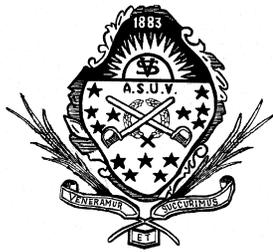


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IN MEMORIAM**CAROLINE E. RIDDELL****Past National President****1975-1976****Department of Pennsylvania****Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War****IN MEMORIAM**

DORRIS W. SCHLENKER

Past National President

1982-1983

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JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

**Radisson Hotel
Utica, New York
Friday, August 8, 1997
8:15 A.M.**

Prelude.....	Ruth Huntington, Nat'l Musician Aux. to SUVCW
Processional.....	<i>Just a Closer Walk With Thee</i>
Draping the Three Charters	Ronald Gill, Nat'l Chaplain SUVCW Marguerite Plante, Nat'l Chaplain Aux. to SUVCW Kathy Stiffler-Egan, Nat'l Chaplain Ladies of the GAR
Lighting of the Candles	Alan Loomis, Commander-in-Chief SUVCW Betty J. Baker, National President Aux. to SUVCW Leta B. Torrey, National President Ladies of the GAR
Invocation.....	Ronald Gill
Hymn.....	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.....	Keith Harrison, PC-in-C SUVCW
Eulogy:	
Fred Combs, Past Commander-in-Chief.....	Gordon Bury II, PC-in-C SUVCW
Caroline Riddell, Past National President	Margaret Atkinson, PNP Aux. to SUVCW
Dorris Schlenker, Past National President.....	Esther Peiper, PNP Aux. to SUVCW
Tributes of Memory:	
Past National Presidents, Auxiliary	Dorothy Hilyard, PNP Aux. to SUVCW
Past Commanders-in-Chief.....	Gordon Bury II, PC-in-C SUVCW
Past National Presidents, Ladies of the GAR	Eleanor Lowe, PNP Ladies of the GAR
Deceased Officers & Members, Aux to SUVCW.....	Jacquelyn Johnston, NVP Aux. to SUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members, SUVCW	David Medert, PC-in-C SUVCW
Deceased Officers & Members, Ladies of the GAR.....	Elizabeth Koch, PNP Ladies of the GAR
Hymn.....	<i>Beautiful Isle of Somewhere</i>

Placing of Flowers for all Departments National Chaplains
 Benediction..... Marguerite Plante
 Extinguishing of Candles..... National Heads
 Recessional.....*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

EULOGY TO P.N.P. CAROLINE RIDDELL

Past National President Caroline E. Riddell departed this life on June 2, 1997. At the time of her death, she had been a member of the Order for 69 years. A lifelong resident of Philadelphia, she was the widow of Clarence Riddell, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons. Caroline and Clarence served as National heads of the Orders from 1975 to 1976, the first married couple in the history of the Sons and Auxiliary to hold the top offices at the same time. Sister Caroline presided over the 90th National Encampment of the Auxiliary in Columbus, Ohio.

She based her eligibility for membership through her grandfather, Private John Browne of the United States Marines, and joined Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1, Philadelphia, in 1928. Belonging to the Sons and Auxiliary was a family tradition and Sister Caroline quickly immersed herself in the work of the Order, serving in all local offices before moving on to Department offices and ultimately the national organization. Prior to attaining the position of National President, she served the National Organization in many other capacities, including Secretary and Chief of Staff. Her loyalty and devotion and her willingness to give countless hours of her time to working for the good of the Order were unparalleled.

She was devoted to her husband and family, and although she never had children of her own, liked to spend time with her nieces and nephews, many of whom have also held offices in the Sons and Auxiliary, including her nephew Elmer “Bud” Atkinson, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons. Employed by Eastman Kodak company as an executive secretary for 50 years before retiring, Caroline also volunteered in the G.A.R. Civil War Museum in Philadelphia. She was a lifelong member of the United Church of Christ.

We take this moment now to bid farewell to our Sister in the assurance that we shall meet again.

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

I have caught a glimpse of glory, of that bright eternal day,
 When the mists of Time have lifted and we lay aside his clay;
 Then shall be the consummation of our longing and desire,
 For we'll sing the Song of Ages in the resurrections choir!

I have caught a glimpse of glory just beyond the brink of Time
 And I travel toward the sunrise of a better land and clime.
 Soon I'll trade this earth for heaven and inside some golden door
 I shall greet the ones I've cherished safe with Jesus evermore.

EULOGY TO P.N.P. DORRIS SCHLENKER

In getting to know Dorris W. Schlenker one knew she was respectful, capable, fun loving, and a living legion of love for all mankind.

Dorris became an Auxiliary member of Reno Camp #10 on May 3, 1975 in Hagerstown, Maryland, at the MD/DE Department Encampment. She was elected Auxiliary President February 4, 1977. She was elected Department President in 1978 - 85 - 90 - 94 - 95, serving five terms for her MD/DE Department.

At National Auxiliary, she was Patriotic Instructor in 1979, doing an excellent job of raising funds, baking decorated cakes for her sales table at the Remembrance Day at

Gettysburg, and bringing along a display of her dolls in Civil War dress which she made. We'll always remember the beautiful gowns she wore and she made a doll to match each of her gowns. She shared her collection of dolls on many occasions and places, whenever she had an invitation from other organizations to raise funds.

In 1982 Dorris was elected National President at Providence, RI. A joint testimonial with husband Dick, Commander-in-Chief, was held November 6, 1982 in Wilmington, Delaware at the Radisson Hotel. Her Encampment was in Portland, Maine, August 14, 1983, our 100th anniversary of the National Encampment.

In 1980 she organized Lincoln/Cushing Auxiliary #2, in Washington, DC.

Dorris was appointed as our Washington Representative in 1981 and was elected to fill this office when the change was made to be an elected office by vote at National Encampment. She gave us 17 years of faithful service as our representative, her reports always carried a message from the first lady at the White House. With a smile on her face and a gleam in her eyes, she delivered these messages in words one could expect to hear from the first lady of that time.

Dorris attended 20 National Encampments, Department Encampments in her states of Delaware and Virginia, as well as those in the near and far states. She was a regular at the Pennsylvania Department.

Dick and Dorris invited the Commander-in-Chief, National President, and companion to their home for the Birthday of Lincoln programs year after year; arranging for the wreath and seeing us to the monument for the service, as well as being our Host and Hostess. None of us can ever forget the time we spent with them in their beautiful home.

They were married for 51 years and the parents of six children: David, Daniel, Dianne, Dawn, Dale, and Deborah. She was active in her Wheaton Presbyterian Church, had been ordained as an elder and deacon, and she was also a member of the church choir. She established the Meals on Wheels program with the Montgomery County Church Women. In 1997 she received a 25 year service award for her service.

Dorris spent her life in service to others, giving of her many talents to make the lives of all around her happier, more pleasant, and fruitful. Her volunteer work covered too many organizations to mention them all.

For God, Country, Family, and Friends was the way Dorris loved, maybe not in the order put forth here, but it is a sure thing we Sisters of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans were Blessed when Dorris became a member.

Our Sympathy goes out to her family and we ask that God grant us peace to fill our hearts as we accept Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, as we say our Good-Bye to Dorris.

TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS LEST WE FORGET

As we come to this sad time of our Encampment, I think of God's word that tells us so many times "To Remember".

We can never forget our Past National Presidents who have done so much for our National Organization. They have left their mark on our Auxiliaries, so that we can carry on our work. Each one gave a part of their life to serve our organization, traveling to many parts of our country, getting up at all hours to get to their next destination and giving messages to inspire us.

Our Golden Chain of Past National Presidents was broken again with the passing of Caroline Riddell of Pennsylvania and Dorris Schlenker of Maryland/Delaware. Our Sympathy goes out to their families.

We know that they would want us to continue the work in our organization that they loved so much, as the hymn "Until Then" says it so well:

Until then, our hearts will go on singing
Until then, with joy we'll carry on
Until the day, our eyes behold the city

Until the day, God calls us home.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO AUXILIARY MEMBERS

A building is only as strong as its foundation and supporting beams. The founding Sisters of our Order built into our Constitution and By-laws the principals of God and country.

Thus, the officers and members of our Auxiliaries become the supporting beams, to hold up the walls of our Departments and covered at the top by our National. Without these supporting Sisters, our walls would crumble and our roof would fall to the ground.

Therefore, we come today to remember those Sisters who have gone before us to their heavenly reward and to say *thank you*. We honor them by carrying on their work for our Auxiliary.

They served us well and have earned their rest.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

**Radisson Hotel Utica Centre
Utica, New York
Friday, August 8, 1997
7:00 P.M.**

Posting of the Colors Sydney Camp No. 41 Color Guard

National Anthem Margaret Atkinson, PNP

Aux. to SUVCW

Pledge of Allegiance.....Edward Krieser, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor
SUVCW

Invocation.....Martha Johnson, PDP
Aux. to SUVCW

Presentation of Guests Dave Turpin, Master of Ceremonies/Chief of Staff
SUVCW

Greetings from the New York Department.....Joe Pucciarelli, Commander
SUVCW

Greetings from the State of New York Jim Grismer, representing
The Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York

Greetings from the City of UticaSam Russo
Director of Economic Development

GreetingsAlan Loomis, Commander-in-Chief
SUVCW

Greetings Betty J. Baker, National President
Aux. to SUVCW

GreetingsLeta B. Torrey, National President
Ladies of the G.A.R.

GreetingsBettye Myers
representing the National President, DUV

Announcements	Master of Ceremonies and Joan Wiley, Save Outdoor Sculptures
Concert	The Mohawk Valley Frasers
Benediction.....	Kathy Egan, Nat.'l Chaplain Ladies of the G.A.R.
Retiring of the Colors	Assembled Color Guards

COURTESY HOUR

National Chiefs of Staff Michelle Langley and Dave Turpin were in charge of the Courtesy Hour. National President Betty Baker and Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis were escorted to their seats in the front of the room by their Personal Aides.

Gifts were presented to the National Heads by the Departments:

New York came in dressed in Elvis tee shirts and looked like typical bobby-soxers. They put Elvis tee shirts on the National Heads, then low and behold, who should come in but Elvis himself. He sang *Don't Be Cruel* (and the whole group danced), *Love Me Tender*, *You Gave Me a Mountain* and *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*. There probably has never been a National President who was more surprised and pleased than Betty. Elvis left her with his red neck scarf (which she wore to the business session the next day), and a hug and kiss while numerous photographs were taken. Who could top this?

Indiana, Iowa, Maryland-Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, and Vermont presented gifts, greetings, best wishes for good health, and congratulations.

Connecticut read a poem, the first line of which spelled out Sister Betty Baker's name.

Maine came in as hoboes who hitch-hiked to Utica to bring their greetings and gifts.

Missouri presented the Commander-in-Chief with yellow boxer shorts that had "Commander-in-Chief" on the seat and a white shirt with "Commander-in-Chief" on the pocket. The National President was given books.

Pennsylvania put crowns and robes on both National Heads. Men charged in carrying swords and shields to save the fair damsel. Ladies-in-waiting to Her Majesty presented gifts.

Rhode Island taught the National Heads how to speak "Rhodonics".

Wisconsin brought wine to help them relax after their terms, other gifts, and best wishes.

National President Betty thanked everyone for their gifts and best wishes and Commander-in-Chief Alan expressed his gratitude and best wishes to all members.

ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET

AUGUST 09, 1997

Welcome.....	Michelle Langley, Nat'l Chief of Staff Aux. to SUVCW
Master of Ceremonies.....	Robert Grim, Nat'l Council of Administration SUVCW
Star Spangled Banner	Assembly

Pledge of Allegiance.....	Edward J. Krieser, Nat'l Patriotic Instructor SUVCW
Invocation.....	Marguerite Plante, Nat'l Chaplain Aux. to SUVCW
DINNER	
Greetings	Alan R. Loomis, Commander-in-Chief SUVCW
Greetings	Betty J. Baker, National President Aux. to SUVCW
Greetings	Leta B. Torrey, National President Ladies of the G.A.R.
Tribute to Fathers	Barbara Tyler, Nat'l Senior Vice President Ladies of the G.A.R.
Tribute to Mothers.....	Jennie Zertrees, Nat'l Junior Vice President Ladies of the G.A.R.
Entertainment	Jennifer Gallien, Violinist
Benediction.....	Ron B. Gill, Nat'l Chaplain SUVCW
Pennsylvania Closing	Assembly
RETIRING OF COLORS	
Open House	Headquarters

JOINT OPENING

August 7, 1997

4:00 P.M.

The theme was "Garden of Friendship". The room was decorated with lattice-work fences entwined with yellow roses with birds perched along the top of the fences. At the entrance to the Garden of Friendship, there were bird baths on each side along with bird houses sitting atop poles covered with ivy and yellow roses. Potted yellow roses were also present on either side. The table behind the seats of honor for the National President and Commander-in-Chief was decorated along its length with draped ivy and yellow roses.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE LANGLEY: Brother Turpin and I welcome you to Utica, New York. We hope you enjoy your stay here in your respective Encampments. We are here this afternoon to have the official Joint Opening of the 111th Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Will the National Aides please take their places.

Aides march in carrying clouds and rainbows, forming an aisle for the National President and Commander-in-Chief to walk through.

Everyone please rise and join me in welcoming National President Betty J. Baker and Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis. Will the National Personal Aides Linda and Ron please escort the National President and Commander-in-Chief into the room. *They were escorted between the lattice work fences and the aisle made by the National Aides. They halted and saluted the National Chiefs of Staff.*

Sister Betty, welcome to this, your National Encampment. It's hard to know the phrases and all the things to say to such a special person on such a special day. But somehow it seems only right to say today, of all days, you're someone close in thought and heart, not just now and then, but always.

CHIEF OF STAFF DAVE TURPIN: Brother Al, on behalf of the staff and delegates to the 116th Annual Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, welcome. This is the highlight of your administration and we hope that you have a very joyous and profitable weekend.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE: Personal Aides, please escort them to their seats of honor. *They were seated facing the aisle made by the National Aides.*

Please join us in welcoming our Past National Presidents and our Past Commanders-in-Chief. *They marched in two by two, saluted the National President and Commander-in-Chief and took seats behind the lattice-work fences.*

These are the men and women who have faithfully served us in the past. They are the firm foundation upon which our organization was built. Without them to give us strength, we would not exist.

Please join us in welcoming our National Officers. Will the National Officers please enter and honor your National President and Commander-in-Chief. *The officers marched in, two by two, carrying yellow roses with special wishes for the National President and Commander-in-Chief. When the officers were introduced, they saluted their National Heads, read the wish attached to their rose, placed the rose upright in the birdbaths on either side of the entrance to the Garden of Friendship to make a bouquet, and took seats behind the fences that extended across the front of the room.*

Aides, please retire. *Aides took seats immediately behind the Past National Presidents and Commanders-in-Chief.*

Everyone please be seated. I would now like to introduce your Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief. Please rise when your name is called and state the year of your term. *Twelve Past National Presidents and nine Past Commanders-in-Chief answered the roll call.*

Would you all please give them a round of applause?

Brother Alan and Sister Betty, we salute the two of you as you come to the end of your year today. We come to bid you adieu, we hope your year has been one of cheer, and all of your dreams have come true. We acknowledge your success and for this, your National Encampment, we believe it will be the best. As you traveled to Camps and Auxiliaries, bringing words of wisdom true, your motto strong, shows you'll carry on for the red, the white, and the blue. You have made many friends along the way, now your journey comes to an end, please accept our warm congratulations, you deserve a standing ovation. We your friends want to say, God Bless, many thanks today.

Brother Norm, do you have anything you would like to do?

PC-in-C NORM FURMAN: Would you all like to hear me sing a song? I will do the best I can from this wheelchair! To our outgoing National President, Betty Boop. *Norm sang "Blue Hawaii" for Sister Betty.* Thank you for a wonderful year! Now for the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, we have a traditional song. *He sang "Little Man" for Commander-in-Chief Alan.* You have made a few mistakes and caused some hard feelings, but it is my understanding that you have apologized and have done all you possibly could to make things right again. In view of this, I am glad to welcome you to the House of Lords, and congratulations! I have one more thing I'd like to say. Personally, I always think of General Corfman as the Commanding General of the SVR, and I'm sure that there are a lot of others who feel the same way about it. Thank you for listening.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE: I don't know if I should be saying this during the Joint Opening, but I'm sure you all know that Brother Norm had a real bad stroke and that we are really glad to see you here, and I am sure Betty's very happy that you are here.

Personal Aides, will you please escort the National President and Commander-in-Chief to the podium.

PERSONAL AIDE LINDA FIELDS: *Presenting a yellow rose corsage to President Betty.* Sister Betty, you have traveled throughout the year, you are a loyal and a devoted Sister of this organization. Everything that you have done has contributed much to its success and I am sure that everything you are going to do in the next two days is going to secure its future. We wish for you much happiness and hope that you have lots of fun, too!

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you!

PERSONAL AIDE RON GILL: I signed Al up over twenty years ago into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He has come a long way. Al and I have spent hours talking, particularly about morality, responsibility to one another, and to God and to our organization. And in the parade of life Al, I hope you keep going. It's been great, and I am proud of you.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE: National President Betty, all through the year, these wonderful little gates of friendship have been opened to you as you have been graciously welcomed into Auxiliaries, Department meetings and homes throughout the states along the trail, and so this afternoon we welcome you to preside at the 111th Encampment. All of us salute you today and wish for you and the Commander-in-Chief all good things. Sister Bea, would you please come forward?

HISTORIAN BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: National President Betty, as National Historian, they told me I had to do something. In looking through the records, I found that in 1966-67 you were the Auxiliary President of #72. Ten years later, in 1976-77, you were the New York Department President. Twenty years later, 1996-97, you are National President, and I thought that it was very unusual that all of those dates were the same dates, 6's and 7's. I am offering this gavel to you for your convention and I hope that with this authority, you will have a very happy convention with many memories. *The gavel was engraved with all the dates of her Presidencies.*

PRESIDENT BETTY: I can't say anything! Thank you.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE: Is there anybody who would like to say a few words to our Commander or President? Sister Betty, would you like to say something?

PRESIDENT BETTY: It's very difficult to stand up here and know exactly what to say. So I'm going to give Brother Alan the opportunity to speak first. Brother Alan, would you like to speak first?

COMMANDER-IN CHIEF ALAN: Thank you. I was mentioning to a couple of people out front before this gathering started the fact that I am returning to New York because some of my forebearers, in fact, three of my four relatives that served in the Civil War were from little Hadley, New York, up in Saratoga County. Not too long after the three sons were born, they moved to Illinois and so their service was from Illinois rather than New York, but that was the state of their birth. By the way, of the three, two of them are buried in Virginia. The younger son was wounded and captured just outside of Richmond and died within the month in Libby Prison. The older one was killed in battle four days later. In addition, my maternal grandfather's mother came from Columbia County, so I feel quite a connection with the State of New York. It's rather interesting that the year that I served as Commander-in-Chief, the National Encampment happens to be held in New York state. I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this office. I have appreciated all of the warm wishes and the help and so on that I have had this year. Two more days and we ought to be able to take care of the business at hand and I am hoping that we will have a very fraternal and hardworking Encampment and accomplish the things we need to get done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Brother Alan, at this time I would like to present you with my personal gift. It has been an enjoyable year and I hope that you have accomplished what you set out to do. I know I did a few things that I have wanted to do and I would like you to have this remembrance of our year together.

I would like to thank everyone. My Chief of Staff has outdone herself again and as I stand here and look out over the room, I realize now why she had to hire cars to come up. It's fantastic and all I can say is, Michelle, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You've been a special friend all year long and you have supported the National Organization and me in every way you could and for that I would like to give you a round of applause.

Brother Norm has told me for years, I didn't realize that it had been 20, that I was his only Chief of Staff that had never got to the top to serve as the National President and he wished I would hurry up and do it. When I heard that he had taken ill, my year almost came to an end for me because we had both been waiting for this day to come forever. And Brother Norm, I am so pleased and so proud to have you here and be able to sing to me today. That was beautiful. Some day we'll go to Blue Hawaii together!

I would like to do a couple of special things before we go on so the Sons can be a part of it. I have a couple of Certificates of Appreciation I would like to present to two special people within the room today. I heard about the work of this first lady over the years and as I became more involved with National. As I traveled this year, I have heard even more about how much work she does in the area of rehabilitation and volunteer work. She works very quietly in her Department. When I was at her Department Encampment in Connecticut, they couldn't say enough good words about this lady and it emphasized to me just how much she really does. She has worked for years with the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Sister Emma Prince would you please come and accept this Certificate of Appreciation from the National Organization for all the wonderful work you've done in rehabilitation work.

Sister Emma, this is an honor and a privilege to recognize all the work you've done for our National Organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons. Thank you.

EMMA PRINCE, PDP, CT: Sister Betty, thanks a load. There aren't words to say because what we do up there, is because we love what we do. You don't do anything you don't want to do, and we do it because we want to do it and it is more fun than a barrel of monkeys. You should all try volunteering, it's great. Thank you Betty.

PRESIDENT BETTY: The next lady also has been named "Volunteer of the Year" a couple of times. She has worked very heavily in the National Organization for many years. She is very supportive of our Scholarship Fund. She answers tons of mail, telephone calls, and anything that you might think of in regards to that. She does a lot of work in our historical area, and she is doing a lot of work to compile and preserve and keep our history and what we need to know about. It gives me a real privilege to be able to present my Mom, Sister Beatrice Greenwalt, with a Certificate of Appreciation for all your work to keep our history known to the world.

Sister Bea, my Mom, it gives me great privilege to be able to present this to you and show you the appreciation the National Organization has for you for all the work you do in our history and our scholarship and everywhere you go.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: Thank you. As Betty said, you just don't have words to answer back on something like this. Thank you all.

PRESIDENT BETTY: It has been a wonderful year. I have met many of our members that we never get to see. I have traveled from one end of the map to the other and it has been an extreme privilege to serve the National Organization as your National President. I appreciate and thank everyone here for all the courtesies extended to me while I was traveling throughout the year and I will be around to see all of you again. Don't worry that I am just going to forget you all. Thank you again for all the privileges. I hope we all can have a very harmonious and pleasurable Encampment. Take time to make friends and enjoy each other and have a good time while we are here. I would just like to leave you with these words:

May there always be work for your hands to do.
 May your purse always carry a shilling or two.
 May the sun always dance on your window pane.
 May a rainbow chase after each spot of rain.
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.
 May God fill your heart with gladness and cheer you.

Thank you for attending the National Opening.

CHIEF OF STAFF MICHELLE: I would like to thank everybody for coming today and I hope that all of the Allied Orders have a successful Encampment and that everybody has a great weekend. We have a lot planned and I know that it will all go well. I know there are a lot of new faces here today and I do wish that everybody would meet a new friend and we'll all enjoy this together. Thank you all for coming, and everybody have a good day.

FIRST SESSION
Friday Morning, August 08, 1997
9:30 A.M.

National President Betty J. Baker called the meeting to order.

A Welcoming Committee comprised of members of the Encampment Committee: James Grismer, SUVCW; Evelyn Krantz, Ladies of the G.A.R.; and Michelle Langley and Linda Fields, Aux. to SUVCW, presented a floral arrangement to the National President. Eileen Coombs, PNP responded.

PRESIDENT BETTY J. BAKER: Sister Michelle, I would like to thank you very much for the beautiful Opening and all the people who helped you put it on at 4:00 yesterday. There's just no words that I can say for all the work that you put into that and the way I felt as I walked down the garden aisle into the Garden of Friendship. Thank you very much for your effort.

Ovid Auxiliary #72, New York Department, presented the National President with a money bush made from monies they collected during her year as President. Flowers from her children were presented to the National President by Sister Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP.

The Ritualistic Work was performed by the New York Department. Two new members, Donna Fuller Smith, Boynton Beach, FL and Allison Michaels, Franklin, WI were initiated. Sister Frances Murray, PNP, moved that the donation received during the Ritualistic Work be divided between the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor Funds. Collection was \$66.00.

10:44 A.M.

PRESIDENT BETTY J. BAKER: I now declare the 111th Annual Encampment of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War open and ready to transact business. I welcome all of you to the Radisson Hotel, Utica, New York. May you have a most enjoyable time, renew friendships, and make new ones. May you find the meetings interesting and constructive. I would like to now make the following appointments.

Parliamentarian:.....Frances Murray, PNP, ME
Guide: Virginia Twist, PDP, NY
Assistant Guide:Sarah Cherry, DP, OH
Color Guard #1:Janice Dawson, PDP, NY
Color Guard #2:Lynn Williamson, NY
Inside Guard:Elizabeth Orman, PDP, NY
Outside Guard:Doris Warner, PAP, ME
Musician:Ruth Huntington, PDP, CT
Stenographer:.....Judy Morgan, PDP, OH
Escorts:Martha Wilson, PDP, PA
 Martha Johnson, PDP, PA
 Amanda Kroger, PA

Pages:Autumn Twist, NY
 Allison Michaels, WI
 Ritualistic Work:Department of New York

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Arrangements: Sons and Auxiliary, Department of New York, Chairman James Grismer
Credentials: Frances Murray, National Secretary, Chairlady; Martha Johnson, PDP, PA;
 Elizabeth Ferrin, PDP, ME; Mary Jo Long, National Council Member, PDP, PA
Resolutions: Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY, Chairlady; Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI
Election: Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI, Chairlady; Mary Spalding, PDP, NH; Bettye Myers, PDP,
 NY
Officers Reports: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ;
 Florence Spring, PNP, NJ
Restoration of Rank: Esther Peiper, PNP, PA, Chairlady; Mary Mierka, PDP, RI; Alice
 Doyle, PDP, VT
Encampment Press: Lorraine Orton, NY; Penny Rave, NY

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA, Chairlady; Martha
 Wilson, PDP, PA; Dorothy Bianco, DP, CT
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Martha Johnson, PDP, PA, Chairlady; Elizabeth
 Ferrin, PDP, ME; Michelle Langley, PDP, NY
Response to the Sons: Esther Peiper, PNP, PA
Response to the Commander-in-Chief: Frances Murray, PNP, ME
Response to the Ladies of the G.A.R.: Florence Spring, PNP, NJ
Response to the Recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's Gift: Linda Fields, PDP, NY
Response to all other guests: Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

SPECIAL APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Encampment Site: Frances Murray, PNP, ME
New Auxiliary Recruiter/Organizer: Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Publicity: Sarah Cherry, DP, OH, Chairlady; Lorraine Orton, NY; Jacquelyn Johnston,
 NVP, NH
Membership List Coordinator: Dawn Hayner
Life Membership: Florence Spring, PNP, NJ, Chairlady; Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH;
 Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Jacquelyn Johnston, NVP, NH, Chairlady; all Department Vice Presidents and
 all Auxiliary Vice Presidents
Legislative: Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI, Chairlady; Ellinore Johnson, PNP, WI, Chairlady
 Emeritus; Mary Houchin, PDP, IA
Constitution, Rules & Regulations: Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE, Chairlady; Jo An
 Wheeler, PDP, IA; Martha Johnson, PDP, PA
Rituals: Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT, Chairlady; Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ; Dorothy
 Bianco, PDP, CT
Revision of Blanks: Frances Murray, PNP, ME, Chairlady; Dorothy Kern, PDP, PA;
 Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Rehabilitation: Emma Prince, PDP, CT, Chairlady

PRESIDENT BETTY: I would like to thank everyone who has accepted during the year and
 at this present time. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

The President instructed the Chaplain to open the Bible and ask Divine Blessing.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Vice President Jackie, would you please preside while I read
 my report.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

One year ago in Columbus, Ohio you entrusted to me the leadership of our National Organization. I did not enter into the privilege lightly. I considered it a great honor and devoted to it my undivided time and attention. I have tried to the best of my ability to maintain the same high standard of service as was given by the 99 National Presidents before me. If I have failed in any way, I assure you it was not from lack of effort.

This past year has went by very quickly. It has truly been an experience. There have been challenges, disappointments, many miles on the road, short nights, pleasant surprises, and rewarding experiences. I have become more advanced on the computer, very adept on the use of the telephone, seen how beautiful our country really is and learned the true meaning of "tired". But, most of all, I saw the true meaning of friendship and have made many new friends. The wonderful support and hands of friendship has made this a most unforgettable year.

IN MEMORIAM

To all who have lost loved ones, the sympathy of the National Organization is extended. May you find comfort in the knowledge that God knows what is best for all of us and will give you the strength and courage to face each day.

It is with great sadness that I announce our Golden Chain of Past National Presidents was broken twice. On June 2, 1997 Sister Caroline Riddell of the Pennsylvania Department passed away. Sister Caroline may have slipped from our midst, but she will not soon be forgotten. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

On June 21, 1997 Sister Dorris Schlenker of the Maryland/Delaware Department passed away. There are some of us who scatter love and warmth which lingers long after He calls us home. Such a person was PNP Dorris Schlenker.

Their love for our organization and the service they have given will never be forgotten. In appreciation of their many years of service, I make the following:

Recommendation #1: That one page in our Proceedings, with photograph, be dedicated to the memory of PNP Caroline Riddell and one page, with photograph, be devoted to PNP Dorris Schlenker.

To the Sons of Union Veterans and PNP Marion Combs in the loss of her husband, PC-in-C Fred Combs of the New Jersey Department, we extend our sympathy.

HISTORICAL EVENT

July 1, 1997 I was privileged to be at the reunion of Daisy Anderson, widow of a Union soldier and Alberta Martin, widow of a Confederate soldier. This took place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. When we found out about the event, I offered the National Auxiliary's support and participation. We purchased a corsage and flowers for Daisy Anderson's room and I was there to help whenever I could. Daisy Anderson is a member of the Auxiliary and is a Life Member of the New York Department.

This was a very historical event and I would like to take a minute to tell you about it. The day started with the ladies meeting at the General Lee Headquarters and being interviewed by TV and radio stations. There was then a flag raising of the United States flag and Confederate battle flag. Everyone was invited to go to breakfast and talk with the widows. They were later put in a carriage in which they were a part of a funeral procession that ended at the National Cemetery. Here we witnessed the burial of an unknown Civil War soldier. The marching in of Union and Confederate troops and the carriage with the widows took you back in time. It was very impressive. Following the burial we went to Dobbin House for lunch and the widows were interviewed again. Both ladies gave autographs and spoke to the media. Daisy Anderson has written a book, telling the story of her husband going from "Slavery to Affluence", which was available for purchase that day. After lunch,

the widows were taken to the high water mark on Gettysburg battlefield and had a "hands across the wall". After their handshake, the Union and Confederate troops did the same.

This is the kind of event and involvement our organization needs to get us before the public. I wish we could have known sooner about this event and been more involved in the planning. I was able to give out our brochure and several of my cards with the hopes it will gain us members. I also gave my card to the press and requested copies of their articles. I have received two so far. I took several pictures so I hope everyone will take time to come to my room and see them.

WREATH PRESENTATIONS

Laying of wreaths in the name of the National Auxiliary was a wonderful task. On November 16, I placed a wreath at the Albert Woolson Monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania commemorating the 40th GAR Remembrance Day. Our organization flag was carried at the front of the annual parade.

The wreath presentation at Lincoln's Memorial in Washington, DC was February 12th, 1997. This was a very moving ceremony.

On April 13, 1997 in Peterburg, Illinois the Sons of Union Veterans asked me to place a wreath, which they provided, at Dr. Stephenson's grave side. I was very honored to be included in this event. We left there and went to Decatur, Illinois where I was part of their program honoring the founding of the GAR.

On April 15, 1997 I was pleased to place a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois. I asked our local florist to do the wreath which created great interest in my hometown. When I told her where it was going, she couldn't believe it and felt it was a great honor. It made the front page of two of our newspapers.

I was unable to attend the flower laying ceremonies at the Cathedral of the Pines honoring all American Civil War Dead in New Hampshire. It was held on May 30th. As I was previously committed to represent our Organization with local Veterans groups in New York, I asked Vice President Jackie Johnston to represent me.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The National Scholarship Award was presented to Michelle Peleman of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Over 36 requests for the scholarship were gone over before I made my decision. Michelle is attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has been very appreciative of our award. She and her mother have asked for further information and applications to the Auxiliary.

Having received so many requests for the scholarship, I have found out how important the extra financial aid is to most students. I therefore offer the following:

Recommendation #2: That we continue to give our \$350.00 scholarship and it be the choice of the National President.

Due to the fact that our scholarship is more common knowledge and more requests are being made, we need to get a little more professional and with the times. As most every applicant asked "Would you please send me an application?", I offer the following:

Recommendation #3: That we adopt a form to be used by applicants when applying for membership.

NEW AUXILIARIES

I am very pleased to announce we have instituted three new Auxiliaries. On December 7, 1996 the Lt. Commander Edward Lea Camp #2 Houston, Texas Auxiliary was instituted. They have taken the name of Sara Emma Edmonds Seelye Auxiliary #1. This is after a Civil War Nurse from their area. They were organized with seven members. I would like to thank PNP Margaret Atkinson and PNP Florence Jansson for instituting this Auxiliary. I

was unable to attend at the last minute.

On July 14, 1997 the Charter for Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 in Jackson, Michigan was reactivated. I initiated 11 women and they chose to stay under the old Charter which was signed in 1941 by PNP Margaret Schroeder. The last living true son in Michigan, Thayne LaBanta, was in attendance. His wife was a Charter member in 1941.

On July 20, 1997 I instituted a Provisional Auxiliary in Fort Donelson, Tennessee. They are Auxiliary #1 to Fort Donelson Camp #62 Tennessee. They were started with five women. We thought it was going to be a full Charter as five other women had made application, but a week before, they were unable to complete their obligation. The remaining five chose to start as a Provisional. We are in hopes the other five will join at a later date and this will become a full Auxiliary.

All three Auxiliaries are very active in their respective areas and will become a great asset to our Organization.

We are very close to a new Auxiliary in Ohio. I expect to see its completion in the very near future.

I have been working heavily with the men of the Illinois Department. They are very anxious to form Auxiliaries to two of their camps. I will continue to work with them in the coming year.

There is much interest in membership and forming of Auxiliaries. We now have five Provisional and several new Auxiliaries within the Departments. Our Provisionals are being formed in states where Auxiliary work is new to them. Therefore, I offer the following:

Recommendation #4: That the National President or someone she designates keep a three month personal contact with each Provisional Auxiliary for at least 1 year or until she feels they are functioning satisfactorily.

In forming a new Auxiliary, our C.R.&R., Article V, Section 3 states Auxiliaries do not pay tax to the Department for the quarter in which they are instituted, but Departments must pay tax to the National on all members in good standing. This is causing much confusion and sometimes it is six months before they start paying and have forgotten what was explained to them. Therefore I offer the following:

Recommendation #5: That new Article V, Section 3 be deleted or read: Auxiliaries pay Per Capita Tax the first quarter they are instituted unless the end of the quarter is in the month they are instituted.

MEMBERSHIP LIST AND BULK MAILING

Unforeseen circumstances impacted our Membership List Coordinator Dawn Hayner's ability to meet her commitment. In order to ensure that the bulk mailing program went forward, I took the necessary steps. With the help of National Secretary Frances Murray and my sister Bea's willingness to make entries in my computer and run off lists for me to proofread when I was on the road, we managed to compile names and addresses of 1136 members for which labels were made. Under the direction of PNP Margaret Atkinson, Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1 successfully put out General Orders #2 and #3. This was a big project completed in a short time. I greatly thank everyone involved for their cooperation. Our first mailing saw quite a few returns, which we anticipated. With the help of the Department Secretaries we were able to correct a lot of the problems and General Orders #3 saw much fewer returns. The bulk mailing program is a great advancement for our Organization. It has improved communication tremendously. It has increased interest among members that never received or even saw the General Orders and has increased our supply sales. Members now know what is available to them.

Again, my thanks to all who helped see this project's completion. I further offer my services to see that the membership list and bulk mailing programs continue.

MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

On March 27, 1997 Membership at Large Coordinator Emma Ashley found it necessary to resign. I picked up the property and advised the Council of the situation. I offered to go over the property and see what was needed to be done immediately. Sister Margaret Atkinson, National Recruiter, received most of the requests for membership, then passed them to Emma. Margaret offered to do follow-up instead of sending it on. Between the two of us, we felt everything could be handled for the short time it would be needed. The Council met and agreed, thanking us both for offering to help. Since receiving the property, with Sister Michelle's help, we have notified all members and requested dues payment from those still delinquent. We have taken in five new members and transferred two from other Departments. The bank account is still in Pomeroy, Ohio and all monies have been forwarded there. We have 49 Members at Large. Of these, eight are still outstanding in dues. Due to the fact that peoples' lives change and anything can happen, I would like to offer the following:

Recommendation #6: That the Membership at Large Coordinator be elected to a three year term.

GENERAL ORDERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Three General Orders were issued this past year, the second one being the beginning of our bulk mailing program. The National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor have put out circular letters to the membership. A letter of Resolution from the Pennsylvania Department and a ballot form were sent to each Department. The results were 14 Departments in favor. With the help of the National Secretary Frances Murray, I have tried to keep everyone informed of events as well as illness's and deaths. Correspondence has been monumental and I have tried to be as prompt as possible. At times my travel schedule made it impossible to be as prompt as I would have liked. At those times, I resorted to "Ma Bell" whenever possible. I have a file of correspondence at home in regard to membership and forming of Auxiliaries that I will re-contact now that I will have free time.

FINANCES

During the past year I have given much thought to the finances of our organization. Both the Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor have worked very hard to raise funds for the maintenance of our organization. We have stayed within the budget as best possible. With the adoption of the bulk mailing program, postage expenses look high, but they will level out. I feel at this time we are financially sound. I offer the following:

Recommendation #7: That the Per Capita Tax of \$.75 per member per quarter remain the same for the coming year.

PUBLICITY

One of my main focuses this year was publicity. It is important to keep our name and activities in the public eye. I have distributed hundreds of our brochures everywhere I went and stressed the use of it. We must take every opportunity to get events in our local press.

Several Girl Scout Gold Awards were given out this year. We need to continue with this project and make it known in more areas. This is an excellent form of advertising. Being connected to other organizations and helping with their efforts looks good for us.

The Sons are still including us in their advertisements and have gained us several contacts. We still have a long way to go in this area. The Publicity Committee cannot do it all. We need help from other states as to what they feel would help them in their areas.

I feel we are hung up on what publicity is. It is only mentioned in regard to advertising or newspapers. Publicity can be much more. As I traveled this year, I was repeatedly asked, "Why don't we have patches or insignias or items with the Auxiliary name on it like the

Sons do?" This is another form of getting noticed. Re-enactors get attention with the Civil War attire but we are not all re-enactors. Other Veteran groups get attention with sashes and hats with their logo. Not only could we put our name before the public, but we could also gain a little revenue from it. Therefore, I make the following:

Recommendation #8: That we look into patches, insignias and items with the Auxiliary logo on them and make them available through the Treasurer.

Recommendation #9: That the fund raisers help promote these items and be allowed so many to sell in their travels.

Recommendation #10: That the National President have a red, white, and blue sash to use when participating in wreath laying or public events to help denote who she is.

ALLIED ORDERS

My association with the National Presidents of the other Allied Orders, Sister Leta Torrey, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Eileen Post, National Woman's Relief Corp; and Helen Meyer, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been very pleasant. I have had several occasions where we have met and have had correspondence throughout the year. We have become good friends and I look forward to it continuing. To the three of you, I wish a harmonious Encampment. It would be nice if the idea of all five Allied Orders meeting together continued to be pursued.

Several members of the Sons have shown friendship and concern for the Auxiliary this past year. Many courtesies were extended to me while visiting in their Departments and at wreath presentations. I thank the Brothers for this. To my Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis, it has been an interesting year. It was a pleasure being with you on different occasions. I hope your year has been what you expected.

In appreciation of the many courtesies shown to our organization and me personally, for their loyalty and cooperation and to continue our purpose to "assist the Sons in their principles and objectives", I offer the following:

Recommendation #11: That we give our Love Gift of \$250.00 to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this Encampment.

Recommendation #12: That we respect the office of Commander-in-Chief and give Brother Alan R. Loomis a \$50.00 Love Token. As a thought for the future, we do away with this and add the \$50.00 to our Scholarship Fund.

VISITATION AND ACTIVITIES

I have tried to limit the amount said in my schedule of activities so as to shorten my report.

1996

- August 16-** I had the unpleasant duty of attending the funeral of a dear friend, PDP Luella Fields. Sister Luella was Department President when my husband, Edson, was Department Commander. She was the mother of my Personal Aide, Linda.
- August 25-** Auxiliary 72 - Ovid - Family Picnic - Lodi State Park - Lodi, NY
- September 8-** Reception for Shirley Boris, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Sodus, New York
- September 14-** Reception in my honor was given by the New York Department and Auxiliary #72, Ovid, in Waterloo, NY. Thank you Sisters for a day I will never forget.

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- October 5-** Central Regional Conference - Chesterton, Indiana
Testimonial for Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis
- October 12-** New England Regional in Rhode Island - Presented Eileen Coombs with a Certificate I designed for 55 years of membership and a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service.
- October 22-** Auxiliary #72 - Ovid meeting - Initiated my granddaughter (5th generation of my family)
- November 16-** Remembrance Day - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Past Commander/Past Presidents Association of Pennsylvania 66th Annual Dinner
- November 18-** Presented Girl Scout Gold Award to Melissa DeLooze
- December 1-** Visited Past National President Isabelle Roberts at Tioga Senior Center
- December 15-** Auxiliary #72 - Ovid, Christmas Party -Lodi Fire Hall
- December 22-** Meeting Auxiliary #49 - Owego. Went into Waverly and visited PNP Isabelle Roberts after the meeting.
- 1997**
- January 10-** Called on Florence Jansson, PNP - Houston, Texas
- January 11-** Service at Galveston, Texas by Lt. Commander Edward Lea Camp #2
Met with Provisional Auxiliary #1 Houston, Texas
- January 18-** Stopped in Ohio, met with Counselor
- January 22-** Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Orma Altland - Wooster, Ohio
- January 25-** Meeting of Auxiliary #1, Rochester, NY
- February 8-** Attended Patriotic Luncheon sponsored by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Call meeting of Wisconsin Department and had the pleasure of meeting PNP Ellinore Johnson.
- February 10-** Traveled with Counselor, Chief of Staff, and Personal Aide to Washington, DC
- February 11-** Lincoln Program and tour of Ford's Theater and the house where Lincoln died.
Reception and dinner hosted by Military Order of the Loyal Legion - Officers' Club, Fort Lesley McNair, Washington, DC
- February 12-** Laid a wreath at the 75th Anniversary of Dedication of Lincoln Memorial
Lincoln Birthday Luncheon at Pier 7 Restaurant, Washington, DC
- February 15-** Ohio Department Mid-Winter Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- March 2-** Meeting with Provisional Auxiliary #2 - Beaufort, South Carolina
- March 13-** Met with Treasurer Eileen Coombs at her home in Warwick, Rhode Island
- March 14-** Left Rhode Island for Maine. Maine greeted us with a lovely snow storm.
- March 15-** New England Regional Association - call meeting for Maine Department - Portland, Maine
- March 27-** Went to Ohio to meet with MAL Coordinator Emma Ashley
- April 4-** Campfire - Rhode Island Department - East Greenwich, Rhode Island
- April 5 -** 75th Anniversary Department of Rhode Island - East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Evening dinner for National Officers
- April 13-** Memorial Service and laying of wreath at graveside of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, founder of the GAR, at Rose Hill Cemetery - Petersburg, Illinois.
Afternoon attended a commemorative service at Macon County Historical Society - 131st Anniversary of Founding of the GAR - Decatur, Illinois, site of the original Post #1 formed in 1866.
- April 14-** Met with Commander-in-Chief and President of the Ladies of the GAR to work out convention program - attended a buffet supper held for those in town prior to April 15th.
- April 15-** Laid a wreath to commemorate the 132nd anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln at Lincoln's Tomb in Oakridge Cemetery - Springfield, Illinois. Attended luncheon following wreath laying at Lincoln Plaza Hotel.

April 19-	89 th New Hampshire Encampment - Hillsborough, New Hampshire
April 25-	106 th Massachusetts Encampment - Westboro, Massachusetts
April 26-	103 rd Maryland/Delaware Encampment - Towson, Maryland
April 27-	175 th Anniversary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant and Centennial of the dedication of his Tomb. Parade up Riverside Drive and a very impressive ceremony at the Tomb, New York City, New York.
May 3-	81 st Connecticut Encampment - East Hartford, Connecticut
May 17-	Reception for New York Department officers by Auxiliary #1 - Rochester, NY
May 18-	Reception for New York Department Officers by Auxiliary #72, Ovid, New York
May 20-	Presented flag at South Seneca Central School for their new auditorium.
May 26-	Memorial Day Parade in Ovid, New York
May 29-	Awards Ceremony, South Seneca Central School - Granddaughter received DAR Citizenship Award
May 30-	Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo, New York, birthplace of Memorial Day
June 13 - 15-	106 th New York Department Encampment - Utica, New York
June 26 - 27-	Pennsylvania Department Encampment - Reading, Pennsylvania
July 1-	Reunion of Widows - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
July 14-	Reactivated Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 - Jackson, Michigan
July 20-	Instituted Fort Donelson Auxiliary #1 - Fort Donelson, Tennessee

I was very impressed with the scope of activities and public involvement our members and Departments are involved in. I was honored to install the new officers whenever I was in attendance. I thank the Departments for all their courtesies. I was able to get to the majority of the Departments and visited the Texas and South Carolina Provisional Auxiliaries, had phone contact with the Provisional Auxiliary in Salt Lake City, Utah and sent letters to the Provisional Auxiliary in Kokomo, Indiana. From my involvement with these Provisional Auxiliaries, I cannot over stress the need for some guidance and support for them. From what I have seen in my travels, I offer the following:

Recommendation #13: That we set a month and all Auxiliaries elect at one time, such as January.

Recommendation #14: That Department Presidents not be allowed to serve more than 2 years at one time.

To help recognize our many members for their years of service, I offer the following:

Recommendation #15: We adopt a 50 year Certificate to be given with every 50 year pin that the Treasurer puts out.

OFFICIAL FAMILY

If the dreams you dreamed have not come true
 as we started this year together
 May memory serve for many a year
 to know that we did our best.

To the Staff of Officers who have served so graciously this year, only words of praise: Vice President Jackie Johnston: I know you have had a difficult year, but your efforts in gaining members is greatly appreciated by the National Organization.

Council Members Margaret Atkinson, Mary Jo Long, and Mary Willey: Thank you for your readiness to help when you were needed. Sister Margaret, your advice and support has been greatly appreciated.

Secretary Frances Murray: There is an old saying, "give a busy person something to do and you can be sure it will be done". That is very true with Sister Frances. No matter how

much she has to do, she is always willing to help or do more. Your helpfulness and cooperation has been a big help all year. Your readiness to help on the membership list and Life Membership issues above your many other duties was very helpful. Sister Frances, you deserve a medal, so I designed this one just for you. *Gave her a "smiley face" pin.* Always keep smiling.

Treasurer Eileen Coombs: We could have no better person overseeing our funds and supplies. Your readiness to help me this year was also most appreciated. Thank you for having me at your home during my visit and travels in the New England States. We have developed a friendship that will always be with me. I thought I could keep long hours, but this lady is like the energizer bunny. She keeps going and going and going. I have enjoyed your company and here is a little something that I thought fit you to a tee. Thank you for your support and the many talks way into the night. *Gave her an "energizer bunny".*

Patriotic Instructor Teresa Doyle: I know this was a new experience for you. You graciously met the challenge. We appreciated your efforts to encourage patriotism and the raising of funds to help our patriotic work.

Chaplain Marguerite Plante: Your Memorial Service was very fitting. I know you had many obstacles to overcome and the trying of a new way added to your difficulties. You met the task and did a fine job.

Press Correspondent Mary Scofield: I was pleased to have you as a member of my team. Even though you faced sorrow in your family, you continued on. You always put forth your best effort in whatever office you have. Sister Mary, thank you.

Director of Budget Emma Wheeler: I know you have had the Auxiliary's financial welfare uppermost in your mind even though you have had health and family problems to deal with. We all wish for you a much better year to come.

Historian/Counselor Beatrice Greenwalt: Your efforts to preserve our history is a big job and our future will be enriched and better informed by your work. As my Counselor, you have been fantastic, always ready and willing to listen and to offer your guidance. I greatly enjoyed the times we were able to travel together. Thank you for always having "Motel Greenwalt" open and available in my travels. You are not just my mother, but a very dear friend.

Chief of Staff Michelle Langley: I knew when I chose you I would not be disappointed. Your enthusiasm and unique ways of making money have been great. You deserve much praise and credit for your efforts to make the Opening and Courtesy Hour special. I know your financial report will be one we can all be proud of. No words can express how much I appreciated you traveling with me this past year and the many things you did above and beyond the call of duty of your office to make my year special. A super big thank you will have to do. I am extremely lucky to have been given a friend like you. Please accept this little gift of love I selected just for you.

Personal Aide Linda Fields: There really aren't any words that can tell you how much I appreciated all you have done for me this past year. We have laughed together, cried a few tears, had Elvis keep us awake as we traveled down those long lonely roads. You were always right there carrying my suitcase, turning down my bed and doing everything you could to make my year special. You were still willing to go even after the trip with mirrors on the trees, run away truck ramps and moose crossings. We have always been friends, but now you have an even more special spot in my heart. My only regret is that I can only call you Sister in our Organization instead of "my sister Linda". Please accept this little token and thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless You.

Special Aide Maude Baker: I know you feel you have not fulfilled your duties as you would have liked to, but you have done more than you realize. You helped fill the void of someone missing who was very dear to both of us. That support and caring has helped me through my year. Thank you for just being there.

APPRECIATION

To the Past National Presidents, I am grateful to you for your assistance, loyalty, and kindness at all times. To all Past Department Presidents, Department Presidents, and our entire membership, thank you for all the acts of kindness shown me this past year. To my New York Department and Auxiliary #72, Ovid, no words are adequate enough to thank you

for the lovely testimonial dinner and all your love and support this year.

To my mom and stepfather Richard, thank you for all the love and support and for keeping the light on and the door open at Motel Greenwalt for me and my traveling companions. To my sister, Bea Marrone, it was nice having a personal secretary. Thanks for the many hours you devoted struggling through my handwriting to do letters for me while I was on the road. To my children and grandchildren, thanks for your help in seeing that the business ran smoothly while I was on the road. My granddaughter's favorite saying was "Grandma's on the road again!". Now the traveling is over and I will see more of all of you. Many thanks for helping me have a year I will always cherish.

Now that this year will soon be over, as we work together here today for the future of our Organization, may we set aside all personal feelings and work for the principles and objects for which we pledged. To my successor I pledge my continued support and this prayer: May the road rise up to meet you and the wind always be at your back.

I took a book from the shelf of life
 And filled it day by day
 With a record true of toil and strife
 And pleasures bright and gay.
 I filled a page with kindly deeds,
 Another one with prayer
 That it might somehow meet the needs
 Of members everywhere.
 I filled a page with happy hours
 Spent with friends so true,
 Then Memory's page with lovely flowers
 For those whose life was through.
 I took a page from the Golden Rule
 That it might shining be
 Through every page of the book of the year
 For the membership to see.

I took a book from the shelf of life
 And tried to fill it well,
 And whether or not this record is good
 Time alone can tell.
 I filled each page with the greatest of care
 And to my ideals I've clung
 For now I'll put it back on the shelf
 For the book of my year is done.

Betty J. Baker
 National President 1996-1997

MOVED by Secretary Frances Murray, ME

SECONDED by several

That we accept this very fine and lovely report, give the National President a rising vote of thanks, and that this report and all other reports be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports.

SO VOTED

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: Sister National President, now after hearing your report, I can understand why there is so much construction going on on these highways because Betty has traveled back and forth so much over them and she has paid so many tolls, that now they can afford to fix them.

Sister Betty, your report is fantastic and the amount of places that you went and spread cheer, and friendship, and encouragement will long be remembered. The National Organization would like to present you a Love Token and a testimonial.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Sisters.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister Betty, on behalf of the Past National Presidents' Association, we first wish to congratulate you on a wonderful year. You have been a top-notch National President. I can't say enough for that. We would like to present you with this PNP pin which after tomorrow you will be able to wear and enjoy and I am sure that we'll enjoy your expertise for many years to come.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you Sisters. It will be a pleasure to join the rank of PNP's. We are running just a little late, so what I am going to do, with your permission, is call an in-the-room recess at this time. I would like to give out my gifts and then we can go to lunch and return very sharply at 1:00 pm. Inside and Outside Guards, please be a little early so you can check membership dues cards at the door.

The Chaplain closed the Bible for the in-the-room recess.

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Secretary Frances, would you please call the roll of National Officers who will please take a position in front of my station when their name is called. *All present except Membership at Large Coordinator who resigned and Washington DC Representative who died during the year.*

Sisters, these are the officers who have served us so well for the past year. I have been pleased to have you on my staff and extremely proud to have served with you. Please accept this little gift of appreciation from my Personal Aides. The blue bird represents happiness. May this one bring you all the happiness you so richly deserve.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: Thank you, Sister President.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Frances, would you please call the roll of the Past National Presidents who will please come before my station.

The following responded (11): Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Emma Wheeler, NH; Eileen Coombs, ME; Isabelle Roberts, NY; Esther Peiper, PA; Catherine Zapatka, CT; Beatrice Greenwalt, NY; Ora Moitoso, RI; Frances Murray, ME; Florence Spring, NJ; Margaret Atkinson, PA.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sisters, these are the Past National Presidents, the cornerstones of our organization. They have served us faithfully and have earned the right to sit back and rest, but they continue to serve us as loyally as they did when they were President. Until you are a National President, you don't know how wonderful and helpful these ladies are. I thank you for your loyalty and support this year and may this little blue bird on your shoulder bring happiness and joy into your heart. Would you please sit in a row to my left and be my guiding stars throughout this Encampment.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS: Thank you Sister National President.

PRESIDENT BETTY: We will now have the roll of Department Presidents in 1996-1997. Would they please come before my station.

The following responded (7): Dorothy Bianco, CT; Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Mary Willey, MA; Mary Spalding, NH; Ruby Kissinger, NJ; Janice Dawson, NY; Peggy Schaefer, WI

PRESIDENT BETTY: These are the Presidents who I worked with all year. Sisters, you have extended many courtesies to me in my travels and treated me royally at your Encampments. I thank you for making my year special. Please accept this little gift and as my Personal Aides pin on your blue bird of happiness, may happiness fly into your hearts.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Secretary would you please call the roll of the sitting Department Presidents who are newly installed for 1997-1998. Would these Sisters please come before my station.

The following responded (10): Dorothy Bianco, CT; Elizabeth Ferrin, ME; Dorothy Hilyard, MD-DE; Mary Willey, MA; Mary Spalding, NJ; Ruby Kissinger, NJ; Rose LoVette, NY; Sarah Cherry, OH; Beverly Knight, PA; Danielle Michaels, WI.

PRESIDENT BETTY: These are the Department Presidents I had the pleasure of installing for the coming year. I hope everyone will give them their loyal support. Tomorrow morning you are all invited to my room for breakfast and we will form our club. You all are going to become my daughters. Would you please sit throughout the Encampment in a row to the right of my station.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister National Secretary, please call the names of the Appointed Officers who are serving during this Encampment. Would these Sisters please come before my station.

Sisters, thank you for so readily accepting your appointments. Your assistance will do much to make this Encampment a success. Please wear this blue bird of happiness on your shoulder so as to make your work easier while you are here.

APPOINTED OFFICERS: Thank you, Sister National President.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sisters, now that we have all the special things out of the way, this afternoon we do have to get down to business, so please be prompt in getting back. The meeting is now recessed until 1:00 P.M.

SECOND SESSION
Friday, August 08, 1997
1:05 P.M.

The Chaplain attended the alter. Guard reported all entitled to remain.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Frances, is there any correspondence you would like to read at this time?

The National Secretary read the following:

1. Wisconsin Department endorsing Peggy Schaefer, PDP as Council Member #2 or #3.
2. New York Department endorsing Michelle Langley as National Chaplain.
3. Emma Ashley resigning as Membership-at-Large Coordinator.
4. Thank you from Dorothy Carlson for our sympathy and donation to the Honor Roll in memory of her mother, Edith Snyder, PNP.
5. Thank you from Claire Monahan for donation to the Honor Roll in memory of her aunt, Caroline Riddell, PNP.

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Vice President Jackie, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

As National Vice President, I have the pleasure of submitting the following report.

I received reports from the following Departments:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Number of New</u> <u>Members</u>
California & Pacific	None
Connecticut	1
Maine	2
Massachusetts	8
New Hampshire	None
New Jersey	None
New York	8
Rhode Island	None

We have instituted two new auxiliaries in the states of Texas and Tennessee, which was a Provisional auxiliary. There was one auxiliary reactivated in Michigan.

To each Sister who has brought in a new member, I congratulate you. I know you are all working hard to build up our membership and trust you will continue this next year.

Sister Margaret Atkinson, your tireless efforts, especially over the past three years as you have headed the Membership Committee, has shown tremendously in our number of new members, as we know you will continue to do. I just went on the Internet Monday and took ten minutes to search out the Sons of Union Veterans web site. There, under Auxiliary membership, was an address I recognized well. Thank you.

Sister Betty, I want to thank you for all your efforts. I have been amazed at all you have done and want to let you know how proud of you I have been. I wish you a most successful and harmonious Encampment and know that this will be the *icing on the cake* for your year.

Jacquelyn W. Johnston
National Vice President

VP JACKIE JOHNSTON, NH: As you can tell, we had a tie for the award among three Auxiliaries. As a result, I would like someone

from the Department of Massachusetts, New York, and Texas Provisional Auxiliary to come forward for their share of the award.

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Council Member #1 Margaret Atkinson, are you ready with your report?

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

We, the undersigned members of the National Council, have audited the books of National Treasurer Eileen Coombs and National Secretary Frances Murray and have found them to be in excellent order. We would like to thank Sister Eileen and Sister Frances for their conscientious attention to the duties of their offices and for all their work on behalf of our Order.

Sister Betty, we commend you for your many hours of travel on behalf of the National Auxiliary and for being such a competent ambassador of our Order. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and we trust that any opinions offered you were of assistance in fulfilling the duties of your office. We also thank you for making a sturdy wooden container for the Charter and a cloth container for the flag. They will make it easier for future Presidents to store and transport these items.

The Council has made note of the extraordinary amount of time and effort expended by the National Secretary and National Treasurer to perform the duties of their offices. They receive a nominal sum of money as recompense for these labors. We recommend that this amount be raised from \$250.00 to \$500.00 per year. We also recommend that the travel allowance of the National President be raised from \$1800.00 to \$2000.00 per year. This amount will still not cover her expenses for the year, but may help to relieve the financial burden she assumes.

The National Historian has purchased extra insurance at her own expense to cover the National Archives stored in her home, uses her own copier and paper, and incurs postage expenses in fulfilling her duties. We recommend she be allotted a \$100.00 minimum amount to cover some of these expenses.

Council also discussed the method of reporting donations to the money officers. It was suggested they read in full, including the amounts of all Auxiliary and Department donations, but only the names of those Sisters making personal donations, omitting the amount given. The amounts are to be printed on the report and available for review. They will also be recorded in the Proceedings.

#1

Margaret E. Atkinson, Council Member

Mary Willey, Council Member #2

Mary Jo Long, Council Member #3

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Secretary Frances, are you ready?

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

How fast the years go by as I work as National Secretary. This has to be the worst of the many years that I have been National Secretary.

It is almost as if some of the Department Secretaries took a year of rest. I took a year of high blood pressure. I wish to thank National President Betty Baker for assistance in getting some of the results from the secretaries as she traveled.

We voted at last year's Encampment to try bulk mailing of the General Orders to all members. I think it worked very well. I thank PNP Margaret Atkinson for all the work she did to get through the red tape with the Post Office to get our mailing number and to her and the members of Auxiliary #1 in Philadelphia for doing the bulk mailings. I ran General Orders #2 myself at school and sent them to Margaret. The box weighed 40 pounds and cost \$27.00 to mail. Of course, this was much cheaper than having them copied, but I just don't have the time to stand and run over

1200 copies of numerous pages, so I sent the original copy of General Orders #3 to Margaret and she had them copied.

Of course, before we could send out the General Orders, I had to get the membership list up-to-date. Most secretaries complied right off, but some had to be prodded and some Departments we had to do ourselves. This takes numerous mailings and time. National President Betty took over the mailing list and put the addresses in order and on mailing labels. This was a tremendous task and took much of her time, of which she had to fit into her own busy schedule.

I thank her for this because if she hadn't taken this task over, it never would have been done. We also had to get the names and addresses of the Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers of all the auxiliaries so they could get a copy of the General Orders for their records. We are almost up-to-date on this.

I am not going to elaborate on new auxiliaries because I am sure that National President Betty and PNP Margaret Atkinson will have this in their reports. They have both done a great job on membership and recruiting.

I make my usual **Recommendation #1**: That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Members at Large.

Because of numerous commitments and the illness of her parents, our stenographer last year has not been able to complete the Proceedings. This is an enormous task. I think we should consider hiring someone from the outside to take our Minutes and do the Proceedings, one who has no commitments to the Auxiliary.

I have tried to keep the National Officers and Past National Presidents up-to-date on what is going on in the National Organization and events that are happening across the country. When I don't have time to do a letter, I send out a very crowded postcard. This year we have had the serious illness of many of our devoted Sons and Auxiliary members. We have had several deaths of members very close to us as well as members' husbands. I thank everyone who has sent cards to our members. I have called most of the members' families who have died. On the other hand, we have had some delightful birthdays and wedding anniversaries. PNP Florence Jansson was delighted with all the birthday cards she received and PC-in-C Ken and PNP Emma Wheeler thank members for all the cards they received when they were involved in a serious accident. Emma never allows me to tell when she is ill, but she was too sick to tell me "no" this time. Frostie and Orma Altland were delighted we observed their 63rd wedding anniversary last August. I know Orma is looking down on us today.

The Resolution to change a Department from 5 Auxiliaries to 3 Auxiliaries was sent out to Departments for approval and National President Betty will give you the results of that vote.

Last year we voted that I write a letter to Life Members asking if they would be willing to forego the \$6.00 check that is sent to their Auxiliary. If so, their Auxiliary would not pay per capita on them to the Department and the Department would not pay per capita on them to National. I drafted a letter and reply card and sent it out to various members for approval. This took quite a while and a few drafts. Thirty-four Life Members received the letter and card, and a second letter was needed to get the replies from some Life Members: 17 members said "yes" which meant their Auxiliary would not receive the \$6.00 and their Auxiliary and Department would not pay per capita on them; 13 said "no" which meant their Auxiliary would get the \$6.00 and the Auxiliary and Department would pay per capita to National; 2 made no commitment; 1 did not reply; and 1 died. This information was passed on to the committee set up on Life Membership this year. This was a tremendous amount of work and

took a lot of time.

We came up for our Statement of Continued Existence in the State of Ohio this year. The papers were sent to Ohio and we are approved in the State of Ohio for the next five years. PDP Ramona Greenwalt is our agent.

Quarterly Reports were a disaster this year. I have never seen it so bad. The first three quarters of the year, it was not uncommon that 5-8 Departments and Provisional Auxiliaries would not have their reports in on time or at all. In the March quarter, we still had 5-6 that had not reported for all three quarters. I was devastated as this held up my reports to National. I was embarrassed and mad. By June, I am happy to say, all were paid up through March 31st. Now, here we are at National Encampment, and there are many Departments and Provisional Auxiliaries not paid for the June 30 quarter, necessitating many phone calls and checks to be brought to National, holding up my report and its accuracy in numbers.

I had the pleasure of attending the institution of a new camp in Yarmouth, Maine, Haskell-Marston Camp #56, on February 12, 1997. I am hoping to have an Auxiliary there as well as at the new camp in Augusta, Maine.

While attending one of the Department Encampments this spring, which had a large membership in their Department Membership at Large, I noticed that a number of credentials were being passed out. In the National Organization, Membership at Large has one delegate, to be appointed by the Coordinator of Membership at Large. Therefore, I wish the following in the C.R.&R., Page 18, Article II, Membership, to be changed:

Recommendation #2: Section 1. The membership of the Department Encampment shall consist of its own elective and appointive officers, its Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers in good standing, Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers who have served five (5) consecutive years, its sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Vice Presidents, Past Presidents in good standing, and one (1) Delegate and as many more as the Department should decide.

Change suggested: After Past Presidents in good standing, eliminate “and as many more as a Department shall decide” and replace with “one delegate or alternate from each Auxiliary, and one (1) Delegate from Member at Large, to be appointed by the Department Secretary. Members at Large who have been Past Auxiliary Presidents or Past Department Presidents before becoming

Members at Large would keep their voting privilege.

A student at Yale was doing a research paper on the Woolson Monument and contacted PNP Margaret Atkinson for information. I researched this information and passed it on to Margaret to forward to the student and she kindly sent us a copy of her report.

I cannot begin to elaborate on the problems that have been encountered in the organization this year. We have been lucky to have a National President who knows her C.R.&R. Betty has made many visitations and been able to explain the organization and paper work as she has traveled.

I have been in constant contact with our National President, Council Member #1, and National Treasurer all year. It is not uncommon that two packets of information went to them at least twice a week. The membership list was a tremendous undertaking. Thank God for computers. It is much easier to contact the National Officers on e-mail. I am in contact with many of the Sons on e-mail and they share information with me that I can pass on to our National Officers.

Even though it has been a bad year, and at one point I seriously considered resigning, and had a bad health spell, I find this job intriguing and fun, and enjoy the volume of correspondence. It has been a pleasure serving with National President Betty. It has been a challenge working with Betty and our interpretations of the C.R.&R. This is good as you don't think anyone has a different interpretation and is great cause for discussion.

It is always a pleasure working with PNP Margaret Atkinson. She is doing a great job on recruitment and I feel so sorry for her when she works so hard and gets so many members, that we also lose about the same number in the course of the year. This has to change. Eileen is not only National Treasurer, but a personal friend. I always enjoy working with her and picking her brain.

National is expecting more and more of its National Officers. Where we once hired out some of our work, we are now using our own computers and materials, which is very time consuming. I think we need a slow down period. I know that I am exhausted and I feel that others are too.

Following are my reports:

STANDING OF DEPARTMENTS
June 30, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Department	1996		1997	
	# Aux.	# Members	# Aux.	# Members
California-Pacific	2	16	2	16
Colorado-Wyoming	1	2	1	2
Connecticut	2	70	2	67
Illinois	3	19	2	8
Iowa	3	48	3	39
Maine	6	70	6	69
Maryland-Delaware	4	52	5	58
Massachusetts	3	76	3	80
Michigan	1	4	1	1
New Hampshire	3	41	3	33
New Jersey	4	64	4	59
New York	9	133	9	123
Ohio	7	99	7	109
Pennsylvania	12	306	12	313
Rhode Island	4	26	4	28
Vermont	1	26	1	24
Wisconsin	4	31	4	30
Prov. Aux. #2				
Beaufort, SC	1	7	1	*8
Prov. Aux. #1				
Kokomo, IN	1	7	1	*6
Prov. Aux. #1				
Salt Lake City, UT	1	6	1	6
Sara Emma Edmonds				
Seely Prov.			1	8
Members at Large		39		49
	72	1,142	73	1,136

*No report from Beaufort, SC and Kokomo, IN.

SUMMARY: PERIOD JUNE 30, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997

Auxiliaries in good standing June 30, 1996		72
Auxiliaries gained	2	<u>+2</u>
		74
Auxiliaries lost by Charter Surrender	1	<u>-1</u>
		73
Auxiliaries in good standing June 30, 1997		73

Members in Good Standing June 30, 1996		1,142
Gained by Initiation	89	
Gained by Organization	7	
Gained by Transfer	12	
Gained by Reinstatement	<u>13</u>	
	121	<u>+121</u>
		1,263
Members Lost by Honorable Discharge	13	
Members Lost by Death	32	
Members Lost by Transfer	11	
Members Dropped	<u>71</u>	
	127	<u>-127</u>

Members in Good Standing June 30, 1997 **1,136**

*These figures are based on no report from Prov. Aux. Beaufort, SC, and Kokomo, IN.

Included in above figures are 49 Members at Large.

Auxiliaries gained: Joshua Chamberlain Aux. #20, Roanoke, VA; and Sara Emma Edmonds Seelye Aux. in Texas.
Auxiliary lost was Gen. George S. Custer Aux. #30 in Chicago, IL.

Net Gain Auxiliaries: 1

Net Loss Members: 6

Frances A. Murray
National Secretary

Guides and Color Guards escorted in the Greetings Committee from the Sons: Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C; Gordon R. Bury, PC-in-C; Allan Moore, PC-in-C; and David Medert, PC-in-C.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Brothers, am I honored to have all this high ranking in front of me! On behalf of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, I extend to you a very hearty welcome. Sisters, salute.

Are you the Spokes Master, Brother Richard?

RICHARD GREENWALT, PC-in-C: First of all, on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief, the members in attendance at this Encampment

and the members back home, we bring you greetings and best hopes for a successful and rewarding Encampment. As you know, behind every successful man is a pushy woman! Behind every good camp at one time or another, there was a good Auxiliary that pitched in. Sometimes the camps fall by the wayside and sometimes the Auxiliaries fall by the wayside, but it takes a combination of auxiliaries and camps working to keep these organizations moving somewhat with what we would like to see and that is patriotism, fraternity, loyalty, charity, and somebody that gives a darn about our flag and country. Now, I understand that at this morning's Encampment in your report, that you had something in it about yours truly. I have no earthly notion about what that might have been, you have no earthly notion about what I am going to say, so we're even! *(He reminisced about meeting his future wife, Bea, at the National Encampment in Olean, NY.)* The Civil War organizations are responsible for us having 17 years of happiness. Have a good Encampment, keep green, as best we can, what we're here for and let's keep these organizations in this country of ours great.

DAVID MEDERT, PC-in-C: (Picking up a cup from the table) I think you people should award this to Greenwalt!

RICHARD GREENWALT: What does it say?

DAVID MEDERT: Sexy Senior Citizen!

GORDON BURY, PC-IN-C: While we are using the table as props, every good organization is driven by a motive and a force. Just like the Energizer Bunny, the Auxiliary continues to go on and on and on. I remember the years when that little Love Gift was the thing that kept the Sons going, both in the National and in the Departments. It is those tokens of love and expression and working together that makes the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans what it is today. As we move forward to the next one hundred and some years, we thank you for all the support and anything we can do as an organization to support you, we will. Simply ask. Thank you.

ALAN MOORE, PC-IN-C: I am pleased to be here and I am pleased that my wife is proud to have the Auxiliary badge. We're both delighted that she is a member of this organization. I commend you on the excellent attendance that you have. It is great to see so many here. I wish you a most harmonious and enjoyable Encampment.

DAVID MEDERT, PC-IN-C: I can't follow that show. I'm just going to say it's been nice being a part of this and I hope it continues for years.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Florence Spring, would you please respond to these Sons?

FLORENCE SPRING, PNP, NJ: Brothers, we are very happy that you took time from your busy schedule to come and visit us, and we are very pleased that you could be here. Now I'm not going to tell any tales out of school like some people, they'll have to stay hidden for a while, but I've had the pleasure of being with these gentlemen, in the proper way, many times. We just want to wish you every success in your meetings and hope you are having a successful Encampment.

The Sons were escorted from the room and the Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the G.A.R.: Dolores Hubbard, PNP; Eleanor Lowe, PNP; and Nancy Conaway, PNP were escorted into the meeting room and welcomed by President Betty. Each of them spoke to the Encampment. Esther Peiper, PNP, PA responded.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister National President, our delegation went over to visit the Sons. We were very graciously received. I did bring your greetings and we all spoke to the Sons. The response came from Lowell Hammer, PC-in-C who was rather surprised at the smallness of the delegation, being used to a lot of people coming in, but he thought that perhaps we were extremely busy over here today. They did send their greetings and pledged their support for the Auxiliary in the future.

PRESIDENT BETTY: You probably didn't have the opportunity to know, Margaret, but the reason only a small delegation was sent was that the Commander-in-Chief requested that's all I send. Otherwise, we would all have been there. He has a lot of business and he preferred that we send a small one.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: May I respond through you to Frances?

PRESIDENT BETTY: Yes, you may.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: Frances, in your report as far as correspondence, my husband is a PC-in-C. He says that the only way he knows of the illness and the deaths of other PC-in-Cs or other Sons is through the correspondence that Frances sends to me. He is very appreciative of Frances' letters.

PRESIDENT BETTY: When we hear the numbers through Sister Frances' report, it doesn't sound like I did anything, does it?

National Treasurer Eileen, are you ready?

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER

This has been an exciting and busy year as well as being a challenge. It has been a pleasure to serve the National Organization. As I complete each year, I think the next year will be easier, but each year has different problems to be solved than the previous year. I think this makes the treasurer's office interesting as well as a challenge.

My effort has been to fill orders for supplies promptly, but it has been difficult at times, as the supplier has been slow in sending my orders. I am waiting for orders of Membership Badges and Past Auxiliary Presidents Badges. I have needed to order more supplies than I usually do.

Correspondence has been heavy this year and I have made every effort possible to reply promptly.

I was able to complete the I.R.S. forms when they arrived, thanks to all Auxiliaries and Departments for your fine cooperation.

The good news this year: three new Auxiliaries formed, namely Texas, Michigan, and Tennessee. I understand Ohio is expected to have a new one in the very near future.

I have made every effort to keep within the budget, but postage has been heavy this year. I have shipped out 36 orders of supplies, (some were large orders) plus 4 new Auxiliary packets. This being our first year of bulk mailing, we had expenses above what we expected. I received more orders for supplies due to every member receiving the General Orders.

After having a discussion with our National President regarding increases on some supply items, we needed to increase some prices. This was due to information I obtained from several printers. They would not give me an accurate estimate until we would be ordering items, because of several possible increases to them, namely

overhead, paper, ink, and labor. We have not had any price increase since 1992 except badges. I feel right now with these increases it is possible we would not need an increase again in the next few years, unless prices increase faster than expectations.

Most of you are not aware of the amount of money that National Secretary Frances Murray has saved the National Organization while she has been in office. It would be a tremendous amount if she added it up.

When the two Certificates of Deposit in the Fleet Bank in Rhode Island and the one in the Dauphin Bank in Pennsylvania were to mature, I consulted the National President and she gave me the approval I needed to roll them over for 5.25%, which is an increase from last year. I refer you to Page 29 of the C.R.&R. at the top of the page. It is stated: Certificates of Deposit may be rolled over by the approval of the National President. The Certificate of Deposit in Norwest Bank in Iowa will mature on September 5, 1997. This is a \$5,000 Investment Fund I wish to have placed at the Fleet Bank in Rhode Island.

I have the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the interest from Permanent Fund Investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Membership at Large.

Recommendation #2: We order 5,000 or more brochures. Last order was for 10,000 two years ago at a cost of \$675.00. (The bill for these brochures was paid on November 9, 1995.)

Recommendation #3: Roll Call Cards: when supply is depleted that we have a binder with Roll Call pages. This would enable Auxiliaries to have more than two years in the book. The Roll Call Cards are for two years, then Auxiliaries file them. I heard some Auxiliaries discard them after two years. I think it is necessary for the Auxiliaries to keep them for future information for their records. A binder would enable them to keep many years in them.

HONOR ROLL

Mary Sampson, PDP	PC-in-C Eugene & PNP Jennie Russell	10.00
Edith Snyder, PNP, NY	National Organization Auxiliary	15.00
	PNP Association	10.00
Irene Archer, PDP, NJ	NJ Department Auxiliary	15.00
	Auxiliary #2 Union City, NJ	10.00

Dorothy Klunk, PDP, NJ	PNP Florence Jansson	10.00
	NJ Department Auxiliary	15.00
	Auxiliary #2 Union City, NJ	10.00
	Florence's Violets	10.00
Beverly Mills, ME	PNP Frances and Sandy Murray	
		10.00
Fred Combs, PC-in-C, NJ	PNP Florence Jansson	10.00
	PNP Esther Peiper	15.00
	PNP Anne O. Clayton	25.00
	PDC Forest & PDP Orma Altland	
		15.00
	PNP Marion Combs	100.00
Mary Centini, PDP, PA	PA Department Auxiliary	10.00
Eva Wyman, PDP, NH	PDP Association NH	10.00
Caroline Riddell, PNP, PA	National Organization Auxiliary	
		15.00
	PA Department Auxiliary	10.00
	PNP Esther Peiper	10.00
	PNP Frances and Sandy Murray	
		10.00
	Caroline's 76ers	10.00
	PNP Florence Forbey	5.00
	PNP Eileen Coombs	10.00
	PC-in-C Elmer &	
	PNP Margaret Atkinson	25.00
	PC-in-C Richard Schlenker	25.00
Russell Scofield, CT	PDP Mary Scofield	10.00
	PNP Catherine Zapatka	10.00
	Auxiliary #20, CT	10.00
Pluma Werkheirser, PAP, PA	PNP Esther Peiper	10.00
Dorris Schlenker, PNP, MD/DEN	National Organization Auxiliary	
		15.00
	PNP Esther Peiper	25.00
	PNP Anne O. Clayton	20.00
	PNP Marion Combs	25.00
	PC-in-C Elmer &	
	PNP Margaret Atkinson	25.00
	PDP Club, PA	10.00
	PNP Frances Murray	10.00
	PNP Eileen Coombs	10.00
	The Schlenker Family	<u>100.00</u>
		700.00

These Sisters and Brothers are a great loss to our membership. "Others may take their places, but none can replace them."

I hope I have met all of your expectations of this office.

A nice event for me this year was when the RI Department Sons and Auxiliary honored me for my 55 years of active membership. National President Betty Baker attended and presented me a Certificate of Grateful Recognition and a Certificate of Appreciation.

The RI Department presented me a Certificate too. I received many other gifts. Thanks RI Department.

To my National President Betty Baker, it has been a pleasure to be a part of your official family. I thank you for the privilege of representing you at the Maine Encampment and one day of the Massachusetts Encampment. I have enjoyed having you visit my home twice this year. It enabled me to get better acquainted with you. I thank you for taking me to Maine in March when you made your official visit to the Maine Department. My wish for you is that your Encampment is all you hope it will be and when it is over, I hope you have many happy memories of this year.

To National Secretary Frances Murray, you have always been the best help whenever I called. Thanks, Frances.

To Teresa Doyle, National Patriotic Instructor and Michelle Langley, National Chief of Staff, I certainly have enjoyed working with you this year. Our paths have crossed several times this year and I feel we have enjoyed a friendship that I hope will continue in the future. Michelle, it was a pleasure to have you visit my home a couple of times this year. I enjoyed your company. Thanks for the trip to Maine in March.

Thanks to all Sisters of the Auxiliaries and Departments for your many letters, orders, and fine cooperation this year. It has been great.

You have kept me busy and made my life exciting and interesting. I pray 1998 will bring sunshine and good health to all. I have enjoyed my year in spite of all the work. God Bless all of you.

LIFE MEMBERS

Rhoda Lemanski, WI	100.00
Orma Altland, OH	100.00
Lori Hubbard, CT	<u>150.00</u>
	350.00

MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

Amander Bunnel, CA	15.00
Janice Yates, TN	15.00
Donna Jones Mills, KY	15.00

Barbara Bunnell	15.00
Priscilla Blatchford	15.00
Linda M. Griffeth, IN	15.00
Elaine Shannon, PA	15.00
Christine M. Abood, MI	15.00
Gloria Sullivan, MI	15.00
Bernadine Boyle, MD	15.00
Maureen Babas, MI	15.00
Karen Misiano	15.00
Dolores Mulford, AZ	15.75
J. Carlene Berry	15.00
Roxanne Hazel	15.00
Pat J. Everette	<u>15.00</u>
	240.75

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance August 1, 1996		7,075.13
Receipts:		
Supplies		2,044.10
Per Capita	3292.25	
Patriotic Instructor (96)	546.50	
Patriotic Instructor (97)	1285.76	
Chief of Staff (96)	699.00	
Chief of Staff (97)	4,115.99	
Interest		1,598.50
Late Fines	84.00	
Registration (96)	320.00	
Charters (MI & TN)	40.00	
Publicity		410.00
Miscellaneous	<u>287.95</u>	
	14,744.05	
	<u>+14,744.05</u>	
	21,819.18	
Checks not cashed:		
	#302	12.00
	#304	6.00
	#314	<u>6.00</u>
		24.00
	<u>+ 24.00</u>	
	21,843.18	

Disbursements:

Office Expense (includes new Ledger)	185.24	
Postage (includes mailing '95 Proceedings)	1,073.32	
Goodwill	650.00	
Printing (includes printing '95 Proceedings)	1,127.00	
Travel - National President	1,800.00	
Supplies (includes PNP Badge)	1,563.21	
Life Membership Dues	96.00	
Honor Roll (Edith Snyder, Caroline Riddell, & Dorris Schlenker)	45.00	
Publicity		15.00
Recruiting	213.97	
Bond		136.00
Miscellaneous	526.33	

Wreaths:

Lincoln Memorial	54.95	
Gettysburg	25.00	
Lincoln Tomb	40.00	
Cathedral of the Pines (donation)	25.00	

Convention:

Convention Committee	400.00	
Room for Secretary & Treasurer	589.82	
Meals for NP, Secy., Treas.	150.00	
Chief of Staff Allowance	50.00	
Stenographer (J. Johnston)	125.00	
Musician		30.00
Gratuities	25.00	
Mileage		588.68
GAR Memorial (American Legion Museum)		350.00
National President Testimonial	200.00	
Love Token (Sons)	250.00	
Love Token (Commander-in-Chief)	60.00	
Memorial Service Chaplain	25.00	
Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee	25.00	
National Congress of Patriotic Organizations		25.00
Corporation Renewal	5.00	
Non-Profit Mailing Permit & Stamp	170.00	
Scholarship	350.00	

Total Disbursements	10,994.52	<u>-10,994.52</u>
Balance in Checking Account		10,848.66

PERMANENT FUND

Balance August 1, 1996		7,807.09
Honor Roll	700.00	
Life Membership	350.00	
Membership at Large	240.75	
Interest		<u>145.96</u>
	1,436.71	
<u>+1,436.71</u>		
9,243.80		
Fleet Bank Certificate of Deposit 8036081056		
<u>7,000.00</u>		
Total Permanent Fund		16,243.80

SUMMARY

Checking Account Balance	10,848.66	
Savings Account 9365497196 (Permanent Fund)	9,243.80	
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081056 (Permanent Fund)	7,000.00	
Fleet Bank C.D. 8036081048 (Patriotic Fund)	7,500.00	
Dauphin Bank 90678 (Patriotic Fund)		14,189.62
Norwest Bank Iowa C.D. 231789 (Investment)	<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	53,782.08	

Estimated Inventory: 3,163.96

Eileen R. Coombs, PNP
National Treasurer

MARTHA JOHNSON, PDP, PA: Sister National President, I would like to report on our visit to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. They send their very best to you. It was a nice greeting with the Ladies over there. I felt sort of at home because I had two of my own Auxiliary members in the Ladies of the G.A.R. that I got to say hello to and of course Betty Koch was there and she seems to be holding up pretty well this time. This time last year she wasn't in the best of shape. So thank you for the privilege of sending Michelle,

Betty, and me over to visit with the Ladies.

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Patriotic Instructor Teresa, do you have the first part of your report ready?

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

When I accepted the office of Patriotic Instructor, it was with the understanding that I would be limited in the amount of travel which I could accomplish. So, my travel area was limited basically to New England. I did receive a lot of positive support from all the members there.

Auxiliary members supplied handcrafts and other items to help raise funds, and these items went to most all of the meetings I was able to attend. Tickets were printed and distributed for a raffle to be held at National Encampment in Utica, with prizes donated by Auxiliary members. I wrote several letters to companies which I thought would possibly donate items for our raffle, but did not receive any response from them. Monetary donations started slowly, but came in steadily after Departments started having their Encampments.

Prior to National Encampment, Patriotic Instructor reports were received from 12 Departments: Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California-Pacific, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

The charity I chose to receive our Love Token in memory of the G.A.R. was the Mohawk Valley Alzheimer Association. Karina Hahn will attend our meeting on Friday afternoon of Encampment to accept our contribution.

I would like to thank all the members who donated items for my sales table, all those who bought or sold chances, and everyone who gave donations, either personally or from their Departments and auxiliaries. Without all of you it would not be possible to achieve success. Thank you again.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Number of Flags Distributed by Auxiliaries	2768
Number of Patriotic Entertainments Given	183
Number of National Anniversaries Observed	92
Number of Patriotic Papers Read in Auxiliaries	182
Number of Occasions Camps & Auxiliaries	
United in Patriotic Meetings	108
Amount Expended for Patriotic Work	\$3,952.81

How many members fly the flag on Memorial Day?390

Special Mention:

Auxiliary activities included: Planning and participating in Memorial Day and Veterans Day church services, programs and parades; placing flags and/or wreaths on graves in cemeteries; attended Massing of the Colors at a Veterans Cemetery; participated in cemetery clean-up with camp & Boy Scouts; presented flags to other groups; hosting Civil War programs and patriotic luncheon (5 Allied Orders, guests and National President and Commander and staffs); memorial programs; recruitment efforts at Air Force and Army bases and re-enactments; participated in re-enactments; presentations at local schools re: Civil War and our organization; cleaning, restoration and/or replacement of Civil War statues and soldiers headstones; worked with GAR Museum on various programs; presented monetary awards to deserving recipients; donated money toward bench at Veterans Cemetery; food to needy vets, Memorial Day programs; visited Veterans Homes and donated items and money to same; and visited new citizens to celebrate their Naturalization.

Teresa Doyle
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Chaplain Marguerite, are you ready?

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your National Chaplain. I have tried to the best of my ability to fulfill my obligation. I would like to thank all those who have helped to guide me along the way. It is with great sorrow to report the passing of our Past National President Caroline Riddell and Past National President Dorris Schlenker.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Departments Reporting

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Number Members Present on Memorial Day	140
Number Members Attending Sunday Memorial Service	71
Number of Deaths Since April 1	18
Number of Funeral Occasions where Burial Service of the Order Was Used	12
Amount Expended for Floral and Grave Decorations/Donations	

\$334.00

How Many Times Committee Appointed to Confer with Camp

36

Number of Children Assisting Auxiliary on Memorial Day 229

National President Betty, my wish for you is a most successful and productive Encampment.

Marguerite Plante

National Chaplain

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PRESIDENT BETTY: I couldn't help noticing in Sister Marguerite's report that she mentioned that she had eight departments that reported to her. We have seventeen departments in our National Organization.

It would be nice if you would encourage your Departments to send the proper reports so we can give your Department credit for your year's work.

National Press Correspondent, Mary Scofield, may we have your report?

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

One year ago at our National Encampment, you honored me by electing me as your National Press Correspondent. I have tried to the best of my ability to do what was required of me and to compile an album of clippings that have been sent to me. I wish to thank all of the Sisters who sent me articles for the album.

To our National President Betty Baker, it has been an honor to be on your staff and I hope that your Encampment will be harmonious and successful so you have many pleasant memories.

Mary Scofield

National Press Correspondent

PRESIDENT BETTY: Director of the Budget, Emma Wheeler, may we have your report?

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: Before we even start on these statistics, I hope you realize that this is an estimation, looking back and seeing what you had before and what I think it might be this next year. We also didn't pay the Stenographer for what she didn't do, so we had to put it in for next year. You know we don't pay them until they do it! Also for the Proceedings, too, because they haven't gone

in, so I have to put an estimation in here of what these things are coming to in order to have it anywhere near what it is supposed to be.

1996/1997**1997/1998****Estimated Actual Difference Estimated****Income****Income**

Per Capita Tax	\$2,900.00	\$3,292.25	\$392.25	\$3,100.00
Per Capita Fines	20.00	84.00	64.00	20.00
Nat'l Chief of Staff, 1995/1996 year only	2,500.00	2,650.01	150.01	2,500.00
Patriotic Instructor, 1995/1996 year only	2,000.00	2,144.01	144.01	2,000.00
Sales of supplies, postage and handling	1,250.00	2,044.10	794.10	1,500.00
Sales of Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Registration Fee, 1996 Conv.	200.00	320.00		120.00
	250.00			
Interest on CD's (90678, 231789, 8036081056, 8036081048)	1,800.00	1,598.90	(201.10)	1,500.00
Charters	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	287.95	287.95	0.00
Publicity	0.00	430.00	430.00	0.00
Checks not cashed	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00
Sub-total Income	\$10,670.00	\$12,915.22	\$2,245.22	\$10,870.00
Overage to be taken from National Chief of Staff & Patriotic Instructor Funds	148.00	0.00	0.00	171.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,818.00	\$12,915.22	\$2,245.22	\$11,041.00

Expenses

Goodwill	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Proceedings:	1,600.00	983.00	(617.00)	1,800.00
Encampment Stenographer (\$125.00 second half not paid yet)		125.00	125.00	250.00
Formatting (1996 not done yet)				
Printing (1995 only \$983.00)				
President's Travel	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,073.32	73.32	1,300.00
Printing	1,000.00	1,127.00	127.00	1,000.00

Roster & General Orders	450.00			
Membership Cards, Req. books, etc	350.00			
Envelopes		0.00		
Advertising Pamphlets & MAL	320.00	0.00	(320.00)	
	320.00			
Honor Roll - deaths	30.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
PNP Caroline Riddell				
PNP Dorris Schlenker				
Badge & Engraving	300.00	1163.98	863.98	500.00
PNP Badge - \$170.81				
Membership Badges				
Badges				
Ribbon				
Life Member Dues	192.00	96.00	(96.00)	100.00
Scholarship		350.00	350.00	0.00
	350.00			
Misc. Supplies & Functions	150.00	185.24	35.24	150.00
Treasurer's Bond	136.00	136.00	0.00	136.00
Nat'l Encampment Committee	400.00	400.00		0.00
	400.00			
Nat'l President's Testimonial	200.00	200.00		0.00
	200.00			
Wreaths & other memorials	175.00	169.95	(5.05)	175.00
L.B.N.C.C. - \$25.00				
National Congress of Patriotic Organizations - \$25.00				
Lincoln Tomb - \$40.00				
Cathedral of the Pines - \$25.00				
Wreath for Washington, DC - \$54.95				
Mileage for Officers	350.00	588.68	238.68	500.00
Commander-in-Chief's Gift	60.00	60.00	0.00	75.00
Love Token, Sons	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Musician, 1996	30.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Chief of Staff Allowance	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Room for Nat'l President, if needed	250.00	0.00	(250.00)	250.00
Rooms for Nat'l Secretary & Nat'l Treasurer	525.00	589.92	64.92	525.00
Allowance for Meals (National: President, Secretary, Treasurer)	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Gratuities		25.00	25.00	0.00

25.00				
Memorial Service, Chaplain	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Total Expenses	\$10,818.00	\$10,258.09	\$(559.91)	\$11,041.00

1995/1996 Profit \$2657.13

DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: These are all just estimations and I think we will come out ahead most of the way. This year we have been in the black, for which I am very grateful and I'm sure the girls are too. They can be congratulated for coming out in the black. As long as we continue to come out in the black, I am glad that Betty left the Per Capita tax the same because we have lost a lot of the older people since the Per Capita tax went up. I feel that they are the ones who do the work and have been doing it. We can't seem to get the younger ones to do the same amount of work as the old timers have done and if we could, I think you'd see that these would pick up a lot more, too.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Emma, that's a fine job that you have done. I'd like to make a suggestion at this point. Since our Director of the Budget does such a nice job and gives us a report so we all can see it, and we are all capable of reading, why couldn't she save a little of her time and her voice and just give us highlights of the report in the future.

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: I would like to thank my daughter who does use her computer. I would never get it done if it weren't for her help.

PRESIDENT BETTY: National Historian and Counselor Beatrice Greenwalt, could you do both of your reports at once?

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

I enjoy my office as National Historian with interest. I am still reading and compiling the past history of our Organization, of events of Auxiliaries, Departments, and National. About places that Memorials are presented in the name of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout the past years. This year of 1996 - 1997 will be printed as a very Historical time of events:

February 12, 1997 - was the 75th Anniversary year of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC in 1922, with an extra special ceremony by the United States Park Service with the US

Army and Navy Band, along with our Grand Army of the Republic Family Organizations.

This 75th Anniversary presentation ceremony also consisted of the 188th Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln.

On this date, February 12th or as near as possible, many Auxiliaries and their Sons Camps hold joint Lincoln Memorial dinners and programs.

April 15, 1997 - was the 41st Annual Ceremony of the G.A.R. Organization Families, which also consisted of the 132nd Anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln, held at the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois.

April 27, 1997 - was another Historical event, the 175th Anniversary services of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant at Grant's Tomb in New York City. It was also the 100th Anniversary of the completion and dedication of Grant's Tomb. The Auxiliary, the Sons and others of the G.A.R. family organizations participated in a massive parade and extra special Memorial Ceremony program. Grant's descendants were there.

July 1, 1997 - another Historical once-in-a-history era, a special event of "The Last Reunion", held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This was a 2 day event of programs, which included a ceremony of 2 last living widows of the Civil War, meeting together on the Gettysburg Battlefield. These 2 widows were: Mrs. Daisy Anderson, an Auxiliary member and the widow of Union veteran Robert Anderson, who was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Daisy now being age 97, she was 21 and Robert 79 when they married. Daisy was given a Life Membership by the New York Department Auxiliary.

The other widow was Mrs. Alberta Martin, widow of a Confederate Veteran, William Jasper Martin. Alberta now being age 91, was 21 and William 81 when they married. The Auxiliary, the Sons, and other of the G.A.R. family organizations participated in honoring these 2 ladies at the reunion, making this a special Historical event.

Three new Auxiliaries were instituted this year:

December 7, 1996 - Houston, Texas. The first big event of this new Auxiliary was with their Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, jointly re-dedicating a Civil War Monument with ceremonies. An active faithful member of the National Auxiliary, Past National President Florence Jansson of Houston, Texas, at the active age of 90, participated in the ceremonies, and hopes to get involved in helping the new Auxiliary get under way.

July 11, 1997 - new Auxiliary at Jackson, Michigan

July 20, 1997 - new Auxiliary at Fort Donelson, Tennessee

May we continue to grow with new Auxiliaries and new members, and may many more Memorials be left in the cities and states in the name of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for years to come in history.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt
National Historian

*Guides and Color Guards escorted the National Patriotic
Instructor and a
representative of the recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's gift
in memory of the G.A.R.. to the altar.*

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Karina, we welcome you and we are privileged to be able to present to you the Patriotic Instructor's presentation this afternoon. Sisters, with me salute. Guides and Color Guards, please escort the Patriotic Instructor and our guest to the podium.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR TERESA DOYLE: I'd like to present Karina House, who is a representative of the Mohawk Valley Alzheimer's Association of Utica, which is the charity I chose to receive our Love Token in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. I chose this organization in memory of my grandmother who would be here if she could. She is in a nursing home now and she has Alzheimer's. I am sure that many of you probably remember her, Elizabeth Taplin. She went to many Department meetings, Regional meetings, and she did attend National meetings. I remember one I attended with her in Wilmington, DE and we had a great time. Karina, I would like to present this gift to you.

KARINA HOUSE: Thank you, we appreciate this. As many of you may know, Alzheimer's disease is a disease that affects the entire family, not only the person that actually has the disease as I am sure that Teresa can share with you. We are grateful for this gift and the opportunity to use this money to serve our local community. We serve Herkimer and Oneida Counties and provide support and education to people who are affected by this disease. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Linda, would you please respond?

LINDA FIELDS, PDP, NY: Karina, on behalf of the National

Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we thank you for coming and accepting our Patriotic Instructor's donation. You are very right, I am sure that your organization is well deserving of this donation and we can all very well relate to that. It is a terrible disease and we hope that this gift will help make somebody's day a little brighter. We thank you for joining us. *Guides and Color Guards escorted our guest out.*

NATIONAL COUNSELOR REPORT

My dear National President Betty, I was indeed honored to be chosen out of all the Auxiliary Past Presidents to be your Counselor for your term 1996-1997. I shall always consider it a distinct pleasure and honor to have been a member of your official family. My sincere appreciation for the confidence placed in me by this appointment.

Because of your experience during your long membership in Auxiliary #72, the New York Department and National offices you have held, you were accustomed to the C.R.&R. and By-Laws. This made few decisions of opinions on my part necessary, even though you mentioned that you read them both a couple of more times for decisions.

I enjoyed most of your telephone calls about matters except when your Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis was giving you and National President Leta Torrey, of the Ladies of the Grand Army, such bad times. I was so pleased you were able to stay your pleasant self and handled each of his telephone calls with graciousness - even though after you hung up, you vented your anger then.

I followed your travels from state to state and some back again on my calendar, often worrying about weather conditions.

During our trip together to Washington, DC, we were able to discuss some problems and I heard about the interesting stories of happenings at some Departments. I know that by your stories of the many new friends you met and the courtesies extended to you, the members in the various Departments must have been inspired by your enthusiastic interest in our Organization "Meet the Challenge - Secure our Future".

I was very impressed with the dignity in which you represented our Organization there in Washington, among the many government dignitaries.

Sister President, may you have memories and lasting friendships gained.

May the local members who attended the Departments and this

National Encampment get caught up in your enthusiasm of our Order and go back home inspired to eagerly work toward a growth in our Auxiliaries, as you have so sincerely worked for all your term.

Many people that you have met in your travels will not forget National President Betty Baker.

I am wishing you a very Happy Encampment of Memories.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP
National Counselor

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you. Is the National Chief of Staff ready for the first part of her report?

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

The job as National Chief of Staff is a large task, but when you are doing it for someone as special as the National President, the task seems much easier. I've tried to think of unique and fun ways to raise funds to fulfill my obligation..

I sent extra mailings with the hopes that it would gain us funds and take the burden off of a select group that has always supported our organization. I feel you will see by my financial report that it has proven beneficial. Not only did it gain funds, but it helped reach people that have a great interest in our organization, but never hear from anyone. Many letters of friendship and fraternal caring have made my job easier each day. I highly encourage the future National Chief of Staff to consider taking this extra measure of communication.

I have enjoyed working with our National Treasurer Eileen, this past year. Sister Eileen and I have checked our balances and have been exact all year. Her support and friendly encouragement has made my year most enjoyable. Thank you, Sister Eileen, for your gracious hospitality during my visits to the New England states.

There are a few people I would like to give an extra thank you to. Would the following please come forward to accept this small token of love: Linda Fields, Janice Dawson, Eileen Coombs, Bea Greenwalt, and Betty Baker.

My sincere thanks to all of you. Each of you remembered and all of you took part. So, thanks to every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

Sister National President, I hope you will enjoy the events that I have charge of to make your Encampment enjoyable. Thank you for selecting me to be your Chief of Staff. It was an honor and a privilege. I offer you these words:

When you come to the end of this busy year
And have time to relax and feel free,
Please think of the friends you have made along the way
Who think you are as sweet and nice as can be.
We love you, dear Betty, and gave of our best
To make your dreams come true.
Here's our every good wish that Encampment may be
Filled with joys and sweet pleasures for you,
For this marks the end of a journey, too.
May you feel repaid for the work you have done
In the thought that we know you are true.
May memory paint this a perfect year
In colors that you like best,
For you to have when you grow old
And have time to dream and rest.

Michelle Langley
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Michelle. National Personal Aide, Linda Fields. You are surprising me, ladies. We are going along real well today!

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE REPORT

Last year when Sister Betty appointed me as her National Personal Aide, the words “your services will bring comfort to her on many occasions and her work will be made easier because of your thoughtfulness” took on a great significance for me.

The office of National President has an enormous responsibility like I have never seen before. Sister Betty, you have spent this past year carrying on the traditions and history of our ancestors, along with spreading the values and principles that will continue to make our organization strong in the future. I have seen the long hours of dedicated and loyal service that you have given unselfishly to this organization. Sister Betty, you truly have given your heart and soul to the organization. I only hope that what I have done for you during this past year has in some small way made your job a little easier. I hope that I have helped to create some fond memories that you will be able to look back upon and treasure and smile. I have never seen anyone more deserving than you, Sister Betty. You truly are my “sister”.

I would also like to thank you for the opportunity to travel with you this past year. I have been to places that I have never seen before and have enjoyed our trips together, from “sleeping under the pines” to the majestic beauty of our nation’s capital. I don’t know if I will get over getting so close to Memphis and not be able to touch “the heavenly gate”. I am going to hold you to your promise of a trip to the “mansion” in the fall. I was pleased to be able to travel with you to several Department Encampments. I learned a lot about our organization. I was most impressed and taken back by the privilege of being present at the ceremonies at Gettysburg, Lincoln’s Memorial in Washington, and the Civil War Widows Reunion. Thank you again for the opportunity, lesson about “runaway trucks”, and mirrors on the trees.

Through our travels, I have collected photos and souvenirs and wish to present this memory book to you. I hope that they will give you much pleasure in the future. Take care and may that “angel on your shoulder” keep you safe, my friend and sister.

A friend is someone who will share
Both bright and cloudy days;
Someone who makes you happy
In so many ways;
Someone with whom you can discuss
The little things you’ve planned,
Or just keep quiet,
Knowing that she’ll always understand.

A friend can be all of these things
And so much more,
When the friend is very special
And as wonderful as you.

Linda J. Fields, PDP
National Personal Aide

PERSONAL AIDE LINDA: Sister Betty, I’d like to present these two photo albums. We went to so many different places that they had to go into two books! I would like to thank Special Aide Maude. She helped us put them together.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Linda, I really appreciate it all. I told Linda when I asked her if she would be my Personal Aide that I knew she had a heavy schedule of work and she didn’t have to travel with

me or do anything extra special, just be there when I asked her. Well, all of a sudden the asking got rather long and lengthy! Not only did the travels get pretty heavy in April and May to the point where I couldn't get caught up, she took over the duty of wrapping and doing every one of my gifts. So, I really appreciate all the work she put into that. Thank you.

The Chaplain closed the Bible for a short recess.

PRESIDENT BETTY: May we have the Revision of Blanks Committee Report, Sister Frances?

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BLANKS REPORT

Our committee has revised the Quarterly Report Form for Auxiliaries and Departments by adding the Life Membership line of whether to pay per capita on life members or not. This can be confusing, but hopefully will be settled and understood after this convention. Another type of Quarterly Report form is also under construction.

Upon the serious illness of PNP Dorris Schlenker, PNP Margaret Atkinson offered to replace Dorris on this committee and for this I thank Margaret.

The Report of Instituting Officer and the Appointment of Instituting Officer changes approved at the last convention are in the process of being retyped.

The Rehabilitation Report has been revised, but I am still not satisfied with the way the form is, but all of us have looked it over and requested advice from members, and no one seems to come up with any suggestions.

Thank you for appointing us to this committee.

Frances A. Murray, PNP, Chair
Margaret Atkinson, PNP
Dorothy Kern, PDP

PRESIDENT BETTY: Do you have the Site Committee Report, Frances?

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

I am afraid there is not much to report. I read in the Banner that Jim Hilton of Ohio was the Chair of the Site Committee this year.

When I e-mailed Jim for a copy of the contract for Utica, he replied that he had resigned as Chair of the Site Committee. I then read again in the Banner of his resignation and that Jim Lyons had been appointed Chair.

I knew that we were going to Harrisburg, PA in 1998 and Indianapolis, Indiana in 1999, and then read in the Banner the dates for Harrisburg would be August 7-9 and Indianapolis August 20-22. I do not know who sets the dates for National Encampments, nor do I know how the set-up goes to establish who is in charge of what. Communication is non-existent.

The Executive Committee of the New York Department Ladies of the GAR has written two letters to the Site Committee regarding Utica, etc. and by the tone of their letters, I don't think the Sons will be happy about accommodating the letters.

I will try to see Jim Lyons, the current Chair, at this Encampment.

Frances Murray
Auxiliary Site Committee

MOVED by VP Jacquelyn Johnston, NH

SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH

That we accept all Committee reports, spread in full in the Proceedings and

discharge the Committees with thanks.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: I understand that two of the ladies that we recently instituted in the state of Michigan have come to join us today, Dorothy Lowe, President of the new Auxiliary and Darlene Miller. I hope all you ladies will extend a welcome to these Sisters. They are here to learn about us and enjoy our friendship.

Sister Frances, do you have some more correspondence to finish?

The National Secretary read the following:

1. Thank you from Sister Margaret Atkinson, PNP for help and support for the two years she was in office.
2. Thank you from Karl Schaeffer, Co-Chairman of the Memorial Museum and Library, recipient of the 1996 Patriotic Instructor's Memorial Gift.
3. Thank you from the family of Caroline Riddell, PNP.
4. Thank you for our sympathy and Honor Roll gift from the family of Dorris Schlenker, PNP.
5. Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines for contribution.

6. Thank you from David R. Medert, PC-in-C for cards and gifts received at the National Encampment and for the friendship and support of the Auxiliary.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Restoration of Rank, Sister Esther Peiper, are you ready with your report?

RESTORATION OF RANK

We, the Committee on Restoration of Rank, having received nothing in the way of communication of inquiry on restoring any member's officer's rank, feel we should place the information listed in the C.R.&R., in this year's report.

We are now in the process of forming a number of new Auxiliaries. We could be accepting former members, who have traveled for a number of years and are again joining these new Auxiliaries and could seek their officer's privilege, the right to vote or be elected to an office at Department Encampment.

The C.R.&R. Rule is written on Page 37 as follows:

Article VI, Section 1. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Auxiliary President, the member shall make request in writing to the Auxiliary of which she is a member. If acted upon favorably by the Auxiliary, in regular session, said request shall be presented to the Department Encampment and if favorably acted upon, said rank shall be restored.

Section 2. The rank of Past Department or Past National President may be restored upon compliance with the same form, with the exception that the request for restoration shall be made to the Department and the rank may be restored by the National Encampment.

"Thank You" Sister National President Betty for our appointment to this Committee.

Esther G. Peiper, PNP, Chair
Alice Doyle, PDP, VT

The Connecticut Department Report was read.

NATIONAL TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS, ME: I was waiting for the Ritual Committee to report. I was not contacted as to how many Rituals I had on hand and I think you all need to think about it. I have 130 Rituals on hand and I am selling more Rituals now because where I used to sell one or two, I am selling them six, eight, and ten. I don't know how long ago you had these Rituals made and

how much it cost to have them done, but I am going to need a supply of them very shortly if I continue to sell as I have been. I just wanted you to think about it overnight and maybe someone can come up with some information, because I can't find it in the ledgers that I have. We need to think about getting more Rituals because 130 may see me through until the fall, and when it comes spring I won't just be looking for badges, I'll be looking for Rituals! So give it a thought girls, and see if someone can come up with some information for me.

PRESIDENT BETTY: As we, the National President and Officers, travel, we try to encourage the purchase of this Ritual and when we institute a new Auxiliary, we very highly encourage it before we go and we try to take some with us. So there has been a large increase in the sale of the Ritual and I hope that in the future, the new incoming President's year, she'll have the high influx of them too as we take in the new Auxiliaries.

I would like to say to my sitting Department Presidents, we will meet tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in my room. Be bright and cheery eyed. You may need to get some energized batteries from Eileen!

We are running very well, so we will have free time, I think, tomorrow. There will be a question and answer period scheduled so, the new people in the room, the old people in the room, please be thinking of anything you would like to ask questions about. The Past National Presidents will try to answer your questions. So you girls better be boning up on what's right and wrong so you can answer these questions!

*The Chaplain closed the Bible and we recessed until 9:00 A.M.
Saturday morning.*

THIRD SESSION
Saturday Morning, August 9, 1997
9:13 A.M.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Good Morning, ladies. I'm sorry we're a little bit late, but I thought you did such a wonderful job yesterday that I'd give you a few minutes. Right this minute I could use one of those "energized batteries" but we hope to move along this morning and finish up a few more reports. We have the extreme pleasure to be able to initiate a new member this morning.

The Guard reported all entitled to remain.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Before I open the Bible, I would like to say something to a few ladies in the room. Would Michelle Langley please stand. National Chief of Staff, I don't know how you did it, where you did it, or what, but last night was fantastic! (Referring to the appearance of Elvis at the Courtesy Hour) I've always had a dream that someday I'd see Elvis but that dream ended when he passed away. I never dreamed that this would happen to me and how you pulled it off, I'll never know, but he was as close as I am ever going to get! I thank you and everyone who helped with that, a very big thank you.

Would the New York Department members please stand. These ladies have been behind me, with me, beside me, in front of me, helping me all the time. I never know what to expect out of the New York Department, but last night you just did it all. You'll never know what that meant to me for you girls to even try to accomplish it and then to accomplish it, it's beyond me. I'll always be in your debt. Thank you, ladies. We had a very enjoyable Campfire. Did everyone love those bagpipes?

We sat up quite awhile last night trying to get all the lovely gifts that everyone gave me out and ready so you'll be able to see them tonight. My Personal Aide has a half a day of work yet, but she'll accomplish it. She's done some things that I never expected would get accomplished, so I know that she will accomplish it and I hope you will take the time to come and see them. They are just gorgeous and I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. If you don't receive a personal "thank you" from me, please take this as my extreme Thank You, but I will try to get a chance to write each and every one of you a little note. You all have been extremely wonderful to me this whole year and I thank every one of you. Did everybody win last night? They had some beautiful prizes.

The Chaplain opened the Bible.

Minutes were read from Friday's sessions by the Stenographer and approved.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Last night I was given a very beautiful doll from PNP Isabelle Roberts. A special lady in the room, PDP Emma Prince, wrote this little poem to go with it for me, but it wasn't given to me until this morning.

A DOLL IN ROYAL PURPLE

This doll is dressed in purple for someone's special day

Her face reflects her dignity as some folks want to say
 Her hair's graceful ringlets fall about her swan-like neck
 with the hands and dainty posture show her deep respect
 A smile sweetly softens as she gazes round about
 The thought you have about her they're quiet without doubt
 Enjoy her regal manner for she reflects your charm
 Hug her to your bosom to keep your love warm.

Thank you, Emma. That's very beautiful.

I believe I have two Past National Presidents who weren't in the room yesterday: Sisters Ora Moitoso and Catherine Zapatka. Would you please rise and my Personal Aide will present you with a little gift and give you a bluebird of happiness to put on your shoulder.

Will the President of our new club that was formed this morning, Sister Dorothy Bianco of Connecticut, tell us what they did.

DOROTHY BIANCO, DP, CT: We're called "Betty's Bluebirds" and we intend to fly for the coming year. We are going to keep in touch with each other and with any other of our members who are at National this year that may need to call on us. We are willing to be called. I think Betty has something she would like to share with you. PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Dorothy. Thank you, Sisters. I have adopted a new idea. You know me! All year I have served with some very special Presidents and a lot of them did not have the opportunity to come back in and be my daughters. So I have two departments that we have adopted. We now have two adopted daughters to Betty's Bluebirds: Janice Dawson and Peggy Schaefer have been adopted to our club because I served and worked with them so much all year long. I'm sorry, Margaret, but you lost your daughters! We'll both train them and teach them, OK?

The National Officers initiated a new member, Katrinka Conant.

PRESIDENT BETTY: We are now going to continue reports that we didn't get to yesterday. National Special Aide Maude, are you ready?

NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDE REPORT

Sister National President, one year ago you asked me to be your Special Aide. I am very sorry that I couldn't be with you on many of your trips, but doctor appointments just seemed to keep me from going with you. I did attend your dinner and reception at the Waterloo Holiday Inn, put on by the New York Department and your Auxiliary #72. I also went to

Gettysburg to see you place a wreath in November on Remembrance Day. I know you must have many wonderful memories of your year as National President.

I wish for you a memorable convention. Thank you again for asking me to be your Special Aide.

Maude Baker
National Special Aide

PRESIDENT BETTY: That completes all officer's reports. May we have the report of the Legislative Committee, Peggy Schaefer?

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to Social Security

By this I do not mean big, important changes that may hit you hard in the pocket book. These are several small changes to improve the efficiency of the system.

Starting January 1, 1999, Social Security checks will not be delivered to the mail box of any recipient. All Social Security money will be paid by direct deposit to the retiree's bank. There will be no choice in the matter. I know some of you will not think too highly of this idea. My mother was among those who thought direct deposit was a bad idea. Then she lost her eyesight, and could no longer endorse the checks. She went to direct deposit, and discovered how much more convenient it was, rather than having to endorse the check, wait for me to have time to take her to the bank, and finally deposit the check. Several of my friends have had the same experience with their mothers. The only bad thing is that there are about ten million beneficiaries who do not have bank accounts. As the date of the changeover comes, some unscrupulous bankers may take advantage of these oldsters, talking them into accounts with high fees, or doing other things to get the money into their own hands rather than into accounts. Both houses of Congress are working on ways to avoid this kind of trouble.

In another change, people who started receiving Social Security benefits beginning May 1, 1997, do not get their payments on the third of the month. They are paid on Wednesdays, the actual date being determined by the birthday of the recipient. Those born from the first to the tenth of each month are paid on the second Wednesday. Those born from the eleventh to the twentieth are paid on the third Wednesday. Those born after the twentieth are paid on the fourth Wednesday.

Expansion at Gettysburg

This last April the U.S. Secretary of the Interior approved a \$408,000 grant to support land acquisitions at the battlefield at Gettysburg. The grant was made by the Civil War Trust last year, but no money could be released without final approval from the Secretary of the Interior. In addition, the National Park Trust is supplying another \$100,000 for the cause. This money will be used to purchase a historic easement on the 135-acre Rummel Farm at the heart of East Cavalry Field, to buy another historic easement on twenty-four acres of the Weikert Farm on the east side of Little Round Top, and to preserve eight acres at East Cemetery Hill.

Graffiti at Lincoln's Tomb

Obscenities and other symbols, including swastikas, were spray painted on the walls of Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois this last spring. The walls on the observation deck and the base of the bust of Lincoln located outside the entrance to the tomb were spray painted. Human excrement and a tee shirt were found on the observation deck. Until contract could be let

for the cleanup, black plastic sheeting covered the vandalism. Later a high-powered spray and a special cleaning solution were used on the walls to remove the graffiti.

Stonewall's Horse to Rest at VMI

Little Sorrel, Stonewall Jackson's favorite war horse, will be given a resting place of dignity at the Virginia Military Institute, where Stonewall taught, and is buried. When the horse died in 1886, Little Sorrel's hide was mounted and placed in the school's museum, where it remains among the most popular exhibits. The bones have been kept in storage by the museum, with occasional use by the Biology Department where they have been studied as the bones of an unnamed Large Mammal. In June the bones were buried near Jackson's statue on the school's parade grounds, guarding the entrance of The Barracks, VMI's central structure.

It is interesting to note that VMI is built on a bluff in Lexington, Virginia. Classrooms are located at the base of the bluff; administrative buildings, the chapel, and dormitories are on the top of the bluff, along with the parade ground. Leaving the VMI campus

through the main exit, the road continues up a quite steep hill. The road is lined with faculty homes and classroom buildings for Washington and Lee University. At the very top of the hill, next to Washington and Lee's administrative building, is located the Lee Chapel, the General's final resting place. And next to the chapel lie the remains of Traveler, Lee's favorite horse.

Civil War Man at Tomb of the Unknowns?

Tom Hankins, a Civil War Reenactor from Ohio is pressing a nine-year personal campaign to have two unidentified Civil War soldiers, one from the North and one from the South, reinterred at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. The most recent interment at the tomb was of a Vietnam casualty in 1973. Hankins used the authorizing legislation as a model, and re-wrote it to apply to a Civil War soldier. He would prefer a double reinterment, but would be satisfied with just a Union soldier if necessary. Three years ago Hankins spoke with Rep. John R. Kasich (R-OH), who chairs the House Budget Committee. Kasich introduced a bill in the 104th Congress to authorize a reburial, but it remains stalled in the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Year 2000

The VA is going to spend six to seven million dollars by the end of 1998 to hire contract programmers to fix about nine million lines of code. This will insure that dates are altered so the computers will know what to do when the year 2000 comes along. Not all that long ago, computers were very large machines in which it was very expensive to store data. Dates were stored as two-digit numbers, "97" rather than "1997" in a money-saving effort. The "19" was somehow assumed to be the first part of the date. I got professionally involved in computers in 1970. At my company, an insurance company, the computer was told that any two-digit date between "00" and "85" was to be treated as "19XX", while dates between "86" and "99" were to be treated as "18XX". Every case which could have a date of 18-something was printed out, and some real, live person had to check things out manually. This worked for a while. By 1985 all cases where Grandma and Grandpa bought a small policy for a new baby were being spit out by the computer for manual checking. By 1993 so many policies were being spit out that several people had to be hired just to do the checking. And things could only get worse unless something drastic was done to the computer system. In 1994

an order was issued by the president of the company - all computer programs had to be changed so all dates would be converted to four-digit dates, and all the thousands of programs had to be changed to properly handle these four-digit dates, by the end of 1996. By the end of 1996 there were only seventeen programs that had not been changed, all programs that had been written in the 1960's and 1970's that were run infrequently. These seventeen programs have since been converted. The entire process took almost three years. Now the VA hopes to accomplish the same thing, for many more people and programs, in just a little over two years. Those contract programmers have a big job to do in very little time. Good luck!

Confederate Flags

The flag of the 1st Tennessee Regiment was captured by the 1st Wisconsin Infantry on October 8, 1862 at Perryville. The flag was on display in the rotunda of the state capitol in Madison until 1992, when it was moved, along with many other flags captured by U.S. troops from Wisconsin, to the new Wisconsin Veterans Museum. The flag is well cared for, using the most modern storage and preservation techniques. The most recent preservation was done in 1987. The Wisconsin chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been campaigning for the last five years to return the flag to Tennessee. Now the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville has asked for it. Wisconsin is willing to lend the flag to the Tennessee museum, but will not give up ownership. Richard Zeitlin, director of the Veterans Museum, said, "We see this flag as associated with Wisconsin bravery and sacrifice. Since so many died, and it's been in our possession for more than a hundred years, and we have preserved it and taken care of it, it should stay here." The flag will be on display in Madison through 1998. After that it will be loaned to Tennessee. The Tennessee State Museum would like to place the flag in its permanent collection. Wisconsin will not agree to this, but will contact the Tennessee museum about terms of the loan sometime next year.

The controversy about the Confederate flag appearing on some Maryland license plates has gone away. The grand total of twenty-four plates were at the heart of the controversy, special plates issued for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin ruled that the plates are protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned. The judge said that the Motor Vehicle Department should have not recalled the plates in the first place.

In the meantime, a bill to have the state of Virginia manufacture similar license plates with the Sons of Confederate Veterans logo was

hastily withdrawn when the controversy erupted in Maryland. The bill's sponsors went back to the SCV, asking if they would be willing to substitute General Lee's picture, or the great Confederate seal for the Confederate flag. This was not acceptable to the members of the group.

The state of Georgia is still in the process of studying the measure of issuing plates with the Confederate flag. The Georgia State Senate approved the measure in February. It is being studied by a State House committee.

Controversy still rages over flying of Confederate flags in public places in many locations in the South. New rulings keep coming out at the rate of about one every two weeks. This is really too much to try to keep track of.

Virginia's state song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" has been retired by the state legislature after lawmakers concluded it was racially offensive. The song was written in 1870, and became the state song in 1940. It had not been played on official occasions for the last two decades because of lyrics such as "this old darkey" and "massa", to which black citizens, the descendants of former slaves, objected. The title had been updated to "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia", and new lyrics were written to replace any possible offensive language. The changes were not accepted in the hearts of the people. On January 28 of this year, the Virginia State Senate voted 24-15 to make "Carry Me Back" the state song "emeritus", and directed a committee to come up with a new song by July, 1998.

Political Correctness?

Menominee County is located a few miles northwest of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Until a few years ago, this county was officially the Menominee Reservation. Life is the same for the residents whether their neighborhood be called "Reservation" or "County". There are a few minor differences, mostly at the official governmental level. Mrs. Deer is now called "County Executive Deer" rather than "Chief Deer". There are different forms to be filled out and sent to different people in Madison and Washington. The county is sparsely populated, but nearly all the residents of the county are members of the Menominee Nation. There are a few older couples who have built retirement homes in the forest. There are two young, unmarried teachers who will move on as soon as a better opportunity presents itself. One of the big oil companies built a new gas station, bringing in their own man as manager. Otherwise, the entire population belongs to the Menominee Nation. The nickname of the Menominee

County High School sports teams and band is, as can be expected, the “Indians”.

Last year the School Board, consisting of six Menominees, decided that it was demeaning for the teams and band to be known as the “Indians”. This whole thing was covered in the Milwaukee papers. Everybody in the state thought a change would be stupid. With the entire student body being Menominee, and all but two of the faculty being Menominee, and nearly all the citizens of the county being Menominee, the term “Indians” is not demeaning. It is descriptive. After all, the Menominees do not refer to themselves as “Native Americans”, but as “Indians”. The School Board went to the school, explaining their point of view. They asked for a hand vote on whether the nickname should be changed. It was unanimous that the nickname remain “Indians”. They sent letters to all the parents, asking their opinion. Again, unanimity for “Indians”. Finally the six members of the School Board each picked one possible new nickname, and had the student body vote. When the votes were tallied, 27 students had voted for the nickname “Mustangs”. Two students had each voted for one of the other names. And the rest of the kids all voted for a write-in candidate, “Indians”! The School Board ignored the hundred or so write-in ballots, and declared that henceforward the nickname would be “Mustangs”.

This spring half of the School Board came up for reelection. The citizens of the County nominated three candidates who favored “Indians”. These three new candidates won over the incumbents easily, putting the “Mustangs” candidates out of office. Also on the ballot were recall petitions for the other three “Mustang” School Board members. These three were also put out of office. A special election had to be held to replace the recalled board members, again all replacements being “Indians” supporters. The first order of business of the newly elected Board was to reinstate the old, descriptive nickname.

Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI, Chairlady
Legislative Committee

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Peggy. I know you put a lot of work into trying to find out things for us. It is very interesting to hear some unusual things happening out there.

May we have the report from the C.R.& R. Committee, Dorothy Hilyard?

C.R.&R. COMMITTEE REPORT

I believe this was received last year, but it has to be brought up this year. The following resolution presented by the Pennsylvania Department was passed at National Convention 1996. We request a change in Article 6 entitled "Formation and Disbandment" Page 6 Section V of the 1991 C.R.&R. A Department may be formed by the authority of the National President. Said Department to consist of five or more Auxiliaries. We request the change to read: A Department may be formed by the authority of the National President. Said Department to consist of three or more Auxiliaries. Reasons given: the Sons have changed their C.R.&R. to read three Camps. The Auxiliary follows the rules of the Sons. The article was written when membership was larger and now we have some Departments with less than the required number. The new active Auxiliary should be given the same privilege. With the Sons forming new Departments and with our interest in recruiting family members from these new camps, the rule needs to be changed for Auxiliary members to have a Department to hold joint Departments with the Sons. This, of course, was given last year so this will be the final reading that we have for it.

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD/DE

PRESIDENT BETTY: As I reported in my report, fourteen Departments have approved of this resolution, so I therefore believe it is passed and it automatically comes into our C.R.&R. as of now. Thank you, Sister Dorothy, for sitting on this committee.

Sister Catherine, do you have the report of the Ritual Committee?

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

I have not received any recommendations for changes in the Ritual, therefore, I recommend that we purchase more Rituals before the price goes up. We only have about one hundred in stock.

Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT

Dorothy Bianco, DP, CT

Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: Is there a printer that you automatically go to for all your printing jobs?

NATIONAL TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS, ME: The printing is done by whichever officer can get the least expensive printer.

Sometimes it's the Secretary, sometimes it's the President, sometimes it's the Treasurer. I asked yesterday about the Rituals and when they were ordered, how many, and what the price was. Sister Esther was the only one that came up to me and told me that they were ordered when she was National Treasurer. I have old ledgers, but I don't have all old ledgers and I couldn't find it. But, they cost at that time about \$3200, but I don't know how many were ordered. But the way that I'm selling Rituals now, I said 130 that I had on hand, but my professional sales lady has done an excellent job in selling here at convention, so I told Sister Catherine when she asked me that I have approximately 100 Rituals. That is not going to see me through this year. I have in the trunk the original papers when they had the Rituals printed, so we don't have to go to that expense. I don't know how much it will cost, but I will tell you that anything that is bound and printed in Rhode Island, the binding is what is the cost. I have a very inexpensive printer, but he doesn't do the binding. He has to send it out. So I would like to have somebody get some quotes from states near them. Sister Margaret Atkinson was able to get our brochures printed cheaper than we could and this is how it has worked in the past. I want this convention to give me some comfort in knowing that I'm going to have some Rituals and I'm not going to have back-orders like I do on badges!

MOVED by NS Frances Murray, ME

SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI

That we order Rituals and the amount to be decided between the National President and the National Council.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: We do realize that there are other states that can get things done and we're very willing to accept quotes and ideas and help in any way we can. So, if you are interested at all, you have to get it in to them so we can get them moving. We can't wait for months and years here.

Sister Florence Spring, do you have your Life Membership Committee Report?

REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

When our National President contacted me and asked me to serve as Chairperson of the Life Membership Committee, I accepted because there were some concerns about the program and that there were some suggestions and solutions needed to help the program run

more smoothly and be more well defined. She supplied me with the names and addresses of the other committee members whom I contacted, asking them for ideas and suggestions for guidelines and an application form. I received a copy of the application form used by the Sons and had a number of copies made of it. I saw one of the committee members at one of the Department Encampments I attended and had an opportunity to speak with her. I gave her a copy of the Sons application blank and she assured me she would go over it and get back to me. Several days later I sent each of the committee members two copies of the application form. On one copy I made notations and suggestions that I felt would be more appropriate for Auxiliary use. I asked that they please use the second copy to make their suggestions. Also included was a list of some ideas for guidelines that I felt would be of help. I asked that they please give this matter their attention as I wanted to correlate all of the suggestions and ideas into a final draft to send them for their approval before submitting it to the National Organization.

Unfortunately, I have never heard from any of the committee members. As this was a joint committee project, I do not feel it would be proper for me to submit only my own ideas and suggestions.

So, it is with regret that I must report there is no committee report and the Life Membership Program remains unsolved.

Florence Spring, PNP, NJ

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you Sister Florence. I'm sorry you didn't have the cooperation that I expected you to get. This program desperately needs the support of the membership. We need to decide here what we are going to do in the future about this Life Membership program. Calling for suggestions, ideas, and discussion from the floor.

MOVED by VP Jacquelyn Johnston, NH

SECONDED by several

That Florence Spring remain Committee Chair, working with the new incoming President, selecting people that they feel would work on this committee and give us an answer next year. Said committee will develop a new application form for immediate use and more guidelines to set up the Life Membership Program.

SO VOTED

FLORENCE SPRING, PNP, NJ: I would like to make one suggestion. Perhaps instead of my trying to find someone, if there is

anyone who would like to volunteer for my committee, we would gladly accept them.

PRESIDENT BETTY: We definitely need changes in this program. There are several areas we need to look at, not just applications. Sister Jackie, I personally will volunteer to work on that committee for you.

NATIONAL TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS, ME: To all the Auxiliary Treasurers that are here that have Life Members in their Auxiliary and I send you a check, please do not hang on to them for three or four months. It messes up my bookkeeping and I have several that have never cashed a check in the four years I've been in.

PRESIDENT BETTY: If you don't want it, send it back. She'll know. If you have lost it, we're sorry.

Sister Bea, may we have the Resolution Committee Report at this time?

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, as the Resolution Committee, would like to say Thank You Sister President for the appointment. Your committee did not receive any Resolutions from Departments and we submit the following report:

RESOLUTION #1:

WHEREAS: It was just 10 years ago in 1987 - Aug. 9-13, the 101st Auxiliary National Encampment with National President Esther Peiper of Pennsylvania presiding, was hosted by the New York Department at Buffalo, NY.

and

WHEREAS: Again we are happy to be hosted by the New York Department for your 111th National Encampment with National President Betty J. Baker of NY presiding here at Utica, NY.

and

WHEREAS: The Committee on Arrangements has done everything possible to make our stay here pleasant and enjoyable, our meeting rooms comfortable, and other necessities for Campfire and Courtesy Night.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - we give appreciation to the committee by

enjoying our meetings, our special programs and our stay here, and give the committee a "Thank You" by applause.

RESOLUTION #2:

WHEREAS: Our National President Betty J. Baker has given us a year of outstanding service, working, corresponding, and traveling for the interest of our Organization, spreading encouragement to Auxiliaries, instituting Auxiliaries and spreading enthusiasm to the various Departments.

and

WHEREAS: She has attended every wreath presentation and special monument dedication that she was informed of.

and

WHEREAS: She has endeared herself to the hearts of many.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that all delegates and members here assembled express to her our thanks and appreciation of her endeavors by a rising vote of thanks with applause.

RESOLUTION #3:

WHEREAS: Every officer, elected or appointed, has given freely of her time and has been sincere in their efforts to assist our National President in the interest of our Organization.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved, we express our sincere appreciation and thanks to each one with a hearty applause.

RESOLUTION #4:

WHEREAS: Each year we have Sisters that work diligently throughout the year, namely the Chief of Staff and the Patriotic Instructor, to financially support our Order.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved - that a special show of appreciation be shown them by a rising vote of thanks with applause.

RESOLUTION #5: Resolve we express our thanks to the Sisters of the New York Department for the wonderful exemplification of the Ritualistic work of the Order.

and

Resolve that we take back home renewed interest for better and more interesting Ritualistic Auxiliary and Department meetings.

RESOLUTION #6:

WHEREAS: The Staff of the Radisson Hotel has been very co-operative.

and

WHEREAS: They have extended many courtesies to the Encampment Committee in regard to moving and help set up room arrangements for each of our events.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved we express our thanks to the management and staff by being pleasant at all times.

RESOLUTION #7:

WHEREAS: The amount of money allowed the Commander-in-Chief has been raised to \$5,000.00 plus other expenses by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

and

WHEREAS: Our National President is allowed much less by the Auxiliary to the Sons.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Resolution Committee that we present a \$50.00 love gift to the Commander-in-Chief as of this Encampment.

RESOLUTION #8:

- WHEREAS: A living widow of a Union Veteran of the G.A.R., Mrs. Daisy Anderson, is a life member of the NY Department and Auxiliary #41 of Ithaca, NY.
and
- WHEREAS: Sister Anderson and a Confederate Veteran widow, Mrs. Alberta Martin, were honored at Gettysburg, PA July 1, 1997 with our National President Betty Baker in attendance.
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that our National Organization say: "May God bless both widows with happiness."

Sister President, this concludes the report of the Resolution Committee and we thank you for appointing us to your Staff.

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY, Chair
Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI

PRESIDENT BETTY: For future Department Presidents who are coming up through who might be sitting in the room, I would just like to make a comment about your Department report. It is very interesting and informative to hear about what our Departments are doing. We hope you will keep them informative and tell us what your Department is functioning in and activities to encourage the rest of the Departments to go forward.

Sister Sarah Cherry, is your Publicity Report ready?

NATIONAL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee. It has been an up-hill climb, but some good results have been coming our way.

Getting to know all the publications has been a task for me. There is the Civil War Lady Magazine, Reenactor's Journal, Civil War News, Civil War Times, and the list goes on and on. I have found some good news and some not so good. The Civil War News allows you to place a classified ad for about \$15 per ad which Margaret Atkinson did for me this past year. The Reenactor's Journal will allow ads in the Recruiting Station section, if you subscribe, but want \$150 for an ad about the size of a business card. However, you must have camera ready art work. This is where I was having difficulty placing ads. I do and sell my art work, but I am not good at graphic; however, I talked to Kathy Bateman, a member of Aux. #1 in Philadelphia and she has offered to do the layout work. She has a computer that has drawing capabilities and I have the camera that can make the film positives that are needed to make "camera ready art work". The camera ready art work costs about \$150 to \$450, depending on which magazine we are talking to at the time. Kathy and I are at present working on a design and the wording for this type of ad. Hopefully, it will be done by the end of the month and I'll be able to give it to my successor.

This past year I have been still sending letters to the Genealogical Societies. Irma McCafferty from Maryland had supplied me with a rather large list, more like a complete book, which I have sent out over 200 letters. This book has Daughters listed, so I sent a listing in for the Auxiliary. I have not seen this year's book, as it usually is distributed in July and August, but I feel confident they will have placed the Auxiliary name and Margaret Atkinson's address since she is in charge of recruiting. I would have liked to place a small ad, but I was unable to get an exact charge. I have brought the list with me if anyone would care to see it. I have thought that we should have a listing in every state so the person looking at New York could write someone in New York instead of only one listing. They did not have a charge for the first ad.

I feel the Civil War Times is probably the best advertising vehicle since we have received several inquiries from the ad that the Sons have placed each month. They have included our name and Margaret's address which she has been sending to the different people in each state the inquiring person is from. Locally, our camp has been publishing a

newsletter and including any information we ask them to publish. Sometimes “Dutch” needs to know what we are doing to help fill the pages. This has helped bring a few of the Sons’ wives to some of our meetings, picnics, and parades.

I still feel that publicity needs to be handled in each state by several people in different locations in that state. I just recently learned that Ohio had two members in Cleveland who work for the Plain Dealer newspaper and could help us in Columbus to get more free publicity. Sometimes knowing the right people can help a lot when it comes to publicity.

The Knights from Pennsylvania have placed our history and information about our Auxiliary on a website. Commander Knight has become a computer specialist and has really helped the Auxiliary as well as the Sons communicate on the computers. At one point this winter, Margaret said she received 60 inquiries., but I am not sure if it was as a result of the website or the Civil War Times ad, but any inquiry is most welcome.

I have enjoyed working on the Publicity Committee for the past three years and hope I have helped in some way.

My expenses were for 200 stamps at \$64 and whatever sums that Margaret Atkinson has incurred. I have donated envelopes, stationery, and probably another 100 stamps. I wanted to keep costs down, hoping to use funds for long term ads.

Sister Betty, I hope you have a harmonious encampment and that our beloved Auxiliary continues to grow in membership.

DP Sarah Cherry, OH
Publicity Chair

PRESIDENT BETTY: Let’s go to the New Auxiliary Recruiter Committee, Sister Margaret Atkinson.

NEW AUXILIARY RECRUITER COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year as National Recruiter, I answered 302 individual inquiries for information about the Auxiliary. Each person received a letter, brochure and application blank. If there were no Auxiliaries in their state, I referred them to National Membership at Large and informed them that if an Auxiliary was formed in their area at a later date, they would be notified in the event they wished to transfer. In States with a functional Department, I sent a letter to either the Department President or the Department Secretary asking them to follow up. I also informed the applicant of the local contact and in addition, gave them the option of joining MAL.

I also corresponded with the following persons or camps about forming new auxiliaries and sent them information on how to start an auxiliary with applications and brochures to distribute.

1. Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp #2, Houston, TX - this auxiliary instituted as Aux. #1
2. Daniel Bunnell, Department Commander, CA
3. David Hahn, Department Commander, NJ
4. Gettysburg Camp #112, PA
5. Gary Guinan, Lucius Mitchell Camp #4, St. Cloud, FL
6. Newly formed Sons’ Camp, Chillicothe, OH - PDP Judy Morgan requested kit
7. Haskill-Marston Camp #46, ME - PNP Frances Murray requested kit
8. Floyd Blodgett, Wm. Scott Camp #302, Montpelier, VT
9. Jim Hoover, Ft. Donelson Camp #62, TN - this auxiliary instituted
10. Victor Viftuain Camp #1, Omaha, NB
11. Charles Christian, Santa Rosa, CA
12. Beverly Knight, Lititz, PA

13. DP Jo An Wheeler, IA - requested two kits
14. Donna F. Smith, Boynton Beach, FL attended this encampment and became a member, met with her to discuss formation of an auxiliary
15. Mark Backus, Lone Star Camp #1, TX
16. Gary Elwell, Hallowell, ME - PNP Frances Murray requested kit
17. Andrew Lefko, Downingtown, PA
18. Sonia Hatten-Scott, Portsmouth, OH - hoping to meet her again at this encampment after talking with her at Ohio Dept. Encampment.
19. Katrinka Conant, Dover, DE became a member today and is working on establishing an auxiliary in her area.

As noted in her report, National President Betty Baker instituted the auxiliary in Tennessee in July, as well as an Auxiliary in Jackson, MI. I flew to Houston, TX last December and instituted the Sarah Edmonds Seelye Auxiliary #1, attached to Lea Camp #2.

With the length of the list of possible Auxiliaries and all the correspondence that entails, it might seem disappointing that only three auxiliaries were brought to fruition. It takes a great deal of cooperation and time by the local contacts and the National Officers to recruit new members and institute an auxiliary. These new auxiliaries then need constant support to assist them in functioning. Our new Auxiliary in Houston is doing very well. They have literally adopted PNP Florence Jansson, seeking her advice and taking her to special events. They have been very active and have had coverage in the local press. I know they were very pleased to have National President Betty also visit them this year during her travels.

Provisional Lot Smith Auxiliary #1, Salt Lake City, which I instituted two years ago, is not faring as well. They participated in at least four events last year, but are having difficulties with officers meeting their responsibilities and attendance at meetings. Several National Officers and myself have been encouraging them to try to continue. Ninety percent of the individual requests for information are being directed to us by the Jr. Vice Commander in Chief of the Sons, who answers the responses to the Sons' ads. They are continuing to include my name and address at the bottom of their ads. Men sending for information on the Sons will also ask about the Auxiliary for family members.

The Sons also have a website on the Internet and are permitting us to have a page on their website free of charge. It lists the information printed in our brochure and gives my name as a contact. We can add

to this page if anyone has any suggestions they feel would be appropriate. To view it on the Internet, key in suvchw.org or to go to our page directly, key suvchw.org/asuv.htm. The Sons recently estimated 1400 persons a day were looking at their site. The other Allied Orders are also listed at this website.

This past year I received information about a book to be printed entitled "Everything Civil Wary" by Spencer Kope. I sent in the information about the Auxiliary. One of my recent contacts in reference to an auxiliary purchased the book at a National Military Park, called me, and is now working on an auxiliary. The book sells for \$25.

The percentage of persons joining after requesting information is low, but we cannot let this discourage us. I believe we have three disadvantages:

1. I could not refer 176 of the inquiries to any specific Department and many of the others did

not live in the area of the Auxiliaries in their state. Our total membership is small, spread very thin geographically. Persons are more interested when there is a local group to join.

2. Some of my contacts on the state level follow up the leads faithfully, but I was unable to get the name of the person from each Department who would be interested in recruitment even after I asked for it in G.O. #2.

3. We have to place ads of our own addressed specifically to women.

It is very kind of the Sons to include us in their ads, but they are aimed to men and I am certain many women skim right by them when looking at the magazines. The new member surcharge has been bringing in some funding to help defray ad costs, but to the best of my knowledge, has not been fully utilized.

We are in competition with the other women's orders for members, but do have several advantages. We will accept spouses and mothers of Sons and Associates, thus allowing members of Sons' families to join in their activities.

We also can ask Sons' camps, particularly new ones, to form Auxiliaries. I recently wrote an appeal to the camps which was printed in the most recent issue of the Banner.

I wish to thank all those Sisters who have cooperated with me in enlisting members. We still will not show an appreciable gain in membership this year, but I am encouraged that we are taking in enough new members to counteract the losses incurred by the dropping of members as the mailing list continues to be updated.

All this communication and mailing of Auxiliary information can become expensive. I have used my own copier and paper for most of

it, and have kept telephone calls to a minimum by corresponding via my e-mail address on my computer whenever possible. If any members present have e-mail, I would appreciate receiving your address. I also did not charge for any calls I had to make to other National Officers. Despite these economies, I ran over the amount of \$150 allotted the committee in last year's budget.

My expenses were as follows:

Postage	\$198.87
Copying	24.50
Telephone	<u>7.52</u>
TOTAL	\$230.89

I make the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #1:

The amount of at least \$200 be placed in next year's budget to cover the costs of the National Recruiter.

MOVED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI

SECONDED by Martha Johnson, PDP, PA

That we put \$200 in our budget for our Recruiter's work for next year.

SO VOTED

We are forming new Provisional Auxiliaries with five members and having them elect a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chaplain, and Past President. New members find it very confusing that they could become a Past President immediately. I would like to make the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #2:

Page 16, Article IX, Section 2 of the C.R.&R which reads "In the formation of new Auxiliaries, the Past President shall be elected at the same time as the other officers; she being the first officer elected, shall retain the honors of past officers." be deleted. I would like to suggest this person be elected to the office of Patriotic Instructor instead. I don't necessarily think that necessarily has to go in the C.R.&R., but I am making that as a recommendation.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, National Historian, NY

SECONDED by Florence Spring, PNP, NJ and several others

Delete Article IX, Section 2 of the C.R.&R that reads: "In the formation of new Auxiliaries, the Past President shall be elected at the same time as the other officers; she being the first officer

elected, shall retain the honors of past officers.”

SO VOTED

Sister National President, it has been a pleasure to work for you in this capacity. May I commend you for the extraordinary amount of time you devoted to our Order and thank you for all the support and help you gave to me in this position.

Margaret E. Atkinson, PNP
National Recruiter

FLORENCE SPRING, PNP, NJ: Sister President, may I make an addendum to our New Jersey Department report? It was simply an oversight. As has already been mentioned, PNP Florence Jansson took part in the institution of the new Auxiliary in Houston. At the end of April, she contacted us and said that they had let her know that they wanted to have some kind of a Memorial Service. She asked if I knew if there were any flags, etc. available that they could use. I told her that I would check and see what I could come up with. When Auxiliary #5 disbanded, their property was all sent back to the Department. Ruby Kissinger and I went through it and we found an altar cloth, a supply of regalias and some other items that we packed up and sent down there. She called after Memorial Day to let me know that they had received everything and had made use of it. She said also that the gentleman who had helped form the Auxiliary originally had picked her up and they attended a Memorial Day ceremony in Houston. He got everybody in the car and they took a long ride. She had no idea where they were going but they went to a town just outside the Houston city limits. This little town was having a Memorial Day service. She said “I have to say these Texas ladies are really gritty. They walked right up there immediately to the podium, stated who they were and by the time I turned around, they had seats up there on the podium to take part with the rest of the other organizations.” She said that the next day in the local paper in that town there was a headline: The Union Invades the South Again.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Sister Florence. That Auxiliary in Texas is a go-getter and they are even starting to plan when they can host the National Encampment there.

Sister Margaret Atkinson, on behalf of Auxiliary #1 Anna M. Ross, do you have a report on the bulk mailing or do you think it has been covered?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Just very informally, my Auxiliary has been most helpful and we have gotten the first two out. The first time, as was reported, many came back with incorrect addresses. Many came back with the new addresses which makes me wonder how their local Auxiliary was collecting dues from them when they didn't even know where they lived, but I am not going to address that! We did receive a lot of new addresses and the second mailing, we received some back, but not too many. That really helped the National President who was working on this list to finalize it. We were very fortunate, also. The Post Office, because we were guaranteeing return postage on these, according to what they had to do on it, it cost anywhere from \$.50 to \$.80 per return. In anticipation of that, we put \$200 extra into the Postal Account. The first time they coming back with \$.50 due, \$.80 due and my postman never knocked on my door! So I thought, I'm not going to disturb this situation. Finally I got a card and I had to go around to the main post office and pay \$18 towards the account on it and I had to take this card to pick up a big thick pack that had been returned. That's all we have ever been charged. All the rest have come through, even though they are marked "Postage Due". I finally asked the mailman, who it turns out has a son in my son's team and we have gotten very friendly, and he said as long as they don't ask me for the money, I'm not going to ask you for the money. So the second time we had absolutely no charges at all, therefore we were able to use that money towards the second mailing and I didn't have to request another check from the Treasurer. In fact, we still have a small credit balance in the post office, but the next mailing I will have to request money again.

You will notice that we have a stamp on the General Orders instead of a postage stamp. I had to go to the main Post Office in Philadelphia last January to get our forms filled out for another permit and get approval. So from here on in it should just be the routine once a year paying the \$85 fee for the privilege of mailing at the cheaper rates. The rate has gone up and I believe it is costing 13.2 cents to mail each one now.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you. I know last year, if I remember the Proceedings correctly since Jackie hasn't let us have them yet, Anna M. Ross Aux. #1 volunteered for one year. Are they willing to continue with us a little longer?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: As you know, I am anticipating some surgery for next month, so probably I won't be quite up to everything when the next mailing goes out, but they have already said to just write down what we have to do. So they have not told me that they will not do it!

NATIONAL TREASURER EILEEN COOMBS, ME: I would just like to say, the MAL members always got the General Orders, but the general membership didn't. Now that they have, the general membership knows where they can order supplies because of receiving the general orders. Therefore, you notice that I sold \$2000 worth of supplies this year. That is more than I have sold in the four years that I have been Treasurer. It is paying off.

PRESIDENT BETTY: MAL did receive a packet just like the Auxiliary does, but that does not mean that they always went out to our membership.

In regards to the question and answer, I really believe this afternoon we are going to have a few minutes. If you have been thinking on this and maybe you are a little shy and don't want to step up to the mike, or maybe you are not able to get up, I will be very happy and willing to take them in writing and you don't even have to sign your name. We will try to answer your questions. This will be a good time for our new members if they have anything they would like to know that we can help them with.

May we have the report of the Rehabilitation Chairman, Emma Prince?

NATIONAL REHABILITATION REPORT

Donations	Number of Items	Cash Value
Afghans/Lap Robes	135	\$ 1,465.00
Books & Magazines	1,771	1,754.13
Canceled Stamps	1,045	142.75
Cards Sent	1,706	2,078.00
Cash		3,128.00
Flowers and Plants	162	1,521.00
Foods	3,240	8,086.00
Hours Volunteered	18,132	71,593.00
Knitted Garments	340	1,146.00
Miles Volunteered	34,152	8,703.40
Parties Hosted	62	2,011.65
Playing Cards	172	78.65
Scrap Books	35	340.00
Toys & Games	511	1,718.00
Used Clothing	8,705	13,021.00
Used Greeting Cards	2,215	208.00
Other	6,898	65.00
TOTALS	70,743	\$120,203.93

Special Mention:

California-Pacific: Took in family of four for 10 months, no job, 4 year old and infant. I gave them \$10,000 credit.

Colorado: Transporting eyes for eye bank; eye glasses and cases.

New Hampshire: \$25.00 donation for 18 month old needing bone marrow transplant.

New York: 480 wreaths and flags in seven cemeteries.

Emma E. Prince, PDP, CT
Rehabilitation Chair

PRESIDENT BETTY: Thank you, Sister Emma. It's always nice to hear all the rehabilitation work we do, and as Emma says, I'm sure we do not report half of it! The Auxiliaries I know are having a problem with this form and we are trying very hard to make it easier for you. Maybe we will get better cooperation and reports out of them.

Sister Frances?

NATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCES MURRAY, ME: Can somebody explain to me what "canceled stamps" means? I am on the Forms Committee and I would put an explanation on the report, but I don't know what it means! Also, used greeting cards.

The following suggestions for the Rehabilitation Report were given:

- The canceled stamps, after you remove them from the envelopes, are donated to a stamp club and they in turn send money to the organization or to a veterans hospital, or whatever in your name, to take the valuation of those stamps. They don't give you full valuation, but there is quite a bit of the money that they send back and give out.
- Stamps are sent to Joe Long who, in turn, passes them on. He tries to help younger people who are interested in stamp collecting. We don't have a lot of stamp clubs in our area, but whenever he does hear of someone, and he talks to several Postmasters in our area that know of younger children who collect stamps, and he passes some on to them and spreads their worth along that line.
- I collected a big, big box of stamps as a church project. They were sent to a handicapped group who had to cut around the stamps in a certain way and they were put into packets and sold to some outlet for people who collect stamps. So it is an outlet for them to have something to do and make some money.
- I have a neighbor that belongs to a church that collects the stamps and gives them to a stamp club. They donate that money to soup kitchens and the homeless in the city of Warwick. That's where my stamps have been going for the last four years and he reports to me how much they do with them, so I feel that others must have the same outlet for them that I did.
- We collect used greeting cards. It doesn't matter whether they are Christmas or what they are, they will take them in our area. The cards are given to people in nursing homes and various other homes such as veterans homes or old folks homes, and they cut out the pictures and use them for crafts and that sort of thing.
- I belong to an Emblem Club. What they do, and I get credit on my report for my donation of these used cards, is give them to the Southbury Training School in Southbury, Connecticut. The children and handicapped people there use them to make their own Christmas cards, tags for gifts, and things like that. In fact, my own sister takes old greeting cards and makes little tags and uses them on her personal gifts that she gives out.
- Giving blood is a rehabilitation item and should be on there.
- You can send the used greeting cards to several different places, but they are heavy and they cost a lot. Wherever you live, there are nursing homes, rehab centers, places for troubled children and they are more than happy to take the cards for craft projects for whoever is there. For the used clothing, I don't think anybody would believe me if I put it down! People have been bringing me bags of clothes at church every week. I will go home with 10 or 15 pounds of clothing to take to the nursing homes, and that is a lot!
- Why can't you add coupons to the list of what people save. I belong to an Emblem Club, I'm Americanism and I sent one box over with 10,000 coupons in it and I have two more to go. One with over 3,000 and one with 6,000. So you people, they accept them overseas. I have an address if anybody is interested in doing them, let me know. Why can't we get credit for that? That's money. I get a penny apiece for them!
- A lot of us just turn around and give donations to the Salvation Army and to Goodwill. Actually, my little Auxiliary came up with something like \$6,000 to \$7,000. It wasn't an Auxiliary project, just individual donations which then can reflect on our Organization.
- Our church collects eyeglasses that are sent to third world countries where they re-grind them and they use them. They also, I think, do it in this country. Also, when we get our

forms before we have refreshments, we have a night where we take all of them and it is a little fun project that we get together and fill them all out at one time. We then send them in so we don't have to bother about it again and wonder if it is being done.

MARY JO LONG, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #2, PA: I would like to address the form that Sister Frances is talking about that she would like to make more understandable. I think that what happens with many of our newly formed Auxiliaries is that it is overwhelming to them. I don't think that they understand it and I don't think that they know what to put down, so therefore I don't think they respond. Such as Emma just mentioned with blood donation. These things, there is never any reference to them, and people who are coming into our Organization don't fully understand all of these things. I think it is wonderful that we are working on this form and trying to make it more understandable for people so we can get a better report in and we'll also get more reports in.

PRESIDENT BETTY: We need addresses for these kinds of things. Sister Frances is very good about getting it out to us, but she can't do it if she doesn't have the information. I wish that all the Departments would please help. If you know of places and have ideas, send them into her and she will get the information where it needs to be to help us all learn from this.

Department Reports of Maine, Maryland-Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania were read this morning. An oral report from the Michigan Department was given.

The Chaplain closed the Bible and the meeting was recessed until 1:00 P.M.

**FOURTH SESSION
Saturday Afternoon, August 9, 1997
1:14 P.M.**

The Guard reported all entitled to remain.

The Chaplain opened the Bible.

Minutes were read from the Saturday morning session by the Stenographer and approved.

PRESIDENT BETTY: We will now have the financial report of the National Chief of Staff. Sister Michelle, are you ready?

CHIEF OF STAFF FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>California & Pacific</u>				
Department Donation		25.00		25.00
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
		25.00		5.00
30.00				
<u>Connecticut</u>				
Department Donation		20.00		20.00
Personal Donations				98.00
Conklin Sellin Aux. #20		27.00		
Ruth Huntington, PDP		10.00		
Catherine Zapatka, PNP		20.00		
Mary Scofield, NPC		5.00		
Judith Trepanier			8.00	

Alyce Ponticelli, PDP	10.00		
Dorothy Bianco, DP	3.00		
Emma Prince, PDP		5.00	
Anne Willeke, PNP	10.00		
Sale of Chances		46.00	46.00
	<u>20.00</u>	<u>98.00</u>	<u>46.00</u>

164.00

Illinois

Department Donation	12.50		12.50
Personal Donations			20.00
Illinois Dept. Chief of Staff		15.00	
Florence Forbey, PNP	5.00		
Sale of Chances		10.00	10.00
	<u>12.50</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

42.50

Iowa

Department Donation	25.00		25.00
Personal Donations			30.00
Auxiliary #16		5.00	
Auxiliary #8		20.00	
Myldred Schofield		5.00	
Sale of Chances		27.00	27.00
	<u>25.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>

82.00

Maine

Department Donation	15.00		15.00
Personal Donations			95.00
T.W. Hyde Aux. #11	5.00		
Garfield Aux. #10		10.00	
Eileen Coombs, PNP	5.00		
Frances Murray, PNP	40.00		
Elizabeth Ferrin, in Memory of her Mother, PAVP Beverly Mills		5.00	
Elizabeth Ferrin, PDP	10.00		
Margaret Joy, PDP		15.00	
Doris Warner		5.00	
Sale of Chances		27.00	27.00
	<u>15.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>

137.00

Maryland/Delaware

Department Donation	15.00		15.00
Personal Donations			57.00
Lincoln-Cushing Aux. #3	10.00		
Gloria Glasgow, Dept. Secy.		20.00	
Nancy Eck		1.00	
Audrey Soukup		4.00	
Mary Alsip, Dept. Treas.	17.00		
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP	5.00		
Sale of Chances		3.00	3.00
	<u>15.00</u>	<u>57.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>

75.00

Massachusetts

Department Donation	30.00		30.00
Personal Donations			117.00
Clark Mellor, PC-in-C	10.00		
Betty Mellor, PDP		20.00	
Sue Russell, PDP		1.00	
Cynthia Brown, DVP	15.00		
Jennie Russell, PNP	20.00		
Frank Tucker, PDC	2.00		
Adell Hotaling		10.00	
Wilma Murphy, PDP	1.00		
Sarah Fuller, PDP		6.00	
Freda Harrington, PDP	6.00		
Norma Garney		1.00	
Joyce Samel		15.00	
Sale of Chances		38.00	38.00
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	30.00	117.00	38.00
185.00			

Michigan

Personal Donations			15.00
Kristi Miller		5.00	
Darlene Miller		5.00	
Vicki Weiss		5.00	
Sale of Chances		12.00	12.00
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		15.00	12.00
27.00			

New Hampshire

Department Donation	30.00		30.00
Personal Donations			122.00
Emma Wheeler, PNP	15.00		
Martha Balwin, PDP	1.00		
Jacquelyn Johnston, NVP	50.00		
Bonita Morse, PDP	30.00		
Doris E. Glendinning, Nat'l Aide		15.00	
Peggi A. Scarcello		10.00	
Mary Spaulding, DP	1.00		
Sale of Chances		10.00	10.00
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	30.00	122.00	10.00
162.00			

New Jersey

Department Donation	15.00		15.00
Personal Donations			80.00
Anne O. Clayton, PNP	20.00		
Margaret Schroeder, PNP	10.00		
Marion Combs, PNP In Memory of Fred H. Combs, Jr. PC-in-C		25.00	
Elizabeth Sharp, PDP	5.00		
Florence Jansson, PNP	10.00		
Florence Spring, PNP	10.00		
Sale of Chances		21.00	21.00
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	15.00	80.00	21.00
116.00			

New York

Department Donation	50.00	50.00
Personal Donations		1202.17
NY PDP & PDC Assoc.	5.00	
PDP Club		5.00
NY Sons		25.00
Auxiliary #72 - Ovid	50.00	
Oliver Tilden Camp #26	10.00	
Auxiliary #8 - Buffalo	10.00	
Auxiliary #72 - Lottery Tickets		12.00
Auxiliary #15		10.00
Sidney Camp #41 - Auxiliary #41		4.00
NY Dept: In Memory of Edith Snyder, PNP	10.00	
D.G. Caywood Camp #146 - Ovid		15.00
Auxiliary #49 - Owego	5.00	
Auxiliary #1 - Rochester	10.00	
Camp #6 - Rochester	10.00	
Aux. #72 Nat'l Aide	15.00	
Virginia Twist, PDP	5.00	
PC-in-C Norm & Jackie Furman		20.00
Bettye Myers, PDP		25.00
Joseph Rippey, PC-in-C	12.00	
Todd Shillington		5.00
Dorothy Ward		7.00
Virginia Ritter		3.00
Betty Baker, NP		25.00
Ann Backman		3.00
Isabella M. Downing	3.00	
Grace Krantz		8.00
Julie Crowe		3.00
Edna Frisbee & Bob Doane		5.00
Richard & Joyce Young	25.00	
Maude Baker, Special Aide		10.00
Elsa Gibbons, PDP		5.00
Linda Fields, Personal Aide		25.00
Janice Dawson, PDP	25.00	
Janice Dawson, PDP - Horn Blowing	15.00	
Isabelle Roberts, PNP	5.00	
George Shadman, PDC	15.00	
Joan Barnes		10.00
Janice Miller		10.00
Rose Lo Vette, DP		20.00
Emma Every, PDP		6.00
PDC Jerry & Lorraine Orton		5.00
Kimberly Dawson		10.00
Mary Donnelly, PDP	5.00	
Ann Wagner		5.00
Joe Pucciarelli, DC	5.00	
James Grismer, PDC	10.00	
Bob Gregory, PDC		1.00
Gordon Knapp		1.00
Cliff Henke		10.00
Evelyn Krantz, PDP	20.00	
Lynn Williamson		8.00
Beatrice Terry Greenwalt, PNP		25.00

Helen Rose		4.00		
Mr. & Mrs. David Terry	2.00			
Gwen Granger		2.00		
Autumn Twist		2.00		
Janey Hilyer		2.00		
Bea and Joe Marrone	25.00			
Change Purse Dump at Encampment	15.52			
Sale of Chances		64.00	64.00	
Sale of Magnets	135.00			
Pop Cans - Aux. #72		187.40		
Pennies - Aux. #72	47.75			
Yard Sales - Aux #72		93.50		
Ice Cream Social - Aux. #72	90.00			
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,202.17</u>	<u>64.00</u>	
1,316.17				

Ohio

Department Donation	25.00		25.00	
Personal Donations			79.00	
Aux. #45 - Unionport	10.00			
Eliza B. Garfield Aux. #142		15.00		
Aux. #108 - Frost		15.00		
Karl & Rosemary Shaeffer	20.00			
Judy Morgan, PDP		5.00		
Lilly Mae McCollough, PDP		5.00		
Betty Lou Coen, PDP	7.00			
PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt		2.00		
Sale of Chances		16.00	16.00	
	<u>25.00</u>	<u>79.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	
120.00				

Pennsylvania

Department Donation	25.00		25.00	
Personal Donations			274.62	
Auxiliary #50		20.00		
Auxiliary #10		8.00		
Auxiliary #165		10.00		
Anna M. Ross Aux. #1	10.00			
Change Purse Dump at Encampment	43.62			
Audrey Long, PDP		10.00		
Jermina Klingersmith, DP, DUV		8.00		
Esther Peiper, PNP		25.00		
Margaret Atkinson, PNP	20.00			
Ann L. Iannitto, PDP	7.00			
Martha Wilson, PDP	5.00			
Dorothy Kern, PDP	3.00			
Phyllis L. Frank		15.00		
Martha Johnson, PDP	10.00			
Faye M. Carlisle, PDP	10.00			
Vivian I. Rockey		10.00		
Mary Jo Long, PDP	10.00			
Beverly Knight, DP	50.00			
Sale of Chances		53.00	53.00	
	<u>25.00</u>	<u>274.62</u>	<u>53.00</u>	
352.62				

Rhode Island

Department Donation	30.00		30.00
Personal Donations			55.00
Elisha Dyer Aux. #2	10.00		
Marguerite Plant, NC	15.00		
Bob Renehan		5.00	
Mary Mierka, DP		5.00	
Barbara Walsh, Dept. Secy.		5.00	
Jan Oukrabka		5.00	
George Perry		5.00	
Thomas Greene		5.00	
Sale of Chances		20.00	20.00
	<u>30.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
105.00			

Vermont

Department Donation	10.00		10.00
Personal Donations			25.00
Teresa Doyle, NPI		10.00	
Auxiliary #15		15.00	
Sale of Chances		25.00	25.00
	<u>10.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
60.00			

Wisconsin

Department Donation	20.00		20.00
Personal Donation			25.00
Rhonda Lemanski, PDP	25.00		
National Aide			
Sale of Chances		11.00	11.00
	<u>20.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>11.00</u>
56.00			

Prov. Aux. #2, Beaufort, SC

Personal Donations			7.00
Pearly Mae Badger		3.00	
Ophelia Green		1.00	
Lucy Williams		2.00	
Lillie Mae Cook		1.00	
Sale of Chances		14.00	14.00
		<u>7.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>
21.00			

Texas Provisional

Sale of Chances		16.00	16.00
		<u>16.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>
16.00			

Membership At Large

MAL Donation	25.00		25.00
Personal Donations			47.00
Margaret B. Athey		8.00	
Priscilla Blatchford	3.00		
Mrytle E. Leefe		5.00	
Ruth Funck		3.00	
Celeste C. Gettings	10.00		
Mary K. Smith		3.00	

Edithe E. Loetzer		3.00	
Ruth J. Williams		10.00	
Jacqueline, D. Wright	2.00		
Sale of Chances		30.00	30.00
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	25.00	47.00	30.00
102.00			

Club Donations

Ann's Nutmeggers		10.00
Anne's Orchid		10.00
Bea's Honeys		10.00
Betty's Blue Birds		15.00
Caroline's 76'ers		5.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms		5.00
Dorris' Wild Daisies		15.00
Edith's Glow Worms		5.00
Eileen's Golden Pages		5.00
Ethel's First Ladies		20.00
Flora's Flora Dora Girls		5.00
Florence's 4Bs		12.50
Florence's Spring Chickens		10.00
Florence's Violets		10.00
Fran's Fans		25.00
Isabelle's Liberty Girls		10.00
Jennie's Jewels		6.00
Kitty's Kittens		10.00
Lady Esthers		10.00
Lil's Bay Staters		5.00
Margaret's Marvels		20.00
Margaret's Victory Girls		5.00
Mary's Cherry Blossoms		5.00
Minnie's Whalers		5.00
Nellie's Belles		5.00
Ora's Golden Girls		10.00
Stella's Stars		<hr/> 5.00
263.50		

Special Projects & Collections

Tickets Sold	600.00
Profit 50/50 Raffle	300.00
Eat Outs	97.00
Bus Hop	22.75
Sales of Pads	93.50
Flower Sales	340.00
Central Region (Indiana)	
Sales Table	49.00
Basket Pass	45.00
National President's Reception	
Sales Table	68.00

Basket Pass	
59.00	
Gettysbury Remembrance Day	
Sales Table	
291.50	
Barbie Doll Raffle	
42.00	
50/50 Raffle	
95.00	
New England Regional (Rhode Island)	
Sales Table	
55.25	
½ Basket Pass	
14.25	
Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting	
Sales Table	
8.00	
Basket Pass	
51.50	
Wisconsin Lincoln Day	
Basket Pass	
26.00	
New England Regional (Maine)	
Sales Table	
114.90	
Basket Pass	
25.39	
Rhode Island Department Encampment	
Basket Pass	
18.40	
Lincoln Death Day Luncheon	
Basket Pass	
48.35	
Massachusetts Department Encampment	
Sales Table	
65.25	
Change Purse Drop	10.41
Connecticut Department Encampment	
Sales Table	14.00
Basket Pass	
46.50	
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2,000.95	

SUMMARY

Department Donations	372.50
Personal Donations	3,048.79
Chances Sold	448.00
Club Donations	263.50
Special Projects	2,000.95
Chances at National	193.00
Sales at National	325.70
Ritualistic Work Collection	33.00
Friday Night Auction	23.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,027.44

EXPENSES

Postage		256.00	
Copying		50.00	
Magnets		62.18	
Pads		76.00	
Cash Prizes		50.00	
Raffle Items Purchased	50.00		
Craft Supplies Purchased	<u>50.00</u>		
TOTAL EXPENSES		594.18	<u>-594.18</u>
GRAND TOTAL			5,433.26

MICHELLE LANGLEY : I would like to close with this little thought.
 It was nice to be busy in helping our Order grow
 I've learned much in the doing, such a lot I did not know
 I'm much better acquainted and enjoyed the Order more
 It's not so much what I did, but whom I've done the work for.
 Thank you.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sisters, you've heard the reading of this report, what is your pleasure? I think I already know what your pleasure is but let's get it down in the records officially!

MOVED by Florence Spring, PNP, NJ
 SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA; and New York Department
 That this exceptional, outstanding report be received, spread in full
 in the Minutes, and give her a rising vote of thanks.
 SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: Not that we want to brag Michelle up any more here and get her too blown up, but we just want to point out to you that she made over \$6000 before expenses and the expenses she listed were really a drop in the hat. We're sure she must have donated a lot to us and her time alone, but the extra effort she took in the mailing, I think, proves in her report what it can do and who it can reach. We can see the fine work you have done, Michelle, with that and we thank you very highly. Once again I would like to thank you Michelle. Last night will go down in my life as a memorable night. You could not have done anything better for me than what you did and the people behind you that helped you. The New York Department is just great and we appreciate all that you have done. Thank you.

Can you bring Elvis back again tonight? I was hoping to find him in my room, but it didn't work!

When I asked Sister Michelle to take Chief of Staff, she said "Well, I'm going to do one thing. You are down on record as the highest raising Chief of Staff and I'm going to beat you." I guess she went way over me! And she worked very hard to do that. She has done it for the good of this Organization, I think we are all going to benefit from it.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
 SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
 That 1,000 Rituals be ordered with monies coming from the Permanent Fund.
 SO VOTED

FRANCES MURRAY, PNP, ME: Sister President, year before last the Past National Presidents recommended that the person who goes into the office of Vice President would automatically go into National President. I would like to make a motion that we set aside this decision for one year only, and next year we will go back to the original ruling.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

That we set aside the fact that the Vice President has to move up into the National President's chair the following year.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: We have a short time here for a quick question/answer. Does anyone have a quick question they would like to ask the Past National Presidents?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PDP, NY: This may seem like a silly question, but in the other years that I have attended the National Convention, each sitting Department President was supposed to bring a ribbon or pin or something to recognize their state. I notice that New York is the only one with this. Has this been dropped or are we trying to continue this, or didn't anybody know about it?

PRESIDENT BETTY: I'll answer that. I don't think it was ever really "known". I think it was just something that was done traditionally and as new ones came in, they didn't know the tradition. If it is something that the Department Presidents would like to see done, then they should tell us about it. Any Past National want to say anything about that?

EILEEN COOMBS, PNP, ME: When I went into Department President in 1961, I was told by PNP Mildred Webster that I must have some kind of pin or something to show that I was from Maine. She had pine cones and that is the reason her club was called Pine Cones. I didn't know what I was going to do, because that's what I wanted to do. So I got felt and cut out pine trees. But this was told me by the Past National President in Maine and I have, living in Rhode Island, neglected to tell our sitting Department Presidents.

MARY WILLEY, DP, MA: In the last General Orders that go out to us in June, couldn't they put a little reminder that any state coming to convention bring a little something that would represent your state?

PRESIDENT BETTY: I don't think we can demand this from our Department Presidents, but we can encourage them and if the incoming National Presidents down through the years want to do this in their reports, they can.

ESTHER PEIPER, PNP, PA: Years ago, Claire Monahan was a Chief of Staff for our Department and she had a pin that was white with blue letters PENNE and she sold them to all the members at National who were from Pennsylvania and anybody else she could get hold of, I guess, for a quarter. This was the starting of her fund. I thought that it was a good idea, but I never found out where they were printed, but Claire evidently knew those kind of things. I still have my pin. If they want to make it a ruling I've got one I paid a quarter for, so you girls can take it back and do with it what you want, but it is nothing but a little tin pin with a fastener in the back. It is an idea for the Chief of Staff.

PRESIDENT BETTY: I think that we have enough sitting Department Presidents in the room that if they would go back to their Departments and make this known to them and try to encourage the next one and pass this on to them, I think you will find this tradition coming back.

LINDA FIELDS, PDP, NY: I noticed yesterday when our National President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer were reading their reports, they started out their recommendations saying, I am going to read the usual recommendations. I would like to know why, if we have to read the usual recommendations every year, they are not put the C.R.&R. so you don't have to put them in your report every year?

FRANCES MURRAY, PNP, ME: You will have to ask Esther Peiper because Esther told me you have to put it in every year and that is the recommendation about using funds from the permanent fund. Maybe Eileen can tell you.

EILEEN COOMBS, PNP, ME: It was in the instruction book given to me when I went in as National Treasurer and this was one of them. It must be submitted every year that the interest on the Permanent Fund be voted on at Encampment annually. This is the only thing I can tell you, and if I don't have the interest from that, some of you girls are going to have to come up and pay some of the bills for me. Even though it's not much, it does count and we have to do it annually when it comes to Permanent Fund.

PRESIDENT BETTY: She is satisfied with that answer. Maybe as we move into the new generation of 2000 we will find a better way to handle this.

Sister Frances, may be have the report from the Credential Committee?

FRANCES MURRAY, PNP, ME: This is a great report! I am really excited. We have 66 credentials and 15 guests. I think this is one of the bigger conventions that we have had in the last couple of years.

PRESIDENT BETTY: That's tremendous, girls. Sisters we are now ready to proceed with the Nomination of Officers. Sister Guard, you will alert anyone outside who wishes to enter. Once nominations begin, no one may enter or leave the room.

Would the Election Committee please take their places up front by our Secretary: Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI; Mary Spalding, DP, NH; and Bettye Myers, PDP, NY.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

EMMA WHEELER, PNP, NH: Sister President and all members assembled here, I wish to place in nomination for the office of National President the present Vice President, and my daughter, Jacquelyn Johnston. I don't think I need to say too much about her because we did that last year, and I hate to toot our horn for the family. I do feel that she will do a good job for you this year because I'll make her, if I don't get smashed up! (Referring to her two auto accidents.) She certainly has done an outstanding job for our Department and I know she has worked up through quite a few little places here in National, and I'm sure that she will carry on as National President. She has a hard act to follow, so she has got to work hard, but I do think she can do it. SECONDED by Bonnie Morse, PDP, NH; Eileen Coombs PNP, ME; Florence Spring, PNP, NJ; Departments of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and several others.

VICE PRESIDENT

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: The New York Department would like to place in nomination a member who is a second generation. Her mother was very, very active, and she has been very active. She was the Personal Aide this year for Betty. She has a sister and she has a niece who are also here as working members on the floor. The New York Department would like to place the name of Linda Fields as Vice President. SECONDED by New York Delegation and Departments of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine.

COUNCIL MEMBER #1

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: I heard out in the hall that someone said that Council Member #1 is just an automatic and the Past President is put into it. This is not true. She is nominated, she is elected by you members, and I would like to place the name for Council Member #1, Betty Baker. SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI; Departments of New Hampshire, Wisconsin, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME.

COUNCIL MEMBER #2

BEVERLY KNIGHT, DP, PA: Sister President, Pennsylvania would like to nominate Mary Jo Long for Council Member #2. SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA.

COUNCIL MEMBER #3

DANIELLE MICHAELS, DP, WI: Wisconsin would like to nominate Peggy Schaefer for

Council Member #3. She has been very dedicated to Wisconsin, she has carried Wisconsin and

kept it alive for many years. SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA; Frances Murray, PNP, ME; and New York Department.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

FLORENCE SPRING, PNP, NJ: Sister President, I'd like to place in nomination the name of a Sister from the Department of New Jersey. She is known to most of you here and has been a very conscientious worker in the New Jersey Department. She is learning how not to say "no" to any request that is made of her. She is a two time Department President and I'm sure that she will do a good job for the National Organization. I'd like to present the name of Ruby Kissinger for National Patriotic Instructor. SECONDED by Esther Peiper, PNP, PA; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD/DE; Bea Greenwalt, PNP, NY; Isabelle Roberts, PNP, NY; New York Department.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

ROSE LOVETTE, DP, NY: I don't think I have to say anything about who New York would like to nominate: Michelle Langley. We all know what a hard worker she is and what a lovable person she is. We nominate Michelle. SECONDED by New York Department, and everyone in the room.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister President, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department, with great pride I would like to place in nomination for this position the name of a PDP of Pennsylvania, Martha Johnson. She has served the National Organization twice as Chief of Staff. I believe she has been on Council before. I guess I just don't remember all the jobs that she has done but you know that she does a beautiful job and I am very proud to nominate her. SECONDED by Florence Spring, PNP, NJ; Esther Peiper, PNP, PA; Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA; Sarah Cherry, DP, OH; Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ; Maryland/Delaware; Maine; Pennsylvania; New York; Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME.

NATIONAL WASHINGTON, D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: The Council was faced with the problem of filling this position due to the death of Sister Dorris Schlenker. We have contacted Sister Elizabeth Phillips, a Past Auxiliary President of the Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary. I spoke with her at noontime and she is delighted and honored that we would even consider her. She will attend all events because PC-in-C Richard Schlenker stated that they live only five blocks apart and he is willing to take her to every event that she is invited to. Therefore, we have appointed Elizabeth Phillips from the Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: As was stated in the President's report yesterday, Emma Ashley, our MAL Coordinator had to resign her position. Sister Betty Baker did take it over temporarily until August. The Council met and we have decided to appoint, and she did agree to do this, Sister Betty Baker to continue as MAL Coordinator. She has gone to a lot of work to get it up to date and she is very anxious to follow through and see that this job of MAL Coordinator is done correctly. I am sure she will do a fantastic job. She is therefore filling the unexpired term.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

That we set aside the Australian ballot for one year since we have only one nominee for each office, and vote by acclamation.

SO VOTED

National President Betty asked each officer if she would accept the office to which

they were elected, and each officer accepted.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Dorothy Hilyard, could we have the report of the Officers' Committee?

OFFICERS' COMMITTEE REPORT

To our National President Betty Baker who has been a member of our Organization for many years and has worked hard in many offices she held. She has given her all this year for our Organization, traveling all over the country and bringing messages to encourage us. We wish for you a wonderful Encampment and pray God gives you many more years to work for us.

The following are recommendations from our National President's report:

RECOMMENDATION #1. That one page in our Proceedings with photograph be dedicated to the memory of PNP Caroline Riddell and one page with photograph be devoted to PNP Dorris Schlenker. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
SECONDED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #2. That we continue to give our \$350.00 scholarship and it be the choice of the National President. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Linda Fields, PDP, NY
SECONDED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #3. That we adopt a form to be used by applicants when applying for the scholarship. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #4. That the National President or someone she designates keep a three month personal contact with each Provisional Auxiliary for at least 1 year or until she feels they are functioning satisfactorily. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE TO CONTACT, BUT NOT TO INTRUDE

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #5. That new Article V, Section 3 be deleted or read: Auxiliaries pay Per Capita Tax the first quarter they are instituted unless the end of the quarter is in the month they are instituted. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT
SECONDED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #6. That the Membership at Large Coordinator be elected to a three year term. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #7. That the Per Capita Tax of \$.75 per member per quarter remain the same for the coming year. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #8. That we look into patches, insignias, and items with the Auxiliary logo on them and make them available through the Treasurer. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION:

PNP FRANCES MURRAY: I agree, but who is going to do this and decide how much we are going to pay? Is there going to be a committee appointed?

PRESIDENT BETTY: The incoming National President will see that a committee is set up and this will be looked into and given the approval by the Council before anything is done.

MOVED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
SECONDED by Linda Fields, PDP, NY
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #9. That the fund raisers help promote these items and be allowed so many to sell in their travels. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, NY
SECONDED by Mary Spalding, DP, NH
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #10. That the National President have a red, white, and blue sash to use when participating in wreath laying or public events to help denote who she is. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT FELT THE SASH SHOULD BE GOLD

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT
That the committee be sustained with their recommendation.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #11. That we give our Love Gift of \$250.00 to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this encampment. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, NY
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.

SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #12. That we respect the office of Commander-in-Chief and give Brother Alan R. Loomis a \$50.00 Love Token. As a thought for the future, we do away with this and add the \$50.00 to our Scholarship Fund. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
SECONDED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
That the committee **not** be sustained.
SO VOTED

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI; Emma Prince, PDP, CT; and Eileen Coombs PNP, ME.
That the money we normally give the Commander-in-Chief be put instead in the Scholarship Fund, making the scholarship (Recommendation #2) now \$400.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #13. That we set a month and all Auxiliaries elect at one time, such as January. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT TO ELECT IN OCTOBER INSTEAD OF JANUARY, EFFECTIVE 1998.

Long discussion pro and con ensued regarding month.

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
SECONDED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #14. That Department Presidents not be allowed to serve more than 2 years at one time. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT IF THE DEPARTMENT IS SMALL, SPECIAL DISPENSATION MAY BE GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

MOVED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
SECONDED by Catherine Zapatka, PNP, CT
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #15. We adopt a 50 year Certificate to be given with every 50 year pin that the Treasurer puts out. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE BUT TO ADD A 25 YEAR CERTIFICATE ALSO. FORM TO BE ADOPTED WILL BE AGREED WITH BY THE COUNCIL.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Vice President Jacquelyn Johnston: We know she would like to see our membership grow. We hope her report will show this.

National Secretary, Frances Murray: Words could never thank Secretary Frances Murray for all the work she does for our Auxiliary. She is always there for us and we enjoy her letters she sends to us. Thank you again, Fran, for everything.

Recommendations from the National Secretary's Report:

RECOMMENDATION #1. That the interest from the Permanent Fund investments be used for expenses of handling Life Membership, Honor Roll, and Members at Large.
APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
SECONDED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #2. I wish the following in the C.R.&R., Page 18, Article II, Membership, to be changed:

Section 1. The membership of the Department Encampment shall consist of its own elective and appointive officers, its Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers in good standing, Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers who have served five (5) consecutive years, its sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Vice Presidents, Past Presidents in good standing, and one (1) Delegate and as many more as the Department should decide.

Change suggested: After Past Presidents in good standing, eliminate “and as many more as a Department shall decide” and replace with “one delegate or alternate from each Auxiliary, and one (1) Delegate from Member at Large, to be appointed by the Department Secretary. Members at Large who have been Past Auxiliary Presidents or Past Department Presidents before becoming Members at Large would keep their voting privilege. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Sarah Cherry, DP, OH
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee **not** be sustained.
SO VOTED

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
That we add 1B to C.R.&R., Page 18, Article II, Membership **Section 1** to read: One delegate will be allowed from the Membership at Large, to be chosen by the Department Secretary.
SO VOTED

National Treasurer, Eileen Coombs: Eileen, we would like to thank you for the fine work you do with our finances. Everyone cannot do this job and you do it so well.

Recommendations from the National Treasurer’s Report:

RECOMMENDATION #1. Roll Call Cards: when supply is depleted that we have a binder with Roll Call pages. This would enable Auxiliaries to have more than two years in the book. The Roll Call Card is for two years, then Auxiliaries file them. I heard some Auxiliaries discard them after two years. I think it is necessary for the Auxiliaries to keep them for future information for their records. A binder would enable them to keep many years in them. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Mary Spalding DP, NH
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #2. We order 5,000 or more brochures. Last order was for 10,000 two years ago at a cost of \$675.00. (The bill for these brochures was paid on

November 9, 1995.) APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Council Members Margaret Atkinson, Mary Willey, and Mary Jo Long: Thank you so much for standing to help our Organization. We appreciate it so much.

Recommendations from the Report of the National Council:

RECOMMENDATION #1. The Council has made note of the extraordinary amount of time and effort expended by the National Secretary and National Treasurer to perform the duties of their offices. They receive a nominal sum of money as recompense for these labors. We recommend that this amount be raised from \$250.00 to \$500.00 per year. COMMITTEE FELT IT SHOULD BE RAISED TO \$350.00 INSTEAD OF \$500.00.

MOVED by Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH
SECONDED by Emma Prince, PDP, CT
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #2. We also recommend that the travel allowance of the National President be raised from \$1800.00 to \$2000.00 per year. This amount will still not cover her expenses for the year, but may help to relieve the financial burden she assumes. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
SECONDED by Mary Jo Long, PDP, PA
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #3. The National Historian has purchased extra insurance at her own expense to cover the National Archives stored in her home, uses her own copier and paper, and incurs postage expenses in fulfilling her duties. We recommend she be allotted a \$100.00 minimum amount to cover some of these expenses. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
SECONDED by Aletha Cratsley, PDP, NY
That the committee be not be sustained.
MOTION NOT CARRIED

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

RECOMMENDATION #4. Council also discussed the method of reporting donations to the money officers. It was suggested they read in full, including the amounts, all Auxiliary and Department donations, but only the names of those Sisters making personal donations, omitting the amount given. The amounts are to be printed on the report and available for review. They will also be recorded in the Proceedings. APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH

SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA
That the committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Patriotic Instructor, Teresa Doyle: We know this is a very important office as Patriotism is the backbone of our Organization.

Our Washington, DC Representative Dorris Schlenker, we know represented our Organization whenever she could when she went with her Civil War dresses. We will miss her so much. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Membership at Large Coordinator, Emma Ashley: We know Emma has always been happy to get new members for our Organization.

Historian and Counselor, Beatrice Greenwalt: We know that Beatrice loves to get History about our Organization. This is a wonderful office and Beatrice does it so nice. As Counselor, we know she was always ready to help her daughter, our National President Betty, whenever she wanted it.

Chaplain, Marguerite Plante: We know you have carried out this office in a wonderful way. We know her Memorial Service will long be remembered.

Press Correspondent, Mary Scofield: We know our Press Correspondent always tries to do what she can to get publicity for our Auxiliary. Thank you, Mary.

Director of the Budget, Emma Wheeler: We know Emma always keeps our organization in mind and will guard the expenditures of our National Organization. We thank her for her untiring efforts.

Chief of Staff, Michelle Langley: We know this is a very important office to our Organization; without it we could not continue to do a lot of our work. Thank you, Michelle, for all your work. We know you will have a nice report.

Personal Aide, Linda Fields: It is so nice to have someone standing by when you need something. It is nice to know you can call on her.

Special Aide, Maude Baker: We know it made Betty happy to know you were there for her.

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE
Florence Spring, PNP, NJ
Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH

SECONDED by Vivian Russell, PDP, NY

That we accept the report from the Committee on Officers Reports, spread it in full in the minutes and discharge the committee with thanks.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: We now need the financial report of our National Patriotic Instructor, Teresa Doyle.

FINANCIAL REPORT - NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Chances</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>California & Pacific</u>				
Department Donation	15.00			15.00
Sale of Chances			5.00	5.00
	15.00		5.00	20.00
<u>Connecticut</u>				
Department Donation	25.00			25.00
Anne Willeke, PNP		10.00		10.00
Ruth Huntington, PDP		5.00		5.00
Catherine Zapatka, PNP		10.00		10.00
Mary Scofield, N. Press Corr.		5.00		5.00

Judith Trepanier		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			15.00	15.00
	25.00	35.00	15.00	75.00

Illinois

Department Donation	12.50			12.50
Florence Forbey, PNP		10.00		10.00
Sale of Chances			25.00	25.00
	12.50	10.00	25.00	47.50

Iowa

Department Donation	25.00			25.00
Aux.Don #16		5.00		5.00
Myldred Schofield		5.00		5.00
Mildred Graham		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			12.00	12.00
	25.00	10.00	12.00	52.00

Maine

Department Donation	15.00			15.00
T. W. Hyde Aux. #11		5.00		5.00
Eileen Coombs, PNP		5.00		5.00
Frances Murray, PNP		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			31.00	31.00
	15.00	15.00	31.00	61.00

Maryland-Delaware

Department Donation	15.00			15.00
Lincoln Cushing Aux.		10.00		10.00
Dorothy Hilyard, PNP		5.00		5.00
	15.00	15.00		30.00

Massachusetts

Department Donation	20.00			20.00
Springfield Aux #10		15.00		15.00
Betty Mellor, PDP		20.00		20.00
Adell Hotaling		10.00		10.00
Jennie Russell, PNP		10.00		10.00
Frank Tucker, PDC		5.00		5.00
Sale of Chances			15.00	15.00
	20.00	60.00	15.00	95.00

New Hampshire

Department Donation	30.00			30.00
Emma Wheeler, PNP		35.00		35.00
Jacquelyn Johnston, NVP		50.00		50.00
Winifred Bassett, PDP		10.00		10.00

Randy Dow		10.00		10.00
	30.00	105.00		135.00

New Jersey

Department Donation	10.00			10.00
Catherine Kahn		10.00		10.00
Anne Clayton, PNP		10.00		10.00
Florence Spring, PNP		10.00		10.00

Thelma Ramaglia, PDP	15.00		15.00
Marion Combs, PNP	25.00		25.00
(In Memory of Fred)			
Sale of Chances		25.00	25.00
	10.00	70.00	105.00

New York

Department Donation	10.00		10.00
Glidden Pierce Aux		5.00	5.00
Auxiliary #8		10.00	10.00
Linda Fields, PDP		10.00	10.00
Betty Baker, NP		10.00	10.00
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP		5.00	5.00
Sale of Chances		25.00	25.00
	10.00	40.00	75.00

Ohio

Department Donation	25.00		25.00
E Garfield Aux #1		10.00	10.00
Frost Aux #108		15.00	15.00
Judy Morgan, PDP		5.00	5.00
Sale of Chances		10.00	10.00
	25.00	30.00	65.00

Pennsylvania

Department Donation	25.00		25.00
Ellwood City Aux #165		10.00	10.00
A M Ross Aux #1		10.00	10.00
Auxiliary #50		5.00	5.00
Sarah Crawford Aux.		5.00	5.00
Margaret Atkinson, PNP		10.00	10.00
Vivian Rockey		10.00	10.00
Martha Johnson, PDP		10.00	10.00
Mary J. Banman		10.00	10.00
Esther Peiper, PNP		20.00	20.00
Beverly Knight, DP		50.00	50.00
Mary Jo Long, PDP		10.00	10.00
Sale of Chances		21.00	21.00
	25.00	150.00	196.00

Rhode Island

Department Donation	30.00		30.00
Marguerite Plante, N. Chap.		10.00	10.00
	30.00	10.00	40.00

Vermont

HEK Hall Aux #15	25.00		25.00
Ethel Drew	5.00		5.00
Francis Ingoldsby	5.00		5.00
(In Memory of Elizabeth)			
PDC Floyd & PDP Louise Blodgett		5.00	5.00
Alice Doyle, PDP	5.00		5.00
Doris Lyon	5.00		5.00
Teresa Doyle, NPI	50.00		50.00
Iva Decker/Bev Moodie	5.00		5.00
Patricia Reed	5.00		5.00

Adeline Durkee, PDP	50.00	50.00
(In Memory of Ned)		
Sale of Chances	65.00	65.00
	<u>160.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>

Wisconsin

Sale of Chances	10.00	10.00
	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>

New England Regional Auxiliary

Regional Donation	25.00	25.00
	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>

Membership At Large

MAL Donation	25.00	25.00
	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>

Past Presidents' Clubs

Ann's Nutmeggers	15.00
Anne's Orchids	10.00
Bea's Honeys	10.00
Betty's Bluebirds	15.00
Caroline's 76ers	5.00
Dorothy's Peach Blossoms	5.00
Dorris' Wild Daisies	15.00
Edith's Glowworms	5.00
Eileen's Golden Pages	5.00
Ethel's First Ladies	20.00
Floradora Girls	5.00
Florence's 4-B's	12.50
Florence's Spring Chickens	10.00
Florence's Violets	10.00
Fran's Fans	15.00
Isabelle's Liberty Girls	10.00
Jennie's Jewels	6.00
Kitty's Kittens	10.00
Lady Esthers	10.00
Lil's Bay Staters	5.00
Margaret's Marvels	20.00
Mary's Cherry Blossoms	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	5.00
Nellie's Belles	5.00
Ora's Golden Girls	10.00
Stella's Stars	5.00
	<u>248.50</u>

Miscellaneous

Table Sales of Items	378.70
Collections	57.76
Raffle	489.00
	<u>925.46</u>

SUMMARY

Department Donations	307.50
Personal Donations	715.00
Chances Sold	748.00
Club Donations	248.50

Table Sales	378.70
Collections	57.76
TOTAL INCOME	2455.46

MOVED by Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME

SECONDED by several

That we accept this report from the Patriotic Instructor and give her a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful job.

SO VOTED

Department reports given this afternoon: Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Vermont, Utah Provisional Auxiliary read by Secretary. National President Betty remarked on the South Carolina Provisional Auxiliary.

The Chaplain closed the Bible at 4:15 P.M. until Sunday morning session.

FIFTH SESSION
Sunday, August 10, 1997
9:19 A.M.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Good morning, ladies. I do believe it is morning, I am not quite sure. A few of us have been up all night, so we don't know if it is day or night yet!

Before I begin, I would like to thank the committee for the lovely banquet last night. I think it was beautiful to look out over that red, white, and blue and we had a wonderful evening. I think all of us will agree that it was a beautiful time. As usual, they have outdone themselves and made us very proud of them.

I would like to, again, thank my Chief of Staff for all the hard work she has done all year. For the extra things you have to do here at this Encampment and the fund-raising you did, it is miraculous, and for just being there and supporting me and being an extra driver. I greatly appreciate that, Michelle. You will be repaid someday in Heaven.

Sister Linda, my real sister Linda, and my special, Special Aide, Maude, for putting up with the Sons' second round performance last night, I greatly appreciate it and I don't know how you ever kept going until 4:00 this morning. But we made it through it and I appreciate everything you both have done, not only last night, but this whole year. I'll never, never be able to repay you when either one of you become National President. But, I'll be there!

We have a little problem this morning. Our Charter drape seems to be missing, so if anyone has seen it or might know where the staff moved it to last night, we would appreciate your help. It is a black drape with a big bow in the center and it goes on our Charter. We have hunted and hunted and hunted and we cannot find it. So, if anyone has any clues, maybe later you can help us and tell us.

The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT BETTY: One other thing I forgot. I would like to thank each and every one of you that kept my mother and myself in your prayers last night for my brother. He is much improved and is anxious to get out, so we know he is all right. When we get home, we will see a much improved brother.

The Guard reported all entitled to remain.

The Minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read by the Stenographer, corrected, and approved.

PRESIDENT BETTY: In the reading of the Minutes, you will be reminded that we adopted Recommendation #14, that Department Presidents only serve two years at one time. We feel we should set a time when this will go into effect. May we have some discussion?

MOVED by Linda Fields, PDP, NY
SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA
That **Recommendation #14, stating that Department Presidents may only serve two years at one time, be effective starting with 1998 Department Encampment elections.**
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: I have been asked by the Convention Committee if we would be willing to give \$100 towards the rental of an extra piano. In their contract, they did not understand properly, that the Ladies' groups each asked to have a piano for this Encampment. The hotel told them they would, and now they have presented them with a bill. The sales staff is not in the hotel on Sundays, so they are not able to fight with them about it. Could I have some discussion?

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
That we give the Encampment Committee \$100 towards the rental of a piano.

PRESIDENT BETTY: I would like to mention one thing that you are not all aware of. The Ladies of the Grand Army said they did not want the piano if it was going to cost and they originally started out with that and the Committee did not listen, I guess. So, when you are taking your vote, this is just a thought. The Committee claims they are going to negotiate and that if any of the Ladies' groups will give them the money, they will return it. Sister Jackie, would you preside a minute while I step out of my office? I would like to just say something on this a minute. If they are going to negotiate, then I feel that we could wait and let it be a matter that goes to Council. If they do need it, and this delegation does want to pay it, then the Council could be advised to pay it and not do it until the negotiations are done. I feel the Committee should have handled this, it is not our responsibility. We have paid our share and I think we should wait for further action. Thank you, Jackie. Any further discussion?

MOTION NOT CARRIED

MOVED by VP Jackie Johnston, NH
SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Council will have the authority to give the Encampment Committee \$100 if so needed to help pay for the rental of the second piano.
SO VOTED

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
SECONDED by Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI
That if there is a charge for the rental of the recording equipment for the Stenographer, the National Organization pay it.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: Is there any other new business to come before us?

MOVED by Frances Murray, PNP, ME
SECONDED by Mary Willey, DP, MA
That if there is any further business after the close of the convention, that the New and Old Council handle it.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT BETTY: If we have no further business, Sister Jackie, do you need a recess of any kind? You are ready to go?

Sister Secretary Frances would like the new officers to be sure to give their address, e-

mail address, and pick up your stationary before you leave after the installation.

Sisters, I would just like to say one thing before we go into the Installation of Officers. My Parliamentarian will probably call me out of order, but I'll take the chance at this point I would like to thank each and every one of my officers that served with me. I think we had a great year, it was a pleasure serving with you and serving for you. I feel that I served for you. You were all there behind me. Sister Jackie, you and your staff of officers will be fully supported by me and by everyone in this room. The National Organization is behind the officers and will work with you in every way we can. I have been proud to have the opportunity to serve the National Organization. It has been an extreme privilege to travel and meet the membership. And in those travels, I have seen most of our membership and our membership is in drastic need of growth. We must all continue to strive to grow. Our membership is getting elderly and they need our support to build up their numbers so they can sit and guide us and be sure that the Organization they have worked all these years for will still be there. So please, go back to your local areas, work, strive, build yourselves up, and show them how proud you are to be a descendant of a Civil War soldier. We all are, we know we are and we have to get out there and show the public and be ever working to do that. We are the Auxiliary to the Sons. Tell them, show them, continue to work for them. Be proud to tell the world. Be proud of your past and thank you once again for giving me a year of service and I will continue to the best of my ability to support and continue this Organization. Thank you, sisters.

We will now go into the Installation of Officers.

FRANCES MURRAY, PNP, ME: I did want to say that the Sons have received an invitation for the Site Committee for the year 2000 from Rhode Island and the year 2001 from Kansas City, Missouri. It is not definite, but the invitations have been received. Next year, 1998, we will be at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and the year after that, in 1999, we will be at Indianapolis, Indiana. Then we will have two more that we will be looking at.

PRESIDENT BETTY: There is one other thing that I forgot regarding the regalia that you have so graciously approved. I would personally like to see that it is done, and donate whatever cost it takes to have it done properly to remember my year by, if that's in agreement with the Encampment. Thank you.

Installation of Officers began at 9:45 A.M.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sisters, we are to receive our Installing Officer. You will receive her with respect due her office and pay close attention during the service.

National President-Elect Jacquelyn Johnston chose her mother, Emma Wheeler, PNP, NH, to be her Installing Officer. Guides and Color Guards escorted the Installing Officer to the altar.

PRESIDENT BETTY: Sister Emma, as President of the National Organization, I am happy to greet you and extend to you a most hearty welcome. Sisters, salute.

Sisters Guides and Color Guards, please escort her to my station. *(So done.)*

Sister Installing Officer, we are ready to proceed with the installation.

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: I will appoint Sisters Bonita Morse and Sarah Cherry as Guide and Assistant Guide. I will appoint for Color Bearers Janice Broderick and Lydia Chu. The Chaplain will be Mary Spalding. Will they please take their stations.

Sister National President, have the Secretary's and Treasurer's books been duly audited by the National Council, reported correct, and has the report been accepted by the National Organization?

PRESIDENT BETTY: Yes, they have.

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: Sister National President, you are now relieved of

the command of this National Organization and in accordance with Chapter 1 Article 9 of the regulations having creditably and faithfully served a term as President, you are now entitled to and will occupy for the ensuing year, the seat of honor in this Organization, the Past President's Chair. At this time, you may have someone pin on your badge.

The Past National President's badge was pinned on Betty by her mother, PNP Beatrice Greenwalt.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: This has truly given me pleasure that I put your National President's pin on and now I will put your Past National President's pin on. You know, we have little secrets. Fifty years from now when they say, will you stand and give the year that you served as National President and your mind is just a little bit hesitant, take a little peek on the back and it will tell you your year! Maybe I shouldn't give that Past President's little secret away!

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our esteemed Sister to the Past President's chair.

Past National President Betty is escorted around the room twice with all the auxiliary members honoring her as she passes by and is seated in the Past President's chair.

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: Sister Secretary, you will call the roll of officers who will either be escorted by the Guide or an escort. We ask that Jackie will be escorted by her father, who is a Past Commander-in-Chief, and her cousin, Bonnie, who is Guide.

The following officers-elect took places on the left as their names were called. They were installed in ritualistic form.

President	Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NH
Vice President	Linda Fields, PDP, NY
Council Member #1	Betty J. Baker, PNP, NY
Council Member #3	Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI
Patriotic Instructor	Ruby Kissinger, PDP, NJ
Chaplain	Michelle Langley, PDP, NY
Press Correspondent	Martha Johnson, PDP, PA
Counselor	Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE
Chief of Staff	Teresa Doyle, PDP, VT
Personal Aide	Janice Broderick, DPI, NH

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: Sister Guide, you will escort to this station the National President.

Installing Officer Wheeler instructed that a yellow rose be given to each of the newly installed officers and to those officers serving continuous terms.

INSTALLING OFFICER WHEELER: Sister President, I thought I was going to pin this on you, but I am so weak by this time, I don't think I can! (Yes, she could and did pin the National President's badge on her daughter.)

MARY SPALDING, DP, NH: Sister President, may I have the service of the Guides, please?

PRESIDENT JACKIE: You certainly may.

MARY SPALDING, DP, NH: Sister National President, on behalf of the New Hampshire Department, we would like to present you with these roses.

PRESIDENT JACKIE: Thank you very much!

Sisters, thank you very much for electing me to this honorable position. I certainly do appreciate it. This convention year actually is my 40th anniversary as a member of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I was initiated in Detroit, Michigan in 1957. Obviously, you also know, I am very happy that you have given me this opportunity while my mother and father are still here to see it and to enjoy it. Dad was Commander-in-Chief in 1976-77 and my mother was National President in 1964-65 and we really have a lot of history. My grandparents all belonged on both sides and the Auxiliary and Sons I've grown up with. I know that many of you know that my mom and dad always took me everywhere and parked me on a chair if I was tired. I understand that some of the very older members in the Auxiliary diapered me. So, I have been here for a long time and I really do appreciate this honor. I will serve to the best of my ability and I hope that I can do one-eighth as well as our Past National President Betty Baker and Margaret Atkinson. You both did marvelous jobs and are tough acts to follow!

Is there anything else to come before this Auxiliary?

BETTY BAKER, PNP, NY: Sister President, it is an extreme pleasure to offer my support to you and the whole delegation of New York is fully behind you. Congratulations to you and to your staff.

PRESIDENT JACKIE: Thank each of you very much for reserving a little bit of energy, because I can't see how you can have any left!

Congratulations were expressed to Jackie by Frances Murray, PNP, ME; Eileen Coombs, PNP, ME; Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA; Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, MD-DE; Linda Fields, PDP, NY; Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY; Martha Johnson, PDP, PA; Connecticut Department; Pennsylvania Department; Chief of Staff Teresa Doyle and Vermont Department; Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI; Mary Willey, DP, MA; New York Department; Maine Department; Sarah Cherry, DP and Ohio Department; Ora Moitoso, PNP, RI; Mary Spalding, DP, NH; Florence Spring, PNP and New Jersey Department; Danielle Michaels, DP and Wisconsin Department.

PRESIDENT JACKIE: My theme for the year will be "Honoring God, Country, and the G.A.R."

If there is no further business to come before this Auxiliary, we will proceed to close the encampment.

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.

PRESIDENT JACKIE: If we would all join hands now and do the "Pennsylvania Closing".

All members sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

PRESIDENT JACKIE: One last thing. I had hoped to have a lot of family here but unfortunately my captain in the Army was shipped to Geison on Wednesday, his wife is attending the University of Oklahoma, and Keith and Shannon who are at work at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, VT and live in Hinesburg, are expecting their first child in early October. So I have ended up with my aunt, Martha Baldwin, who was probably the fore-most Guide that I can remember in the Auxiliary prior to her illness; my cousin Bonita Morse, who has been one of my favorite cousins since I was a little girl; and of course, Mom and Dad. I thank you all for coming and I thank ALL the girls from New Hampshire, Mary, Lydia, and Janice (who is a cousin by marriage) for coming. As you know, our Auxiliary is very small now. I think that Hillsboro gets 3, 4, or 5 members to a meeting, Milford has at the most 5-6-7 at a meeting, and Keene is lucky if they have 4 people. So I think getting this many here and having them do what they did is very good and I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

President Jackie then introduced Randy Dowell; her father, PC-in-C Ken Wheeler; Clarence Richardson, PDC; Charles Tucker, PDC; and Victor Falcetti, PDC who were all from New Hampshire.

PRESIDENT JACKIE: We have had quite a delegation from New Hampshire to National for the first time in many, many years. I hope that everyone will come next year to Harrisburg. I look forward to seeing you there and we look forward to an exciting year. Hopefully, we will grow. The men are growing and let's trust that we'll grow really big again. Thank you very much.

The 111th Encampment is now closed.

Closed at 10:45 A.M.

**LIST OF VOTING MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE 111TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE AUXILIARY
TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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Catherine Zapatka, PNP
Dorothy Bianco, DP
Ruth Huntington, PDP
Joyce Norman, PDP
Emma Prince, PDP
Judith Trepanier, D

MAINE

Eileen Coombs, PNP, Nat'l Treas.
Frances Murray, PDP, Nat'l Sec.
Elizabeth Ferrin, DP
Doris Warner, D

MARYLAND-DELAWARE

Dorothy Hilyard, PNP, DP
Florence Foight, PDP

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Mary Willey, DP, NCM#2
Louaine Hooper, PDP
Adell Hotaling, D
Anne Hooper, D

MICHIGAN

Dorothy Lowe, D
Darlene Miller, D

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Emma Wheeler, PNP, D/Budget
Jacquelyn Johnston, PDP, NVP
Mary D. Spalding, DP
Martha Baldwin, PDP
Bonita Morse, PDP
Janice Broderick, D
Lydia Chute, D
NEW JERSEY
Martha Wilson, PDP
Amanda Kroger, D

Florence Spring, PNP
Ruby Kissinger, DP

NEW YORK

Betty Baker, Nat'l Pres.
Beatrice Terry Greenwalt, PNP, Nat'l Hist.
Michelle Langley, PDP, Nat'l C/Staff
Linda J. Fields, PDP, Nat'l Pers Aide
Isabelle Roberts, PNP
Rose LoVette, DP
Maude Baker, PDP, Special Aide
Alethea Cratsley, PDP
Janice Dawson, PDP
Emma Every, PDP
Bettye Myers, PDP
Elizabeth Orman, PDP
Vivian Russell, PDP
Virginia Twist, PDP
Kimberly Dawson, D
Gloria Fisher, D
Sharon Lee Kaples, D
Janice Miller, D
Lorraine Orton, D
Autumn Twist, D
Betty Wheeler, D

OHIO

Sarah Cherry, DP
Judy Morgan, PDP

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Margaret Atkinson, PNP, NCM#1
Mary Jo Long, PDP, NCM #3
Esther Peiper, PNP
Beverly Knight, DP
Martha Johnson, PDP

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Ora Moitoso, PNP

VERMONT

Teresa Doyle, PDP, Nat'l Patriotic
Instr.
Alice Doyle, PDP
Louise Blodgett, PDP

WISCONSIN

Danielle Michaels, DP
Peggy Schaefer, PDP
Allison Michaels, D

COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 7, 1997

The meeting was held in the Headquarters room. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were audited and approved. Items acted on are in the report of National Council. Also present were National President Betty Baker, National Secretary Frances Murray, National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, and National Counselor Beatrice Greenwalt.

OLD AND NEW COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, August 10, 1997

The meeting of the Old and New Council was held in the Headquarters room.
Present:

OLD COUNCIL

Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Mary Willey, DP, MA

NEW COUNCIL

Betty Baker, PNP, NY
Peggy Schaefer, PDP, WI

Also present were National Treasurer Eileen Coombs, National Secretary Frances Murray, and National President Jackie Johnston. Mary Jo Long, member of both the Old and New Council, was unable to attend the final Council meeting.

It was voted by the Council that Betty Baker would make or have made the sash that the National President will wear.

The final books of the Secretary and Treasurer were audited and approved.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned to meet again in Harrisburg, PA in August, 1998 prior to the opening of National Encampment.

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1887 *† Mrs. Laura Miller, Lancaster, PA
1887-88 *† Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH
1889-90 *† Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA
1891 *† Mrs. J.S. Mason, Medina OH
1891-93 † Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA
1894-95-96 † Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL
1897 † Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH
1898 † Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, DC
1899 † Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA
1900-01-02 † Mrs. Lida Tomer-Miller, Rochester, NY
1903-4 † Miss Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN
1905-6 † Mrs. Kate E. Hardcastle Carr, Camden, NJ (PA Dept.)
1907 † Mrs. Julia A. Moynihan, Rochester, NY
1908 † Miss Mam E. Herbst, South Canton, OH
1909-10 † Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer, Reading, PA (NJ Dept.)
1911 † Mrs. H. Pauline Creighton, Campaign, IL
1912 † Mrs. Flora A.S. Whitney, Marlboro, MA
1913 † Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY
1914 *† Miss Edna Bergwitz, Columbus, OH
1915 † Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Indianapolis, IN
1916 *† Mrs. Libbie Meis, Overbrook, Philadelphia, PA
1917 † Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, Rockford, IL

1918 *†	Mrs. Mayme E. Dwyer, Long Island City, NY
1919 †	Mrs. Margaret Carney, Melrose, MA
1920 †	Miss Mary L. Tredo, Patterson, NU
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1933 †	Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL (OH Dept.)
1934 †	Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, Tacoma, WA (MA Dept.)
1935 †	Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Clearwater, FL (PA Dept.)
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1937 †	Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, Milwaukee, WI
1938 †	Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, Albany, NY
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1946 †	Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, Valparaiso, IN (IL Dept.)
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1987 *	Mrs. Esther Peiper 1588 Ongaro Dr., Columbus OH 43204 (PA Dept.)
1988	Mrs. Betty Woerner 22609 Ladeene Ave. Torrance, CA 90505
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1990	Mrs. Beatrice Greenwalt 2449 Center Ave., Alliance, OH 44601 (NY Dept.)
1991	Mrs. Ora Moitoso 3663 Pawtucket Ave. #716, Riverside, RI 02915
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1993	Mrs. Frances Murray 1284 Washington St., Bath, ME 04530-2848
1994 *	Mrs. Florence Spring 516 Martin Ave., Reading, PA 19601
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Honor conferred by National Organization:

1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

* Life Member

† Deceased

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1 st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2 nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3 rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NJ
4 th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO

5 th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6 th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7 th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8 th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9 th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10 th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11 th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12 th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13 th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI
14 th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15 th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI
16 th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17 th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18 th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19 th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20 th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL
21 st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22 nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23 rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC
24 th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ
25 th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26 th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27 th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28 th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29 th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30 th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31 st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32 nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33 rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34 th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35 th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36 th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37 th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38 th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39 th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40 th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA
41 st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42 nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43 rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44 th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH
45 th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46 th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47 th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48 th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49 th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50 th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51 st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52 nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53 rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54 th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55 th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56 th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57 th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58 th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA
59 th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60 th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
61 st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62 nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI

63 rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Indianapolis	IN
64 th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65 th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66 th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67 th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68 th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69 th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70 th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71 st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72 nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
73 rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74 th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75 th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76 th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77 th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78 th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79 th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80 th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
81 st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82 nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
83 rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84 th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85 th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86 th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87 th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88 th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89 th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90 th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
91 st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92 nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93 rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94 th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95 th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96 th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
97 th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98 th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99 th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100 th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101 st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
102 nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103 rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104 th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105 th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106 th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107 th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108 th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109 th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110 th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH
111 th	1997	Aug. 7-10	Utica	NY

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