Like a beautiful butterfly seeking its freedom thru change, we must open our arms and minds to new and innovative technology. What used to take weeks and months for members to know, we can now accomplish in a matter of minutes. We must remember how far we have come since our Civil War Ancestors! Change has been taking place right before us, women's' right to vote, the acceptance of slacks on women, the right to drive a vehicle, the running of our own personal affairs, women in business. These were all changes that we as women embraced, they allowed us to grow and spread our wings. We must continue to embrace the changes that will affect the future and allow our young to spread their wings. They are our future!

I know that change is not easy for some. We must never forget our older generation, they are the ones who have brought us thru a lot of changes, they are our wisdom and our history. We must take care of these treasures while still progressing. We must make sure that they are fully informed of what is taking place within the Auxiliary at every level. They were our caterpillars, running on all legs to keep our organization moving forward. We must listen to their thoughts, we must take from wisdom, and we must take care of them. They are our past and our history.



**National Patriotic Instructor Joyce Norman DP
Dept. of Connecticut**

At National Encampment in Wisconsin I was elected to this office and thank all sisters for the honor to serve this year. As all of you know the main responsibility of this office is to raise funds to support the National ASUVCW with its yearly donations to worthy causes; also to promote patriotism, and keep alive the memory of our ancestors and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. All donations; monetary, sale items, will be graciously accepted, and can be mailed to me at 36 Elm Road, Cromwell, CT 06416; with **checks made payable to "National Org. ASUVCW"**. As sales will not be allowed at the host hotel at Remembrance Day in November, fundraising this year will be more challenging; and I thank all those who have already made donations. I'm sure I will be seeing many of you between now and 2014 convention time in Marietta, Georgia and will appreciate any support you can provide. Feel free to contact me at 860-635-9434 on questions or information. Remember to honor all veterans and fly your flag on all National holidays.

In F.C. & L.
Joyce Norman





National Patriotic Instructor, Joyce Norman, DP, Conn Dept.

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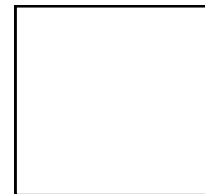
Return completed form, with check payable to “National Org. ASUVCW” to Joyce Norman, 36 Elm Road, Cromwell, CT 06416. (Deadline date: Feb. 1, 2014)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE - GOOD LUCK !!!



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We strive to assist the Sons of Union Veterans in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union; to caring for helpless and disabled Veterans; to properly observe Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Auxiliary; to instill true patriotism and love of country; and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all. Our Auxiliary members, on national, state, and local levels participate in ceremonies and programs to commemorate events and honor leaders-and personalities of the Civil War period and events important to the history to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Representatives of the National Organization attends wreath laying ceremonies at the impressive Lincoln Memorial on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th in Washington, DC; Lincoln Death Day ceremonies at Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois on April 15th; Cathedral of the Pines, Ridge, New Hampshire. In November we travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for Remembrance weekend. We participate in the parade and wreath laying ceremony at the monument of Albert Woolson, the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic.