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IN MEMORIAM



MRS. FLORENCE SPRING
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1993-1994

Department of New Jersey
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC**

**Louisville, Kentucky
Friday, August 14, 2009
8:00 A.M.**

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDERT. -- Chaplain, for what purpose is this meeting called?

CHAPLAIN KOWALSKI -- To pay tribute of respect to the memory of our late comrades.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDERT -- Have you a record of their service in the cause of our country, in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Allied Orders?

CHAPLAIN KOWALSKI -- Commander, we have.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDERT -- Chaplains, you will read it.

The Allied Order Chaplains read the records of their deceased members and officers.

[The drummer beat three rolls upon a muffled drum immediately after the reading of each record.]

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDERT -- The record is an honorable one, and, as the memory of all faithful members of the Allied Orders should be cherished and their record preserved, I direct that it be placed in the archives of the Encampment for future reference.

REMARKS BY NATIONAL CHAPLAIN JERRY KOWALSKI

CHAPLAIN MICHAELS -- RESPONSIVE READING OF
SCRIPTURE.

HYMN -- *VACANT CHAIR*

BENEDICTION -- CHAPLAIN KOWALSKI

HYMN -- *AMAZING GRACE*

In Loving Memory
PNP FLORENCE SHARP SPRING
1934 - 2009

We gather to pay tribute to another broken link in the Golden Chain of Past National Presidents who have served the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Florence Sharp Spring was born August 18, 1934 in Jersey City, New Jersey, to the late Alton and Elizabeth Sharp.

She was married to the late Walter S. Spring Jr. who passed away in 1995, and from that marriage, they were blessed with five children: Florence J. Ballirano, Susan Jamieson, Walter S. Spring III, Dane A. Spring, and Patrick M. Spring. Florence was also blessed to be called "Nanny" by 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. At our last visit, less than a week before her passing, she told me of the legacy she wanted to leave for her family, mentioning each of those children and grandchildren by name.

Service could have been the middle name of Florence Spring. In her private life she was employed by the New Jersey Department of Social Services. Her dedication to the families she worked to help was as important to her as the family in which she served as "matriarch." Nothing pleased her more than sharing stories about her "kids," and any of us who knew her well were privileged to be counted among her "kids."

Being the mother of a large family, she did not often get to do special things for herself. One of the many things she looked forward to while she was working was to indulge herself with clams on the half shell. Remembering their growing up years, her children treated her to this delicacy while she was in ICU during her last hospital stay. Her spirits stayed high and her mind and memory were intact as we shared our stories for the last time.

Sister Florence was an active Life Member of our Organization. She rose up through the ranks of the Elmer Ellsworth Auxiliary #2, the New Jersey Department, and the National Organization. At the National Encampment in Portland, Maine in 1993, she was elected to serve as National President. She and her Commander-in-Chief, Allen W. Moore, presided in Lansing, Michigan, August 11-14, 1994. During her Encampment, her Department Presidents formed a club, calling themselves "Florence's Spring Chickens." This so delighted her that her email address still carried that name and the year she served.

Jane A. Graham
Ohio Department President

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Louisville, KY

Friday, August 14, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Greetings

Keith G. Karcher, PDC, Host Committee Chairman

Presentation of Colors

Bridgewater Scouts, SVR

Co. A, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, SVR

Pledge of Allegiance

John Kalbfleisch, Patriotic Instructor, Dept. of Kentucky, SUVCW

Invocation

Dan Colon, Acting Chaplain, Dept. of Kentucky, SUVCW

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert, SUVCW

National President Janice Lee Harding, ASUVCW

National President Barbara Knopke, LGAR

Entertainment

President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

as presented by Mary and Larry Elliott

Benediction

Dan Colon, Acting Chaplain, Dept. of Kentucky, SUVCW

Retirement of the Colors

Bridgewater Scouts, SVR

Co. A, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, SVR

COURTESY HOUR

Kentucky Brothers sang a revised version of “Davey Crockett” to Commander Dave which became “Davey, Davey Medert....” and presented him with a portrait of Lincoln.

Ohio came wearing motorcycle regalia and presented Commander Dave with toy motorcycles and motorcycle lounge pants (which he promptly donned). They also sang a song “Hello Davey” to the tune of “Hello Dolly.” They presented President Jan with pillowcases depicting her favorite team “The Ravens.”

Maryland-Delaware performed a song to the tune of “Goober Peas.”

The Sisters gave Commander Dave sunglasses, helmet, Gettysburg shirt, and a toy motorcycle. They gave President Jan a Ravens tee-shirt, a book, and an Uncle Sam hat. The Brothers gave Commander Medert a framed picture of himself at the Tomb of the Unknowns and also some whiskey. They gave President Jan a bronze Lincoln Fellow Medal and certificate.

California-Pacific entered the room to the song “Get Your Motor Running.” They presented to Commander Dave and President Jan Whole Food “green bags,” leis, sunglasses, Rice-a-Roni, beer, caps, large bling-bling necklaces, customized bedrolls, and wine.

Colorado-Wyoming brought greetings and talked about Civil War events that happened in Colorado. They gave Commander Dave and President Jan each a white cowboy hat, a stick horse, spurs, and four books.

Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri brought gifts and best wishes.

Nebraska brought greetings and popcorn. They also performed a “drunk preacher” skit.

New Hampshire and New Jersey brought gifts and best wishes.

New York presented President Jan with a talking Lincoln action figure, Home Depot cabinet knobs, and a pillow. They gave Commander Dave a bathroom book.

Pennsylvania performed a “Willamena Tell vs Navy” skit. They gave President Jan a Redskins hat, a necklace, and “Lincoln Logs,” and gave Commander Dave a signed picture of SUVCW Officers, tee-shirt and a bust of Grant.

Rhode Island brought greetings and shots of liquor.

Wisconsin gave Commander Dave a “bleu cheese head” hat, summer sausage and crackers. They gave President Jan a gift basket and a green and gold sash reading “Miss Kentucky.”

**ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky
Saturday, August 15, 2009**

Master of CeremoniesBrad Schall, PDC
National Chief of Staff, SUVCW

Presentation of ColorsBridgewater Scouts
Co. A, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, SVR

Pledge of Allegiance Brother Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW

Invocation Brother Jerome Kowalski
National Chaplain, SUVCW

Recognition of Special Guests Brad Schall, PDC
National Chief of Staff, SUVCW

Dinner

Benediction Anne Michaels
National Chaplain, ASUVCW

Entertainment Bourbon City Brass Band
Bardstown, Kentucky

JOINT OPENING
Friday, August 14, 2009
9:00 AM

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD SCHALL: Everyone please rise as the Colors are presented.

The colors were presented by SVR members of the 4th Military District.

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD: Sister Helen and I welcome you to Louisville, Kentucky. We hope you enjoy your stay here and your respective Encampments are harmonious and successful. We are here this morning for the official opening of the 2009 Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN GEPPI: Would everyone please rise and join me in welcoming our National Officers.

The National Officers were introduced as they entered the room.

Prayer by Brother Jerome Kowalski, Nat'l Chaplain SUVCW

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Sister President, we welcome you to your National Encampment. This is the highlight of your administrations and we hope you will have a very joyous, profitable, and memorable weekend.

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD: Judy Morgan, will you please come and pin the boutonniere on the Commander-in-Chief.

Sister Judy Morgan, Nat'l Secretary, pinned flower on Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: Betty Baker, would you please pin the corsage on our National President.

PNP Betty Baker, Nat'l Treasurer, pinned the corsage on National President Janice Harding.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: It has been a privilege and joy to serve you both as your Chiefs of Staff.

The Commander-in-Chief and National President took their seats.

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD: Everybody please stand and join us in welcoming our National President and Commander-in-Chief. (*applause*) Everyone please take your seats. Now would our Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief please rise and state your name and the year of your term.

Those introducing themselves were: PC's-in-C Richard Greenwalt, 1978-79; Charles Corfman, 1989-90; Bud Atkinson, 1992-93; Allen Moore, 1993-94; Alan Loomis, 1996-97; Richard Orr, 1997-98; Andrew Johnson, 1998-99; Danny Wheeler, 1999-2000; Robert Grim, 2002-03; Steve Michaels, 2004-05; Don Darby, 2005-06; Jim Pahl, 2006-07; Charles Koon, 2007-08. PNP's Beatrice Greenwalt, 1989-90; Margaret Atkinson, 1994-95 and 1995-96; Betty Baker, 1996-97 and 1998-99; Mary Scofield, 2000-01; Danielle Michaels, 2003-04; Michelle Langley, 2004-05; Barbara Mayberry, 2006-07; Judith Trepanier, 2007-08.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: Brothers and Sisters, these are the men and women who have faithfully served us in the past. They are the foundation upon which our Organization stands. Without them to give us strength and leadership, we would falter in our mission to preserve the memories of our ancestors. Would you all please give them a super round of applause. (*applause*) Brother Commander and Sister President, we salute you as you come to the end of your year this weekend. We hope that your year has been one of cheer and friendship, and that your dreams have been fulfilled. We acknowledge your successes and your commitment for the hard work you have done for the name of our Order. You have led us through your strength and endurance. Along your travels to Camps, Auxiliaries, and special services, you have grown many friends and you will long remember them. Please accept our warm and deep appreciation for all you have done and our hearty congratulations. God Bless and many thanks; you deserve a standing ovation. (*Everyone stood and applauded.*)

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD: President Janice, are there any words you would like to share today?

PRESIDENT JANICE HARDING: Sisters and Brothers, it is a great honor to stand in this position. It means that a year has come to an end. I've seen many of your faces and enjoyed many of our contacts. I wish for each one of you God's blessings. That each one of you get to share over these next few days in the bonding of the Brothers in your meetings, and Sisters in our meetings and let us know that we are indeed one for the sole purpose that is to honor the memory of the "Boys in Blue." It has been a long walk, but it has been a marvelous walk. And so I thank you all for your many courtesies and kindnesses to me. May we have a marvelous Encampment and Brother Medert, while we are together, I want to give you a present. Thank you all. (*applause*)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DAVID V. MEDERT: Not only would I like to echo what Jan just said, but this weekend we are going to have fun. We are all gathered together and I want you to try to remember how we are gathered is the way that the Grand Army of the Republic formed us, and that is as a fraternity. We have a lot to do this weekend, but we need to look around us, see new friends, meet new friends, and don't forget, men, to shake each other's hands and give these beautiful ladies a hug. Let's have fun this weekend. I'm looking forward to the parties afterward. Thank you. (*laughter and applause*)

CHIEF OF STAFF BRAD: We would like to thank everyone for coming today and we wish for everyone a successful Encampment and a fun weekend. We've got a lot of new members so I hope everyone will make an effort to meet someone you haven't met before and make a new friend by making them feel good about themselves and about our Organizations. Thank you for coming today and everybody have an enjoyable weekend and as Chief of Staff I have an announcement. We are running late so the meeting will start at a quarter till. We need to get off and running. Captain Downey, would you please retire the Colors.

FIRST SESSION
Friday, August 14, 2009
9:50 AM

Tables were decorated with red skirting, stars and stripes border. The front table had large stars on the skirting, The podium had red, white, and blue flowers with ribbon bow. A framed copy of the Charter rested in front of the podium.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: Sister PNP Mary Scofield, please bring in our National President Janice Harding. Everyone please stand.

National President Jan entered room to clapping and was escorted to her station at the front of the room.

CHIEF OF STAFF HELEN: Thank you. Please be seated. Sister President, I hope this past year has been a very rewarding one for you and one that you will remember with great fondness and receive the many rewards as you go with leading a patriotic group of dedicated ladies remembering and honoring our “Boys in Blue” and the women who supported them. In your travels, I know you have gathered many fond memories. I know one which is very special to you and that was when you were visiting Sister Gert Lyford in Vermont. She’s 92 years old and she is residing now in a nursing center. Janice spent quite a bit of time in visiting with her and she was just so happy that Janice visited her and spent time. It’s been an honor working with you this year. You always had time to answer my questions when I called and also when other people called to answer their questions. I know you gave 110%. We thank you Sister Janice for your guidance this past year. Now I’m going to turn this meeting over to our National President.

PRESIDENT JANICE: First of all, I want to welcome you to the 123rd Encampment of the Auxiliary. Before the official opening, I wish to present gifts.

The National Secretary called the names of the National Officers, PNP’s, and Appointed Officers. Each group came forward and formed a line to receive their gift from the National President and all were thanked for their service.

PRESIDENT JANICE: OK, girls, I’m really thrilled with what’s happening next. It’s something that no one is expecting and something that I have dedicated myself to through the year. I have created new awards. When you join the Auxiliary you should have a Membership Certificate, so I have created a Membership Certificate. When you become a Life Member, we have a certificate for you. When you have an honor that you need to give for someone who has passed, we now have a certificate for that. Right now I would like to present some of those new certificates to some ladies who are not expecting it. When I call your name, will you please stand in front of my station.

PNP Beatrice Greenwalt NY; PNP Mary Scofield CT; PNP Margaret Atkinson PA; DP Rachel Campbell CA-PAC; and PNP Barbara Mayberry MA came forward.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sisters, you are important beyond words to this Auxiliary. Some of you have served for years and years and years. And some of you have done some wonderful, special things. We decided that

there was in existence a committee for Patriotic Medal which did not continue for some reason, but it was still alive. So we have renamed it the Committee for Patriotic Works, which will incorporate eventually a medal also. So you will be getting a medal retroactively. But I really wanted to let you see what we are going to do from now on and Bea you will have the first. This is the certificate we will be presenting for Patriotic Works.

The National President presented certificates for patriotic works.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We have a very special guest and our PNP Margaret Atkinson has brought her forward.

LOUANN GLAME: Hello, my name is LouAnn Glame. My son is a Life Member of the Sons of Union Veterans. We are Canadian. My son is very much into the Civil War, so here I am.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I got a very enthusiastic call from her son, Mark, on Sunday afternoon. I spent a few hours researching this and unfortunately had to tell this fine lady who wanted to join us that we would have her here instead as an honored guest.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Glame wanted to be a member of our Auxiliary but because of our Constitution and our Articles, I believe, that were put into effect a long time ago, it states that you must be a United States citizen. But we want her to know she is welcome and she is part of us and we are very happy to have her among us. Sister Judy, would you like to respond and say a few words.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, NH: We realize that Canada is our next door neighbor and we are very happy to have you here. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANICE: I know we are stepping away from some routine here, but sometimes it calls upon us to be able to do that.

ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS

Co-Counselor	Michele Langley, PNP, NY
Parliamentarian	Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
Guide.....	Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
Assistant Guide	Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP, NJ
Color Guard #1	Alison Michaels, DP, WI
Color Guard #2	Barbara Day, AP, MD-DE
Inside Guard.....	Linda Kronberg, DP, MI
Outside Guard	MaryCatherine Knight, PDP, MA
Stenographer	Penny Schall, PAP, OH
Musician.....	Jane Graham, DP, OH

Escorts..... Anna Frail, DP, RI
 Susanna Weart, AS, MD-DE
 Page.....Kathy Anderson, DVP, WI

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Arrangements: Michele Langley PNP NY; Mary Ellen Seiffert PAP MA; Nancy Fournier PDP MA
Credentials: Judy Morgan PDP OH; Linda Fields PDP NY; Alice Doyle PDP VT
Resolutions: Danielle Michaels PNP WI; Mary Smith PDP PA; Amy Miller PDP OH
Elections: Margaret Atkinson PNP PA; Anna Frail DP RI; Doris Glendinning PDP NH
Officers Reports: Cynthia Fox PNP PA; Teresa Doyle PDP VT; Viola Loder-Smithcors PDP NJ
Encampment Press: Anne Jaster PDP PA

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY; Mary Scofield PNP CT; Judy Trepanier PNP CT; Barbara Mayberry PNP MA
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Cynthia Fox PNP PA; Margaret Atkinson PNP PA; Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE; Barbara Day DP PA
Response to the SUVCW: Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
Response to the Ladies of the GAR: Betty Baker PNP NY
Response to the Recipient of the Patriotic Instructor’s Gift: Danielle Michaels PNP WI
Response to all other Guests: Judy Trepanier PNP CT

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Nancy Greenwalt Hilton NVP OH; all Department and Auxiliary Vice Presidents
Legislative: Peggy Schaefer PDP WI Chairperson; Doris Glendinning PDP NH; Faye Carlisle PNP PA; Millie Ames DP MD-DE; Florence Spring PNP NJ
Constitution, Rules & Regulations: Frances Murray PNP ME, Chairperson; Mary Jo Long PNP PA; Teresa Doyle PDP VT; Linda Murray DP NH
Rituals: Margaret Atkinson PNP PA, Chairperson; Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY; Carolyn Lawson PDP ME; Faye Carlisle PNP PA
Revision of Blanks: Cynthia Fox PNP PA, Chairperson; Eileen Coombs PNP ME; Judith Morgan PDP OH
Charitable Activities Committee: Rachele Campbell DP CA-PAC
Girl Scouts Award: Barbary Mayberry PNP MA

SPECIAL APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Recruiter & Organizer of New Auxiliaries: Danielle Michaels PNP WI; Linda Murray DP NH; Linda Fields PDP NY

Website: Betty Baker PNP NY, Chairperson; Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE

Remembrance Day: Helen Geppi PDP MD-DE, Chairperson; Cynthia Brown PNP MA; Viola Loder-Smithcors PDP NJ; Nancy Sullivan DP MA; Anne Michaels DP WI

Encampment Site: Michelle Langley PNP, NY

Committee to Aid the President: Cynthia Brown PNP MA; Danielle Michaels PNP WI

Publicity: Mary Ellen Seiffert MA; Valencia Reyes AP TX; Charlotte Lucas OK; Nancy Fournier DP CT; Denise Oman WI

Food Coupons for Overseas Military Personnel: Viola Loder-Smithcors PDP NJ

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Supply Officer: Michelle Langley PNP NY

The National Secretary read the names of Past Department Presidents and current Department Presidents and they came forward to receive a gift from the National President.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Now that we have completed the gift giving, we are going to turn the meeting over to our Exemplification Committee.

A brief recess was held to prepare for the Exemplification of the Ritual.

The Exemplification was performed by the New York Department with several positions filled by Sisters from other Departments. PNP Betty Baker, NY, acted as President.

Moved by Nancy Hilton NVP OH; Seconded by Anne Jaster PDP PA, that the collection received during the Exemplification of the Ritual be divided between the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor Funds. So voted. Each fund received \$53.00.

Judy Hritsko, OH and Helen Granger, MI were initiated in full ritualistic manner.

The Charter was draped in memory of PNP Florence Spring NJ.

Sister Betty called on National President Janice for comments.

PRESIDENT JANICE: You did wonderfully well. I would like to say

that the flags for floor work are from the Maryland-Delaware Department. Thank you. (*applause*)

The Exemplification concluded as per Ritual.

Announcements were made regarding the Club Luncheon.

The meeting was recessed until after lunch.

SECOND SESSION
Friday, August 15, 2009
1:15 P.M.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I now declare the 123rd 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 Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, KY. May you all have a most enjoyable time and renew old friendships and make new ones. May you find the meeting interesting and constructive. Chaplain, please come and attend the altar.

*Chaplain attended the altar, opened the Bible
and asked the Divine Blessing.*

MOVED by Virginia Twist PDP NY
SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE
That all reports be collected and turned over to the Officers' Reports Committee.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: At this time, I'm going to read my report. I'm going to try to make it quick, because by now we should have taken care of that.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been a very wonderful experience for me to be your National President. I have been honored to represent this organization at many events through this past year. I was disappointed that I could not travel to the extent I wanted to. If I disappointed anyone in that I could not get to your Encampment, believe me, I was feeling very unhappy also. As most of you know, I was dealing with an issue with my eyes from early January and it continues even now. The last thing I expected was cataract surgery expanded into a continuing problem. I now know that I have a problem called Sjogren's Syndrome. This makes my eyes tire very easily and has other complications. I thank all of you for the many

get well cards that you so kindly sent to me expressing your concerns through this past year. It has been a very wonderful experience for me to be your National President.

In Memoriam

Very sadly the Golden Chain was broken this year by the loss of Past National President Florence Spring. I attended her wake, where I laid the National President's sash across her until the service ended. I very much admired her and feel a personal loss. Our National website is presently draped in her memory.

To those of you who lost loved ones through this past year I express my deepest sympathy.

My Activities during the Year

My year began at the National Encampment Boston, Massachusetts, August 7-10, 2008. My Installation was performed by Michelle Langley PNP and JVCinC James Hanby of our Department of MD-DE pinned the National badge.

I was honored to be asked to speak at the meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 September 13, 2008.

I was given a lovely Testimonial Dinner October 11, 2008 at the Marriott Courtyard, Baltimore-Washington Airport, given by the members of my Auxiliary and Department of MD-DE.

Also in October, the James A. Garfield Aux. #1 met for the election of officers for the coming year. I was elected Vice President.

In the week before Remembrance Day, I ventured to Gettysburg, PA, to make sure the ground around the Woolson Monument was cleaned. I also took warm water and a cloth and cleaned the monument as best I could. Our Maryland Department is the caretaker of the Woolson Monument through the "Adopt a Position Program." I also saw that the plaque at the rear of the monument was cleaned and made readable. One might notice that the Monument is there due to the good offices of a Past National President from the State of Maryland, Celeste Gentieu PNP who served in 1931. It was during that year that the James A. Garfield Aux. #1 was chartered, and has continued as a viable auxiliary to this day.

Remembrance Day Weekend is the highlight of our early winter activities. It was bitter cold with raging winds. I had opted for my parade uniform because it was warmer. Now, in retrospect, I wish I would have worn my parade dress with the nice warm cape to wrap around me. I was so thrilled to place the wreath at Brother Albert Woolson's feet. I stepped back and saluted him and gave him honor. After all, I was the one who washed his face the week before! We had our dinner at the Dobbins House as usual with my Garfield Auxiliary. It seems we plan so long for Remembrance weekend; then, in a flash, it's gone. I attended the SUV breakfast and had a really nice time. As usual, I rode through the battlefield and played the "Battle Hymn of

the Republic” saluting the fields as I rode by. I know, and you know, there are still undiscovered remains there. Like all battlefields of the Civil War, Gettysburg fields are sacred. The Pennsylvania Department presents a wonderful event. They are most gracious hosts and it is always great to see Bud Atkinson spinning the wheel for the prizes at the Ball. I always kid him about being the “Cake Man.” It is good to see him regaining his strength and health. He and Margaret are very special people.

On December 13th, I went with the Auxiliary to two nursing homes, the Oak Crest Village and the Quail Run facility. We had a great time singing and being with the residents.

On December 14th, we had a Christmas party at the Church hall. There was lots of good food and fun times together. On this occasion we brought two new ladies into the Auxiliary, Bonnie Gentile and Anne Blackburn. Anne is the Great Niece of four Charter members of the Garfield Auxiliary. The last Sister to keep the Auxiliary alive was Minnie Wackerhauser. Her sisters, M. Elizabeth Wackerhauser and Lizette Wackerhauser, and niece Katie B. Wackerhauser, were members until they passed away. Anne is very thrilled to take the tradition of the Aunts of her family into this century.

I had waited all year for the events at Washington D.C., the Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration. On the seventh I had an incident with my eye and had to be seen at the emergency room. Thank heavens for Helen Geppi and her husband Carroll. They took good care of me. I was determined to go to the Lincoln Memorial for the wonderful ceremony. I had medication for the eye. It was not pleasant. I think on one of the pictures taken at the Rotunda it’s obvious. Happily, the day was not cold at all. The wind was whipping with 25 mph gusts. Bad eye or not, I was going to place the wreath for our dear President’s birthday. I would not have missed it!

From the Memorial, we were driven by a very good friend of the Auxiliary to the Rotunda. I have come to love Peter Arrott Dixon and his wife. Mr. Dixon works tirelessly for the good of the memory of the “Boys in Blue.” So, his taking Carol, Helen and I to the venues through the day was deeply appreciated.

The ceremony at the Rotunda was very inspiring. I was very honored to be there. The sounds of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” echoing around that great hall with all the statues of great Presidents of the past, was overwhelming. Even now I cannot believe I was really there to honor our dear President Lincoln on his 200th birthday anniversary. After the ceremony, we walked thru the underground passage to the Library of Congress. There was a grand reception there for the opening of the “With Malice towards None” exhibit.

Again, the trip to the “Lincoln Cottage” was wonderful. I could feel the peace President Lincoln probably felt in the library. The simple oil lamp on the table with one book was no doubt pretty much as it was

then. On his birthday, a new statue was dedicated on the front lawn of the cottage. It depicts President Lincoln standing at the side of his horse. It is left to your imagination as to whether he was ready to mount or had just arrived.

Then of course there was the great dinner at The Channel Inn with many friends to talk to. We girls had a little excitement. I was awakened by voices. Then I realized Helen was talking to someone in the hall. I looked at my watch. It was 4 a.m. It seems there was a fire in the building and it was a fireman telling us to be ready to evacuate. Well, you didn't have to tell us twice, 4 a.m. or not. My grandfather, who was Superintendent of Fire Alarm and Telegraph for Baltimore City from 1924 to 1948, always said, "When in doubt, get out!" That we did! You could smell the smoke in the hallway. As it turned out, it was a fire that had started in a big trash can at the elevator in the basement. So, needless to say, we were home a bit earlier than expected.

On March 7th I attended the spring meeting of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2. Carol LaRue and I dualed into the Camp Auxiliary of which Millie Ames is the current President. We are very comfortable among the Camp members and adore Millie.

On March 11th I had the first cataract removed. It was uncomfortable for a bit but after several days it was tolerable. The following week I had the other eye done. Again, I was driving after several days. Then I began to have unexpected problems that continue today, as I stated prior.

April 18th was the Maryland-Delaware Department Encampment. Carol and I went to Richmond several days earlier. We spent two days visiting with the men in the hospital. We shared many happy moments with the veterans. I think my story in the General Orders has covered this trip. We also went to the Hollywood Cemetery where Generals of the Confederacy are buried along with many men. I wanted to see the monument of General Pickett. I have always felt very sad for him. I had read that, when Gettysburg was lost, General Lee rode up to Pickett after the battle and asked him to gather his men. Pickett replied, "General Lee, sir, I have no men." I have always felt a deep sadness in that response, so I visited General Pickett.

Our Encampment was very small as many didn't want to travel from Baltimore to Richmond. We had NVP Nancy Hilton and her mother, Jane Graham, in attendance.

On April 24th and 25th, I was at the Massachusetts Encampment in Boxborough. I really enjoyed being with the Sisters. They are a grand group.

On May 2nd I was off again to East Hartford, Connecticut, for their Encampment. I enjoyed being with PNP Judy Trepanier and her mother PNP Mary Scofield again. It was a wonderful time.

On May 9th, Carol and I ventured to Barre, Vermont. I was pleased to see the Sisters of the area doing visitations to the Department. We had a memorial service with them. Carol and I sang the "Vacant Chair." This

past week, Teresa Doyle asked me for the words and music as they want to incorporate the song into their Memorial Service. As you know, Carol and I visited long time member, Gert Syford, at the nursing center. That song echoes in my head a lot.

On May 24th I shared the pulpit at the GAR Church with Marcia Butgereit, Woman's Relief Corps National President. We shared stories of Abraham Lincoln. We then ventured to the Loudon National Cemetery where we placed flowers at the recumbent statue of a Union Soldier with Sister Marcia Butgereit President of the WRC. The beautiful statue was placed there by the WRC in 1909.

On May 25th, we Sisters of the Auxiliary traveled to Fallston, MD, to a small cemetery where we placed 20 flags and flowers on the graves of men from the war of 1812 through the Vietnam War. One grave is that of a U.S.C.T. 23rd Infantry Member. I later discovered that this is a black cemetery connected to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On May 30th, I was involved with the Lincoln-Cushing Camp's 100th Memorial Day Service, where I read the letter of Mrs. Logan. This letter prompted him to issue the famous order #11.

On June 5th-7th, we were at the New York Department Encampment in Binghamton, New York. It was great to see the Sisters of New York. We had a grand time. We decided to come home through the small towns that follow the Susquehanna all the way into Maryland on Rt. 11. I ran into trouble with my eyes and had to take a break and get the treatment I needed.

On June 10th, I spoke before the members of the Isaac Ridgeway Trimble Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I was warmly received and appreciated the opportunity to speak to them.

June 25th-27th saw us 60 miles away at New Oxford for the Pennsylvania Department Encampment. Thank you Pennsylvania for an Encampment so close to home! It was a wonderful Encampment.

On July 4th, I went to Gettysburg with flowers and flags for the graves of the Maryland men in the National Cemetery. While there, I spent time with the volunteers of the "Flowers for Heros" organization. I was so impressed with the young people who were involved. All year they raise funds to buy hundreds of flowers to place on the graves of veterans at cemeteries that they choose from year to year. Many of the volunteers are Girl and Boy Scouts. I am hoping that when the girls fly up to Gold and Silver this year, they contact us for the wonderful certificates provided by our Girl Scout Coordinator, PNP Barbara Mayberry. As I stated in the memoriam, I attended the wake for our Florence Spring PNP. God rest her soul. I awarded the National Scholarship Fund to Miss Melanie Patricia Walsh of Mt. Prospect, IL. Her resume was outstanding. She will be attending Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She is a Member at Large.

The next event I will attend is the National Encampment in Louisville, KY. This will mark the end of my year as National President of the

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Recommendation #1: That we continue to participate in patriotic ceremonies and wreath presentations.

Recommendation #2: That we continue to give our \$400.00 Scholarship Award and it being the choice of the President.

Recommendation #3: That we continue to give our \$250.00 love gift to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this Encampment.

Recommendation #4: That the Per Capita Tax of \$1.00 per member per triennial remain the same for the coming year.

Recommendation #5: That a committee be formed to investigate the funding for a replacement National flag of equal quality to the current one. Our National flag is tattered with age and needs to be retired. I would gladly volunteer to work with Sister Faye Carlisle PNP who has expressed interest in doing so.

During my Tenure I saw three new Auxiliaries instituted:

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, CA-PAC

General W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary #2, CA-PAC

Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, MO

Janice Harding, MD-DE
National President

NANCY HILTON, NVP, OH: Sisters, you have heard the reading of the report of our National President. What is your pleasure?

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY

That we accept this fine report, spread it in full in the proceedings, and give it a rising vote of thanks.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you very much. You always make me feel very good.

I think we will begin with the Vice President's Report.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

I have the honor to present the following report.

Personal visitations made:

November 21-23 – Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA

April 3 – Pennsylvania State Congress of the DAR in Gettysburg, PA
 April 18 – Maryland/Delaware Department Encampment in Richmond, VA
 June 13 – New Jersey Department Encampment in Belmar, NJ
 June 19-21 – Ohio Department Encampment in Granville, OH
 June 27 – Pennsylvania Department Encampment in New Oxford, PA
 I also attended each meeting of Alliance Auxiliary #91 in Alliance, OH.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairlady of the National Membership Committee for the last twelve months, and I wish to present the following report:

New Auxiliaries chartered – 4: Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary #10 in Lynchburg, VA (MD-DE Department), W.S. Rosecrans Auxiliary #2 in Los Angeles, CA (CA-PAC Department), Ivy Steirs Auxiliary #23 in Santa Rosa, CA (CA-PAC Department), and Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 Auxiliary at Large (Missouri)

I have made, for each of these new Auxiliaries, an altar cloth in honor of their chartering. I wish the best of luck to these new officers and members.

In our very first General Orders this year, I promised a small “Crossed Nails” pin to any Sister who secured five new members. The first two went back home to my own Auxiliary Vice President Robyn Utt for 12 new members and Cindy Hilliard for 5 new members. From reports I have received, this award also goes to:

Rachelle Campbell DP CA-PAC – 8 new members

Melinie Prosk-Caines DVP CA-PAC – 10 new members

Vali Reyes, Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. #1, Texas – 7 new members

The bar was set high for recruiting this year and several of you were up to the challenge. Congratulations ladies! Several members had two, three, and four new members, so it is obvious that there are ladies out there waiting to join our ranks. Sometimes we just have to ask.

New Initiations Reported by Departments and At Large Auxiliaries:

California and Pacific	26
T.E. Bowman Aux. #12 (CO)	0
Connecticut	1
Iowa	2
Maine	2 Junior members
Maryland/Delaware	7
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	9
Louisa Volker #215 (MO)	0 after their chartering
New Hampshire	2
New Jersey	5
New York	0
Ohio	17 and 1 Junior member
Rachel Cormany #2 (OK)	1
Pennsylvania	15

Rhode Island	0
Sarah Emma Seelye #1 (TX)	7
Vermont	0

Total initiations reported since last Encampment – 95

I would like to close with a poem from a very wise lady, PNP Marion Combs of New Jersey, who spoke these words at her Encampment in 1978 and they still ring true.

Get new members, but keep the old;
 Those are silver, these are gold.
 New-made memberships, like new wine;
 Age will mellow and refine.
 Memberships that have stood the test;
 Time and change are surely best.
 Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray;
 Memberships should never know decay.
 For 'mid old members, tried and true;
 Once more, we our youth renew.
 But old members, alas, may die;
 New members must their place supply.
 Cherish membership in your breast;
 New is good, but old is best.
 Get new members, but keep the old;
 Those are silver, these are gold.

You and I were new members once, and the new members we sign today will be the old members of the future.

Thank you again for permitting me to serve you this year.

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, OH
 National Vice President

PRESIDENT JANICE: May I now have the report of National Council?

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

National President Jan Harding, it has been an honor to serve on your Council for the term 2008-2009.

The members of the Council met and audited the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and found them, as usual, to be in excellent order. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer are to be commended for their exemplary work in maintaining the records of our Organization.

Our National President seemed capable and well able to make her own decisions, so we were not called upon this year for advice or guidance; however, President Jan kept us apprised of all decisions she rendered throughout the year.

Council Member #2, Diane Mellor, would like to thank you for the privilege of representing President Jan at the New Hampshire Department Encampment and also at the funeral of Brother Frank Tucker of

Massachusetts.

Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT, Council #1
 Diane Mellor, DVP, MA, Council #2
 Rachele Campbell, PDP, CA, Council #3

PRESIDENT JANICE: Could we have the National Secretary Report?

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

This marks the end of my third year as National Secretary. All duties connected with my office have been fulfilled as promptly as possible.

I am happy to say that the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Proceedings were all completed and mailed this year.

This is the third year for the Department Property List and Department Audit Report. Only ten of the 15 Departments returned the Audit Report and only seven returned the Property List Report.

This year we have gained three new Auxiliaries, one reinstated Auxiliary and one Auxiliary at Large and, for the first time in many years, we did not lose an Auxiliary.

Sister Betty Baker, as Membership List Coordinator, and I strive to get the National President’s General Orders to every member. This past year the costs associated with the three General Orders were:

Bulk Mailing Permit Fee	\$ 180.00
Printing	1,689.35
Postage	542.46
Returned Mail Fees	<u>35.18</u>
Total	\$2,266.99

The National President’s General Orders continue to be available on-line at the ASUVCW.org website. In addition, beginning last year, they were available via email for those Sisters who requested to receive them. Since only one Sister specifically asked to be removed from the bulk mailing list, the others receive both the electronic and hard-copy versions. The cost is approximately 65¢ for each hard-copy. In the next General Order I will include a message asking if any additional members would like to receive the emailed version only. Like the old saying – 65¢ saved is 65¢ earned.

Thank you to the Sisters who sent the photos and articles that were included in each General Order. I have used every photo and article that has been forwarded to me.

To National Treasurer Betty Baker, my “Minnie’s Whalers” Club Sister, it is always a pleasure working with you. Sister Betty and I are the only two members left in our club, since our dear Sister Elizabeth Mellor passed away this past year.

To National President Jan Harding, you have been a wonderful representative of our Organization. Thank you for your dedication

and the miles you traveled this year. May you have a wonderful Encampment filled with blessings and happy memories.

Judith Morgan, PDP, OH
National Secretary

STANDING OF DEPARTMENTS
April 30, 2008 – April 30, 2009

Department	2008		2009	
	# Aux.	# Members	# Aux.	# Members
California-Pacific	1	31	3	62
Connecticut	2	60	2	57
Iowa	1	19	1	20
Maine	3	46	3	47
Maryland-Delaware	3	39	4	49
Massachusetts	4	85	4	73
Michigan	3	48	3	50
New Hampshire	5	95	5	91
New Jersey	4	76	4	78
New York	4	64	4	64
Ohio	7	79	7	90
Pennsylvania	11	247	11	251
Rhode Island	3	21	3	19
Vermont	1	13	1	13
Wisconsin	2	44	2	45
Auxiliaries at Large:				
T.E. Bowman Aux. #12 Colorado	1	8	1	7
Rachel Cormany Aux. #2 Oklahoma	1	11	1	12
Nancy A. James Aux. #1 Missouri	1	10	1	10
Louisa Volker Aux. #215 Missouri	0	0	1	10
Edward Wallace Aux. #2 South Carolina	1	8	1	14
Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. #1, Texas	1	9	1	14
Members at Large		76		66
TOTAL	59	1,089	64	1,142

Auxiliaries Gained:

07-14-08: Maryland-Delaware Dept.: Taylor Wilson Aux. #10,
Lynchburg, VA

08-30-08: California-Pacific Dept.: Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Aux. #2, Los
Angeles, CA

11-15-08: California-Pacific Dept.: Ivy Stiers Aux. #23, Santa Rosa, CA
 01-08-09: Auxiliary at Large: Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, Bonne
 Terre, MO
 08-31-08: Wisconsin Auxiliary #5 reinstated

SUMMARY

ANNUAL PERIOD APRIL 30, 2008 - APRIL 30, 2009

Auxiliaries in good standing April 30, 2008	59
Auxiliaries gained	5 <u>+5</u>
	64
Auxiliaries lost	0 <u>-0</u>
Auxiliaries in good standing April 30, 2009	64
Members in Good Standing April 30, 2008	1,089
Members Gained:	
By Initiation	81
By Organization	39
By Transfer	3
By Dual	26
By Junior	5
By Reinstatement	<u>1</u>
	155 <u>+155</u>
	1,244
Members Lost:	
By Honorable Discharge	10
By Death	22
By Transfer	19
Dropped	<u>51</u>
	102 <u>-102</u>
Members in good standing April 30, 2009	1,142

This number includes 1,019 Regular Members, 48 Dual Members, 9 Junior Members and 66 Members at Large.

Net Gain Auxiliaries: 5

Net Gain Members: 53

PRESIDENT JANICE: We are going to have the report of the National Treasurer next.

NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

It has been a very tough year financially. Our expenses have over-ridden our income greatly. Our income has been down as well. I have had to transfer from our interest bearing account at Smith Barney twice. This means our interest income is also down. Interest rates, as you know, are still not good. We had CDs mature that was at good rates and it was hard to find a good rate to buy back into. We had extra in our Permanent

Fund; so, as to get more interest, I moved some into a CD. Trying to keep ahead of the rising cost of postage and printing is a task in itself.

Our fundraisers have been working very hard, but their job is not easy with the way our economy is. Thank you Sister Virginia and Sister Helen for the efforts you have put forth. It has been a pleasure working with both of you this year.

Due to the rising cost of printing and postage, I would like to offer the following recommendation:

Whereas every registered member of the National Encampment is entitled to a copy of that year's proceedings, I make:

Recommendation #1: That the cost of registration be raised from \$7.00 to \$10.00.

Many years ago, the Life Membership Program was started to help establish a Permanent Fund to help keep the National Organization solvent. At that time, we were making a much better interest rate on our investment than we are now. I don't have a request for many Life Memberships a year, so it isn't a big area of income for us. But, I feel we need to get with the times and improve our program. This would help a little to off-set the fall of the interest rates. Therefore, I offer:

Recommendation #2: That the cost of Life Membership be raised as follows:

50 and under be raised from \$350 to \$500

50-65 be raised from \$250 to \$400

65 and over be raised from \$200 to \$350

I would just like to remind life members that you still need to support your Auxiliary and National funds as they have lost your dues and per capita tax for income.

As many of you know, the IRS has been getting the new E-Postcard system going. Most of the Auxiliaries have taken care of this. If your Auxiliary hasn't, please try to take care of this matter. When I file with the IRS, I have to verify all Auxiliary EIN #'s and their contact person. I would like to ask all Auxiliaries to please send me your EIN #, contact person, and address. This is just a check for my records to make sure every Auxiliary is recorded. I know your number has not changed, but your contact person and address might have.

National Secretary Judy, it has been a pleasure working with you. Who would have ever thought that two 1977 "Minnie's Whalers" Club Sisters would continue a close friendship, and then be serving as National Officers together? I look forward to another fun year serving with you.

Sister National President Janice, it has been a pleasure working under you this year. I wish for you a most wonderful Encampment. May you

go home with many fond memories and more relaxed hours. I hope you have enjoyed your year despite your eye problems and accomplished what you set out to do.

Betty Baker, PNP, NY
National Treasurer

HONOR ROLL

2008-2009

Lois Schulze.....	Sarah E. Seeyle Aux. #1 TX	\$ 30.00
Emma Prince PDP CT.....	Judy Trepanier PNP CT	20.00
	Mary Scofield PNP CT	10.00
	Cynthia Brown PNP MA	25.00
	Frances Murray PNP ME.....	10.00
	Elizabeth Ferrin PDP ME	10.00
	Willie Grout Aux. #25 MA	10.00
	Perley & Diane Mellor MA	10.00
	Vermont Department.....	10.00
Elsie Squier PDP CT.....	Mary Scofield PNP CT	10.00
	Judy Trepanier NP CT.....	25.00
Elizabeth Upham WI.....	C.K. Pier Badger Aux. #4 WI	10.00
Peggy Schaefer PDP WI	Cynthia Brown PNP MA	25.00
	Beth Brockman WI	20.00
	C.K. Pier Badger Aux. #4 WI	10.00
Elizabeth Mellor PDP MA	Cynthia Brown PNP MA	25.00
	Minnie's Whalers Club.....	20.00
	Judy Trepanier PNP CT.....	11.00
	Willie Grout Aux. #25 MA.....	10.00
	Vermont Department	10.00
Marcy Bunnell	Tad & Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC.	50.00
Kari Eckholt Mowrey	Tad & Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC	50.00
Annie Mae Ramsey.....	Sarah E. Seeyle Aux. #1 TX	35.00
Christine Parks.....	Vermont Department.....	10.00
Merlin & Alice Doyle	Teresa Doyle – 60 th Anniversary....	10.00
Lilly McCollough PDP OH.....	Ohio Department.....	25.00
	Ohio PDP Club	25.00
Rose LoVette PDP NY	D.G. Caywood Aux. #72 NY.....	20.00
Florence Spring PNP NJ	Past National President Assoc.....	10.00
	PC-in-C Elmer & Margaret Atkinson	
	PNP PA.....	10.00
	Judy Trepanier PNP CT	10.00
	Total	\$566.00

PERMANENT FUND

Balance August 1, 2008.....	\$11,748.73
Honor Roll	566.00

Membership at Large	60.00
Life Member	650.00
Patricia Bures CA	
Janice Harding NP MD-DE	
Faye Carlisle PNP PA	
Interest	
Acct #0359121647	1.74
Acct #66104980-13	<u>156.71</u>
	13,183.18
Smith Barney Annual Fee	- 50.00
Purchased CD, March 2009	- <u>3,000.00</u>
Total Permanent Fund/August 1, 2009	\$10,133.18

Acct # 0359121647	\$ 965.84	Community Bank
Acct # 66104980-13	<u>9,167.34</u>	Smith Barney
	\$10,133.18	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of August 10, 2008\$6,413.69

Receipts:

Supplies	\$1,868.75	
Per Capita	2,979.00	
Late Fines	75.00	
Publicity.....	466.00	
Chief of Staff.....	1,947.83	
Patriotic Instructor.....	2,041.50	
Misc. Charter Fees	78.00	
Donation to PI Funds (2007-2008).....	25.00	
Checking transfer		
from Smith Barney.....	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$12,481.08	+\$12,481.08
		\$18,894.77
Smith Barney Checking		<u>7,980.30</u>
Total		\$26,875.07

Disbursements

Office Expense	\$ 28.37
Postage	1,800.78
Travel	2,000.00
Goodwill	850.00
Supplies	3,826.45
Wreaths: Gettysburg.....	35.00
Washington, DC	112.95
Lincoln's Tomb	0.00
Unknown Soldier	81.95

Cathedral of the Pines	50.00	
Printing	7,177.20	
Scholarship	0.00	
Site Committee.....	550.00	
Life Membership Dues	66.00	
Bond	100.00	
Web Page	354.00	
Proceedings - Steno.....	925.00	
Bad Check Fee	<u>43.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$18,000.70	<u>-18,000.70</u>
Total Balance in Checking Accounts		\$ 8,874.37

SUMMARY

Checking Accounts	
Community Bank NA	\$ 894.07
Smith Barney	7,980.30
Savings Accounts	
Community Bank NA	965.84
Smith Barney	9,167.34
CD's Smith Barney	
2.4% MATY 3/25/2011	3,000.00
4% MATY 12/26/2014	3,000.00
3.7% MATY 4/23/2010	5,000.00
5.25% MATY 11/27/2018	15,000.00
6% MATY 7/6/2017	<u>14,000.00</u>
Total all Funds Aug. 1, 2009	\$59,007.55

BUDGET REPORT

	2009	2010
Receipts		
Supplies	\$1,868.75	\$2,500.00
Per Capita	2,979.00	3,200.00
Late Fees	75.00	25.00
Publicity	466.00	550.00
Transfer Smith-Barney – Interest	3,000.00	2,000.00
Chief of Staff	1,947.83	2,500.00
Patriotic Instructor	2,041.50	2,000.00
Misc	78.00	100.00
Registration (2008)	<u>623.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$13,079.08	\$13,575.00

Any overage take from Chief of Staff & Patriotic Instructor		<u>1,240.00</u>
		\$14,815.00

Disbursements

Office Expense	\$28.37	\$100.00
Postage	1,300.78	1,500.00
Goodwill	850.00	850.00
Travel	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies	1,153.19	1,500.00
Wreaths	229.90	250.00
Cathedral of the Pines	50.00	25.00
Printing	4,776.65	2,500.00
Publicity	100.00	
Scholarship	400.00	400.00
Life Membership Dues	66.00	60.00
Bond	100.00	100.00

Convention

Site Committee	550.00	550.00
Rooms (2007)	868.80	1,000.00
Board (Pres, Sec & Treas)	150.00	150.00
Gratuities	25.00	25.00
Musician	30.00	30.00
Chaplain Allowance	25.00	25.00
Chief of Staff Allowance	50.00	50.00
GAR Memorial Gift	250.00	350.00
GAR Hall	100.00	100.00
N. President Testimonial	200.00	200.00
Stenographer	250.00	250.00
Historian	100.00	100.00
Supply Officer	100.00	100.00
Mileage	323.74	1,500.00
Misc. (Web, Steno)	1,279.00	1,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$15,256.43	\$14,815.00

PRESIDENT JANICE: Now I'm going to go to our National Chaplain for her report.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

This year has been a busy, yet productive, year. It has been nothing short of delightful working side by side with Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Being from a neighboring state, we saw and conversed with each other often. One event in particular I enjoyed attending this year was the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony held in April with the B.F. Stephenson Ceremony afterwards.

I have received reports from the following 17 Departments: California and Pacific, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland-Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin, and two Auxiliaries at Large: Colorado-Wyoming and Missouri.

The merged report consists of the following:

Number of members present on Memorial Day 277
 Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service 188
 Number of deaths which have occurred since April 1 17
 Number of funeral occasions where funeral service
 of the Order was used 10
 Amount expended for floral and grave decorations, including
 donations \$1,551.42
 How many times a committee appointed to confer with the camp 66
 Number of children assisting Auxiliary on Memorial Day 145

Regretfully, with the glorious parts in life, there also comes some sorrow. During this past year, the following Sisters passed away:

California and Pacific:

Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey
 Marcy L. Bunnell

New Jersey:

Dorothy A. Slaw
 Elizabeth Cain

New York:

Evelyn Krantz, PDP

Pennsylvania:

Esther Blettner
 Evelyn B. Stevens
 Elizabeth Koch
 Frances Peters

Connecticut:

Emma E. Prince, PDP
 Elsie H. Squier, PDP
 Mary Ellen Lieb

Ohio:

Judy Breit
 Mary Armstrong
 Lilly McCollough,
 PDP

Wisconsin:

Margaret Schaefer,
 PDP

Massachusetts:

Margaret Moore
 Betty Mellor, PDP
 Jacky Presbey

In addition to this list of the deceased, I'd like to make a special mention of the beloved PNP Florence H. Spring of New Jersey. She was elected as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 107th Encampment in Portland, Maine. She held many offices numerous times on Auxiliary, Department, and National levels. She was a wonderful addition to our Sisterhood and will be sorely missed.

Anne Michaels, PDP, WI
 National Chaplain

PRESIDENT JANICE: Can we have the report of the National Press Correspondent, please?

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Thank you for the honor of serving as the National Press Correspondent during the year 2008-2009. As your representative, I attended Sister Jan's testimonial luncheon in Baltimore, MD, on October 11, 2008. This event was a lovely affair which I shared with my Sisters and Brothers from various states. I met with Sister Jan again at the Past

Commander and Past President Association of Pennsylvania banquet on Remembrance Day, and again at the Pennsylvania Department Encampment on June 26-27, 2009. During the year, I sent articles to the Banner, and forwarded articles sent to me from Auxiliaries around the nation. I contacted a local reporter from Louisville, KY, and asked that an article be placed in the newspaper about our Encampment.

Thank you to all the Sisters who sent me news articles for Sister Jan's book. Being from Pennsylvania, I made a second book of magazines from Gettysburg called the "Gettysburg Experience." There are little stories about happenings during our time in history. May Sister Jan find many hours of pleasure in her readings.

Anne Jaster, PDP, PA
National Press Correspondent

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you, Anne. I appreciate it. It was a beautiful report.

Sister Anne Jaster presented Sister Janice with the two books she compiled for her.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Oh my goodness, this is absolutely gorgeous! I want to open it and look at it, but maybe I shouldn't right now. This is wonderful. I'm overwhelmed! You have done a marvelous job. *(applause)*

We are going to our National Historian Report.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

As National Historian, I have read many Proceedings of the past years, especially the History of National Historians reports and special events of patriotism.

The office of National Historian was first a Historian Committee of three, appointed by the National President in office, to compile the history for the 100th year of the annual National Encampments. She had appointed different committees to plan a special 100th year celebration. Everything was centered around "gold." At the banquet, all Past National Presidents in attendance wore a gold cape. The Historian Committee told of the forming of the Organization as the Ladies Aide Societies, with state divisions, then they told of the name changing to Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans USA. Later years, the name changed again to the present title with state Departments.

Other National Presidents then continued to appoint a three member committee as Historian Committee. Then, after more years, the office became an elected office of one member as Historian for the term of five years.

The history of our many Auxiliaries, both past and present, is so interesting to me, as Historian, through these 123 Encampment years. At

each Encampment, in my Historian reports, I have tried to share some of the history of years past from the proceedings to all the Sisters.

As Auxiliary Sisters, we have, through the years, accomplished much patriotic good for our country. Not only for the Civil War veterans our Organization is named for, but also for children's homes for the Civil War orphans, and homes for the Civil War veterans and widows. We also continue, each year, to send money to help maintain these homes and also have visitations and programs taking homemade jellies and gifts for Christmas.

Auxiliaries also raised money to furnish and fully equip two ambulances and shipped them overseas for our Sons of Veterans members who were serving in the War; and, again, by helping our Sons of Veterans members serving in World War II and their families. Many Sisters are still doing good for our service personnel of today.

Our Sisters, through the many years, have furnished many, many flags to keep patriotism of our country before the world. We should all be proud of the past history of our Sisters, our present history, and continue to create history into our future.

In closing this report, may I say that I have enjoyed serving as National Historian in this year of 2008-2009 on your staff of Officers, National President Jan. May your future years be pleasant, healthy, and blessed with enjoyment.

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
National Historian

PRESIDENT JANICE: I have asked that the report of the Washington DC Representative be read by PNP Cynthia Fox, since Millie is not in attendance.

WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE

Regretfully I will not be attending the National Encampment in Louisville, KY, this year and respectfully request that my report be entered into the records and/or be read at the meeting.

I send greetings from Washington, D.C., the power seat of the world, where front page news is always happening and everything happens at high speed or in secret. May you enjoy a very successful Encampment.

During this year I have stood ready to respond to any congressional committee that may have questions for the Auxiliary or want information regarding our activities. There have been no calls or requests I am happy to say. This is the main responsibility for the Washington D.C. Representative.

I have also tried to be available and helpful to any Sisters visiting Washington for the different patriotic ceremonies that are held here.

During Lincoln's Birthday ceremonies in February, which were very special this year, I ordered or coordinated ordering the wreaths that were to be presented during the ceremonies by our President, Janice Harding,

and other officers. I made sure transportation was available where needed and that proper luncheon table seating was provided for our out-of-town guests.

In May, again I ordered wreaths for presentation by President Janice Harding and for the Ladies of the Grand Army, made sure they were delivered timely and to the proper monument, which often can be a problem. Again I assisted with transportation and seating.

The Auxiliary was represented at various Heritage Societies, and at the MD-DE Department meeting which I attended in Richmond, VA, and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg in November. I have also attended most of the Lincoln-Cushing Sons luncheon meetings throughout the year to keep abreast of the Sons' activities.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I serve the Auxiliary and I thank you for the opportunity.

Millie Ames
Washington DC Representative

PRESIDENT JANICE: I might note that Millie has done her best, and she has asked that she not be nominated again. She is retiring.

Now can we go forward to the National Co-Counselor? I have no National Co-Counselor here, but I believe Cynthia Brown has sent the report. Would you read her report, Sister Judy?

NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT

I regret I cannot be there with you in Kentucky to celebrate what must be the culmination of the most peaceful year in the history of the Auxiliary.

Sister National President Jan did not need to call upon me for any issues regarding our CR&R at all in the past year. I extend my thanks to her for this appointment.

I wish her a most enjoyable, productive, and harmonious Encampment and hope to see many of you in Gettysburg in November.

Cynthia Brown, PNP, MA
National Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT JANICE: My other Co-Counselor is kind of busy right now since he is Jr. Vice for the men. I'm sure James would be over here and give us a report if he could.

National Personal Aide, Carol LaRue, do we have a report from you?

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE REPORT

On August 9, 2008, at our 122nd Annual Encampment in Boston, MA, I was appointed Personal Aide to National President Janice Harding. Janice, Helen, and I made a stop at Salem and enjoyed a wonderful seafood dinner before heading home.

Time flew while making all the preparations for Janice's Testimonial

which was held October 11, 2008, at the BWI Marriott in Baltimore, MD. My sincere appreciation and thanks to all who traveled to participate, support, and share Janice's special day.

Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg was windier than usual and the parade seemed to move faster than ever.

Janice, Helen, and I received Congressional invitations and attended the Lincoln 200th Birthday events in Washington, D.C., on February 12th and the Lincoln Memorial Rededication on May 25th. On May 30th I accompanied Janice to Arlington Cemetery where Lincoln-Cushing Camp SUVCW recreated their 1909 Decoration Day Ceremony.

In April, I accompanied Janice to Encampments in Virginia and Massachusetts; in May, Connecticut and Vermont; and, in June, New York and Pennsylvania.

The year has passed so quickly, but memories will last a lifetime. It has been an honor to serve as National Personal Aide to our National President Janice Harding.

Carol LaRue, MD-DE
National Personal Aide

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you. It's time for the National Chief of Staff report.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

In August, 2008, I attended the National Encampment held in Boston, MA, where I was appointed National Chief of Staff by our newly elected National President, Janice Harding.

October 11 – Attended testimonial luncheon for National President, Janice Harding, in Baltimore. I helped Sister Carol LaRue in parts of this testimonial luncheon.

November 16 – Represented ASUVCW at the St. Andrew's Day activities at Scottish Celebrations.

I attended the Remembrance Day celebration at Gettysburg, PA, from November 21-23. I was also the Parade Chairperson. I conducted a sales table at the Eisenhower Hotel on Friday and Saturday where we sold all kinds of things and held a raffle. We raised \$262.50.

December 13 – I held a Christmas gathering at our church hall. All members of the Maryland-Delaware Department were invited. We "Passed the Keki" for the Chief of Staff Fund.

December 14 – We visited and sang Christmas carols at two nursing homes: Oakcrest Village and Quail Run Assisted Living.

January 22 – I gave a Girl Scout presentation where I explained nursing during the Civil War and told the girls about the ASUVCW and their activities.

February 12 – I attended the Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration with National President Janice Harding and National Aide Carol LaRue. Services were held at the Lincoln Memorial in the morning hours. Then

we proceeded to the Capitol Building and heard President Obama speak on Abraham Lincoln. We then were invited to the Library of Congress for a luncheon and the opening of the Lincoln Exhibit. That evening we were invited to the Lincoln Dinner held at the Channel Inn sponsored by the Lincoln-Cushing Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

February 19 – We held a Lincoln birthday celebration in our church hall where we “Passed the Kepi” for the Chief of Staff Fund.

April – I was sick with bronchitis which turned into pneumonia and did not attend any function.

May 24 – We honored Memorial Day at the Lansdowne Christian Church (the Grand Army Church). We then proceeded to Loudon Park National Cemetery where we held a Memorial Ceremony at the Woman’s Relief Corps Union Soldier statue. We then proceeded to the main part of the cemetery where we found the grave of one of our founding Sisters and Charter member, Minnie Wackerhouser. It was a great day for our Auxiliary!

May 25 – We visited an old cemetery in Baltimore County where we laid flowers and placed flags on many veterans’ graves including quite a number of Union Colored Troops men.

May 30 – I attended Memorial Day observances in Washington, DC, with National President Janice Harding and her Personal Aide, Carol LaRue. We attended the re-dedication of the Lincoln Memorial and later observances at the Tomb of the Unknown Union Dead at Arlington National Cemetery. Later that day, we attended a Memorial Day dinner at the Channel Inn as guests of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp.

In May, we held a flea market at National President Janice Harding’s home since she is on a main avenue where there is lots of traffic. I sold books at our book sale at church. I wish to thank Carol LaRue for her help in selling raffle tickets and “Passing the Kepi” at some of the Encampments.

Throughout the year, as is required by the position, I recorded all checks and monies that I received for the various functions for the National Chief of Staff. I kept daily records of same and twice a month mailed checks and personal money orders to our National Treasurer, Betty Baker. I believe this year we need to explain to the new Chief of Staff the exacting records that are necessary to be kept throughout the year. It is also suggested that Auxiliaries send in their “Personal Aide” donations when the names of the Aides are sent to the new Chief of Staff. These monies help out greatly with the needed goals for the Chief of Staff.

I sent in articles for our “General Orders” newsletter over the past year.

I was in contact with Brothers Keith Karcher, Encampment Site Chairman, and Brad Schall, Sons National Chief of Staff, in preparation of the “Courtesy Night” and worked with Brad Schall in presenting the Department tributes. I brought along the decorations for the Auxiliary room here at the hotel. Also, traveling with me from Baltimore were

items for sale on the Chief of Staff table. I also had a 50/50 raffle here in Louisville and held a drawing of the winning ticket for the Chief of Staff National Raffle.

I have been in contact with the Sons National Chief of Staff, Brad Schall, and I wish to thank him for his help during the past months. I wish also to thank Betty Baker, Judy Morgan, and especially, Diane Mellor for their suggestions, help, and guidance during the past year.

Lastly, Sister Jan, I was greatly honored to be your National Chief of Staff. You did a wonderful job this year. You certainly did the Maryland-Delaware Department proud!

Helen Geppi, MD-DE
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you, Helen. I appreciate everything you did. You worked very hard.

National Member at Large Coordinator, Jane Graham.

MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR REPORT

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report from the Membership at Large division of this Encampment. One year ago at this time, I was elected to the position of MAL Coordinator and I must say that it has been a most enjoyable year. I have been privileged to have had conversations with my women all over this country and through those conversations we have gained some members for which I am very thankful.

Upon my return home last year from Encampment, I sent out a letter introducing myself to the MAL membership and offering myself as a help to any one of them. I even suggested to some that they may be interested in joining one of the auxiliaries in their state if there was one close to them. I only had one reply to that and after some decision the member decided to stay with the MAL. Also in that letter, I reminded all Sisters that their dues would be due by January 1, 2009.

A second letter was sent out between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays sending a holiday wish to all, as well as serving a second reminder that dues were due prior to January 1, 2009.

On March 5, 2009, a last notice was sent to those members who had not paid their dues and if they did not, their names would be dropped from the roll as of April 20th, just before the April Tertiary report. Several letters that I have sent out have been returned to me with no forwarding address, so I have given these members an opportunity to contact me and since several have not, their names will be dropped on the August report.

At the report given last August at Encampment, we had 76 members. One of which is an honorary member as she is the daughter of a Civil War soldier. We have two life members. We have secured seven new members since last year; and, at the present time, should drop 23

members for non-payment of dues on the August report.

I had some problem setting up a new checking account due to the new restrictions implemented since 9-11, but am happy to say that this account is up and running at this time. New rules have been placed on our banks and these rules make it very hard to have checks cashed that come in that do not have your name on them. Thru the help of Sisters Judy Morgan and Betty Baker, we have been able to furnish the bank all the necessary information needed to do this, but I must say it took some time doing it. However, that did throw a curve into writing checks for a period and I could not pay for the Banner subscriptions at the time it was needed and for that I do apologize to the Sons. When I received an e-mail from the Banner Editor concerning this, I got the check out to him ASAP to find out that it was not to be sent to him but to their new Executive Officer, thus causing Brother Steve one more thing to do and for that I am truly sorry. Please accept my apology, Brother Steve.

I thank you so much for permitting me to hold this office and I truly do enjoy doing this. For the first time this year we are forming a MAL Club so that we also may have our yearly luncheon and make plans to help out our two moneyed offices and from this day forward our club will be known as the Top Hatters, so watch out everyone. HERE WE COME.

Jane Graham, PDP, OH
Membership At Large Coordinator

PRESIDENT JANICE: I see that our Patriotic Instructor has retired from the room. Does she have guests waiting? I think we will now take a five minute recess. Sister Chaplain, please attend the altar.

The Chaplain attended the altar, closed then opened the Bible following a short recess.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Would the Outside Guard please check to see if Virginia is ready with her guest? Thank you. Sister Guides and Color Guards will you retire to the anteroom and escort our Patriotic Instructor and her guest to my station.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the National Patriotic Instructor's GAR Memorial Gift recipient, Michelle Finn, Director of Development of Dream Factory, Inc., to the President's Station.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PDP, NY, NPI: I chose this Organization because of the good works that they do and I hope you all agree with my judgment. I did look into about a half dozen different ones and this is the one I chose. This is Michelle Finn and she works for the Dream Factory.

Michelle, I'd like to present to you this check from our Organization

and would you please give us a little outline of what you do?

MICHELLE FINN, DREAM FACTORY: First of all, I would like to thank the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for inviting me to come today and for being the benefactor of your generous gift. I'm the Director of Development for the Dream Factory and I work for the National Headquarters, which is actually located here in Louisville, KY. What we do is we grant dreams to children who are critically and chronically ill. We are the second largest children's wish-granting organization in the country with 38 chapters in 20 states. The thing that is a little bit different about us is that all of our Chapters are run entirely by volunteers. We only have four paid staff members at our National Headquarters that are just at the beck and call of our volunteers. It's a wonderful organization. Like I said, we also grant dreams to children who are chronically ill. We feel that those children are just as deserving as the children who have critical illnesses. I'll give you one quick example of a dream that we just granted last week. There's a girl out in Oregon who had a flesh-eating virus when she was three years old and she was a quadruple amputee. She's not critically ill, but she is really interested in dancing and they actually did a video of her on the news out in Oregon before she had her dream and I got to see her dancing and she's actually a very good dancer. What her dream was, she wanted to spend a week at Julliard. They also did some news stories on her up there while she was visiting Julliard so I got to see some video clips of that as well. She actually got to teach the dance class one of her dances. So, that was extremely fulfilling to me. I also want you to know that over 80% of all the money that's donated to the Dream Factory goes directly towards trying to grant these dreams. I really appreciate your gift and thank you very much. (*applause*)

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: As a Special Ed teacher working with children with needs, I'm honored to be able to respond. I can't think of a better thing for our money to be spread among children. For them to be able to learn more, to be able to experience more and to be able to enjoy life; this is our way to be able to spread that joy. So, we really thank you. (*applause*)

VIRGINIA TWIST, PDP, NY, NPI: I would like to thank the Sisters for their support of this.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I think that was a very worthy presentation and I thank her for thinking of that.

We have many reports to accomplish. We also have new visitors that should be coming.

I'm concerned that the LGAR may also have ended their meeting or be close to it, and maybe we should send our Greetings Committee. Thank you, Sisters, I will ask for a report when you get back.

The Greetings Committee left to visit the LGAR.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I really would like to move on to more reports because the gentlemen kept us a lot longer this morning than was anticipated and we started later. I'm going to mix the Committee reports among the Department reports so that we can move through. Let us start with the Remembrance Day Committee report.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE

Again this year, the Allied Orders marched in the Remembrance Day Parade. It was a cold day and a bit windy, but many Sisters of the Allied Orders marched. We filled the air with our American flags and flags of Departments, States, and banners. The streets were lined, in places three and four deep, with parade watchers; and, when our ladies proudly marched by, onlookers cheered and clapped. I have been in parades for twelve years and each time we march, I go back in time to 1863 and just fill up with the emotions of the time. I am sure many others in the parade feel the same way.

Those ladies who do not choose to wear Civil War era dress may still march in the parade. However, dress must be appropriate and your pins worn.

We do our "Boys in Blue" great honor in remembering and honoring them on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. Hope to see many more Sisters next year.

Helen Geppi, MD-DE
Remembrance Day Committee Chairman

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you, Helen. Michelle, would you like to give your Site Committee Report? You don't have one? OK.

I want to ask you, Virginia, to give us your Patriotic Instructor Report.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

One year ago I was elected to this office and I started working towards my goal. Before I left for home I had received several personal donations.

I would like to start by thinking Sister Jan Norman from Connecticut for all the things she donated to my fund. I would also like to thank Sisters Betty Baker PNP, Michelle Langley PNP, and Bea Greenwalt PNP. Without your help and encouragement, I would have been lost.

I was very happy to attend the National Testimonial for our President, and also the one for our NY Department President. Then I was off to Gettysburg, PA, where, thanks to all that stopped in to see me and buy items from my table, I left with a good sum of money. My daughter

Hope, her husband Frank, my grandson Jared, and their foreign exchange student Aydan, came to help me out. Christmas wasn't far behind so I set up craft tables at three different bazaars. Spring came and our National President asked me to represent her at the Grant's Tomb Celebration where I was honored to place a wreath. I also met Julia and Ulysses Grant and President Lincoln. I even got to have my picture taken with them all. My other daughter Autumn, President of Auxiliary 72 in Ovid, NY, attended the celebration with me. I was able to attend the Connecticut Department Encampment with my daughter Hope, where they graciously let me set up a table. My own Department Encampment came next. I had a table set up there as well. I was off to Ohio's Department Encampment two weeks later, where I had so much fun. I made many new friends and renewed many old friendships as well. Thank you Sisters Nancy Hilton and Jane Graham for a great meal in your room and all the good times we had. National Secretary Judy Morgan, along with two others, shared a room with me and I had a great time.

I sent out raffle tickets to all patriotic instructors with a challenge. The Sister that sold the most would win a prize, which I sent to Bonnie Schuler from Nash-Hodges Auxiliary #43 in Michigan. It was a 4½ x 6 flag made in the USA by veterans. I hope she can use the gift. I also donated flags to two other people: one is a veteran that flies his flag every day and was in need of a new one and the other flag went to a Boy Scout troop.

I would like to give my GAR donation to Michelle Langley PNP for her monument fund, which will be dedicated in Waterloo, NY, during the month of November. I have chosen The Dream Factory, Inc. for my Love Token because of the great work they do for children.

The following report of patriotic work was disappointing. Out of 22 reports, I only received 12 before August 1st. Therefore, I would like to make the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1: For all Department Officers who do not get their reports in before Encampment, I recommend a \$5.00 late fee for each report not sent in on time, this to include Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, and Charitable Causes. This late fee would be charged to all Departments that do not send in the required reports before Convention. I recommend a date be set of June 30.

So, if all four reports were not in, the total charge would be \$20.00. Not receiving these reports makes it difficult for others to get their reports finished and also makes our Organization not look as good as it could.

After I made out my report, I received four more; so, I have a total of 17 reports out of 22. I received reports from Massachusetts, California-Pacific, Aux. #1 in Texas, Aux. #12 in Colorado, Rhode Island, Iowa,

Ohio, Maine, Aux. #2 in Oklahoma, Michigan, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

1. Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries	4,803
2. Number of patriotic entertainments given	112
3. Number of National Anniversaries observed	171
4. Number of patriotic papers read in Auxiliary	153
5. Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in patriotic meetings	104
6. Amount expended for patriotic work	\$4,977.05
7. How many members fly the flag on Memorial Day?	222

- Many marched in different parades.
- Gifts were given to soldiers at their homes and overseas.
- Veteran's homes were visited and given flags and gifts.
- Flags were placed on graves with the help of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by almost all.
- Civil War fashion show
- Food donations were made to food pantries.
- Flags were given out during parades.
- Many observed all the patriotic days: Flag Day, 4th of July, Memorial Day, President's birthdays, and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all of you for putting your faith in me to complete all the duties required of my position. I have had a great year and enjoyed serving the Organization as Patriotic Instructor.

Virginia Twist, PDP, NY
National Patriotic Instructor

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, NY: Sister President, may I offer a suggestion please? I think it would be nice if Michelle would explain about her monument for these ladies that don't know what she has worked so hard on for four years.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I think that's a very good idea because some of us don't know what she has worked towards and don't know to donate to help her. This is going to reflect back on us. This is a positive, good thing. So, I would ask Michelle at this moment to come ahead and tell us about it.

MICHELLE LANGLEY, PNP, NY: In 2006 our New York Department Encampment was held in Waterloo, NY. When we went to do a Memorial Service, we did it in a park and there was a monument there for every war but the Civil War. So, I took it upon myself and decided that it

would be nice to put one there. The next year I was Patriotic Instructor and I talked it over with everybody and we had put a bench there in memory of the five Allied Orders until we could get the money to do the monument. So, anyway, I proceeded to try to get money. It has taken me this long, and I'm still kind of short but I just decided that if I don't have enough, I'm just going to put it in because I want to get it done. It's going to be a five foot stone and it has a Civil War soldier on each side and it's going to have a sidewalk up to it. We are going to be in a line of monuments from every war. The Lafayette Park in Waterloo is where they do their Memorial Day Service and Waterloo is the birthplace of Memorial Day, so I think it's a proper thing to have it in that park. That's what I've worked towards. I'm still short, but I'm still planning to go ahead with it and doing what I have to do get it there. If anybody would like to help, it would be appreciated. Whether it be a quarter, a dollar, or five, or whatever; I would appreciate whatever you could give. I plan on doing a Memorial Book of who gave the donations, and anybody is welcome to come. I'm pretty sure it's going to be November 11th, but I don't know the time and I will let everybody know when the time has been set. It has been approved and OK'd with the county and with the state. It is a goal, and I'm hoping it is a success on November 11th. I appreciate anybody who's willing to help me. Thank you. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Michelle, may I give you \$100 toward your fund? (*applause*) That's a wonderful and worthy cause.

Greetings Committee returned from visiting the LGAR.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Cindy, Please come forward and give your report.

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: Sister Jan, we were received graciously over there. Everyone was happy to see us. Sister Barbara thanks you for her gift and says she personally will be coming over to bring her greetings.

PRESIDENT JANICE: God bless her. Thank you. Now for those who don't know, Sister Barbara Knopke and I met in the elevator in Boston but we didn't have on our National sashes to indicate who we were. We got into a grand conversation and found out we really wanted to see each other again as friends. It was after that when we discovered that we were both National Presidents. She is very special and we have had a very good time together this year.

We will now have the Website Committee report.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

We have had 331,124 visitors to our National web pages.

Our web host, Komputers.com, has proven reliable and has been

helpful and supportive since December 2006.

General Orders are posted on our home page as soon as possible after issue. They can be viewed online, downloaded to view offline, or printed. Postage costs will be reduced as members with computers become accustomed to receiving General Orders this way.

The National Department web page currently has links to eleven State Department's web pages. A few Department web pages need small corrections or additions. Those affected will receive an email explaining what to do.

Yahoo Geocities, who provided free web page space for many years, will be ending its free web page policy in September or October. If you are using this free space, please visit the site soon to download any files or graphics you want to keep. Time is running out. Alternatively, US Genweb and Rootsweb offer free pages.

Recommendation #1: That we continue to use Komputers.com as our web page hosting service provider.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
 SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: That we continue to post General Orders on our home page.

MOVED by Denise Oman WI
 SECONDED by Linda Kronberg DP MI
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

I suggest that every Department be encouraged to build a Department web page this year. It's a great way to attract potential members residing in the Department's area.

I would like to thank Website Committee member, Betty Baker, for her guidance. It has been an honor serving as your National Web mistress this year.

Carol LaRue MD-DE
 Website Committee Chair

PRESIDENT JANICE: Now we will have the report from the Committee to Aid the President.

COMMITTEE TO AID THE PRESIDENT

This committee was voted upon by the 2006 National Encampment to assist the National Presidents in fact-finding and in decision-making. During the three-year span, the committee was never called upon.

During PNP Cynthia Brown's report of this committee at the 2008

Encampment, she recommended that upon the completion of the three-year term that the committee be dissolved and no replacements named. This was brought to the floor for a vote and so the Committee to Aid the National President is dissolved upon the completion of the 2008-2009 term.

Cynthia Brown, PNP, MA
Danielle Michaels, PNP, WI

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you for your report. Publicity Committee?

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The corrections from last National Encampment were taken back to the designer. Corrections were made, copied on disk, and given to the National Secretary and Betty Baker. Brochures were then printed and are in stock.

Denise Oman, WI
Publicity Committee

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you very much for your work on this, ladies.

Can we hear from the Food Coupons for Overseas Military?

FOOD COUPONS FOR OVERSEAS MILITARY

Last year at the National Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts, I was asked to be the National Coupon Coordinator. At that time I did not know what exactly this job entailed; but, as I started receiving envelopes of coupons from the Auxiliaries across the USA, it became apparent to me. This was a task at first I felt very overwhelmed with. But as I developed my own method of sending out the coupons to our service men and women, it became an honor to be doing this for them.

Below are listed the Departments that sent coupons to me: Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin

Military bases where coupons were mail to:

- US Air Force – Brussels, Belgium
- USMC – Iwaki, Japan
- US Army – Okinawa, Japan
- US Navy – Yokohama, Japan

	2008	2009	Totals
Coupons Mailed	5,833	15,799	21,632
Total Value	\$3,605.96	\$23,056.69	\$26,662.65
Postage	\$36.17	\$97.95	\$134.12

I do want to thank everyone that made this project a success. If I am asked to continue with this project with the new National President, I would like to remind everyone to please count the coupons that you send and give amount or value of your total coupons also. This will greatly

help to send them out faster to the service men and women.

Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP, NJ
National Coupon Coordinator

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you, Viola. I'm proud of you! I knew she was the right "man" for the job! (*laughter*)

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY

SECONDED by Diane Mellor AP MA

That the money expended for postage by the National Coupon Coordinator should be reimbursed.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: Legislative Committee - was any report turned in from that committee?

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: I have not received a report from that committee.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Well, then we have nothing to act on.

We don't have anyone here from the Constitution, Rules and Regulations Committee.

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: Sister President, PNP Cynthia Brown mailed me the report and it is a very long one.

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

That since the CR&R Report is a very long report; we wait and read it on Saturday morning.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: It is now five minutes to four and we should probably recess for the day. Ladies please enjoy your evening.

The Chaplain attended the altar.

Announcements were made regarding supplies.

MOVED by Gloria Fisher DP NY, SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

That Allison Michaels' badge be replaced. SO VOTED

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, August 16, 2009

9:15 A.M.

Overnight, the hotel was evacuated due to a fire alarm.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I see we all survived last night, being made to leave our rooms, wondering if we were going to get back in, and if we would have clothes to wear home!

We have a lot of business, so let's get started. Chaplain, please attend the altar.

The Chaplain attended the altar.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I'm a little worried about the time, but we will get by. We have a special guest here today and we are going to escort her in. Guides and Color Guards please escort our guest to my station.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Marcia Butgereit, to the President's station.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Marcia is a dear friend and we have traveled many miles together this year. She has been elected National President again. This is unprecedented.

MARCIA BUTGEREIT, NAT'L PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS: I'm happy to be here. I would first like to say that your National President, with the passion that she has for the work of the Order and her devotion to the memory of the Civil War soldiers, makes her an inspiration to all of us to watch her. I am thrilled that I was able to work with her the past year as National President. I have a little gift for her in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. It's just a little 2009 penny on a red, white, and blue ribbon, but this is special because it is his 200th birthday. One of the things we are celebrating this year, at this Encampment and the conventions, is his birthday and I would like to thank her for her work and also the work you do as an Auxiliary to the Sons and officially bring my greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps. Even though our convention is now over, which is a relief, our work is ahead of us. All of our organizations, all of the Allied Orders, are facing the same thing. We don't want to become extinct and the way to avoid that is to come into the 21st century, to do what we can do to market our Organizations and while that scares some people, today's businesses are not the only people who need to market themselves and I see that we can come back, all of us can come back. We can show that we work together on the local level with all the Allied Orders; working together as we go up the chain with the Departments and with Nationals. But as we work together, we will survive. And if we share what we do with each other and with the community and with other organizations like the VFW, the American Legion, the Blue Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers, all of those other organizations, we will once again come back from the brink of extinction. And with that, I would like to pin this on your President and thank you so much for allowing me to share with you. (*Gift was pinned on National President Janice.*)

JUDY TREPANIER, COUNCIL #1, PNP, CT: It's very nice to have you visit with us today and congratulations on your Presidency again. We look forward to working with you in the coming year. Thank you very much. (*applause*)

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room.

PRESIDENT JANICE: First of all I want to thank all of you for your love and care that you showed me at Courtesy Hour. All of your thoughts about what you did and how you did it and the fun things let me know how you really care. It was an amazing evening. The thing that was talked about after the event was over and the men were gathered was that this is the first time they can remember in years that everybody stayed. And that is a great compliment to our National Commander and me. Thank you all for the gifts.

We formed our club this morning – we are the Yankee Doodle Dandies. We haven't got a President yet because we didn't have time, but we will figure that out before we leave.

I just want to get everything taken care of as fast as I can, so I would like to go right to the minutes of yesterday and where we stand at the moment and what we need to do. So please Sister National Secretary would you like to come up and get us started on that point.

National Secretary Judy Morgan read the minutes of the previous session.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY
 SECONDED by Denise Oman WI
 That the minutes be approved as read.
 SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Michelle would you please read the CR&R Report.

CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

With the resignation of Frances Murray as Chair of the Constitution, Rules, & Regulations Committee, it falls on Committee members to submit this written report for National Encampment.

There are a few things in the CR&R that should be brought to the attention of the membership at National Encampment. The changes to the CR&R from 2000 to 2008 have been perused to see if these have been addressed, and they have not.

REGULATIONS

Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article 1 *Formation and Disbandment*, Section 6: "No Charter shall be surrendered by an

Auxiliary as long as ten (10) members thereof in good standing desire its continuance.”

We now require only five (5) members for a Charter. Consider changing this to read:

Recommendation #1: Change Article 1 Section 6 to read “No Charter shall be surrendered by an Auxiliary as long as five (5) members thereof in good standing desire its continuance.”

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA
 SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article IV *Honorable Discharge:*

“Upon written application, and the return of her badge, a member in good standing shall receive an Honorable Discharge. Such member may again join the Order upon regular application.”

Many Auxiliary members purchase their own badge.

Recommendation #2: Change Article IV to read: “Upon written application and the return of her badge **if provided by the Auxiliary**, a member in good standing shall receive an Honorable Discharge. Such member may again join the Order upon regular application.”

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
 SECONDED by Anne Jaster PA
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article VI *Finances, Section 6:*

“The funds of a disbanded Auxiliary shall be turned over to the Department and those of Provisional Auxiliaries where there is no Department to the National.”

We no longer have Provisional Auxiliaries.

Recommendation #3: Change Article VI Section 6 Finances to read: “The funds of a disbanded Auxiliary shall be turned over the Department and where there is no Department, funds shall be turned over to National.”

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA
 SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article IX *Duties of Officers, Section 4:* “...she shall send with the June 30th Quarterly Report each year, a list of the names....”

We now do tri-annual rather than quarterly reports.

Recommendation #4: Change wording to “...she shall send with the May tri-annual Report each year, a list of the names...”

DISCUSSION:

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: The wording should read “with the April 30th tri-annual report”, instead of May.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

That the Committee be sustained after date change to April 30th.

SO VOTED

Chapter II, Departments, Article III *Department Officers*, Section 1:

“A candidate for the office of Department President must be a past Auxiliary President.”

Due to the changes in Restoration of Rank, as well as with the addition of Dual Members, this is ambiguous.

This became an issue in the Department of NH when Linda Murray was DP and Cynthia Brown became DVP. Linda Murray inquired of then-NP Judy Trepanier whether this was permissible since Sister Cynthia had never been an AP in NH. NP Judy assured DP Linda that being a PNP qualified Sister Cynthia to become DVP and DP in New Hampshire. If she had not been a PNP, it is unclear if she would have been allowed to become a DP in NH without first going up through the ranks. The same is true of a Dual Member who has held Auxiliary offices in one Department but then decides to become a Department officer in another Department.

The Restoration of Rank Committee, chaired by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA in 1998, recommended that Restoration of Rank be eliminated from the CR&R. The very knowledgeable Sisters on that Committee (Margaret Atkinson PNP PA; Emma Prince PDP PA; Vivian Russell PDP NY) surely thought this through very carefully, and the Sisters at the 1998 National Encampment so voted to eliminate Restoration of Rank from the CR&R. In a vote at National Encampment in 2008, the CR&R Committee Chair recommended the wording be returned to the CR&R at it was so voted with less than adequate discussion of the past history of this subject.

Our Ritual is the same from local Auxiliary to National. Our Officers are the same and are elected to perform the same duties throughout the Organization. Theoretically then, anyone who has gone through the chairs in one Department would have learned the same Ritual and duties as they would have in any other Department, and should be qualified to fill any of the offices they held in the previous Department. The only thing missing would be the family/Department/history connection

to the new Department. Thus, if the issue is a question of adequate qualifications to fill the office rather than knowledge of the new Department's history and familial relationship, we make the following recommendation:

Recommendation #5: That the subject of Restoration of Rank be returned to the Encampment floor for further discussion, and that Restoration of Rank again be *removed* from the CR&R.

DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: To the best of my remembrance, we requested when we were on that Committee to eliminate it because it was so thoroughly confusing. I do also agree with their premise that if you have been an Auxiliary President and gone through the ranks and you were entitled to a higher rank in one Department, if you go to another Department you don't have to start from scratch again. You already have the knowledge because everything is the same throughout the Organization. That is just my opinion on the subject.

JUDY TREPANIER, COUNCIL #1, PNP, CT: The reason I told them up there that she was qualified is because her rank was never taken away; she never left the Organization. To me, restoration of rank means that somebody has left and now they want to come back so you want to give them back something. Cynthia had never left the Organization and was still in the Organization so her rank traveled with her.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: One other point that came to mind is if the Department's by-laws state that to be Department President of that Department you must have come through the ranks in that state, that would nullify that. But I don't know of any Department that has that in their by-laws.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: I kind of agree with what Judy is saying. Restoration of rank is when you've left the Organization and then come back. Say I left here and went to MD-DE, then I would ask to have my standings from NY reinstated by them. What has happened that I think has created this question is she just is a dual member there and wanted to become the President or a Vice President. She didn't lose rank any place along the way. Restoration of rank we don't really use anymore. I think when they took it out before it was probably a good thing.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I would just like to clarify this for future years. We are dealing with different Sisters that are coming to Nationals. Would it not somehow benefit the Order if we somehow put in definitions somewhere just stating restoration of rank will be if you

leave the order so this doesn't come back to haunt us every three or four years.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

Retain restoration of rank in CR&R but add further clarification.

SO VOTED

Chapter II, Departments, Article IV *Duties of Officers*, Section 5:

“...she shall prepare and forward all Quarterly Reports required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and make a consolidated financial report for the Department Encampment.”

Again, this refers to Quarterly Reports versus Tri-annual Reports.

Recommendation #6: Change wording to “...she shall prepare and forward all Tri-annual Reports required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and made a consolidated financial report for the Department Encampment.”

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA

That the Committee be sustained.

SO VOTED

Chapter III, National Organization, Article II *Membership*, Section 1:

“...one (1) Delegate or Alternate from each Auxiliary, however, a Provisional Auxiliary shall not have an additional Delegate until it has become a fully established Auxiliary;...”

We no longer have Provisional Auxiliaries.

Recommendation #7: Remove “, however, a Provisional Auxiliary shall not have an additional Delegate until it has become a fully established Auxiliary;” from Section 1.

DISCUSSION:

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, NY: We may eventually start getting Provisional Auxiliaries back again, so why remove it?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: A few years back we eliminated Provisionals. If they get the five applications, they become a full Auxiliary. So I think that is what the Sisters are talking about. They are coming in as Auxiliaries and we don't have a need for a Provisional. We can have an Auxiliary in a state that doesn't have a Department so we are eliminating the word completely.

MOVED by Virginia Twist PDP NY

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Chapter III, National Organization, Article IV *National Officers, Section 2a*: “A candidate for the office of National President or National Vice President must be a lineal descendent and a Past President of her Department.” Yet under **CONSTITUTION, Chapter I, Article IV *Eligibility for Membership***, it states in part: “...Said Associates shall not be eligible to hold the office of National President or National Vice President due to the lack of *lineal or collateral descent* from a Union Veteran of the Civil War.” (Lineal, as defined in the dictionary, means being in the direct line of descent from an ancestor; collateral is defined as having an ancestor in common but descended from a different line.) **Recommendation #8A:** Lineal and collateral should be brought into agreement in these two Articles—either add “or collateral” to Chapter III National Organization Article IV Section 2a, OR remove “or collateral” from Constitution Chapter I Article IV Eligibility for Membership.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT JANICE: Where does the wife of an officer of the Sons, or the wife of a Son, fall in to the availability to become National President? I don't see that addressed.

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I think that it's very ambiguous. I remember when we were talking about this. I think it was just more or less we were trying to get the point across that if you are an Associate Member, you could not go up the chairs and become National President. I make the motion that we go back to the original as written in our CR&R that said “a candidate for the Office of National President or National Vice President must be a Past President of her Department” which covers all those in question.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Many Departments do not have to have lineal or collateral for the Sister to become a Department President. If we go back to the original wording, we could have an Associate coming in to be National President because the old way was saying that you first have to be a Department President to become a National President. It doesn't say anything about Associates, unless we make a mandate that all Departments must have in their by-laws that there has to be lineage. I don't see that solving the problem.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: First of all, in this recommendation, it takes two years to change any part of the Constitution. So, we cannot delete “or collateral” from the Constitution until a Department

next year would send a recommendation to National that they want that done. We would have to vote on it and two thirds of the Departments the following year would have to delete that, so that part is beyond our capabilities today. Under membership, we allow anyone who is a descendant, either lineal or collateral. So we have to go with our Constitution which says that's an eligibility. It also says we would accept and we put on the charter the name of any woman who is married to a man who has descendancy in the Sons. We have already had a National President who got in under that requirement. I cannot see deleting that now. We'd have to change everything. We'd have to change our application. They couldn't become a regular member and it would have a lot of ramifications throughout the Organization.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: By the very definition of the word auxiliary, it translates to be a supporting organization to the father or mother chapter. If you limit the organization to just lineal descendents, you might as well just go and join the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Auxiliary is a support to the men, so if you are an Auxiliary member, that tells you that you're already part of the Sons of Union Veterans organization as their support network. Having lineal or even collateral, as far as I'm concerned, is not the point. The point is that we're the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: First of all, if we do the opposite, then we become the Woman's Relief Corps because they accept it. We are who we are and we can stand alone without having a Camp associated with us. Our heritage says that we take all in, but what we're talking about is who will be the National President. You can be any other position except the National President when we talk about lineage one way or the other, whether through Son, collateral, or direct. The other thing that I'm questioning is do we not have to say we don't concur with this and then bring up a new one.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI
SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY
The Committee NOT be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #8B: Clarify whether a member who applied for membership as the wife, mother, or legally adopted daughter of a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with lineage, and who is in good standing as stated on the application, is an Associate, lineal or collateral member, and whether such members are eligible to become National Vice President and/or National President. It is further recommended that the *application* reflect the status of such applicants.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: An Associate can go to National and be a money maker. So, again, are you allowing the National President to be of lineage one way or the other, or are you allowing the National President to be any member of the Order.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Section 2A, as amended previously, “Associates shall not be eligible for the Office of National President or National Vice President.” Any Associate that joins my home Auxiliary, the first thing I say to them is, “We’d love to have you as a member. You can do anything in our Auxiliary, in our Department; but, you cannot be National President or National Vice President.” And I haven’t found a single one of them crushed by that thought.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I think the basic question here that we are trying to answer is that if a wife of a Son who himself has lineage, can be a National President in the Auxiliary, whether she has a lineage or not.

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY

Change wording in Section 2, Chapter III to read “A candidate for the office of National President or National Vice President must be of lineal descent, a wife of a Son with lineage, a Past President of her Department, and have been a National Patriotic Instructor or National Chief of Staff or National Treasurer for a five year term to qualify for that Office.”

SO VOTED

There have been many changes to the CR&R since 2000.

Recommendation #9: That all updates be included in the next printing of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

DISCUSSION:

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I would like to add to this recommendation that we investigate the cost of printing the CR&R with all these updates we’ve had over the past ten years.

MICHELLE LANGLEY, PNP, NY: I don’t have a lot of CR&Rs left. I have probably 100. There are a lot of people that have the old CR&Rs and don’t have the inserts.

DIANE MELLOR, AP, MA: I think if we go to Recommendation #10, it will answer this question.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DP, CA-PAC: The thing is, depending on how we vote on Recommendation #10, if we end up where we go to the website version of this, we may have updates we can get instantaneously

versus having to wait until we've used up 100 CR&Rs before we see the next update.

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: There are still a lot of members who do not have computers. I still think it needs to be printed so it can be read.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DP, CA-PAC: Right. But what I'm saying right now that since 2000 all we've had is one version and you get the insert pages you keep putting in and we keep putting money towards printing the insert pages versus doing a complete new printing of the CR&R. Every single member that I get as a new Auxiliary member, I'm handing them a CR&R, a packet of inserts and having to have them figure out how it all goes together so that then they come to the first meeting and be knowledgeable of what we're asking them to do as an Auxiliary member. So, honestly, I think we need to look at doing a new printing relatively soon.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: If we would vote on Recommendation #9 that we want to have this done, then we can go to Recommendation #10 as to how we are going to do it.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY

The Committee be sustained.

SO VOTED

The 2000 edition of the CR&R was printed in "loose leaf" format and it's difficult to find notebooks the proper size to keep the pages neatly and conveniently together.

Recommendation #10: **A)** That the National Supply Officer have for sale a notebook or other means of keeping the CR&R bond together, or **B)** the CR&R be printed and hole punched to fit a commonly available notebook size and hole pattern eliminating the need for the Supply Officer to store or ship such notebooks, **and/or C)** the CR&R be made available online for Auxiliary members to access, to print, and put in binders themselves.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Denise Oman WI

That we B and C - that we have it printed and hole punched to fit a commonly available notebook and that we also place it on the web.

DISCUSSION:

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I still would like to add that we reprint the

current CR&R to reflect all the changes in the past ten years and that it be within the next year.

MICHELLE LANGLEY, PNP, NY: I personally think they should be all one size and make it large enough print that everyone can see it because having three sizes it's very confusing for even Judy Morgan to do what she has to do with those inserts. I think that's crazy. And when people write to me and tell me they want a CR&R, they don't tell me the size so I send what I think they should get. Very few tell me what size they want. I think the 5 x 7 has many notebooks that it can fit into and everybody will be able to read that. That's just my suggestion.

PRESIDENT JANICE: The point I wanted to make was my eyes and the situation I'm in. I have reprinted the entire ritual huge, 8 x 10, on my computer, page by page, so that I can read it. Having a full page print for some of us that have some problems probably would be a good idea.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I think what we are doing is bogging down into things that we don't need to do. A, B, and C is what's brought up for vote. We already made a motion to accept B and C. I think the Supply Officer that gets the things for the Auxiliary should be given some wiggle room to get what she can afford. So, why don't we just move ahead, vote on what's here and allow the Supply Officer to do her job.

DIANE MELLOR, NH: I think for the sake of a lot of new people, I would just like to show people something. This is the book we currently get. It's all loose-leaf. You can put some clips in it. It's small printing. This is mine and I got it from the Supply Officer.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: I also have one. Loose-leaf was voted many years ago and it's very handy. I prefer a small one, because I carry a lot of things to my meetings. Some prefer the bigger. It's available to you through your Supply Officer, through your Treasurer's Office. The only thing is the motion on the floor is to go with B and go on the web page. I want to go on record as stating I do not feel it should go on the web page. I do not feel our CR&R should be public knowledge to everyone that wants to go onto our web page. And that's my opinion only.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: There is no reason why our CR&R cannot be confidential. You can protect it with a password. You can protect it underneath a member's only section in which you have to have a password. If you want to have one to get into a members only, and one to get into the CR&R, I understand. I don't like personal information out on the web, and I appreciate the fact that we need to protect the CR&R, but we also need to look at the ways to help conserve money in our

Organization. I know not everyone has a computer, and God knows I'm not computer savvy, but I can print things from the internet. I'm not that bad. I can hit that print button and get it to come out.

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: It doesn't have to be put on the internet, but it can be emailed to anybody who wants it. Everybody knows my email address. I can email it to anybody. So that would take care of getting updates as they're made.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sister President, seeing that we do have guests, I would like to suspend this vote until afterwards.

CR&R Report was suspended for guests.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Guides and Color Guards please admit our guests.

Guides and Color Guards escorted PNP Janice Corfman, and PNP Nancy Conaway, of the Ladies of the GAR to the President's station.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We would like to welcome these wonderful ladies here. We have known Janice for years and years and loved her as a Sister and I don't know that I know you well, but I know the rest of these ladies do. She's a delightful lady and we would like to have them say a few words.

JANICE CORFMAN, PNP, LGAR: Good morning. I'm not sure I'm awake yet! I bring the greeting through us to you from our National President, Barb Knopke. I also have this little gift that she has sent over for you. As I was walking around here I was saying hello to all the members here that I already knew over the years. And, of course, I am an Auxiliary member in Ohio as well. I am so happy to be here and to bring these greetings and so glad to see such a large group here. We're doing better this year and we're growing. With our President, who will probably go in for another year, she is a go-getter and she is working for the Ladies and we'll have it whipped into shape in the next year. She had done just a wonderful job and I know that Sister Janice here is doing the same over here. To have a group this size in here is wonderful. I'm so glad to see all of you. I hope you are having a very good and productive convention. Thank you. *(applause)*

NANCY CONAWAY, PNP, LGAR: It's a pleasure for me to come in here and greet you. I don't think all of you know that Nancy Hilton was named for me and I have adopted her as my daughter. Of course her parents don't really know about that. *(laughter)* It is a pleasure for me to be here today and I'm hope that I will be here next year. I wish you the best in everything. I know you will be getting a good leader when

you get your next President. Thank you. (*applause*)

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, NY: Nancy, you are wearing a beautiful corsage. Why do you have such a special, beautiful corsage?

NANCY CONAWAY, PNP, LGAR: Well, they gave that to me yesterday. This is my 49th National Convention. (*applause*) So they surprised me with the corsage, but I'm still hoping to be here next year!

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: Sisters Nancy and Jan, it's a pleasure that you ladies came in to visit us. This is the enjoyable part of our whole Encampment is to get to see each other when we come. We miss each other throughout the year and this is a nice fraternal time to be together and through you, to your President. Thank her for letting you to have the time to come and greet us. We hope your Encampment is running smoothly.

PRESIDENT JANICE: It has been a joy and a pleasure to have you ladies.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guests from the room.

CR&R REPORT CONT.

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: Margaret made the motion that we do B and C on Recommendation #10, but we don't want it on the web so that needs to be revised a little bit. It needs to be available electronically via email, but not on the web.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I thought we were still discussing it being on the web and the ways that it could be protected. Maybe I missed it, I don't think we voted to delete that.

PRESIDENT JANICE: The point that the National Secretary made was if you've ever received anything from her it has come ready to open and download. That's the way she would like to send it, not it go up on the web and everybody can read our CR&R. Only those who are members would be getting that information to download and then print out. They can do that in whatever size they want. That's the point she was trying to make.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: It's printed A, B, and C, so do we not have to not sustain this and then go by Margaret's suggestion?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Perhaps it would be better if I

simply rescinded the motion and start over?

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

That Committee NOT be sustained.

SO VOTED

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I just want to make one point before she makes a recommendation. The Sons have their whole CR&R available on the web for anybody to see.

DENISE OMAN, WI: I'm just curious. What would we be treasuring from the public? Is there something in there that we don't want others to see?

ANNE MICHAELS, DP, WI: I think it's like anything else - it's us. If you see someone else wearing our badge and they are not a member, that's wrong. That's my opinion.

CAROL LARUE, MD-DE: It is possible that at a future date, you might find it's applicable and beneficial to post this CR&R, and many other things, on the web behind a locked wall. We could have a password that just our members know the public would not be able to get in it. The Daughters of the Revolution have had a lot of their personal Organizational paperwork and other necessary supplies online for their members to just download. I think it is very much like the Sons have it.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

The CR&R be printed and hole punched to fit a commonly available notebook size and hole pattern and that the CR&R be made available through the National Secretary sending them to you via email.

SO VOTED

CR&R COMMITTEE
Teresa Doyle, PAP, VT
Linda Murray, PDP, NH

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister National President, this is not an official motion. Let's have a moment of levity. I just found out that our dear Mary Scofield has a birthday today. Mary are you hiding your age, or may we know it?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sisters, before we do that, we also have somebody else with a birthday - Allison Michaels.

MARY SCOFIELD, PNP, CT: I'm 94.

ALLISON MICHAELS, WI: I'm 24 today.

Both Sisters were wished "Happy Birthday."

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA

All previous Committee reports be accepted and the Committee members be discharged of their duties.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: May we have the Ritual Committee Report?

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Ritual Committee did not receive any requests for changes from members of the Auxiliary. We did, however, discuss a problem that many of us have encountered in recent years and decided to make a suggestion to alleviate the situation.

It has been our experience that many of our Auxiliaries do not have either a sufficiently large room in which to meet or may not have enough members attending to follow the complete ritualistic meeting. As some of our newer members advance to the position of Auxiliary President, they find it very difficult to skip through the ritual to pick up the important sections that must be used at a meeting.

We have made up a one page instruction to be used with the ritual to guide them through a small meeting. It would not necessitate any change to the ritual book but just be an added aid to help them conduct a smoothly run meeting.

We are passing out copies for you to review and ask that the membership approve the use of this guide.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY
Carolyn Lawson, PDP, ME
Faye Carlisle, PNP, PA

DISCUSSION:

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: She didn't specify where this will be available. Is it going to be printed up by the Secretary and automatically passed out to everyone or are they going to request it?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: If they wish to email me, I have it on my computer and I will send it to them as an attachment. It's only one sheet for them to print.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA

That one-page instruction be included in new Auxiliary member packets.
SO VOTED

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA
That the one-page instruction be included in the 1st General Orders so every member receives it.
SO VOTED

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE
This report and all future reports be accepted and the Committees be discharged.
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: Can we please have the Revision of Blanks Committee.

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I'm just going to give a verbal report. We didn't receive any recommendations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANICE: May we have a report from the Charitable Activities Committee.

NATIONAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

It has been a pleasure serving as the Chairperson of the National Charitable Activities Committee this past year, and I thank the National President for the opportunity. I would also like to thank the various Departments that submitted their Charitable Activities Reports. Without these reports, a large amount of excellent charitable work being done by our Order would go unrecognized.

Attached to this report is the detailed list of the amounts of charitable work that our Sisters have completed this year. Even with tough economic times our Auxiliary Sisters have made total donations of both time and money in the sum of \$853,023.90.

I would also like to take this time to compliment the Sisters of New Hampshire for the wonderfully detailed list of donations that they made to various organizations throughout the past year.

Also I wish to thank Sister Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, for her lovely report. It was very exciting to see what Sister Beatrice and Sisters of New York have been up to for the last year.

SUMMARIZED LIST OF DONATIONS

Blood Donations	88 pints
Cash Donations	\$43,073.53
Mileage	108,293 @ .14/mile = \$15,900.94

Volunteer Hours	29,588.25 @ \$7.25/hr = \$108,926.85
Material Donations	\$685,122.58

Reports were received from the following Department and Auxiliaries at Large: CA/PAC, CT, IA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, CO/WY, MO, OK, TX

Some of the more interesting and important activities reported include the following:

- Sending care packages to service men and women in Iraq.
- Supporting homeless shelters with donations of time and money.
- Raising donations for restoration of a Confederate cannon and Civil War battle flag.
- Presenting flag certificates for flying the American Flag every day.
- Knitting items for cancer patients.
- Sending a U.S. Iraq War veteran and his wife to a resort for a weekend.

In conclusion, I want to thank all the Departments for using the new report forms and for all the feedback that I received to make corrections and improvements to the new forms so that it's something that all the Sisters can use.

Rachelle M. Campbell, DP, CA-PAC
Chairperson

PRESIDENT JANICE: Our last report comes from the Girl Scout Award Committee.

GIRL SCOUT AWARD COMMITTEE

I will be as brief as possible. I started this Chairmanship last year and found that it was easier to do it myself because I found it to be a little complicated when I was involved with other people. Everybody wanted to do it their own way and it really is a one person deal.

I will give you a run-down on how much it costs.

Certificates	\$73.82
Seals	\$6.68
Printing	\$66.30
Total	\$146.80

The awards went to:

New Hampshire	8
Michigan	3
Texas	151

We sent out 162 awards, costing \$146.80. The postage I just paid. Not all of them have been sent out, but they are ready to be put in the mail the first of the week. I do think it should be carried on. I'm sorry I

had kind of a rough year this year and I think it should go so somebody else now.

Barbara Mayberry, PNP, MA

MOVED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

To reimburse Barbara Mayberry for her expenses with the Girl Scout Awards in the amount of \$146.80.

SO VOTED

Chaplain attended the altar to close the Bible for a short break.

Chaplain opened the Bible at 11:15 am.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We do not have too much time. We will start Department President reports.

*The following Department Reports were read:
CA/PAC, CT, and MD-DE.*

The meeting then recessed for lunch at 11:30 am.

**FOURTH SESSION
Saturday, August 16, 2009
1:15 P.M.**

Chaplain opened the Bible and the National Secretary read the minutes from the morning session.

MOVED by Diane Mellor AP MA

SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA

That the minutes be accepted as read.

SO VOTED

Department Reports from MA, MI, and NH were read.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We have guests waiting. Can we please have Guides and Color Guards escort the Sons' Greetings Committee.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted in PCinC Steve Michaels WI,
PDC Tad Campbell CA-PAC, and PDC James Hanby MD-DE
to the President's station.*

PRESIDENT JANICE: Gentlemen please step forward. We would love

to have you speak to us.

STEVE MICHAELS, PCinC, WI: Greetings Sisters. Some of this you may have heard before, but I asked Commander-in-Chief Medert on Thursday night's Council Meeting what type of message he would like to bring to the Auxiliary today because I wanted to be prepared on what to say. Probably much of this is what you've heard either at the meeting yesterday or the Courtesy Hour. First of all he said how much he enjoyed and how much fun he had with National President Janice Harding on the many visits that both of them made during their year as President and Commander-in-Chief. Also, he was very pleased at the level of cooperation and how much that has improved over the years between all of the Allied Orders not just between the Sons and the Auxiliary, but with all the Ladies' Orders. And also how important it is to work closely. I think that Jerry Kowalski's comments during the Memorial Service probably pointed the way and brought to mind the movie "Glory," when toward the end of the movie General Shaw asked one of the soldiers if the flag falls, who's going to carry it on? I think that message was kind of in the background during the Memorial Service that we had the other day. It's comforting to know that so many of the members of the Allied Orders, especially the Auxiliary, will be there to help us. Yesterday we found out, not just through death but through other types of attrition that, yes, the Sons is a fairly large organization compared to some of the others, but in the last year we lost 413 men. We only gained 149. So we need everybody's help, not just our own members but we need you Ladies' help as well. We can't do it by ourselves. Each year the Commander-in-Chief appoints Brothers to the Fraternal Relations Committee. Each of the Brothers with me has a connection to you. Maybe a little bit stronger, maybe a little bit more personal than some of the others in the room that you may have visited this weekend, but nonetheless very strong and very intimate, I guess, is the best word to say. I probably haven't said this enough. I've come here many times to extend greetings on behalf of various Commanders-in-Chief and over the years you would hope that some wisdom, some hindsight, some clarity comes. And, if anything, I'm extremely proud that six of the seven women in my immediate family are leaders in the Auxiliary at some level, either at the Auxiliary, the Department, or the National level. Despite my stubbornness and my selfishness they've excelled and been elected to high office. Sometimes we Brothers don't always think clearly. Sometimes we are stubborn and selfish and Commander Medert said this only a few moments ago to members of the other Allied Orders that visited him, we hope that we will continue to receive your understanding and support as time goes on. The Sons are very pleased and so happy that the Auxiliary is their partner in honoring the "Boys in Blue." Thank you very much. (*applause*)

JAMES HANBY, PDC, MD-DE: Sister Jan, this year you honored me

by making me your National Co-Counselor and although you didn't work me too hard, Sister Brown did send me the copies of your governing documents just so I would be prepared should I need to confer with her and act on your behalf. But it didn't come up. When you had your banquet back in October, I read a portion of what I would like to read again. During an especially trying time during the Civil War, President Lincoln remarked that "I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing that I was right will make no difference." Sister Jan, I know that over this year you, like President Lincoln, were on the right path and that history will show that both you and the President brought both honor and dignity to your office. It was my pleasure to serve you.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you so much. God bless you. I just love you to pieces. (*applause*) To respond to you, I would like to invite Margaret Atkinson to come forward.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Brothers, it's always a pleasure to have the visitation team from the Sons come to our meeting. We certainly welcome you. We enjoyed working with you. I have a personal interest; I happen to live with a Son. You are doing wonderful work. I am just totally overcome with how much the Sons have increased in the last fifteen years. I think it's wonderful what you are doing. Keep up the good work. I think you really have the honor and integrity of the Order at heart and I know that you will continue to be successful. Your Commander-in-Chief I have known for many years. He has always been one of my favorite people and we certainly are very, very happy that he was able to send you over to see us.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Thank you, Margaret. These men are very special to us. And they are a very special group in that they really are Brothers to us. Thank you so much. (*applause*)

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guests from the room to singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

PRESIDENT JANICE: Let's go back to Committee Reports.

RECRUITER AND ORGANIZER OF NEW AUXILIARIES

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony that was held April 18, 2009, in Springfield, IL, and at the GAR founder – B.F. Stephenson's grave site. The events were well attended despite the wet rainy weather that seemed to increase as the day progressed. I am sorry to say that our wreath was not delivered to the

events. When I inquired with the WRC National President as to where the wreath was, we discovered that the WRC wreath was also missing from the ceremony. By luck, the WRC National President had brought an extra wreath from home and in her sweet kindness she grabbed my arm and we both went arm and arm up to the front of the tomb carrying the wreath and placed it together as National Heads. After the event, I inquired with the curator of the WRC Museum as to the whereabouts of our wreath. She had just recently returned to this position and was unaware of the whereabouts of the wreaths. Therefore, I make:

Recommendation #1: That a new wreath be purchased and that a contact be made with either the WRC or Daughters Museum curator for housing our wreath on an annual basis.

DISCUSSION:

CYNTHIA FOX, PNP, PA: I would like to entertain the idea that we just buy a fresh wreath every year. I saw what condition our wreath was in when I had to place the wreath and it was very embarrassing.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The Sons also keep theirs at the Woman's Relief Corps. If it's possible that we could find out from the Sons where they went, have one of them get it, and that way all the heads are taking up a wreath that is identical to one another.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

That a fresh wreath be purchased each year for Lincoln Death Day.

SO VOTED

REPORT CONTINUES:

Shortly after last year's Encampment, I sent an organizing packet to Judith Sherman, PO Box 395, Schoharie, NY 12157. They would be connected to the Cpl. James Tanner Camp 134.

A packet was sent to Martin Hurl, 223 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, PA. He was working on recruiting an Auxiliary for the Mt. Union Church Camp #502. I have recently spoken with Kristie O. She states she is organizing this auxiliary within the next few months.

Another packet was sent to Pam Nichols, 8 Coer Road, Prospect, CT 06712.

Linda Murray reports that she had sent a packet to Carol Hileman, 318 Mifflin Ct., Huntington, PA last November. She sent additional emails and telephone calls, but no response.

Danielle Michaels PNP WI
Linda Murray DP NH

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: I wanted to make the announcement that the new wreath that will be purchased every year falls on to the National President of that year. If she does not travel there, she has to see that one is there. Just so all of you people out there that are working your way up remember what happened today.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Danielle, can we have the Resolutions Committee report please.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: The Department of Kentucky has worked hard to provide us with many amenities for our enjoyment and whereas the Encampment Committee has worked hard to make our meeting room comfortable.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we give appreciation to the Department of Kentucky and Encampment Committee Members by thanking them and enjoying the facility.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: The National President has graciously given of her time and efforts this past year for the Good of our Order.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that this assemblage give her a rising vote of thanks now and that she be escorted once around the room when taken to the seat of honor – the Past President's Chair.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS: The National Officers, both elected and appointed, have successfully fulfilled their duties to the Order.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we express our gratitude and thanks with a hearty round of applause.

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS: Commander-in-Chief David Medert has been helpful and considerate to our National President and Auxiliary.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we extend to the Commander-in-Chief and his staff of Officers our sincere thanks and good wishes for a productive Encampment.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS: Our Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff raised funds through this difficult economic period.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that in appreciation we ask these Sisters to stand and give them a round of applause.

RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS: Many of our service men and women are still in harms' way as they protect us.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers, fly our flag in their honor, support them as they

return, and give a moment of silence to those that died to keep us free from harm.

Danielle Michaels PNP WI
Amy Miller PDP OH
Mary Fritz IA

MOVED by Denise Oman WI
SECONDED by Virginia Twist PDP NY
The resolutions be accepted as written.
SO VOTED

The National Secretary read the following endorsements:

1. Helen Geppi endorsing Janice Harding for Council Member #1.
2. Department of New York endorsing Virginia Twist for National Vice President.
3. Department of California-Pacific endorsing Rachelle Campbell for National Press Correspondent.
4. Department of Michigan endorsing Linda Kronberg for National Chaplain.
5. Department of Ohio endorsing Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton for National President.
6. Department of Ohio endorsing Virginia Twist for National Vice President.
7. Department of Pennsylvania endorsing Anne Jaster for National Patriotic Instructor.
8. Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 endorsing Linda Kronberg for National Chaplain.
9. Nash Hodges Auxiliary #43 endorsing Linda Kronberg for National Chaplain.
10. Dorothy Lowe PDP MI endorsing Linda Kronberg for National Chaplain.
11. Department of Wisconsin endorsing Anne Michaels for National Council.
12. Department of Wisconsin endorsing Allison Michaels for National Chaplain.
13. Department of New Jersey endorsing Viola Loder-Smithcors for National Council.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Inside Guard, we are about to go into Election of Officers. Please do not allow anyone to enter or leave the meeting room until I have declared the Election of Officers completed. Sister National Secretary, may I have the report of the Registration and Credentials Committee.

JUDY MORGAN, N/SECTY, PDP, OH: Sister President, we have 59 delegates and 4 guests.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I would like to appoint Sister Cynthia Fox, Sister MaryCatherine Knight and Sister Denise Oman as the Election Committee. Would you please join the National Secretary at the front.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, NY: Sister President, you have appointed a relative of two of your candidates.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Then Denise, I will have to excuse you. So now I will appoint Diane Mellor in that place.

*The National Secretary called credentials to determine those present.
There were 53 voting members in room.*

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH: As Department President of Ohio, I would like to present the name of Sister Nancy Greenwalt Hilton as National President. SECONDED by the Ohio Department Delegation and Cynthia Fox PNP PA.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

GLORIA FISHER, DP, NY: I would like to enter the name of Virginia Twist. Everybody knows her qualifications. She has been a member since she was sixteen years old and I think she would do very well. SECONDED by the New York Department Delegation.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #1

HELEN GEPPI, PDP, MD-DE: I would like to nominate Sister Janice Harding for the office of Council Member #1. SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD/DE.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #2

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: I would like to nominate Anne Michaels for Council Member #2. SECONDED by the Wisconsin Department Delegation.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #3

PATRICIA WILHELM, NJ: I would like to nominate Viola Loder-Smithcors for Council Member #3. SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: It is my very great pleasure to nominate Anne Jaster from the Department of Pennsylvania. She has

been our Department President. She has been very involved in the entire Organization. She has done many things at National. I would like to nominate her for Patriotic Instructor. I know she will do a good job. SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

DIANE FISHER, MI: I would like to nominate Linda Kronberg for National Chaplain. She has been with Nash Hodges for eleven years and she is now Department President for Michigan and she has done an excellent job. SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: Kind, compassionate, and an absolute joy to work with – I nominate from the Department of Wisconsin, Allison Michaels for National Chaplain. SECONDED by the Wisconsin Department Delegation.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

MELINIE CAINES, CA-PAC: I would like to nominate Rachelle Campbell for the office of National Press Correspondent. SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA.

National Vice President Nancy Hilton presided while President Janice made the following nomination for the National Washington D.C. Representative.

NATIONAL WASHINGTON D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

JANICE HARDING, NP, MD-DE: I would like to put the name of our dear National Personal Aide and a very wonderful Sister of the Order, Carol LaRue, forward for the position of National Washington D.C. Representative. She is not only a very gracious person, she has been with me to many of the events in Washington D.C. We have both seen how Millie operates in those wonderful situations. Carol has the type of personality and pleasantness that would make her a wonderful hostess. She is also close in proximity to the National Capital. So I would very much like to put her name in nomination. SECONDED by Helen Geppi MD-DE.

President Janice resumed control of the meeting.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

GLORIA FISHER, DP, NY: I would like to nominate Beatrice Greenwalt for National Historian. She's done a super job at it and I think she really deserves to do it again. SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE and the New York Department Delegation.

PRESIDENT JANICE: When two are nominated for the same Office,

members are called forward to receive ballots from the National Secretary. After ballots are counted by the Election Committee, the winner will be announced. The Secretary casts one ballot for all remaining Offices. Guides, you are going to receive ballots to take to either side of the room.

The National Secretary called out the names of the voting members and they each came forward to receive their ballots for National Chaplain. After the ballots were cast and collected, they were counted by the Election Committee and the winner was announced.

The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes, Linda Kronberg will be the National Chaplain.

PRESIDENT JANICE: I would like to discharge the Election Committee from their duties. Guides and Guards, you can unsecure the door.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

That the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: We will now have the National Secretary read any correspondence.

Correspondence read:

1. Thank you letter from Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts for the donation given last year.
2. Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines for 2008 donation.
3. Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines for 2009 donation.
4. Letter from Jerome and Lorraine Orton containing information on the death of Frances Campbell, Albert Woolson's daughter, who died on October 3, 2008 at age 99; an article on the "True Spirit of Memorial Day;" and an article entitled "Here are the First Daughters of the GAR" printed in 1919 in the Syracuse, NY Post-Standard newspaper.
5. Greetings from Eileen Coombs PNP ME.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We will now take a break so those who want to do so can give greetings to the Sons.

Chaplain attended altar.

*The Greetings Committee was sent to the Sons.
The money officer drawings were held. Chaplain attended altar and
reopened the Bible at 3:20 p.m.*

PRESIDENT JANICE: Sister Cynthia will you please read the Officers' Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Committee for Officers' Reports submits the following:

President Janice Harding – You did a marvelous job this year as our National President. You are a great speaker and your love of the “Boys in Blue” was evidenced in all of your words and actions. We thank you for serving us well.

Recommendation #1: That we continue to participate in patriotic ceremonies and wreath presentations. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
SECONDED by Michelle Langley PNP NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: That we continue to give the \$400 scholarship to a student of the National President's choice. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
SECONDED by Denise Oman WI
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #3: That we continue to give our Love Token of \$250 to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE
SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #4: That the per capita tax of \$1.00 per member per tri-annual period remain the same for the coming year. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY
SECONDED by Hope Parker NY
That the Committee be sustained.
SO VOTED

Recommendation #5: That a committee be formed to investigate the cost of replacing our National flag and that National President Janice Harding and Sister Faye Carlisle PNP PA would be willing to serve on that committee. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THE INCOMING NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHOULD APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND WE AGREE THAT THE NATIONAL FLAG SHOULD BE REPLACED.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
 SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Vice President Nancy Hilton – Your enthusiasm is hard to duplicate and your persuasive skills have not gone unnoticed. We look forward to all your hard work for years to come.

No Recommendations

Council Members: Judy Trepanier, Diane Mellor, and Rachelle Campbell – Your willingness to serve was greatly appreciated by Sister Jan. We thank you for making sure our books were audited and in good order.

No Recommendations

Secretary Judy Morgan – You are most efficient and manage to get things out on time and keep us apprised of events pertinent to our Order as soon as they happen. We thank you for all of your hard work.

No Recommendations

Treasurer Betty Baker – We could tell by the tone of your voice in reading your report that this was an agonizing year for you. We know you hated to move funds from our reserves to keep us up and running. We thank you for keeping our Auxiliary solvent.

Recommendation #1: Whereas every registered member of the National Encampment is entitled to a copy of that year's proceeding, the cost of registration should be raised from \$7.00 to \$10.00. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Virginia Twist PDP NY
 SECONDED by Diane Mellor AP MA
 That the Committee be sustained.
 SO VOTED

Recommendation #2: That the cost of Life Membership be raised as follows: 50 and under be raised from \$350 to \$500, 50-65 be raised from \$250 to \$400, 65 and over be raised from \$200 to \$350.

The Committee would like to open up this recommendation to the floor for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Where does the Life Membership monies go?

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: The money goes into our Permanent Fund. Only the interest earned can be used from our Permanent Fund.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: I know the National Organization needs a lot of money. Since I'm over 65, I'm in the low end of that, but I would have to live another 100 years to get enough worth out of permanent membership. I just think that is way out of whack.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DP, CA-PAC: Being one of the younger Life Members of the Organization, you make the donation to being a Life Member because you feel strong about belonging to the Organization. Now, one of the questions I have if we are going to look at going up to \$500 for anyone who is under 50, which I still fall in that category and if I bought one today it's a huge investment. My question is if there is a way to time-pay it, or break it into installment payments, and I hate to use this term, Ladies please forgive me, like the Sons do in a three-year installment payment of the Life Membership.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: The only thing I have to say is that's a very good suggestion. I realize it sounds like we are penalizing the younger people but like Rachelle said, you're not buying it because of the money, you're buying it because of your desire to be a Life Member of this Organization and support it. We just need to bump up a little bit to help with our future and get money in our Permanent Fund.

DENISE OMAN, WI: Is it prudent to make a decision on this? Most of the people you see here are extremely active and spend a lot of money in their travels. It seems like we are taking, and taking from the backbone of our Organization. I feel it is a large price for those who have families.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: Sisters, I personally don't agree with Life Membership. I feel it's a very nice tool for our Organization; it's not there to make us a lot of money. It's a program that was adopted many years ago back in about 1994 or something. I just felt this was

an area where you could pick up a little bit and not penalize everybody because everybody's not going to buy one. I haven't had four in the four years I've been in office.

MOVED by Diane Mellor AP MA
 SECONDED by Denise Oman WI
 That the recommendation not be accepted.
 SO VOTED

MOVED by Judy Morgan PDP OH
 SECONDED by Carol LaRue PDP MD-DE
 That we keep the same level for Life Membership fee, but offer the time plan.
 SO VOTED

Patriotic Instructor Virginia Twist – You had a busy year and were very enthusiastic about your position. There aren't many fund raisers with perpetual smiles on their face when raising money, but you did it. Your patriotic duties were performed admirably and you made an excellent choice for the recipient of the Love Token donation.

Recommendation #1: For all Department Officers who do not get their reports in before Encampment, I recommend a \$5.00 late fee for each report not sent in on time, this to include Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, and Charitable Causes. This late fee would be charged to all Departments that do not send in the required reports before Convention. I recommend a date be set of June 30. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THIS RECOMMENDATION IS A LITTLE AMBIGUOUS AS WRITTEN AND WOULD LIKE A CONDENSED VERSION OF IT AND THAT IT BE PUT TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I have a suggestion. Before we talk about charging, I think that we also open up the opportunity to be able to scan reports and email them because it appears that Wisconsin had two years of items not making it to some of the Officers. I think we have a problem with the post office.

LINDA KRONBERG, DP, MI: The reports that Diane Fisher, our Department Chaplain, sent was never received, so some of this mail is not going to wherever.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DP, CA-PAC: In the three Auxiliaries I have, we are three and half hours apart, centrally located for me as Department President. I, at my Department Encampment, took all of the necessary

forms that Judy had emailed me, burned them on disk and gave them to each of my Secretaries and my Treasurers, along with my Vice Presidents and my Presidents. So they have copies of all of the necessary forms on disk. On that disk, I open those forms up and I made them all fill-able in the boxes in PDF format so they can fill them in and email them to the next person. So my Department Secretary emails me all of the forms that I need to sign. She has an electronic signature that comes up and she has put on those forms. I print them off, I sign where I need to sign, and then I am putting them in the mail, one copy to her, one copy to Judy, and one copy I'm filing with myself. That way I always have them and then I email back to Trisha in a week and say, "Did you receive?" I have an electronic file then so if she says no, it didn't come in the mail, I start all over again. I think we need to stop, and this is a hard word to use, being afraid of some technology and utilize the fact that we can use the forms in electronic versions. I'm not saying we're putting them out there for everyone, but that we can use them within our own Departments and our own Auxiliaries because we don't always see each other every single day.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PDP, NY, NPI: I would like to rescind my recommendation because I do like the idea of emailing because we're supposed to get our reports in before we come and we can't do that. I was late last year on my report; I was late this year on my report, because I didn't get all the reports so I could make my report.

HOPE PARKER, NY: I agree with Rachelle and I really think at some point we should put on the floor, either at our Departments or at our own personal Auxiliaries, to start utilizing email, scanning, and pdf files, because I think it's going to make all of our lives a lot easier.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by Denise Oman WI

Allow the use of internet/email to transmit electronic versions of forms and reports.

SO VOTED

Chaplain Anne Michaels – You provided a unique Memorial Service this year and it was highly complimented by those in attendance. You presented yourself in a clearly spoken and confident manner. We thank you for serving in this position.

No Recommendations

Press Correspondent Anne Jaster – You overdid yourself with presenting the National President with not one book, but two! We are sure Sister Jan will enjoy all your hard work for years to come. Thank you for serving in this position.

No Recommendations

Washington DC Representative Millie Ames – You are a gracious hostess and always go out of your way to entertain the many dignitaries who visit our Nation’s Capital. We are very sorry that you have decided to stop down from this position. We thank you for your many years of service.

No Recommendations

Membership at Large Coordinator Jane Graham – You did a good job contacting all the Members at Large on numerous occasions this past year. You formed a club for this group and have taken them under your wing. We look forward to seeing you and your “Top Hatters.”

No Recommendations

Historian Beatrice Greenwalt – We always look forward to your “journeys back in time” and for educating us about our Auxiliary. You have an infectious smile and we enjoy seeing you at the head table.

No Recommendations

Co-Counselors Cynthia Brown and James Hanby – Sister Jan appreciates your friendship and willingness to lend advice when needed. Thank you for serving in this position.

No Recommendations

Chief of Staff Helen Geppi – Your friendship is most treasured by our National President. The Opening Ceremony was nice and you decorated the room beautifully. You have a difficult job in raising funds for our Order and it is especially hard in these difficult economic times. We thank you for all your hard work.

No Recommendations

Personal Aide Carol LaRue – You traveled to many places with Sister Jan and were a tremendous help to her. We know she values your friendship and that you will have many happy memories to share of this past year.

No Recommendations

The Committee thanks the National President for appointing us to

serve in this capacity.

Cynthia Fox, PNP, PA
Anne Jaster, PDP, PA

PRESIDENT JANICE: That reflects a lot of hard work.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA
That a page in the proceedings be dedicated to PNP Florence Spring.
SO VOTED

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY
SECONDED by Anne Michaels PDP WI
The Committee on Officers' Reports be discharged and their report be accepted.
SO VOTED

Greetings Committee was again sent to the Sons since they could not be received earlier.

PRESIDENT JANICE: Let's move forward with the National Patriotic Instructor's Financial Report.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FINANCIAL REPORT

Department Donations

Connecticut	\$ 25.00
Iowa	25.00
Maine	15.00
Maryland-Delaware	100.00
Massachusetts	25.00
Michigan	15.00
New Hampshire	25.00
New Jersey	15.00
New York	50.00
Ohio	25.00
Pennsylvania	25.00
Wisconsin	15.00
Membership At Large	<u>25.00</u>
Total Department Donations	\$385.00

Club Donations

Betty's Bluebirds	\$ 5.00
Cynthia's Sweets	5.00
Danielle's Belles	5.00
Eileen's Golden	5.00

Fay's Fire Balls	10.00
Florence's Spring Chickens	15.00
Foxy Sailors	10.00
Fran's Fans	5.00
Judy's American Beauties	20.00
Margaret's Marvels	15.00
Mary's Mademoiselles	20.00
Mary Jo's Muffins	20.00
Michelle's Mouseketeers	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	5.00
PDP Club New York	<u>25.00</u>
Total Club Donations	\$170.00

Auxiliary Donations

Jennie Wade Aux. #27, PA	\$ 15.00
Cornelia Hancock Aux. #10, NJ	15.00
Aux. #9	5.00
Aux. #128, MA	15.00
Aux. #60, MA	15.00
LA Tiff Aux. #10, ME	15.00
Aux. #72, NY	50.00
Abraham Lincoln Aux. #20, ME	10.00
Hail Camp Aux. #15, VT	25.00
Willie Grout Aux. #25, MA	15.00
Charles W. Caney Aux. #5, MA	10.00
Frost Aux. #108, OH	15.00
Alliance Aux. #91, OH	15.00
Exemplification of Ritual, National 2009	<u>53.00</u>
Total Auxiliary Donations	\$273.00

Sales

Waterloo 50/50	\$ 20.50
Department Dinner 10/26	80.00
Dinner 50/50	26.00
Winner Returned Gift	26.00
Craft Sale Three Bears	63.00
Gettysburg	232.00
Ovid American Legion	24.00
Sales on 2/4	40.00
Table Sales CT Dept.	115.00
Watch Sales	30.00
Table Sales NY Dept.	116.00
Table Sales OH Dept.	37.00
Table Sales National 2009	225.36
50/50 Raffle National 2009	<u>23.00</u>
Total Table Sales	\$1,057.86

Raffle Ticket Sales

Maine	\$ 40.00
FA Mossbrucker	20.00
Dept. of Connecticut	40.00
Dept. of Maryland-Delaware	27.00
Aux. #12 Durango, CO	25.00
Bonnie Schuler, MI	51.00
Alice Doyle, VT	10.00
Dept. of New York	40.00
Dept. of Ohio	5.00
Aux. #1, Ohio	15.00
Thelma Ramaglia, NJ	24.00
Karen Pardee, Camp #7	24.00
A. Howard, WI	10.00
National Encampment 2009	<u>219.00</u>
Total Raffle Ticket Sales	\$550.00

Personal Donations

Betty Baker PNP	\$ 20.00
Shirley Boris	5.00
Cynthia Brown PNP	5.00
Faye Carlisle PNP	25.00
Marion E. Combs PNP	25.00
Eileen Coombs PNP	5.00
Alethea Cratsley	5.00
Cindy Fox PNP	35.00
May Frost PDP	10.00
Jane Graham PDP	10.00
Ramona Greenwalt PDP	25.00
Janice Harding NP	50.00
Nancy Hilton PDP	25.00
Janet Hilyer PDP	5.00
Nancy Karasinski	10.00
Michelle Langley, PNP	20.00
Rose Lovette PDP	20.00
Connie Lucas	5.00
Barbara Mayberry PNP	40.00
Perley and Diane Mellor	35.00
Judy Morgan PDP	10.00
Bonita Morse	30.00
Linda Murray	10.00
Judy Trepanier PNP	10.00
Twist Family	60.00
Danny Wheeler PCinC	<u>10.00</u>
Total Personal Donations	\$530.00

TOTAL OF FUNDS EARNED	\$2,965.86
Less Personal Expenses for Raffle Prizes	<u>-200.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,765.86

Virginia Twist, PDP, NY
National Patriotic Instructor

Members gave a rising vote of thanks.

PRESIDENT JANICE: We will now hear from our Chief of Staff and get her Financial Report.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF FINANCIAL REPORT
Donations from National Aides

Joan-Marie Buchanan	\$ 15.00
Barbara Day	15.00
Pat Gebhart	15.00
Pat Doughty	15.00
Jill Rosa	15.00
Marie Curcio	15.00
Vicky Weiss	15.00
Elly Becotte	15.00
Patricia Prosak	20.00
Faye Carlisle	15.00
Teresa Doyle	15.00
Kathy Anderson	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$185.00

Auxiliary Donations

Abe Lincoln Aux. #20, MA	\$ 15.00
Willie Grout Aux. #25, MA	15.00
Sara Emma Seelye Aux. #1, TX	15.00
LA Tiffit Aux. #10, ME	15.00
Sleeper Aux. #60, NH	15.00
Aux. #128, MA	15.00
James A. Garfield #1, MD-DE	60.00
Conklin-Sellew #20, CT	15.00
Jennie Wade #27, PA	15.00
Cornelia Hancock #10, NJ	15.00
Hall Camp Aux. #15, VT	25.00
Anna M. Ross Aux. #1, PA	15.00
Elisha Dyer Aux. #2, RI	15.00
N.J. Aux.	15.00
T.E. Bowman Aux. #12, CO	15.00
C.K. Pier Badger Aux. #4, WI	15.00

Ammi Hawks Aux. #5, WI	15.00
Aux. #72, Ovid, NY	20.00
Frost Aux. #108, OH	15.00
McClellan Aux. #91, OH	15.00
Sara Crawford Aux. #43, PA	15.00
Dr. Mary Walker #52, CA-PAC	25.00
Ivy Stiers Aux. #23, CA-PAC	25.00
W.S. Rosecrans #2, CA-PAC	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$455.00

Personal Donations

Judy Trepanier CT	\$ 25.00
Eileen Coombs ME	5.00
Helen Geppi MD-DE	15.00
Barbara Mayberry MA	25.00
Diane Mellor MA	35.00
Linda Murray NH	10.00
Virginia Twist NY	10.00
Betty Baker NY	5.00
Michelle Langley NY	10.00
May Frost OH	10.00
Jane Graham OH	10.00
Ramona Greenwalt OH	25.00
Nancy Hilton OH	25.00
Judy Morgan OH	25.00
Margaret Atkinson PA	20.00
Faye Carlisle PA	25.00
Cynthia Fox PA	20.00
Mary Jo Long PA	20.00
Ann McMillin PA	<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$338.00

Club Donations

Barbara's Buccaneers	\$ 40.00
Betty's Bluebirds	5.00
Cynthia's Sweets	5.00
Danielle's Belles	5.00
Eileen's Golden Pages	5.00
Faye's Fireballs	10.00
Florence's Spring Chickens	15.00
Foxy Sailors	10.00
Fran's Fans	5.00
Judy's American Beauties	20.00
Margaret's Marvels	15.00
Mary's Mademoiselles	20.00
Mary Jo's Muffins	20.00

Michelle's Mouseketeers	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$195.00
Raffle (Quilt, Pin, Book)	329.00
"Pass the Kepi" Donations	252.18
Gettysburg Raffle and Sales	292.50
50/50's at Encampment	20.00
Silent Auction	35.00
Offering at Meeting	53.00
Carry Over from Previous Year	55.00
Sales at Encampment	196.16
1/2 Offering from Encampment Donations	53.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,458.84

Members gave a rising vote of thanks.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, PNP, NY: As Greetings Committee for the Sons, we were graciously escorted in. We had a personal escort with a Civil War replica uniform. They treated us very nice and it was a pleasure to go there.

PRESIDENT JANICE: They are learning a little bit about us, aren't they? Very good.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Cynthia Fox PNP PA

All remaining Department Reports be filed and spread in full in the Proceedings due to lack of time remaining.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT JANICE: Is there any new business beyond Installation of Officers? We are going into the Installation of Officers.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: Sister President, may we have a three minute break so the Installing Team can get ready?

PRESIDENT JANICE: Yes, you may have a break. May we please have the altar attended.

Chaplain attended altar.

National President-elect Nancy Hilton chose Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY to be her Installing Officer.

Following a short break to prepare for Installation, the Chaplain attended the altar.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: I'm going to appoint Sister Ramona Greenwalt as Guide, Assistant Guide Betty Baker, Color Guard #1 Cynthia Fox, Color Guard #2 Judy Trepanier, Chaplain Michelle Langley, Secretary Judy Morgan, Musician Jane Graham. Would these Officers please take their stations. All other Officers are relieved of their duties and may sit at some other chair.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: Sister National President, you have done a good job. This emblem that you wore represented our Auxiliary. You did it with honor. This was your pin of authority and you did a very good job with that. With this badge you covered a lot of territory so that the people knew that we were representing the "Boys in Blue." We are proud of you. 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 entitled to and will occupy for the ensuing year the seat of honor in this Organization, the Past National President's Chair.

Betty Baker PNP NY pinned the Past National President's badge on Sister Janice.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our esteemed Sister to the Past National President's chair.

Past National President Janice is escorted three times around the room to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and clapping and is seated in the Past National President's chair.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: Sister Secretary, you will call the names of the Officers-elect who will take positions or be escorted to my left in the order named.

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

President.....	Nancy Hilton OH
Vice President	Virginia Twist NY
Council Member #1	Janice Harding MD-DE
Council Member #2	Anne Michaels WI
Council Member #3	Viola Loder-Smithcors NJ
Patriotic Instructor	Anne Jaster PA
Chaplain	Linda Kronberg MI
Press Correspondent.....	Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC
Washington DC Rep.....	Carol LaRue MD-DE

Historian..... Beatrice Greenwalt NY
 Chief of Staff..... Linda Murray NH
 Co-Counselor Eileen Coombs ME
 Co-Counselor Richard Greenwalt OH
 Personal Aide Diane Mellor MA

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort to this station the President of our National Auxiliary.

National President Nancy Hilton was escorted by her husband, Greg Hilton, to the National President's Chair.

BEATRICE GREENWALT, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, NY: Sister President, I understand that after you are given the authority and the gavel and all that you need, that you have old business to be taken care of before we can go. So, all Sisters, after she has taken the gavel as National President, we still have a little more business we have to attend to first.

National President's badge was pinned on by her mother, Jane Graham PDP OH.

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH: Sister President, you have waited many years for this. You are very deserving. Rule with dignity, pride, and firm hand, but a cautious one.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: On behalf of Sister PNP Eileen Coombs, I would like to bring you her congratulations. She asked me to share with everyone here that August 15, 1971, 38 years ago, she was the one that got you started as a Page at her Encampment and she is so thrilled that it happened to fall the exact same day that you have arrived to this. She is very proud of you and that you've gotten this far. We all are. Congratulations, Nancy. *(applause)*

President Nancy was presented with an American Flag that flew over the Capitol of the United States on September 27, 2008, in her honor, by her mother Jane Graham and her father Richard Greenwalt.

PRESIDENT NANCY HILTON: September 27th is my birthday and it's also the day my grandfather was wounded at Cedar Creek Battlefield in the Shenandoah Valley. So it's a special day in our family. I knew that I asked the right crew to serve as Installing Officers and, as usual, these friends of mine went overboard on everything they did. I'm going to continue on in brevity of time and the reason I asked my father to sit up here it was 38 years ago when I was sitting back in that chair running my

feet off for Sister Eileen. But it isn't about that. Two score and twelve years ago this nation lost a great American hero. He finally passed to his reward at the Pittsburgh Veteran's Hospital after suffering from his war injuries for over forty years. You're not going to find his name written in the headlines or any textbooks, but he's always going to be on the headlines of my life. Truman Greenwalt served his country as a machine gunner in World War I and in the forests of France was mustard-gassed by the German army. This gas caused him to suffer horribly until his death. I am blessed to have a heritage of men who fought and died for this country from the very beginning of this nation and, for that reason, this year as National President will be dedicated to all Veterans, both past, present and future. (*applause*) He, like his father, believed in the cause and for that reason spent his life living in what is now know as West Virginia. Truman and his wife, Dora, were blessed with only one child whom they raised in the only territory to become a state during the Civil War, West Virginia. And in honor of my Civil War heritage, I will honor them with these words.

Almost heaven
 West Virginia
 Blue Ridge Mountains
 And Shenandoah River
 Life is old there
 And older than the trees
 Younger than the mountains
 Growing like the breeze
 Country roads take me home
 To the place I belong
 West Virginia
 Mountain momma
 Take me home, country roads.

For those of you who don't know, and it will come out, my grandfather who fought in the Civil War was born and raised in the common wealth of Virginia and he chose a different lifestyle. He refused to fight for the South. He is listed on both sets of military records. He is listed as a Southern deserter and a war hero for the North. As you know, there are many important men in my life and this year in honor of my husband's military service, he will be wearing and honoring the Civil War Navy this year. He served 25 years with the United States Navy and the uniform he is wearing was made by the Department of the Navy and it is correct as to what he would have worn to work every day if he would have been enlisted in 1861. Nobody ever makes it to this office without the support of many, many people. And at this time I want to recognize those people. You've already met my mother and my father, but I have a "mom" and a "dad," too. Sister Bea and Brother Tom are

my mom and my dad. I've been blessed. I'm one of the lucky ones who didn't have a step-mom and step-dad. I have mom and dad. On the floor is my cousin, Ramona. She and I share that great-great grandfather.

Some housekeeping duties need to be taken care of before we start. First of all, I want to congratulate Jan and all of the Officers. We had a great year. Those Committees who have not been discharged are now discharged with the thanks of the National Organization and with my thanks as well. New Committee appointments will be announced quickly and they will be effective upon announcement. I plan on making three special appointments from the floor today. Ramona Greenwalt, effective immediately, will be serving as the National Education Officer. This is a special appointment for one year. She will be mentoring all those new Auxiliaries that are lined up ready to get their Charters. My husband will be my flag bearer at all events. He will be responsible for the National Colors. Dad Tom will be our Social Director this year. It is said that the Army travels on its stomach and this year's crew of National Officers will be no exception. Brother Tom will be in charge of the social activities I might plan during the year and his first duty starts tomorrow morning at the 2009-2010 National Officers breakfast meeting. Its now time to batten down the hatches, take up the gang-way, cast away the lines, and hoist the anchor. And we're underway for a cruise to port visit Overland Park, Kansas. Estimated time of arrival about 365 days.

We are now going back to business that needs to be presented. I have three resolutions that need to be presented. Somehow they were overlooked during the business session. We are going to take care of them before this Encampment closes. These are from the Wisconsin Department.

Resolution #1: Whereas the gift of money is sent to assist our Order in the memory of our deceased, it is fitting to let the family know that their loved one is remembered through a certificate for them to own. This certificate is meant to provide comfort to the family and recognize the importance that their loved one was to our Order. The amount of the gift cheapens this effect. Therefore, Wisconsin Department recommends that the dollar figure is removed from the certificate and that the certificate be printed on heavier paper. As a National Order, our correspondence and certificates should represent our Order as a professional, benevolent Organization. The current sheet of paper, although well meant, comes across cheap and disrespectful.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, MD-DE: Sister President, during the past year I volunteered my time and spent a lot of time creating certificates for this Organization. You will see a membership certificate in front of Sister Judy that all Sisters are welcome to have. We created a Life Member certificate. We created an Honor Roll certificate. We created a certificate for those who fly the flag daily and I will see that the National Secretary

has a full compliment of all. This has been my gift to National. I worked very hard on this all year so I would hope that would satisfy Danielle.

PRESIDENT NANCY: Danielle is that a satisfactory answer to that one or do you need further clarification.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I want the dollar amount off.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, MD-DE: If you look at the Membership Certificate that is in front of our National Secretary, you will see the format in the way it's designed. On our Honor Roll, we turned it so it's longer and it includes all the information, sans the amount. It is on heavier paper, it is a parchment style paper.

PRESIDENT NANCY: Is that clarified enough, Sister Danielle?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Yes it is.

PRESIDENT NANCY: May I ask the Wisconsin Department then their pleasure on that resolution.

ALLISON MICHAELS, DP, WI: On behalf of the Department of Wisconsin, we'll rescind that.

PRESIDENT NANCY: Now we will go to number two.

Resolution #2: Whereas the principles of the Auxiliary specifically stipulate that the Order educate the public in patriotism, observe Memorial Day, and perpetuate the true history of the Civil War Veteran what better way to do this than teach our young the principles by working side by side with our young members having them associate and participate with our members to learn the ways of the Order and build future leaders by giving them many years of experience to grow in the Order. And whereas the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has already recognized the importance of training the young from six years of age, Department of Wisconsin recommends that as an Allied Order we follow suit to allow years of mentoring, training, leadership, and equal advantage to ensure future members and longevity of our Order.

PRESIDENT NANCY: If it was approved, it would read, falling under the CR&R in the Constitution Section, Chapter I Article 5 Section 1 Junior Members. Girls six through eleven. It now reads eight through eleven. What is your pleasure, ladies?

DISCUSSION:

BARBARA DAY, AP, MD-DE: The only thing I have to say about this

is that I have one junior member and she has a younger sister plus there is also another girl that is just going into first grade. These girls have been so eager and have come out to all kinds of things and they just can't wait until their birthday. This is something I would feel strongly in supporting.

DENISE OMAN, WI: As a professional educator, one of the things that we have found out through many years of studies and this is in documentation, that the younger that a child is taught something and allowed to experience, the longer lasting the child has that knowledge and continues with it. If we allow our children to see our wonderful heritage, our wonderful traditions, we can have them come with us as learning and growing with us. Once they reach the age of junior high, it's found that they no longer are influenced by adults, that their influence turns to their peers and usually does not entertain interest in historical values. Therefore, six years of age is beyond the age of reason and is perfect for us to start welcoming our children with us.

BETTY BAKER, N/TREAS, PNP, NY: I fully agree with that. I was taken as a Sister when I was in a cradle. I believe these children are allowed in meetings. Rachelle Campbell currently takes her daughter. Nothing is to say they're not. I just feel that if you're already taking them to a meeting, they are already involved.

LINDA KRONBERG, DP, MI: We have an eight year old who just joined. She sat through the whole day at our meeting for the Department. That's a long time for a little one, its bad enough for us adults. I think eight years old is plenty. If they like to come to the meetings, that's fine.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DP, CA-PAC: You are correct that my daughter does come with me and I hope she will continue the love that I have for this Organization through her time. The thing that I have found with the three junior members that I have in California is that they have other siblings who come with them and their siblings don't feel that they're as important as their older sibling because they don't have the medal. They're just along. Where the six year old and the eight year old who are siblings are on the same playing field. They have an importance. Are they going to have seats on the floor or hold offices? No, but they're learning the importance early on and I'm in a Department with a lot of young mothers with a lot of children and I have a lot of children at my meetings. I welcome them wholeheartedly but I don't want to tell them that their daughter is not important enough to be a member because of an age. The parent has to be responsible to say that my daughter is mature enough to handle this. And I'm hoping that my daughter at age six will be mature enough to come in and want to sit through a meeting with me and if she's not then she's going back out and going to the room. And

we'll try again at seven, and at eight, until I, as a parent, feel that she can sit like a little young lady in her chair.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I really don't have any feelings pro or con on this. Many, many cogent arguments have just been brought up. But, however, it is three quarters of an hour before we are due at a dinner and I think the matter of trying to change the age that someone can become a junior member has to be tabled until next year when we can discuss it intelligently and have enough time and not have to rush.

MOVED by Gloria Fisher DP NY

SECONDED by Anne Michaels PDP WI

That Resolution #2 be tabled with the condition it be brought up at National Encampment in Kansas next year.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT NANCY: Resolution #3 is next.

Resolution #3: Whereas the JR ROTC and ROTC train future leaders and officers of the military and whereas these future officers will defend our country and serve by protecting our rights and freedoms as well as lead and train future military personnel to do the same and whereas the Sons of Union Veterans and other national patriotic and hereditary organizations already recognize these future leaders for their efforts by presenting these individuals with official badges, ribbons, certificates, or swords in recognition of their patriotic endeavors, Wisconsin Department ASUVCW recommends that the National Order have a similar badge and ribbon created and approved by the Armed Forces as official presentation to these individuals.

MOVED by Allison Michaels DP WI

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

That Resolution #3 be tabled with the condition it be brought up at National Encampment in Kansas next year.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT NANCY: There being no further business to come before the Auxiliary, we will proceed to close. Sister Chaplain, you will attend the order and ask the blessing of God to be with us before we part. Parade rest.

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.

PRESIDENT NANCY: I declare the 123rd Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans closed.

The Encampment closed at 5:50 P.M.

OLD AND NEW COUNCIL MEETING

Old Council

Judy Trepanier
 Diane Mellor
 Rachele Campbell

New Council

Jan Harding
 Anne Michaels
 Viola Loder-Smithcors

Others present: National President Nancy Hilton, National Treasurer Betty Baker, National Secretary Judy Morgan

Moved by Anne Michaels PDP WI

Seconded by Diane Mellor AP MA

That the amounts of funds are as stated without having to count the money.

So voted.

PNP Jan Harding Council #1 refused payment for round trip mileage to the National Encampment and returned the check of \$431.80 to the National Treasury.

Council adjourned until August 2010 in Overland Park, Kansas.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT REPORTS

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific continues to strengthen and grow. Two new Auxiliaries have been chartered, both having, rank from August 9, 2008. The W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 23 of Los Angeles, California is the official Auxiliary to Sons' Camp of the same name and number. The Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 of Santa Rosa, California is the official Auxiliary to the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23. Some interest has also been shown in the formation of another new Auxiliary in the Sacramento Valley.

The 99th Annual Department Encampment was held at San Luis Obispo, California on March 6-7, 2009 in conjunction with the Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The following officers were elected: President Rachele M. Campbell, PAP of Gilroy, California; Vice-President Melinie Prosk-Caines of El Segundo, California; Secretary Patricia G. Bures of Lakewood, California; Treasurer Karen L. Lavrischeff of San Jose, California; Patriotic Instructor Laurie C. Angel of Long Beach, California; Chaplain Ann T. Schleeter of Windsor, California; and Trustees Beverly L. Graham of San Jose, California, Debra L. Earl of San Jose, California, and Kathleen C. Mabie of Newark, California. The following, appointed officers were selected:

Chief-of-Staff Roberta L. Bursheim of Simi Valley, California; Press Correspondent Patricia G. Bures of Lakewood, California; Historian Melinie Prosk-Caines of El Segundo, California, and Counselor and Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell, PDC of Gilroy, California. These officers were duly installed by Rosemary Lowe, PAP.

Major projects of the Auxiliaries in the Department include headstone replacements by the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, placement of a flagpole at a Woman's Relief Corps burial plot by the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, and participation in the re-burial of Civil War remains in Arizona by the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 1.

Several boxes of historic Department property were recently obtained from Ms. Pat Trevino, the daughter of Past Department President Peggy Mann and granddaughter of Past Department President Thelma Crawford. These included such items as Encampment registration books, programs and minutes, bylaws, descriptive books, and Department Orders, some items dating back to the 1930s. This has been a great aid in reconstructing much of the Department's history, which had become lost in recent years.

The Department continues to maintain a valuable presence on the World Wide Web at the following address: <https://www.suypac.org/aux/dept.html>. Websites have also been established for the two new Auxiliaries.

Much of the success of the Department can be attributed to our close working relationship with the Sons' Department of California and Pacific and with the individual Camps within California and Nevada.

Rachel M. Campbell
Department President

Department of Connecticut

As Department President of Connecticut, I am pleased to submit the following report of activities for the past year.

Members participated in the follow events:

August: National Encampment in Peabody, MA

Potluck picnic at Joyce Norman's home

September: A 3-day craft and bake sale at a local fair as a fundraiser

Carnival at the Connecticut State Veterans Home in Rocky Hill

October: The fall meeting of New England Regional (comprised of all six New England states), hosted by Rhode Island

Testimonial honoring our National President Jan Harding held in Baltimore, MD

November: Provided monetary gift certificates to be included in Thanksgiving baskets through local Human Services

Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA

December: Donated three Christmas presents each to three veterans at the State Veterans Home and also made a monetary Christmas donation

March: The "Silver Tea" of Connecticut Auxiliary #20, in commemoration of their 77th anniversary

The spring meeting of New England Regional, hosted by Connecticut

April: Department Encampments in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire

May: I was honored to be re-elected to a second term and installed as Department President of Connecticut at my own Connecticut Encampment.

Department Encampment in Vermont

Memorial Day exercised in two different towns with a marching unit and riders in each.

June: Department Encampment in New York

July: Summer meeting of New England Regional hosted by New Hampshire

The Auxiliary burial service was conducted for two of our PDP's who passed away this year – Emma Prince and Elsie Squier, and memorial donations made.

Connecticut members continue with a very busy schedule, proudly representing our Organization.

Nancy L. Fournier
Department President

Department of Maryland/Delaware

As President of the Maryland/Delaware Department, I have the pleasure of presenting the following report:

Our MD/DE Encampment was held in April, 2009. The following were elected officers:

President – Helen Geppi
Vice President – Janice Harding
Secretary – Joan-Marie Velten
Treasurer – Audrey Baran
Chaplain – Barbara Day
Patriotic Instructor – Judy Rollins

The following Auxiliaries are in the MD/DE Department:

James A Garfield #1, Baltimore, MD – 21 members
Taylor-Wilson, Lynchburg, VA – 14 members
Lincoln-Cushing, Washington, DC – 8 members
Reno, Hagerstown, MD – 6 members

We are very proud of the fact that our very own Maryland-Delaware Sister, Janice Harding, from the James A. Garfield Auxiliary, is the National President. The following are the Past National Presidents from MD-DE:

Dorris Schlenker, 1983 – Lincoln/Cushing Aux., Washington, DC
Dorothy Hilyard, 1962 – Appomatox Aux., Wilmington, DE
Celeste Gentieu, 1931 – Wilmington, DE
Elizabeth Davis, 1898 – Takoma Park, MD

Also serving President Janice is her Personal Aide, Carol LaRue and Chief of Staff, Helen Geppi. Mildred Ames, our DC Representative is also from the MD-DE Department.

In August 2009, I attended the National Encampment held in Boston, MA where I was appointed National Chief of Staff by our newly elected National President, Janice Harding. I helped Sister Carol LaRue at the Testimonial Luncheon for Janice. I represented the Auxiliary at the annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration in Baltimore. I attended the Remembrance Day celebration as Committee Chair of the parade on November 22, 2008 as did members from the different Auxiliaries in our Department. I held a Christmas gathering at our church hall for members of the Department. All were invited to attend our Christmas caroling at Oakcrest Village and Quail Run Assisted Living. In January, I gave a Girl Scout presentation where I explained nursing during the Civil War and told the girls our Auxiliary activities.

On February 12, I attended the Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration with

National President Janice Harding, Personal Aide Carol LaRue, Washington DC Representative Millie Ames, and Taylor Wilson President Barbara Day. Services were held at the Lincoln Memorial in the morning hours. We then proceeded to the Capital Building in the Rotunda to hear President Obama speak on Abraham Lincoln. We were invited to the Library of Congress for a luncheon with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Polosie for the opening of the Lincoln Exhibit. That evening we were invited to the Lincoln Dinner held at the Channel Inn sponsored by the Lincoln/Cushing Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We held a Lincoln Birthday Celebration of our own on February 19 where we honored President Lincoln with a “Show and Tell”. Sister Regina Rukowstelis brought along a life-like, colored bust of Lincoln which we sat in the center of our table. His glass, life-like eyes would follow you around the room—it was like having him there for cake and ice cream. We’re still not sure who blew out the candles.

I was sick most of April with bronchitis and pneumonia—so I was not so active that month.

In May we honored Memorial Day at many locations – Lansdowne Christian Church (the Grand Army Church) and Loudon Park National Cemetery where we held a Memorial Ceremony at the Recumbent Union Soldier statue. We then proceeded to the main part of the cemetery where we found the grave of one of our founding Sisters and Charter member, Minnie Wackerhouse. Coincidentally, her g-g-granddaughter, Anne Blackburn, just recently joined the Garfield Auxiliary. It was a great day for the Garfield Auxiliary. Then on May 25th we visited the old cemetery in Hartford County where we laid flowers and placed flags on many veteran graves including quite a number of soldiers of the Union Colored Troops. On May 30th, myself and Sisters from the Garfield, Reno, Lincoln/Cushing, Taylor Wilson, and Reno Auxiliaries attended Memorial Day observances in Washington, DC. We attended the re-dedication of the Lincoln Memorial and later services at the Tomb of the Unknown Union Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery. Later that day we attended a Memorial Day dinner at the Channel Inn as guests of the Lincoln/Cushing Camp.

All in all we had a very busy year. I wish to thank all who helped with our activities and supported us.

Helen Geppi
Department President

Department of Massachusetts

In November, many Sisters went to Gettysburg and participated in Remembrance Day activities. The Massachusetts Auxiliary members were joined by members of the Sons from Massachusetts and Auxiliary and Sons from other New England states. Again, we placed flags and sprigs of rosemary (for remembrance) on the graves of the men from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine.

December brought each Auxiliary together for Christmas cheer and charity.

Members on the 2009 Department Encampment Committee met in January.

February being the bicentennial of President Lincoln’s birth, each Auxiliary celebrated the occasion.

Many Sisters attended the Spring Meeting of NERA in March.

The Department of Massachusetts 118th Annual Encampment was held on April 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Boxboro, MA. National President Jan Harding gave us

a beautiful gift of an original newspaper from New York dated April 30, 1861. I had the honor of being installed as Department President by our National President Jan Harding.

All the Auxiliaries in the Department participated in multiple Memorial Day ceremonies. I, myself, participated in three different ceremonies across the state. The Department of Massachusetts was also represented at the ceremony at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.

In June, I participated in a monument rededication in Dudley, MA. It was a beautiful ceremony. We also held an audit of our books which were in excellent shape. We met with an Encampment Committee and visited sites for next year's Department Encampment. Due to demographics, Auxiliary #128 could not meet regularly and decided to close as a regular Auxiliary. The members who chose to remain are now Massachusetts Members at Large.

In July, I attended the annual LA Tift Auxiliary #10 picnic in Springfield, MA. The Department of Massachusetts SUVCW held a meeting in my hometown of Belchertown. I attended the meeting and provided the collation. Vice President Diane Mellor was also in attendance.

MaryCatherine Knight
Department President

Department of Michigan

From the state of Michigan and which I call us, "The Williness Girls," I would like to say to you and all officers – Thank you for answering all the emails, phone calls, questions, and always encouraging us. I hope the 2009 Encampment will have wonderful memories for you.

First of all, my Sisters and I would like to say thank you again Madame President for thinking of us and sending a story and picture of Michigan Brigit. What a wonderful gift. It is going to travel around the Auxiliaries for each Sister to enjoy.

Our three Auxiliaries have been busy: Austin Blair #7, Jackson, MI; Nash-Hodges #43, Blissfield, MI; and Frances Finch #9, Traverse City, MI. We presented and restored a confederate cannon at Petoskey, MI. We also made care packages which included quilts, letters, personal, and other items to U.S. troops overseas.

We gave a donation of \$100 for the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics' project "Save a Civil War Battle Flag" which will go towards the \$1000 cost to restore a flag. The flags are kept in Lansing, MI. We gave the donation to Sister Emily J. Miller and three other 2009 seniors from Blissfield, MI. This is the second flag Sister Emily has saved. Her first, she did by herself when she was 15 years old in 2006. She was the youngest that year to collect \$1,000. Both times Emily and her classmates were honored by a Michigan Senator, the House of Representatives, a Director of History, and a letter was read from the Governor of Michigan. Sister Emily is going to attend Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Her dream is to work at the Michigan Library of History and to become the Director and take care of the Civil War Battle Flags in Lansing. I have sent a letter to Madame President Janice Harding and asked about a scholarship for Sister Emily.

We have helped our Brothers with grave registers, dedications, monuments, presenting wreaths, parades, dinners, and picnics. Nine Sisters are also Civil War re-enactors, to help people see how they lived, traveled with troops to the battles, nursing, washing clothes, Encampments, and have acted as ghosts in cemetery tours.

Never forget about our descendents or who loved the Civil War and never forget the Boys in Blue.

Besides everything we have done, I am very proud of the “Williness Girls”. We pulled together and were the hosts of the 2009 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment. When I was told in 2006 we were going to be host, my Sister Dianna Fisher, the Department Chaplain and myself started making the plans. A big help in getting the College and who also helped us with everything else was Brother PCinC ames B. Pahl of Michigan. This was very important because the Auxiliary had not been a host for 50 years. We were thanked by the other Allied Orders and were told we had made a “big footprint”. The Sons, W.R.C., and Daughters have to follow our lead. We were a big hit. We tried to keep the cost down. The hotel, Quality Suites, was \$82 plus tax per night and included a full breakfast. We had a fellowship hospitality room at the hotel on Friday, April 24, 2009. The Encampment was at the Great Lakes Christian College. The College did not charge us for the rooms, but we gave them \$50 from each Allied Orders. We had to get insurance too. The brunch luncheon was \$7 and the GAR Memorial Banquet was \$17.50 each. There were 118 Sisters and Brothers, which was the most ever at the Department Encampment. I asked all the Department Presidents and Commanders, that instead of exchanging gifts at the luncheon, if we could pass the hat and the money collected would go to the U.S. troops. Half of the money went to rehabilitation and the other half went to Sister Brenda Walters to send care packages. We collected \$565.64. We will host the Department Encampment again in 2013.

God bless each of our Sisters and Brothers. And never forget why we are here—to keep the “Boys in Blue” and the Union always in our hearts.

Linda Kronberg
Department President

Department of New Hampshire

In November of 2008, the Department of New Hampshire held its annual Remembrance Day event at the NH Historical Society in Concord, NH, the state capitol. Steve and Sharon Wood, as President and Mrs. Lincoln, gave a stellar performance which was very well received by the membership as well as by the public. The event was very well attended.

In February 2009, Union Defender’s Day was celebrated on the 12th by the Department with a dinner at the Common Man in Concord. Department Chaplain and Auxiliary #60 President Elly Becotte gave a talk on Lincoln and General Grant.

In order to maintain Auxiliary #38 in Milford NH, which has not been meeting for years, Sister Department President Linda Murray, after meeting with several members who agreed, made a ruling that this Auxiliary would become the Department of New Hampshire Membership at Large Auxiliary, keeping those members who wished to maintain their membership and having a place for those new members who lived too far away from an existing Auxiliary or who did not wish to join an Auxiliary at the time of joining. Sister Linda appointed a MAL Coordinator who contacted the members, collected their per capita both National and Department and issued 2009 membership cards. This action saved Auxiliary #38 from going out completely. Sister PNP Jackie Johnston, who was instrumental in the original formation of this Auxiliary, was allowed to maintain physical possession of the property (flags, etc.) so that she could continue to do school presentations at her convenience. Sister Jackie

has completed a property list and filed it with the Coordinator and Secretary of the Department.

At the 101st Department Encampment in April 2009, I was honored to be elected President of the New Hampshire Department. In my first Department Order in May, I upheld Sister Linda's decision regarding Auxiliary #38. Thus far it seems the best solution to allow this Auxiliary to continue to exist.

Memorial Day was observed by the individual Auxiliaries in their hometowns. I was privileged to march in Salem's parade, take part in a ceremony at the grave site of the namesake of our Camp and Auxiliary, Gilman E. Sleeper, and also to participate in a ceremony recognizing a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient in a neighboring town. Sister Dorothy Goldman organized this ceremony and it was well attended by Color Guards from the American Legion, the JROTC, VFW, a veteran's motorcycle group and a large number of citizens. We garnered a great deal of publicity for the Auxiliary with this event.

Every Independence Day at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH, a nationalization ceremony is held to welcome new citizens to our country. Strawberry Banke is a living history village with many eras of American History represented in the homes and stores and is an ideal spot to welcome these new citizens and teach them about our history. It was our privilege to participate.

I am sorry that I am unable to be there with you in Louisville. I wish you all a wonderful Encampment and send greetings to all my dear friends from across the country. I hope we meet in Gettysburg in November.

RECOMMENDATION: I would like to see the Restoration of Rank issue which was reinserted in our CR&R last year revisited as I believe that the Committee in 1998 did a fine job of researching the issue and were correct in saying that this was no longer necessary in today's mobile society, and removing it. (See the 1998 Proceedings). The 2008 Committee only raised the question of whether the ASUVCW needed to follow the C&R of the SUV in this matter and the Chair pushed it back through without the necessary research and also I feel that many of our newer members attending had no idea what Restoration of Rank was all about. Since the C&R of the SUV has been voted by us as only a guideline, it is now a moot point.

Cynthia Brown
Department President

Department of New York

This year has been a busy year for me and the New York Department.

In June, 2008 I began my second year as Department President.

Our New York Auxiliaries have been well represented in local Memorial and Independence Day celebrations. They have held open houses in their local GAR halls to educate people in their communities about the history of the auxiliary and its works.

It has been a busy year for me as well. I have marched in parades, given out flags on Memorial Day and July 4th. I've laid wreaths at Grant's tomb and at the tombstone dedications of two Union veterans. I have presented displays at Peterboro, volunteered at the Waterloo Memorial Day Museum during Memorial Day services. I also attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the testimonial dinner for National President Jan in Baltimore.

I have also been on the Committee for a “Salute to the troops - A walk through military history” at the Sampson State Park Military Museum.

Unfortunately, this year ended on a sad note for the New York Department. We lost another Past Department President, Rose LoVette who passed away in July. Members of the New York Department performed a graveside memorial service for Rosie, and planned and served a dinner for Rosie’s family after the memorial service.

Now we have come full circle. President Jan, it’s been a pleasure to serve with you.

Gloria Fisher
Department President

Department of Ohio

It is my pleasure to present the report of the Ohio Department activities for the last year. In June we were saddened by the death of our Senior Past Department President Lilly McCollough. She had been an active member and served her first term as Department President in 1970. Her faithfulness and work for our organization will be missed by all.

We have observed all holidays as ordered by our National President. We are especially proud of our rehabilitation work with the veterans and the neo-natal units at local hospitals. Our charitable deeds report reflects our efforts.

Many of our Department Officers attended the ceremony at Buffington Island, which is the only Civil War Battlefield in Ohio. This ceremony is an annual event held in conjunction with the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We were privileged to have the National Vice President as one of our members this year and look forward to having the first Ohio National President since 1963.

We are working towards “GRATE DAY” on October 10, 2009, in honor of the last GAR member of Ohio. We have spent many hours to rebuild the monument dedicated to John Grate and the other 49,010 men who served during the Civil War from Ohio. This monument was destroyed by an uninsured motorist who drove into the cemetery and hit it with his car. The eight foot marble monument laid on the ground in eleven pieces. Through the kindness of a wonderful patriotic young man, our monument has been rebuilt and will be re-dedicated during GRATE DAY on October 10. National as well as Department leaders are planning to participate in this re-dedication. Any and all members are invited to attend and participate in the day’s festivities, as well as the Testimonial Luncheon which will be given for our new National President the following afternoon.

We are working hard at our recruiting, and have a potential new Auxiliary in the works.

We had a grand Department Encampment. It was great to get back to the three days and celebrate with our Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. If you have not gone back to college lately, you might want to visit Ohio Department Encampment in the future.

After a thirty-six year break, I am proud to be the “Mom” of the Ohio Department again.

Jane A. Graham
Ohio Department President

Department of Pennsylvania

Living in Florida and being the President for Pennsylvania was definitely different. Being so far away made it difficult to attend functions and visit Auxiliaries. Barbara Indan, PDP, filled in for me at Remembrance Day and Mary Jo Long, PNP, was my stand-in at John McNulty's Testimonial. I didn't have many problems to solve so it was a pretty uneventful year. The biggest problem was losing our Department Secretary. Sister Mary Smith had to be admitted to the Church of God Home following the amputation of her right leg. Thank God for my parents for sending out my Department Orders and keeping me apprised of all the proper rules and regulations. Sister Faye Carlisle served as Department Secretary for Sister Mary.

The Appomattox Banquet in Williamsport on April 25, 2009, was a beautiful event. The food was delicious, the speaker was informative and as usual, Auxiliary #44 outdid themselves.

Tyrone opened a new Camp but the Auxiliary is still waiting for proper signatures from the Sons on the Camp's Charter. I was hoping to announce a new Auxiliary but that didn't happen.

After attending this Encampment and observing the sessions, I am very BIG on living history of the Civil War and the ritualistic work. I feel we need to do more of both. All Re-enactment groups are growing by leaps and bounds. Auxiliaries are shrinking and disappearing. We need to keep the memories of our ancestors alive and young people of today interested in our Organization.

I am very proud to say (and I had nothing to do with it) my own Auxiliary #50 took in five new members.

Almost everyone who fought in the Civil War was loyal to their country, devoted to the cause and willing to fight for what they believed in. I hope this Encampment will give you new inspiration to get new members and work harder to keep alive the memory of our ancestors who fought for our freedom.

My only recommendation is to put more emphasis on the history of the Civil War during our meetings and Encampment instead of focusing so much on reports.

It has been an honor to serve as the Pennsylvania Department President.

Cheryl Carrera
Department President

Department of Rhode Island

It is hard to believe another year has passed. The Department of Rhode Island has had an eventful year.

In November, we had our Annual Veterans Drive at our jobs. Collecting books, magazines, toiletries, and socks for the veterans at the VA Hospital. Some of us made the trip to Gettysburg; we braved the cold and attended several ceremonies at the cemetery and the battlefield along with attending the Wilson Monument.

February found us celebrating President Lincoln's 200th birthday with several events including a birthday dinner hosted by the ASUVCW & SUVCW.

March was our Civil War Expo with the Sons. We had a good crowd despite the rainy weekend. It was nice to see other people interested in the Civil War and keeping its memory alive.

In April we held our Department meeting. Although it was small, we did accomplish a great deal. It was also nice to visit with our Sisters who joined us from MA, CT, and NH. It was an honor to have three PNPs there with us; Mary Scofield,

Judy Trepanier, and Cynthia Brown. After the Encampment, several of the Ladies and Sons went to the hospital to visit with our Sister, PNP Ellen Coombs.

May brought us to Memorial Day. In getting ready for the day, we helped flag 6,600 of our veteran's graves. We had several ceremonies on Memorial Day weekend and the following weekend on Decoration Day itself.

In June we held a Flag Day, flag burning ceremony followed by a Department and Auxiliary picnic.

July came and along with the Sons we took a trip to Boston Harbor to visit Georges Island, where the Civil War prison, Fort Warren, is located. It was a beautiful Summer day to take a tour and learn some more history and have a picnic. A good time was had by all.

We have also started planning our Traveling Sesquicentennial Civil War Educational Expo. This will be a three day event starting on a Friday in the schools in the Coventry Rhode Island school system. We will go into the classrooms and give the children a first-hand look at what the Civil War was all about. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with a living history, education scavenger hunts for the children, performances by the Providence Brigade Band and much more. We are hoping to be able to increase our membership by helping people learn about the Civil War and what we, as a group, stand for.

Sister Jan, we wish you a harmonious and successful Encampment.

Anna L. Frail
Department President

Department of Wisconsin

Last August, five members from Wisconsin had the pleasure of attending the National Encampment in Peabody, MA. The entire Department was thrilled when PDP Anne Michaels was elected as National Chaplain. Our newly elected National President, Jan Harding, quickly assigned me and Sister Anne to make National sashes. We hope everyone enjoys them.

In September, about 10 Auxiliary members attended the largest Civil War re-enactment in the state located at the Old Wade House in Greenbush, WI. Civilians asked many questions about our dresses, but it seemed even more were interested in our badges.

In October, a Civil War re-enactment was held at Trimborn Farms in Greenfield, WI. The Auxiliary members sold patriotic items, recruited and taught living history. The money made was put towards the purchase of a new flag for Auxiliary #5 in Waukesha.

In the slow winter months, the Auxiliary members designed and created lap robes to be handed out to veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Over 150 pairs of socks, coffee, scarves, and underwear were also donated.

Our Mid-Winter meeting was held in early February in Milwaukee, WI. The final plans for the newly created scholarship were approved, plans were discussed for the upcoming VA event and new money making ideas were discussed. The annual Patriotic Luncheon directly followed our business session. Over 100 people belonging to various patriotic and veteran organizations attended. There were many raffle prizes that had been donated and the guest speaker spoke on Abraham Lincoln.

In May, a large number of Auxiliary members participated in the multi-era re-enactment held at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. There were thousands of re-

enactors ranging from buck skinnners and Revolutionary War to World War I and World War II. Our members made money by selling patriotic items, hot dogs and brats, recruited and taught living history. Overall, it was quite a successful event.

For Memorial Day, Sisters participated in numerous memorial services throughout the state and placed over 600 flags on veterans' graves.

The Wisconsin Department meeting was held in June in Madison, WI. We gave our first scholarship, introduced the use of red Department sashes, discussed money making ideas and elected new officers. PDP Anne Michaels stepped down after three successful terms as Department President. She was escorted around the room three times to the Past President's chair while the members gave her three "Huzzahs" and a round of applause. As the newly elected President, I felt the full confidence in my capable staff as we venture into the 2009-2010 term.

Independence Day came quickly. The Auxiliary members participated in the 4th of July Parade in Kenosha, WI where PNP Danielle Michaels, Department Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Anderson, and I carried the Auxiliary and American flags.

This year, I am pleased to say that the Department of Wisconsin has over 10 members at this year's National Encampment in Louisville, KY. This is a first time experience for three of our members. From the Department of Wisconsin we wish a harmonious meeting to our Sisters and we thank our National President Jan Harding and her staff for their service for the past year.

Allison Michaels
Wisconsin Department President

**LIST OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS
ATTENDING THE 123rd ANNUAL NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC

Melinie Caines D
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Beverly Graham D

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No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI
14th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI
16th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL
21st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC
24th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ
25th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA
41st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH

45th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA
59th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
61st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
63rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Indianapolis	IN
64th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
73rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
81st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
83rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH

91st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
97th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
102nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH
111th	1997	Aug. 7-10	Utica	NY
112th	1998	Aug. 6-9	Harrisburg	PA
113th	1999	Aug. 19-22	Indianapolis	IN
114th	2000	Aug. 17-20	Lansing	MI
115th	2001	Aug. 10-12	Springfield	MO
116th	2002	Aug. 8-11	Springfield	IL
117th	2003	Aug. 7-10	Ft. Mitchell	KY
118th	2004	Aug. 12-15	Cedar Rapids	IA
119th	2005	Aug. 4-7	Nashua	NH
120th	2006	Aug. 10-13	Harrisburg	PA
121st	2007	Aug. 9-12	St. Louis	MO
122nd	2008	Aug. 7-10	Peabody	MA
123rd	2009	Aug. 13-16	Louisville	KY

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