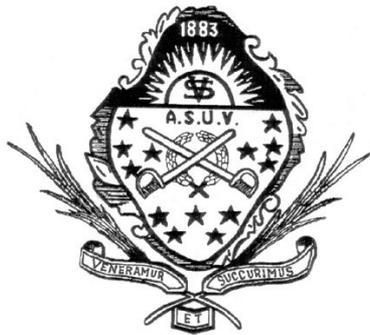


# National Proceedings

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth  
Annual Encampment

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



RESTON, VIRGINIA

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2010 - 2011

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Michigan .....	Karen Hamann
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New Jersey.....	Florence Ballarino
New York .....	Diane Theetge
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Pennsylvania .....	Ann McMillin
Rhode Island .....	Linda Guiot
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Wisconsin.....	Linda Brown

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Louisa Voker Auxiliary #215, MO.....	Colleen Warren
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Rachel Cormany Aux. #2, OK .....	Lori Cooper
Edward Wallace Aux. #2, SC.....	Pearlie Polite
Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. #1, TX .....	Valencia Reyes

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Reston, VA**

**August 12, 2011, 8:00 A.M.**

*We Drank From the Same Canteen*

**Processional.....***Amazing Grace*

**Draping of the Charters.....** **Diane Mellor**  
National Chaplain, ASUVCW  
**Carolyn Agosto**  
National Chaplain, LGAR  
**Jerome Kowalski**  
National Chaplain, SUVCW

**Lighting of the Candles .....** **Virginia Twist**  
National President, ASUVCW  
**Barbara Knopke**  
National President, LGAR  
**Brad Schall**  
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

**Invocation .....** **Chaplain Jerry Kowalski**

**Scripture Readings.....** **Chaplains Mellor and Agosto**

*Tributes of Memory*

**Opal Nelson PNP LGAR .....** **Barbara Knopke, Pres. LGAR**

**Deceased Members .....** **National Chaplains**

**Placing of Roses.....** **WWII Veterans and Senior Members  
of the Allied Orders in Attendance**

**Meditation .....** **Chaplain Jerry Kowalski**

**Extinguishing of Candles.....** **National Presidents and  
Commander-in-Chief**

**Recessional.....***Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**

**Reston, VA**

**August 12, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Greetings** ..... **Robert Moore, DC**  
Department of the Chesapeake Commander, SUVCW

**Presentation of Colors** ..... **Department of the Chesapeake Guard**

**Pledge to the Flag** ..... **Donald L, Martin, PCC**  
National Patriotic Instructor, SUVCW

**Nation Anthem** ..... **Diane Mellor, DP**  
National Patriotic Instructor, ASUVCW

**Invocation** ..... **Jerome Kowalski**  
National Chaplain, SUVCW

**Welcome to Maryland** ..... **Barbara Day**  
Department of the Chesapeake President, ASUVCW

**“Civil War Magic & Séance”** ..... **Professor Joe Kerrigan**

**Closing Prayer** ..... **Carolyn Agosto**  
National Chaplain, LGAR

**Closing** ..... **James R. Knopke, PDC**  
Kansas Department Commander, SUVCW

**Retiring the Colors** ..... **Department of Chesapeake Guard**

**COURTESY HOUR**

Some of the men in the California-Pacific delegation wore Hawaiian shirts and the women wore matching ASUVCW shirts. They announced the 2012 National Encampment and gave a visual of the word “sesquicentennial.” They also brought gifts and best wishes.

The New York Delegation brought gifts and serenaded Sister Virginia and Brother Brad.

Wisconsin presented cheese and Packers memorabilia.

Rhode Island talked about how they were elaborate at last year’s

Courtesy Hour, but they had nothing this year...nothing but gifts and best wishes.

Michigan brought Silly String and bubbles, along with other gifts.

Pennsylvania were cheerleaders with pompoms and megaphones. They were chanting things about the state of Pennsylvania and presented Penn State memorabilia and a very large blue ring to Sister Virginia.

The Texas Delegation talked about receiving visits from both the Commander-in-Chief and National President. They even found Sister Virginia pitching in and cutting watermelon in the kitchen. They were honored by her visit.

Indiana presented gifts.

Illinois brought gifts and thanked them for their knowledge and friendship.

The Ohio Delegation walked in chanting “OH...IO....OH...IO” They serenaded Virginia and Brad and presented gifts.

Connecticut presented gifts.

Tennessee told a story and gave a verbal “thank you.”

Missouri presented gifts.

Florida gave Virginia a pink kepi.

Georgia-South Carolina presented Georgia-based gifts.

Maine presented gifts.

Massachusetts presented gifts.

Nebraska had a football skit and gave “one hour of free shoulder crying.”

The Chesapeake Department wore hats with green tinsel and lobsters attached. They dropped “seaweed” on Virginia and Brad. They presented gifts and sang a song. They presented Virginia a picture of New York ladies standing for the vote.

**JOINT OPENING**  
**Friday, August 12, 2011**  
**9:00 AM**

ALAN RUSS, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, SUVCW: Greetings, I am the National Chief of Staff for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. With me is Gloria Fisher, National Chief of Staff for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Gloria and I welcome you to Reston, Virginia. We hope you are enjoying your stay here and your respective Encampments are going to be harmonious and successful.

We are here this morning for the official Joint Opening of the 2011 Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Color Guards, please post the Colors.

CHIEF OF STAFF GLORIA: Please rise and join me in welcoming our National Officers.

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Brad Schall, PDC.

CHIEF OF STAFF GLORIA: National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sister Virginia Twist, PDP.

*The remaining National Officers were introduced  
as they entered the room.*

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: Will everyone except the Commander-in-Chief and the National President take their seats.

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

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: Patti, here is the boutonniere to pin on Brad.

CHIEF OF STAFF GLORIA: Sister PNP Michelle Langley, would you come and do the honor of pinning the corsage on our Sister National President?

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: Would our Past National Presidents and our Past Commanders-in-Chief please rise, state your name and the year of your term.

Frances Murray 1992-1993, Margaret Atkinson 1994-1995 and 1995-1996, Mary Scofield 2000-2001, Faye Carlisle 2001-2002, Cindy Fox 2005-2006, Judy Trepanier 2007-2008, Nancy Hilton 2009-2010, Danielle Michaels 2003-2004, Betty Baker 1996-1997 and 1998-1999

Danny Wheeler, 1999-2000, Andrew Johnson 1998-1999, James Pahl 2006-2007, George Powell 2001-2002, Dave Medert 2008-2009, Leo Kennedy 2009-2010

CHIEF OF STAFF GLORIA: These men and women have faithfully served us in the past. They are the foundation on which our organizations stand. 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 round of applause. *So done.*

Brother Commander and Sister President, we salute you as you come to the end of your year this weekend. We hope your year has been one of cheer and friendship and that your dreams have been fulfilled. We acknowledge your success and your commitment to all the things you have done for the Order. Your models have been strong and wise. You have led us through your strength and endurance. Along your trails to Camps, Auxiliaries, Encampments and special services, you have made many friends who will long remember you. Please accept our warm appreciation of all you have done and our hearty congratulations. God Bless and many thanks. You deserve a standing ovation. *So done.*

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: President Virginia, do you have any words you would like to share?

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VIRGINIA TWIST: I see many faces that I have met through my travels this year and I want to thank everybody for all the nice things that you have done for me and have been there for me. There are a few faces out there that I haven't seen before. I want to welcome you and hope that this Encampment will be something that you will always remember. Thank you so much!

Brother Brad, do you have anything you want to say?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BRAD SCHALL: Last night we had the opportunity to hear Ed Bearrs. The only disappointing thing about that was that the largest applause that we had last night was when I said I had a speech and I threw it away. *(laughter)* It has been a great year. It is fun to be your Commander-in-Chief. You get to fly places, people meet you at airports and drive you around, they feed you, they give you a place to stay and they tell you great stories. To the 6,200 members of the Sons and to the Auxiliary, our Sisters, all of the compassion and friendship and the love that you have given Patti and me all year long has been wonderful. To the Auxiliary and Virginia, have a great Encampment. Thank you very much for being my escort this year. It has been delightful. To my Brothers, again, thank you for the honor of being your Commander-in-Chief. It has been a wonderful year. Let's have a good Encampment and let's be real civil and nice to the Commander-in-Chief. *(laughter)*

Have a nice Encampment and thank you all!

CHIEF OF STAFF ALAN: We thank everyone for coming today and we wish for everyone a successful Encampment and a fun weekend. We have a lot of new members so we hope that 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 Organization.

Color Guard, please retire the Colors and escort our Commander-in-Chief and National President from the room. *(So done.)*

Thank you all.

**UNOFFICIAL OPENING**  
**Friday, August 12, 2011**  
**10:00 AM**

GLORIA FISHER, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: We are going to bring in our National President.

Guides and Color Guards, please escort in our National President.

*National President Virginia Twist was escorted to the altar by her daughter, Hope Parker. She was then escorted to the President's station where Hope pinned a corsage on her mother.*

GLORIA FISHER, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: This is a momentous occasion, you know. A President named Virginia presiding over her Encampment in Virginia on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Auxiliary and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. It will never happen again in our lifetime. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sisters, I am so glad to see so many here. I am glad to see all of you wearing my little flowers. There is a little story behind those flowers. Of course you know, 125<sup>th</sup>, that's what the numbers are for, the yellow rose represents the National Order and those little sprigs of lily of the valley, those are my favorite flower. Those are my gifts to you. I hope you enjoy them and wear them proudly during this Encampment.

Sister Jan, you have a special presentation?

JAN HARDING PNP CSPKE: Good morning, Sisters. This is our 125<sup>th</sup> year as an organization. We have served long and well the Boys in Blue and their memory. I thought about what we could do before we start our meeting to actually memorialize them and to give special attention to 125 women who have served this organization through 125 years. There were two who served twice. I looked back through the years and it hit me. The women who served from 1886, the women who served the Ladies Aid Society, which was us, people, were us, I believe in 1894 the official change was made from the Ladies Aid Society to the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. The thing that hit me was the Sisters who served till 1920 could not vote. They did not have the vote but they served with pride, they served the battlefields, they served crippled brothers and sisters who have come home and they did everything possible to give them their love and shared themselves. Those ladies could not vote. I looked further and I saw that in the beginning we had black Auxiliaries and black women who loved the Auxiliary and were part of it. Up until recently the Gold Shawl on the eastern shore was the last fully functional black Auxiliary. The Department that I come from elected Martha Daniels to be the very first Department President who

was black. She also served on Council. So, through the years we have seen an evolution. We can now vote, there is no separation, they don't have to go to another hotel, or eat in another restaurant like they did back then. I see that we are gathered here all equal in love and sharing together. So, in memory of all these dear women we have opted to read their names aloud once again so that you can all understand the legacy you have and share. Sister Margaret Atkinson will read the first 20 names.

*For each of the 125 Past National Presidents, their year of service, name, and hometown were read with PNP's Michelle Langley, Judy Trepanier, Cindy Fox and Betty Baker completing the list. The PNP's who were present stood as their names were called.  
(applause)*

BETTY BAKER NY NATIONAL TREASURER: Sister Virginia, may Auxiliary #72 approach you? *(Seven members of Auxiliary #72 Ovid NY came forward.)* We are all so proud of you that we would like to offer you these few words:

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

This is our little gift to you from your Auxiliary #72 in Ovid, NY.  
*(The Delegation presented a patriotic arrangement with money and a Guardian Angel among the flowers.)*

Also, this looks like a very small package, but we have a whole lot of love in that little package for you and the New York Department is very, very proud of you and we are waiting for you to come back to New York!

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Thank you, so much!

HOPE PARKER AP NY: I went back for my report card and he had a

little note in there that said I like home made cards the best, I couldn't make a card! So I got everything together and I had your officers list so I decided to make you this. OK? (*Hope presented her mom a tee-shirt which had all of the National officers' signatures on it.*) If I have missed any National officer, would you please sign this before you leave? (*laughter and applause*)

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Thank you!

Sister Judy Trepanier, would you please proceed with the Exemplification of the Ritual?

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

*The Exemplification was performed by the National Officers with Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT, acting as President.*

*Moved and Seconded 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 \$113.55.*

*Short Recess*

**OFFICIAL OPENING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011  
11:13 A.M.**

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Secretary, you will read my appointments.

**ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Parliamentarian .....	Cindy Fox PNP PA
Guide.....	Anne Michaels PDP WI
Assistant Guide .....	Barbara Indan PDP PA
Color Guard #1 .....	Ellen Higgins NJ
Color Guard #2 .....	Veronica Mellor MA
Inside Guard.....	Anne Blackburn CSPKE
Outside Guard .....	Linda Guiot DP RI
Stenographer .....	Amy Miller PDP OH
Escorts.....	Mary Ellen Seiffert DP CT
	Heather Needleman MA
	JoEllen Kowalski IL
Page.....	Peggy Clark AP OH

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I now declare the 125<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War open and ready to transact business. I welcome all of you and I hope you have a good time here. There is a little of confusion because some people weren't able to come but hopefully we will get this all straightened out.

Before I have my Past National Presidents and my officers called up here I do need to bring up something that I had in my first General Orders and that is the Love Token that I said we were going to table until we met here. We also have several recommendations coming up, so we will vote on those when the recommendations are read. The wording is the trouble in one part. "Love Token," according to Brother Orr is illegal. If we keep it a "Love Token," then that is a salary and you have to pay taxes on it. So we just have to do some figuring, but as I said we have several recommendations that are going to be coming up on the floor about that so we will table that until we get to those recommendations.

Sister Secretary, would you call the Past National Presidents, who will please come before my station. *(The list of 22 living PNP's was read, with 11 PNP's in attendance. Each were given a gift by Personal Aide Hope Parker.)* I tried to be practical, so there are usual things in there and a couple of little fun things, but nothing that you have to dust! *(laughter)* These ladies are the backbone of this Organization. Without them we wouldn't have a reason to carry on.

Sister Secretary, would you read the list of National Officers, who will come before my station. *(All were presented gifts by Personal Aide Hope Parker.)* Again, Ladies, except for one thing, there is nothing in there for you to dust, but there is one little thing in there that you can play with! Thank you so much for all your hard work this year and I really appreciate everything that you have done.

*Appointed Officers and Floor Workers were also presented gifts.*

*The National Secretary read the list of Encampment and Appointed Committees.*

### ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

**Credentials:** PDP Judy Morgan OH, PNP Michelle Langley NY, DP Ann McMillin PA

**Resolutions:** PNP Danielle Michaels WI

**Elections:** PNP Frances Murray ME, DP Linda Brown WI, PAP Kim Johnson IL

**Officers Reports:** PNP Frances Murray ME, PNP Margaret Atkinson PA, and PNP Faye Carlisle PA

### GREETINGS COMMITTEES

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:** PNP Danielle Michaels WI

and Denise Oman WI

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:** PNP Judy Trepanier CT and DP Ann McMillin PA

**Response to the SUVCW:** PNP Judy Trepanier CT

**Response to the Ladies of the GAR:** PNP Jan Harding CSPKE

**Response to the Recipient of the Patriotic Instructor's Gift:** PNP Betty Baker NY

### **SPECIAL APPOINTMENT**

**Supply Officer:** PNP Michelle Langley NY

### **SPECIAL APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

**Recruiter & Organizer of New Auxiliaries:** PNP Danielle Michaels WI

**Web Site Committee:** PDC Ken Freshley SUVCW and Sue Freshley OH, Co-Chairs; PNP Nancy Greenwalt Hilton OH; PDP Rachele Campbell CA-PAC, Hope Parker AP NY; PDP Bonnie Meyers NJ

**Remembrance Day Committee:** PNP Janice Harding CSPKE, Co-Chair, and PDP Barbara Indan PA, Co-Chair; PDP Helen Geppi CSPKE; DP Ann McMillin PA; PDP Carol LaRue CSPKE

**Encampment Site Committee:** PNP Michelle Langley NY

**Encampment Host Committee:** PDP Helen Geppi CSPKE, Chair; PNP Jan Harding CSPKE; and all Chesapeake Department Sisters. (All other 125<sup>th</sup> Encampment Committees should report to them for scheduling.)

**Publicity Committee:** PDP Rachele Campbell CA-PAC, Chair; Hope Parker AP NY; DS Tricia Bures CA

**Committee to Replace Damaged National Auxiliary Flag:** PNP Faye Carlisle PA; Sandy Bates, MA; PDP Jane Graham OH; PNP Janice Harding CSPKE; PDP Linda Kronberg, MI

**2011 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Encampment Celebration Committee:** (Second year of two year term. - This committee will be providing special activities over and above what is normally provided by the Host Committee.) PDP Jane Graham OH; PNP Beatrice Greenwalt NY; DP Diane Mellor MA

**Committee for Junior Member Initiation Age-Appropriate Word-ing:** PNP Beatrice Greenwalt NY, Chair; PDP Carol LaRue CSPKE; Autumn Twist NY

**ROTC Medal Committee:** PNP Faye Carlisle PA; PDP Anne Michaels WI; DP Linda Murray NH

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Membership Committee:** NVP Anne Jaster PA, Chair; All Sitting Vice Presidents, both Department and Auxiliary, are appointed to aid National Vice President Anne Jaster.

**Legislative Committee:** PNP Cindy Fox PA, Chair; PNP Margaret Atkinson PA; PNP Beatrice Greenwalt NY

**Constitution, Rules & Regulations:** PNP Faye Carlisle PA, Chair; PNP Judy Trepanier CT; PDP Joyce Norman CT

**Ritual Committee:** DP Mary Ellen Seiffert CT; PDP Alethea Cratsley NY

**Revision of Blanks Committee:** PDP Judy Morgan OH, Chair;  
PNP Betty Baker NY; PNP Judy Trepanier CT  
**Charitable Activities Committee:** PNP Jan Harding CSPKE

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: There is one more thing I want to do. All you ladies please look at your corsages. There are two that are different than the others, where the ribbons are reversed and the number one is in red. If you have one of these corsages, please come forward. *(The two came forward and received a gift.)*

OK, now we get to work! Sister Chaplain, you will approach the Bible and open it please. *(So done.)*

Sister Anne, would you please preside while I read my report.

### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT**

At the age of 16 when I joined this great organization, I would never have thought that I would stand here as your National President. This year has been a dream come true. I have traveled all across this nation, made new friends, and was happy to see old friends as well. I want to thank my Auxiliary #72 of Ovid, New York. My Sisters have helped me whenever I needed it. Whether I needed a helping hand or just a word of encouragement, they were there for me. Sister Betty Baker, PNP and National Treasurer, you were the one to see my potential and encourage me to grow. Thank you.

All the Past National Presidents have given me words of wisdom and most important, friendship. I can't thank you enough but I'll try...Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My fellow officers who worked with me, thank you for your service. You have done a great job.

Brother Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief, working with you this year has been wonderful. Meeting with you and serving with you has been a joy. May your Encampment run smoothly and productively.

National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Patricia Kottman, I know how hard you have worked this year and I know your convention went well. I am proud to call you Sister and friend.

National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Cindy Norton, we have only met three times this year and they were great times. As your convention is the same as ours, may you have good productive meetings.

Barb Knopke, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, we have had fun times this year. We made a good team. I enjoyed working with you and on Facebook, too. I hope we will have many more to come.

### **Visitations and Activities**

After leaving the National Encampment in Kansas, I traveled home with Sisters Gloria Fisher and Alethea Cratsley. We made a stop in Springfield, IL, to see Lincoln's home and the historical sites there. What a great experience.

**2010**

- August 30:** I went to the New York State Fair. I wore my badge and my sash and I was very proud. I was asked many times what it was for. I happily told them about our Organization.
- September 7:** As I am an Election Inspector, I worked the primary in my district.
- September 18:** I was very pleased to make a cake for my niece's wedding, Sister Betty's daughter. I think everybody enjoyed eating it.
- October 23:** Went to the dedication of the new monument in Waterloo, NY. All five Allied Orders were represented. Sister PNP Michelle Langley worked very hard to raise the funds for this, as the birthplace of Memorial Day did not have a Civil War monument. Although the town of Waterloo did beat us by one year, they have a park dedicated to the veterans that served from Waterloo.
- October 23:** Was also my Dinner and Reception at Abigail's in Waterloo. Many of you were there and it was a great time. Thank you Hope Parker for all the work you put into this for your mother.
- November 2:** Election Day and again I worked the polls. It is a long day from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., but I find it very rewarding.
- November 3:** Was a sad day. I went to the funeral of Brother Jack Hyler PDC
- November 19-21:** Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA. I had, for the most part, a really good time with people laying the wreaths, parade, dinner, and the Blue and Gray Ball was so exciting to see.
- November 23:** Auxiliary #72 Installation of Officers along with the Sons Camp.
- December 19:** Auxiliary #72 Christmas Party with the Sons and families.
- December 20:** My daughter, Charity, broke her foot at work right at the end of the day, so my night was spent at the emergency room.
- December 25:** Christmas came and I thank you for all the cards. I had a great time finding places to hang all of them.

**2011**

- January 1:** Happy New Year. I spent with my family. Now my traveling begins.
- February 11-12:** I was off to Washington DC for Lincoln's Birthday. As this was my first time there, my husband Tom, carried my flag and we saw as many of the monuments as we could.
- March 11-12:** I flew to California, which had beautiful weather - even with the tsunami warning as I drove up the coast. We had a very good, productive meeting.
- April 2:** I flew to Texas for the tea. What a very impressive time with over 60 people attending.
- April 2:** National Aide Hope Parker went to Rhode Island to bring the Greetings of the National Order.

- April 8-9:** Hope and I traveled to the Massachusetts Department Encampment. All was well there.
- April 15-16:** I drove to Springfield, Illinois, for Lincoln Death Day. I was able to place a wreath twice, once inside the tomb and the other the next day outside in the rain. We went back to the hotel where we spent two hours in the basement waiting for the tornadoes to go through.
- April 16:** Sister Anna Frail, National Council Member, traveled to New Hampshire to bring Greetings on my behalf.
- April 23:** I drove to Maryland for the Department of the Chesapeake Encampment. Sister PNP Janice Harding was given a very special award from the Sons.
- April 23:** Diane Mellor, National Chaplain, traveled to Brunswick, Maine. I thank you for representing me there and the report you sent me.
- May 7:** Again Hope and I traveled to Connecticut. They had a very nice Encampment there and all went well.
- May 13-15:** I was at home for the New York Department Encampment. Seeing Brother Commander-in-Chief Brad was there, so that was an extra bonus.
- May 21:** Hope, Gloria, Alethea, and I traveled to Michigan where we had a great time. It was there that I presented the National Scholarship to Emily Miller. It was great to see Commander-in-Chief Brad and his wife, Patti, again.
- May 21:** PNP Betty Baker and PNP Michelle Langley went to New Jersey to bring my greetings.
- May 30:** I was involved with three celebrations. The first in my home town of Ovid. I read Logan's Orders to the people there. Next I went to Interlaken, NY to help dedicate a new Veterans Memorial. Senator Mike Nozzolio was there and spoke to the people. We were asked to have our photo taken with him. New York Department President Diane Theetge, National Chief of Staff Gloria Fisher, and myself moved on to Waterloo, NY to lay a wreath at the new Civil War monument there.
- May 30:** National Chaplain Diane Mellor, thank you for representing me at the Cathedral of the Pines.
- June 1:** We lost a Sister and friend, PDP Elizabeth Orman. We held a service for her.
- June 11:** The Department of Wisconsin welcomed myself and my husband, Tom, and we were shown all over town. Again, we had a very interesting meeting and a lot of work was covered.
- June 18-19:** Sister National Secretary Judy Morgan delivered my regrets for not being able to make the Ohio Department Encampment.
- June 24-26:** I traveled to Pennsylvania Department Encampment. We had a great time.
- July 4:** My family was together to celebrate my birthday and my daughter Charity's anniversary, which were really both on July 6. We

had too much food again. I just don't know when to stop cooking.

- July 16:** I went to celebrate the graduation of my grandson Jared from high school. He enlisted in the Marines and will be leaving in November.
- July 30:** I was invited to a special dedication of the new Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. There were over 300 people there, including some of the Vets that trained there when it was an Air Force Base and a Naval Training Center.
- August 4:** I traveled to Syracuse, NY, where the Daughters of Union Veterans held their 121<sup>st</sup> National Convention.

On my travels I learned many things. We may not all meet in the same way, but we all do work together for this Organization. As in any other year there was something we wish we did not have to deal with and other duties we did not wish to perform. I will not mention any names, as most in attendance already know what happened, but when these things happen, there are certain procedures we must follow. If this happens to any of us, you are entitled to a hearing and one appeal to get back into the good graces of the Organization. No other National President may overturn the determination of the Disciplinary Committee. When both hearings have taken place, and the verdict is rendered during the hearing, that decision will stand as final.

I have four recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** We continue to give a \$400 scholarship to a worthy candidate of the National President's choosing.

**Recommendation #2:** That we do not raise the per capita tax this year.

**Recommendation #3:** We cut the amount of stationery and envelopes given to the officers, except for the National Secretary and Treasurer as most correspondence is done by email.

**Recommendation #4:** Several years ago we did away with the Budget Director as an unnecessary office. I would like to bring this back to a vote to permanently abolish this position as it has not proven to be beneficial.

To those of you who have lost a loved one or a Brother or Sister of this Order, my prayers and sincerest sympathy go out to you and your families. To the Sisters or Brothers who could not make this 125<sup>th</sup> celebration due to an illness or injury, we all wish you a speedy and full recovery and our prayers go out to you.

In closing, again thank you for all your support and good will everywhere I traveled and for all of your hard work for this Organization. It is humbling for me to see and also so joyous to feel Sisterly family

togetherness.

Virginia Twist  
National President

ANNE JASTER PDP PA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: Sisters, you have heard the magnificent report of our National President, Virginia Twist. What is the pleasure of our Auxiliary?

MOVED by Frances Murray PNP ME

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

I move that this fine report be sustained and all other officers' reports and be spread in full in the proceedings and that our National President be given a standing vote of thanks.

SO VOTED AND DONE

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Anne, may be have your Vice President's Report?

### NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as the National Vice President for 2010-2011. I received email requests, mail requests, and phone requests from many interested women. Many of the ladies were sent to MAL because they were living in states that do not have regular Camps and Auxiliaries. One lady would like to rejoin us in Flowery Branch, GA and start a new Auxiliary there. HUZAZH!

I attended Patriots' Day in Washington, DC; Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA; Wreaths Across America at Ft. Indiantown Gap; Lincoln Luncheon in February; Appomattox Luncheon in April; Chesapeake Department Encampment; Neshaminy Reenactment; Memorial Day Weekend Ceremonies around Gettysburg; and, of course, my Pennsylvania Department Encampment. Our President, Virginia Twist, never needed me to fill in for her this year.

My report is as follows:

	New Members
California & Pacific	6
Connecticut	0
Iowa	5
Maine	0
Chesapeake	4
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	6
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	2
New York	4
Ohio	5
Pennsylvania	22

Rhode Island	3
Wisconsin	3
T.E. Bowman (CO)	0
Mary Logan (IL)	3
Sarah Emma Seelye (TX)	1
Louisa Volker (MO)	0

Congratulations to the Department of Pennsylvania for bringing in the most members this year! HUZZAH! I am presenting these books to you for your Chaplain's Trunk for your future Memorial Services. Thank you again for such a wonderful job with recruitment.

To all our Sisters, keep up the great task of recruiting. There are many women out there with a love of history who would join us if they only knew about us.

**Recommendation #1:** When a Department or the MAL Coordinator knows of a Sister who has left the Order, they should forward her name and address to the National Vice President as soon as possible so she can write a personal note to that Sister. Membership is the National Vice President's main objective.

**Recommendation #2:** When a Sister reaches the tender age of 100, the National Organization grants her a life time membership. (We now have a Sister in Colorado - Sister Martha VanGundy, who is 101. I would like to see this bestowed upon her.)

**Recommendation #3:** When a new Auxiliary is being instituted instead of mandatory 5 members present, there should be mandatory 3 members present to coincide with our C.R.&R.

Thank you to all our Sisters for their love and devotion to our Order. May God bless each and every one of you as you go about your daily life.

Anne L. Jaster PDP PA NVP

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I forgot a very important report that should have come before the Vice President's report. May we have the Council Report?

### NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

The National President did not require or call upon us for Council this year. She had everything under control.

We found the accounts to be in good order.

Danielle Michaels PNP WI Council #1  
 Rachele Campbell PDP CA/PAC Council #2  
 Anna Frail PDP RI Council #3

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We are supposed to close at 11:30 for lunch. I have one other thing that I am very proud to do. I have saved every receipt from wherever I went this year and I am going to turn these over to the National Treasurer to prove where the \$2,000 has gone to.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I can assure you that there was a lot more spent than that! I wanted to do that myself but was told that I didn't have to.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: With the IRS cracking down, I thought it would be apropos that I hand the receipts in.

Sister Chaplain, you will attend the altar and close the Bible. We will dismiss for lunch. We will meet back here at 1:00 p.m. Please be prompt because we have a lot to go over.

*The Chaplain attended the altar and the meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.*

**SECOND SESSION**  
**Friday, August 12, 2011**  
**1:10 P.M.**

*The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister National Secretary, will you read the Department Presidents' names? They may stand where they are.

*The roll of Department Presidents and Auxiliary at Large Presidents was called with nine Department Presidents and one Auxiliary at Large President responding for 2010-2011 and nine Department Presidents responding for 2011-2012.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: These ladies showed me a good time wherever I went and last year's Department Presidents ran very nice meetings for the ones I was able to make it to. I was very proud to be asked to initiate several of these new Presidents. Don't forget that on Saturday morning in my room we are having french toast for breakfast!

We will now continue with Officers Reports. Sister Michelle, would you like to give your report at this time?

**NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT**

It is indeed an honor to be chosen as your Counselor for the term 2010-2011. I consider it a distinct privilege and honor having been a member of your official family. My sincere appreciation for the confidence

placed in me by this appointment. I held myself in readiness to aid you and enjoyed our conversations. However, because of your experience during your long membership in Auxiliary #72, New York Department, and the National offices you have held, you were very accustomed to the C.R.&R. and by-laws of our Order. This made it easy for you to answer the many questions put before you to make the right decision, making my office as Counselor very easy. May your year and Encampment be all that you expected, filled with many memories. I cherish your friendship and look forward to many more years working with you as a member of Auxiliary #72.

Michelle Langley PNP NY National Co-Counselor

### **NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER REPORT**

This past year I have filled 37 orders for supplies. I carry supplies to convention to make them available to our Sisters. This saves them postage and lets them see what we have available. Total sales from August 2010 until July 31, 2011 was \$2,229.35. Postage incurred was \$201.48 and supplies for mailing cost \$30.18. I kept supplies in sufficient amounts but do need to order Department President badges.

I had the strangest thing happen. I received a package from Simons Bros. with nine Past Auxiliary President badges. I always order in even amounts. When I called and checked, Nancy at Simons Brothers could not tell me who placed the order, only that it was done by phone. This in itself was strange as she always puts my name down on the order form. I had no need to order more as I had previously ordered 15 of them. Nancy is going to watch closer as to when orders are placed and call me for authorization.

Tote bags are no longer available through the Supply Officer. It would be something for a fund raiser to consider as I have had a few calls for them since being out of them.

Sister President Virginia, I have enjoyed serving in this position. I thank you for the appointment and look forward to serving this Organization for many more years.

Michelle Langley PNP NY National Supply Officer

MICHELLE LANGLEY PNP NY NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER: I have available an inventory of supplies for anyone who would like to see it.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Chaplain, are you ready with your report?

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I also have Perley's Co-Counselor report to read.

**NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT**

This year has been an extremely difficult year for our Sisters. With our country in turmoil, our economy falling and friends and neighbors coming into hardships, it has been disheartening to the souls of our Sisters. I have traveled far this year, and have offered comfort, kind words, and a shoulder to cry on, warm hugs and prayers. I have done this in person, by mail, telephone, e-mails and Facebook. I have tried to encourage, give strength, sympathy and understanding. I have tried to be where I was needed. In this endeavor, I pray that I have succeeded.

I have invested in cards, a new Chaplain’s case, flowers and candles. The cost was minimal and given with love to this Organization.

I have sent out to our Sisters and Brothers:

- 27 sympathy cards
- 22 thinking of you or get well cards
- 5 birthday cards
- 2 congratulations for new grandbabies cards

I was unable to keep track of all the e-mails I have sent out to those needing encouragement, joy and sympathy. I am most sorry to report that we have lost 14 Sisters this year. My heart and prayers go out to their families, friends and Auxiliaries that they were a part of. I have asked for prayers for Sisters in death, illness and need. They have been met overwhelmingly. I am proud that my Sisters can step up to the plate (prayer rail) when needed.

As a most important milestone in the history of our Organization, the 125<sup>th</sup> National Anniversary of the joining of our Sisters, I have prayers to ask. Lord, I ask that these Sisters gathered here today will put personal differences aside and work towards the Good of the Order. May God guide our words, thoughts and actions; that we may do what is right for the Auxiliary as a whole. Let the past lie in shambles behind us, and the path to the future be cleared of any hurdles. Lord, help us to watch our words and deeds, that we do not hurt each other in anger. Let Your love for us shine through us to our Sisters. Amen.

My report is as follows. I am so proud. I had every Department report to me. I have been a member for six years and I have never heard a report that has had all the Departments in it. Thank you Sisters. I had three Auxiliaries at Large that did not respond.

Number of members present on Memorial Day .....	288
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service.....	275
Number of deaths which have occurred since April 1 .....	14
Number of funeral occasions where funeral service of the Order was used .....	2
Amount expended for floral and grave decorations, including donations .....	\$1,580.89
How many times a committee appointed to confer with the camp....	123
Number of children assisting Auxiliary on Memorial Day.....	73

Deaths reported were:

**California/Pacific**

Irma Markos, Aux #52, May 16, 2011

**Connecticut**

Joan Marie Buchanan

**Iowa**

Dolores Hubbard, Aux #8, August 24, 2010

Eleanor McConkey, Aux #8, November 11, 2010

**Maine**

Grace Fisher, January 2, 2011

**New Jersey**

Mary Post

**New York**

Elizabeth Orman, June 1, 2011

**Ohio**

Naomi Houston, Aux #100, October 31, 2010

**Pennsylvania**

Rosemary Monahan PDP, Aux #1

Margaret Franz, Aux #19

Mari Harding, Aux #50

**Rhode Island**

Barbara Mierka

**Vermont**

Gertrude Lyford, Aux #15, December, 2010

**Wisconsin**

Lynn Share, Aux #5, August, 2010

Diane Mellor DP MA, National Chaplain

**NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT**

I want to thank National President Virginia Twist for appointing me as her Co-Counselor. Her confidence in my ability to provide her with advice and interpretation of the National Organization was appreciated.

No official SUVCW opinions were requested by Auxiliary National President Virginia Twist. No official SUVCW opinions were rendered.

Perley Mellor PDC SUVCW National Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Secretary, do you have your report?

**NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT**

This is my fifth and final annual report for the National Organization. Yes, these have been years of hard work with some disappointments and frustrations, but it was a pleasure to be of service to our National Organization. I appreciate the many new friendships I have made over my term and the many notes and emails that I received from the Secretaries and members.

All duties connected with my office have been fulfilled as

promptly as possible.

The 2009 Proceedings is at the printer and should be ready very soon. Due to her engagement and subsequent marriage, last year's stenographer didn't finish the transcription of the 2010 proceedings. I have these tapes and will finish transcribing them as soon as possible. I apologize to Sister Nancy Hilton for the delay.

Every five years these proceedings are to be hard-bound into one volume. Sister Frances Murray, the preceding National Secretary, left off with 1991-1993. Because the format of the proceedings in 1994 and 1995 were 8-1/2 x 11, these will be bound separately. The next editions bound together will be 1996-2001 and 2002-2007. These will be sent to the printer for binding.

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	\$ 185.00
Printing	\$1,630.30
Postage	\$ 527.88
Returned Mail Fees	\$ 64.50
Total	\$2,407.68

This was a savings of \$347 over last year because there were fewer inserts printed. For each of the General Orders an average of 1050 were mailed. I send 98 email notices when the General Order is available online at the ASUVCW.ORG website. Some of these Sisters elect to receive both the email notice and a mailed copy. The cost is now approximately 75¢ for each hard-copy. If a mailing is returned for an Address Correction, it adds an extra 50¢ for that copy.

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 have been forwarded to me.

My Auxiliary, Frost #108, Ohio Department, has volunteered handling the bulk mailing of the General Orders for the past eleven years. We took over the duty from Sister Margaret Atkinson and her Auxiliary in 2000 and this will be our last year. The bulk mailing permit will expire in January 2012, and we will mail the next General Order that will go out in October. For a price of about \$150 per each mailing, my printer here in Ohio could have printed the addresses onto the General Orders and prepared them for mailing. Although this may seem like a lot, it would save the cost of the \$185 yearly bulk mailing fee and about \$40 for labels and ink. At this time it would cost about \$225 extra per year for the printer to do it. If there is no Auxiliary who will volunteer to take over, the National Secretary will have no other recourse but to have a printer handle it all.

Thank you to National Treasurer Betty Baker, my last “Minnie’s Whalers” Club Sister. It has been a pleasure working with you and now we will go back to being Department Secretaries together.

To National President Virginia Twist, you traveled so many miles as a representative of our Organization. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and energy. May you have happy memories of your year and a wonderful Encampment filled with blessings.

Judith Morgan PDP OH, National Secretary

JUDY MORGAN PDP OH NATIONAL SECRETARY: Following is my Standing of Departments Report. With the change to yearly reporting, I know that this report is not accurate. I am sure that it was difficult for some of the Department Secretaries to prepare their reports for their Department Encampments, also. Some of the Departments and Auxiliaries at Large have filed Interim Membership Reports, but not all who had changes did so. I can only report the numbers that I have.

### STANDING OF DEPARTMENTS April 30, 2010 – August 1, 2011

Department	2010		2011	
	# Aux.	# Members	# Aux.	# Members
California-Pacific	3	74	3	74
Chesapeake	4	46	4	49
Connecticut	2	49	2	40
Iowa	1	20	1	22
Maine	3	46	3	46
Massachusetts	5	62	4	62
Michigan	3	52	3	51
New Hampshire	5	77	4	68
New Jersey	4	75	4	82
New York	4	59	4	61
Ohio	7	96	6	87
Pennsylvania	13	265	12	259
Rhode Island	3	18	3	17
Vermont	1	13	1	12
Wisconsin	3	46	3	48
<b>Auxiliaries at Large:</b>				
T.E. Bowman Aux. #12 Colorado	1	7	1	7
Mary Logan Aux. #20 Illinois	-	-	1	19
Lt. Col. J.Felix St. James Aux. #326, Missouri	1	6	1	6
Nancy A. James Aux. #1 Missouri	1	10	1	12

Louisa Volker Aux. #215 Missouri	1	11	1	11
Rachel Cormany Aux. #2 Oklahoma	1	13	1	11
Edward Wallace Aux. #2 South Carolina	1	14	1	14*
Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. #1, Texas	1	19	1	17
Members at Large		66		47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,123</b>

\*Edward Wallace Aux. #2, SC: No Report received for the period.

### Auxiliaries Gained:

08-12-10: Auxiliary at Large: Mary Logan Auxiliary #20, Rockford, Illinois

### Auxiliaries Lost:

Massachusetts Department: Auxiliary #128, disbanded

New Hampshire Department: Canney Auxiliary #5, disbanded

Ohio Department: Mansfield Auxiliary #100, death of last member

Pennsylvania Department: Auxiliary #165, disbanded

## SUMMARY ANNUAL PERIOD APRIL 30, 2010- AUGUST 1, 2011

<b>Auxiliaries in good standing April 30, 2010</b>		<b>68</b>
Auxiliaries gained	1	<u>+1</u>
		69
Auxiliaries lost	4	<u>-4</u>
<b>Auxiliaries in good standing August 1, 2011</b>		<b>65</b>
 <b>Members in Good Standing April 30, 2010</b>		 <b>1,144</b>
<b>Members Gained:</b>		
By Organization	14	
By Initiation	69	
By Transfer	4	
By Reinstatement	<u>4</u>	
	91	<u>+91</u>
		1,235
 <b>Lost:</b>		
By Honorable Discharge	16	
By Death	13	
By Transfer	7	
Dropped	<u>76</u>	
	112	<u>-112</u>

**Members in good standing August 1, 2011****1,123**

This number includes 47 National Members at Large.

Net Loss Auxiliaries: 3

Net Loss Members: 21

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Betty, do you have your Treasurer's Report ready?

**NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT**

I would like to thank everyone that has supported me this year and prayed for my daughter. She was off chemo for three weeks and has re-started several more rounds again but is holding her own. We are still praying for a long remission for her.

I have had all year to think about the effects of annual per capita tax reporting on our Departments. I have seen the effects on our National Treasury with not having the cash flow. To facilitate a better cash flow for the National Treasury, I would like to offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation #1:** That we go back to tri-cycle Per Capita Tax Reports effective January 1, 2012. This would mean 1<sup>st</sup> cycle January, February, March and April - due May 15<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle May, June, July and August - due September 15<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle September, October, November and December - due January 15<sup>th</sup>.

I further recommend that any Department that wishes to pay annually be allowed and that it be made in the first tri-cycle, with any changes that might occur be made up in the last tri-cycle and new members be reported when they occur.

Due to several conversations with Brother Richard Orr, PC-in-C of the Sons and representatives of the IRS and their web site, I offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation #2:** That we stay with the C.R.&R. wording in Article VIII Section 5 pertaining to mileage for National officers. This would be \$.15 for National President, National Secretary and National Treasurer and \$.10 for other officers, so stated that it is mileage. This does not call attention to our group and keeps us in compliance with IRS ruling.

At any time any officer can refuse their mileage check, if they so wish.

Due to the drop in interest rates, we no longer have a savings or checking account at Smith Barney. Our representative advised me that they would have to raise the service fee to maintain our account and it would cost more to maintain than we would make in interest. All but one of our CD's have matured or been called, due to the drop in interest rates. The last one matures 1/31/2012, at which time all accounts will be closed at Smith Barney, if it isn't called before then.

National Patriotic Instructor Linda Kronberg and National Chief of

Staff Gloria Fisher, your promptness in sending money raised was greatly appreciated. You both have worked very hard to raise money despite the economic difficulty our country is in. The National Auxiliary greatly appreciates your hard work. Sister Linda, I will miss your kind notes. Sister Gloria, I will miss your daily visits.

Sister Judy, National Secretary: A friend is a gift whose worth cannot be measured except by the heart. Your friendship is a treasured gift that I hold very dear. The love of friends can mean so much each hour, each day, each year. I will miss your notes and e-mails that kept me going. I truly appreciate your sincere friendship and especially your very caring ways. We will be “Minnie’s Whalers” Sisters to the end. May God bless you.

Sister Virginia, National President: You have served our Organization well and I know you will retire with many fond memories. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve on your staff of National officers. May you end your year with a fun-filled Encampment. May God bless you and keep you in good health for many more years of service to our Order. God’s speed on your return to New York.

Betty J. Baker PNP NY, National Treasurer

**HONOR ROLL**

**2010-2011**

Eueyn “Jo” Tolman .....	Bonnie J. Tolman NH.....	\$25.00
Lynn Share .....	Beth Brockman WI .....	20.00
	C.K. Pier Badger Aux #4	
	& Ammi Hawks Aux #5 WI.....	<u>25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$70.00</b>

**PERMANENT FUND**

<b>Balance August 1, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$10,851.35</b>
Honor Roll	\$ 70.00
Life Membership Dorothy Goldman NH	200.00
Matured and called CD’s	33,000.00
Interest	<u>374.28</u>
	\$33,644.28
Smith Barney Annual Fee	<u>- 95.00</u>
	<b>\$33,549.28 .....</b>
<b>Balance Permanent Fund August 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$44,400.63</b>
On deposit Community Bank Ovid, NY	\$44,400.63

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Balance as of August 1, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$3,721.42</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Supplies .....	\$2,229.35
Per Capita .....	3,144.00
Late Fines .....	120.00

Publicity .....	150.00	
Chief of Staff .....	1,317.71	
Patriotic Instructor .....	1,855.25	
Misc. - Registration 2010 Encampment, Replace check .....	150.00	
Voided checks .....	550.00	
Close out checking - Smith Barney .....	5,940.29	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$15,456.60</b>	<b>+<u>\$15,456.60</u></b>
<b>Total .....</b>		<b><u>\$19,178.02</u></b>

**Disbursements**

Office Expenses .....	\$ 0.00	
Postage .....	1,455.77	
Travel .....	2,000.00	
Goodwill .....	850.00	
Supplies (includes PNP Badge) .....	2,504.33	
Wreaths: Gettysburg .....	45.00	
Washington, DC .....	112.95	
Lincoln's Tomb .....	0.00	
Unknown Soldier .....	112.95	
Cathedral of the Pines .....	25.00	
Printing .....	1,630.30	
Publicity .....	0.00	
Scholarship .....	400.00	
Site Committee .....	550.00	
Life Membership Dues .....	60.00	
Bond .....	100.00	
Web Page .....	310.20	
Misc - return supplies, replace check, replace 2010 PI check .....	514.00	
Steno .....	400.00	
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$11,070.50</b>	<b><u>-11,070.50</u></b>
<b>Community Bank Checking Balance .....</b>		<b><u>\$8,107.52</u></b>

**SUMMARY**

Checking Account	
Community Bank NA	\$ 8,107.52
Savings Account	
Community Bank NA	44,400.00
Smith Barney Holding Account	192.04
CD Smith Barney	
5% MATY 1/31/2012	2,000.00
<b>Total all Funds Aug. 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$54,699.56</b>

MICHELLE LANGLEY PNP NY SUPPLY OFFICER: I have about 150 C.R.&R.'s left. If we are going to replace them, I think now would be

the time to think about doing it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Sister President, we just heard two wonderful reports by two ladies that spend more time than a worker doing a 40 hour week. I think we owe our two Sisters a round of applause. *So done.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I think everybody agreed with you. I have the National Historian Report that I will read to you since Bea Greenwalt could not be here.

### **NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT**

This being the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of our Organization being in existence and still being strong and productive. We have accomplished many Patriotic, worthwhile projects over the 125 years.

The name of our Organization has seen different name changes over the years:

1883 - Ladies Aid Societies

August, 1884 - Ladies Aid Societies was duly recognized and favorably endorsed at the 3rd Annual National Encampment of The Sons of Veterans, USA held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, thus - Ladies Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

1884 - Name changed to Ladies Aid Societies, Auxiliary to The Sons of Veterans, USA.

1887 - The 1<sup>st</sup> National Encampment meeting was held at Akron, Ohio, the first official election of National Officers of Ladies Aid Societies, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, USA

1890 - An official Incorporation Charter in the State of Ohio was secured for the Corporation of the National Encampment of The Ladies Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

1904 - At the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment held at Boston, Massachusetts, it was voted - 54 members approved and 41 opposed - but passed by majority to change the name to Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary USA.

1905 - At the 19<sup>th</sup> Encampment held at Gettysburg, PA, September, 1905, still much discussion on the meeting floor of the name change, but passed officially as National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary USA.

1925 - At the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary USA Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 1925, name again officially changed to National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, what it is today.

The Charter is renewed each five years. With a Representative of the National Organization to renew and sign documents, this representative must be an Auxiliary member and also live in the State of Ohio.

Each time of changing the name created the need of new Charters, new

C.R.&R.'s, new Rituals, new badges for members, also the change of State Divisions to State Departments, and also from Societies to Auxiliaries.

1974 was the change from a password at the meetings to Membership Dues Cards. The object that was stated in the Proceedings and the discussion on the floor was that passwords were given freely but membership dues cards had to be paid and up-to-date to be legal to attend.

But even with all these many name changes over the 125 years, much good has been accomplished by monies raised to place the everlasting Woolson Monument at Gettysburg, PA. An impressive wreath laying ceremony is held there each November. Also, many other ceremonies at monuments in many different states honor our "Boys in Blue." Many benches and many flags have been donated. At each Department Encampment and National Encampment in different states, a gift of value is given each year to a worthy cause in honor of The Grand Army of the Republic - GAR.

Many programs, gifts, homemade jam and home canned fruits were supplied at Veterans Hospitals. Room furnishings were given at GAR Orphanages where they also provided presents, candy and programs for the children.

During World War I many of our Sons of Veterans members served overseas. Enough money was collected to furnish two ambulances, fully equipped with medical supplies and shipped for their needs.

This Historian Report could be pages and pages longer listing all the good Patriotic accomplishments and projects which all the Sisters of Ladies Aid Societies and Auxiliaries to the Sons Camps diligently worked at. Sisters who stepped forth and volunteered to hold Societies, Auxiliary, Department and National offices over these 125 years to keep our Organization strong in worthwhile Patriotic work.

As National Historian, I sincerely wish that my successors over the next 125 years can also list many more great accomplishments by Auxiliary Sisters with the same dedication in remembering our "Boys in Blue" and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt PNP NY, National Historian

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Bea had another job this year. She was on the committee to come up with suggestions of wording for Junior Members, to make them part of our Organization. These are just suggestions, not recommendations to be discussed here.

### **COMMITTEE FOR JUNIOR MEMBER INITIATION AGE- APPROPRIATE WORDING REPORT**

Thank you National President for appointing us to this committee. By vote at the 2010 National Encampment, Junior Members may join at age 6, with the requirement that a parent or responsible adult accompany them at every event.

The Committee suggests the following:

Junior members escorted to the Altar

President or Initiation Officer advances to the Altar

President or I.O. - You have been chosen to be initiated as Junior Members to an adult Auxiliary until the age of 12, then to be initiated as a full Auxiliary member in that Auxiliary. Please raise your right and state your name, in turn.

You are to respect and salute the Flag at all times.

You are to be respectful to all Auxiliary members.

You are to speak only when spoken to during the meetings.

You are to be proper ladies, sit quietly.

You are to wear proper clothes at all events - no shorts, no flip flops, no t-shirts with lettering on the front.

Do you understand the above rules as a Junior Member and will you follow these rules willingly?

Member - replies I do.

President or I.O. - Do you wish to be a a Junior Member of the Auxiliary?

Member - replies I do.

President or I.O. - You are now welcome to be a Junior Member. Please attend and be helpful in everything that is asked of you at all Patriotic events.

**Recommendation #1:** The rules of initiation of new age 6 and up to age 12 members should be viewed and voiced of wording of initiation, by all members of the Auxiliaries throughout our Organization. Not to be discussed on the floor of this 2011 National Meeting.

**Recommendation #2:** These initiation rules suggested by this committee of three at this National Encampment be printed in the first General Orders of the incoming National President to be viewed by all. Auxiliaries are to respond. That the National President appoint a committee for the year 2011-2012 to review all suggestions and additions to this committee's suggestions sent by Auxiliaries and compile and present for a vote at the 2012 National assembly before Junior Member Initiation Rules be printed in the Ritual or C.R.&R.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt PNP NY, Chair  
 Carol LaRue PDP CSPKE  
 Autumn Twist PAP NY

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Faye, you have a committee that needs to report on the flag.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA CHAIR: I have the written report, but I am just going to tell you the story and then that will be it. This is our new flag that we got last year. It was purchased by a gentleman in memory of his wife who was a member of the Organization from Massachusetts. A lovely man, really great. We would like to retire the old flag. I did some research and I thought about it. We were incorporated in the State of Ohio in 1890, so I said to myself that I thought it would be nice if we retired the old flag to the State of Ohio. When I was a National President, I can remember Judy Morgan talking about their Frost GAR Hall and out of that is how \$100 of our money now goes to a museum or monument every year. That was my first choice to retire it there because of that association. When I talked to her, she said that the Frost location was not a good idea, but she knew a man who came and gave a talk about a museum at one of the Ohio Department meetings. Through her emailing them and then emails sent to her and then sent to me, I was able to get information on this museum. I have copies for anybody who would like to see what this place looks like. This is my recommendation that the old flag goes to this museum in Sandusky. I talked to a person on the phone I told that this flag was old and asked him how he would want to receive it and how would it be stored. I was assured that it would be put on a pole in a temperature controlled room, not just because of flags, but also because of about 3,500 books. I was really, really impressed. Another thing which was interesting to me was the history thing - we have a connection. The Auxiliary put one of the poles for one of the gates to this home. They are very eager to do anything for our Auxiliary because they have a room that has GAR things in it. We are already represented there. It is about 90 acres and open to the public five days a week; the hours are in the brochure. I just think it is a great place to put our old flag. That is one of my recommendations which will be decided here later. I just wanted to tell you about it. I am enthused about this place because of the care that I think they would give to it just in talking to them. That is my report as far as the flag is concerned. I thank you for being able to continue that because it started on Nancy's year.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: This is a committee report. This should be talked and decided right now.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: What is the opinion of this group?

ANNE MICHAELS PDP WI: Is it possible for them to preserve it horizontally? With how old it is and gravity is a little devil, you know.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: One of the things that was suggested is that

we would like to go and present it to them at the museum and not mail it. Virginia suggested and I think it is a great idea. I think it would be nice to make a little bit of a ceremony out of it. Maybe at that time we could discuss that and see what needs to be addressed at that point because of the condition of the flag. Maybe it couldn't even be put on a pole. Maybe it is in such bad condition that it would need to be kept in a bag somewhere, but I think it is a good place to store it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Would it be possible to give it to them on loan. Who knows, five years from now, fifty years from now we end up with our own museum and we couldn't get it back to put in our own.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I don't know. We would have to discuss that with them. I never thought of that. I didn't know that we were even looking at having our own museum.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: We aren't right now. I was just thinking is there a way of leaving a foot in the door so our property doesn't go somewhere where we can't get it.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: What other places did you consider?

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: We had an offer from Scranton Museum and I am sure other museums would have been very glad to have this. My whole reasoning was because it was sort of us going home to where we were incorporated.

NANCY HILTON PNP OH: There was something read on the floor last year and it came out of Sister Janice Harding and the Department of the Chesapeake. There was a letter read that they suggested that they would also take it.

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: We wanted it on the altar of the GAR Church. The only one in the world.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: But the only one the committee actually investigated and considered was this one in Sandusky.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: We considered Frost until I found out from our National Secretary that it was no longer an option. If you think more needs to be done, so be it.

TRICIA BURES CA/PAC: Being married to an archivist librarian, two

things are really, really important if we actually want to keep this flag. It is my understanding that it is crumbling condition. If it is crumbling, it does not belong on a flag pole. We need assurances and we need it in writing that it is going to be in a temperature controlled type of environment away from light and away from things that are going to destroy it more than it already is. I don't want to give it to anybody. Loan it for however long we decide to loan it, like Danielle said. We don't know, we might get really rich or find an uncle someplace that is going to build us a museum, you know?

KIMBERLY JOHNSON AP IL: I completely agree that it needs to be kept very careful in some kind of case to ensure that it is safe, but the other thing is that I want to make sure that it is for sure going to be in public place. In my opinion it doesn't matter where in the United States it is, because we all travel. We are eventually going to be there at some point and I want to know that if I am in the area where that flag is that I can drag my boyfriend and all his friends to go see our flag and I would be proud to show them something since they have proudly showed me all their GAR stuff. I want to make sure it is in a public setting where it can be viewed.

CINDY FOX PNP PA PARLIAMENTARIAN: I would like to say that the flag is not in a crumbling state. It is not that bad. Also, a church isn't a temperature controlled environment.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I didn't mean that we were giving it to them to keep or anything. They were willing to take it and store it or display it. It is open to the public. I thought that part was neat because it gives us exposure. The museum sounds like it is very nice and it is veterans taking care of veterans. This is a veterans museum being taken care of by veterans. I didn't say we were giving it to them forever. I used the wrong terminology I'm sure, but it is a place at least for us to keep it and it would be temperature controlled. How it is stored and if we think it doesn't belong on a pole, it doesn't have to be on a pole. He didn't say that. He just suggested it. At least it was a starting point. I don't care but this sounded like the best thing that we had been offered so far.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA National Chaplain

SECONDED by Mary Kelly MA

That we preserve and store our old National Flag at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I think they will know the correct way to do this for our flag.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: When it was given to me, it was on a hanger with a protective covering. I immediately took it out of that and put it in a vacuum sealed bag.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: Sisters, I think the reason it was on a hanger with the plastic covering was because that is the way the new flag came from Gettysburg. I think they know how to handle the flag at the museum. If you want to add that it is a loan, that would be fine.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Excuse me, my motion said it is stored there.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: Having worked at the GAR Museum in Philadelphia for many, many years, if you are going to have it on loan, you must draw up a paper and have it signed properly so that you have a copy and the facility has a copy and they know exactly why you are giving it and for how long and on what basis.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: This is why I suggested that we deliver it personally so we can get these kind of papers signed and find out what kind of insurance they have in case of fire or damage or anything like that.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: In the email, there is a new man in charge by the name of Jim Bernard. He has a phone number there and will answer any questions if we have any concerns.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Jane, do you have your report for the MAL?

### **MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR REPORT**

Three years ago I was given the honor of being elected to the position of Membership at Large Coordinator. This has been a very satisfying job within the Organization, as I was able to communicate with many of the Sisters throughout the country that have never attended an Auxiliary function. However, it was very obvious that they all are very caring members and have our Boys in Blue in their hearts.

The past year has been a hard year on several of our members and we have lost several members due to illness and financial problems. Three of our MAL members have transferred into Auxiliaries and Departments: one to New York and two to Auxiliaries in Pennsylvania.

At our 124<sup>th</sup> National Encampment it was voted that the MAL would begin paying per capita tax at the voted rate of \$6.00 per year per member and since some members had not paid dues for some time, it was necessary to drop them from our roll. However, MAL has paid their per

capita in full for the 2011 year as voted at our last Encampment. Membership at Large now has a membership of 47 with the applications pending for three, all from the state of Georgia.

In the past the MAL has donated to the monied officers and will be doing so again this year. At the present time the checking account is listed at \$1,226.00 with monies to be paid out to the Patriotic Instructor and the Chief of Staff funds.

Jane Graham PDP OH MAL Coordinator

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Before we go on to any more Officers Reports, this is what I want to do. I want to thank everybody for the posters. I think they are great and I have been looking them over. You can see what all the Departments are doing and it is just great. Starting over in that back corner I want you to stand up, state your name and where you are from. We will go right down the rows so we will know everybody. *So done.*

*Happy Birthday was sang to PNP Mary Scofield, who will be 96 on Monday. Sandy Bates was also going to celebrate a birthday.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Back to business again, next we have the Budget Director.

### **BUDGET DIRECTOR REPORT**

I have struggled to write this report. I know some members are going to be upset with some of the recommendations contained in this report. It is not my intention to upset anyone nor do I intend to put rose colored glasses on our financial situation. If we want to grow, we need to make our existence known. We need to offer a true scholarship of at least \$1,000. The \$400 is a very nice sum of money; it really only covers the cost of some books. We need to do bigger works and more of them to let people know why we are in existence. Before working on the new budget, I sought a great deal of information from old proceedings. The National Secretary was very cooperative in going through the old proceedings to find the information I desired. I relied heavily on reports from PNP Beatrice Riggs, who was a fantastic Director of the Budget, and PNP Esther Peiper. The reports enabled me to find the history of funds raised above the goal of the Chief of Staff being used to make up the deficit in the budget. I also found an apparent history of using P.I. funds to balance the budget. I found multiple references in these reports clearly stating that expenses come from per capita tax and that, "P.I. funds are to be used or saved only for patriotic projects." Hence, I have refrained from using excess P.I. funds to balance the budget. I am truly concerned about using these funds in any way other than that which has been established. I fear that we might violate IRS regulations since our P.I. money is to be used for charitable purposes. If we divert

these funds to operating expenses, are we in violation of IRS rules? At the least we are misrepresenting the use of these funds to the people who contribute to the fund raising. I think we need to seriously examine this practice which has been established. If you read my proposed budget, you already know that in the budget for last year, I proposed to transfer funds from the savings account to balance the budget. This year the situation is direr than last year. Due to confusion about when per capita would be due, some Auxiliaries have not paid them. The per capita tax was to have been paid in January 2011 not January 2012. Therefore, our receipts of per capita tax are down from the estimate. Our expenses are higher this year due to increases in cost of materials as well as National Encampment expenses being higher for mileage. Therefore, it is with a great deal of consideration that I make my first recommendation.

**Recommendation #1:** The per capita tax shall be raised to \$20.00 (twenty) annually.

During my research in the old proceedings, I found several examples of the Director of the Budget having what seemed to be a great deal of knowledge about accounts, investments, maturity dates, rates of interest, etc. I found it difficult to make prudent choices in trying to balance the budget when I did not know the amounts of funds in our accounts, when CDs matured, interest rates, interest earned or any other pertinent information. Having already been chastised by the National President for being disrespectful to an National Officer, I was extremely hesitant to seek the information I needed. At the time the National Council approved my budget, they decided to seek the information for themselves and for me. The end result is that I have, since February, received monthly statements of expenditures and receipts, but I still do not know any information about any of our accounts. That has been rectified today. I offer the following recommendations in the hope of alleviating the problem.

**Recommendation #2:** The following section of the C.R.&R. is changed to reflect the reinstatement of the office of National Director of the Budget: Chapter III National Organization, Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 5, Sentence 3. The sentence to read as follows: "The National Treasurer shall make a monthly report of the financial standing of the Organization to the National President, three members of Council, the National Secretary and the National Director of the Budget." Eliminate the last sentence: "She shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the Delegates at National Encampment for their approval."

**Recommendation #3:** Add an additional sentence to Chapter III National Organization, Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 5, after Sentence 3 to read as follows: "The National Treasurer shall supply the National President and National Director of the Budget six month statements on the amount of money available in each of the accounts, CDs or other investments held by the National Organization, as well as interest rates on each account, CDs or investments and the maturity dates of any CDs or other investment instruments."

We need to cut expenses to help balance the budget. Printing of General Orders and Proceedings, as well as the postage involved, are two very large expenses. Therefore, I offer my last recommendation.

**Recommendation #4:** All members with access to email are required to supply the National Secretary with their email address to enable them to receive their General Orders and the National Proceedings via electronic means.

Last year after concerns were raised about the “Love Token” to National Officers who do not receive mileage, I called the IRS about the possibility of losing our tax exempt status if we paid this money. I was told by Specialist #1000196561, “You can decide what you need for receipts, but if you don’t have receipts, you could get into trouble.” All of you, especially those who receive compensation from the National Organization, should be aware that it is imperative that you keep copies of receipts and duplicate records of your contributions to the Auxiliary and the charity work that you do. If the National Organization were audited by the IRS, they could come to you asking you to prove that you really spent the money you claim to have spent. All Auxiliaries should be filing their own 990 forms with the IRS. If you do not file it, you can lose your EIN number. Getting it back can be a prodigious task, not to mention expensive.

I wish to thank the National Organization for reinstating this important position and for giving me the opportunity serve.

Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH Director of the Budget

#### RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET:

In estimating receipts, I used 1,124 members as the basis for the per capita tax figure. I lowered the charter amount since, to the best of my knowledge, no new Auxiliaries were formed. I lowered registration receipts expecting fewer to attend the Encampment due to the distance involved in traveling to California. I sincerely hope I am wrong and the number is greater than we have ever had. Not knowing the amount of money in the Permanent Fund or what the return on the investment might be, I did not feel free to put the previously authorized interest into the estimate of receipts. Therefore, I took the amount needed to balance the budget from savings and/or checking. I do not know how much money we have in either of these accounts but I do know, as of last August, that the Auxiliary had two savings and two checking accounts. I assumed that among the four accounts there would be sufficient funds to balance the budget.

In disbursements, the largest pay-outs are printing, postage, supplies, National President’s travel expenses, the other three National Officer’s travel expenses, Good Will, rooms and the other National Encampment Expenses.

**PROPOSED BUDGET  
FOR AUGUST 5, 2011 TO AUGUST 31, 2012**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Estimated</b>
Per Capita	\$6,644.00
Sale of Supplies	2,000.00
Late Fees	50.00
Chief of Staff	2,500.00
Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00
Misc. Charter	30.00
Registration Fees	500.00
Publicity (20 new members x \$5)	100.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	0.00
Transfer from Savings and/or Checking	<u>6,942.20</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$20,866.20</u></b>

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Estimated</b>
Office Expense	\$100.00
Supplies	1,300.00
Honor Roll	0.00
Authorized Wreaths, funds to come from PI	
Woolson Monument	\$ 55.00
Lincoln's Monument (Wash DC)	130.00
Lincoln's Tomb	70.00
Arlington Cemetery	115.00
Total not to exceed \$400	
Total	370.00
Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
Presidential Scholarship	400.00
Life Membership Dues	60.00
Treasurer's Bond	100.00
Goodwill	
National President	150.00
National Treasurer	350.00
National Secretary	350.00
Total	850.00
Web Site (two years left on subscription)	0.00
National President Travel Expenses	2,000.00
Postage (230 stamps x \$.44)	
National President	101.20
National Treasurer	101.20
National Secretary	101.20
Additional Postage	200.00
to be accessed upon presentation of receipts	
Total	503.60

General Orders

Printing	\$2,000.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	190.00
Postage	580.00
Returned fees	50.00

Total 2,820.00

Publicity

100.00

Proceedings

2009	\$1,500.00
Postage	400.00
2010	1,700.00
Postage	400.00
2011	1,700.00
Postage	400.00
Ten years bound into two volumes	600.00

Total 6,100.00

National Encampment Expenses

Mileage

National President	\$403.20
National Treasurer	401.40
National Secretary	228.00

This mileage based  
upon Kansas City

Total 1,032.60

Installed Officers \$25 "Love Token"

Council (3)	75.00
Vice President	25.00
Chaplain	25.00
Patriotic Instructor	25.00
Chief of Staff	25.00
Personal Aide	25.00
Co-Counselors	50.00
Press Correspondent	25.00
MAL Coord.	25.00
Washington DC Rep.	25.00
Director of Budget	25.00
Historian	25.00

Total 375.00

Board

National President	50.00
National Treasurer	50.00
National Secretary	50.00

Total 150.00

Rooms for the Nat'l Treasurer and Nat'l Secretary	1,000.00
Site Committee	550.00

Gratuities	25.00		
Musician	30.00		
Chaplain Allowance	25.00		
Chief of Staff	50.00		
GAR Mem. Gift PI Funds	350.00		
GAR Hall PI Funds	100.00		
Nat'l Pres. Testimonial	200.00		
Stenographer	250.00		
Historian	100.00		
Supply Officer	100.00		
PNP Badge	750.00		
Love Gift to Sons	250.00		
		Total	5,337.60
Formatting Proceedings			
2010	400.00		
2011	400.00		
Total not to exceed \$800.00			
		Total	800.00
<b>Grand Total of all Disbursements</b>			<b>\$20,866.20</b>

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Bonnie, are you ready with the Press Correspondent Report?

### NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

It was a surprise to even be considered for, and an honor to be nominated and elected to the position of National Press Correspondent at the 2010 Encampment. It became my responsibility to compile a record of correspondence, photos and events that took place during the presidential reign of Sister Virginia Twist.

I must express my thanks to the many Sisters from New Jersey to California who sent newspaper and magazine articles and photos which have been compiled in an album now entitled: "Virginia Goes to Virginia." You were all so diligent and generous in mailing Civil War related pictures and news in this prolific year marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter.

In addition, an article and photograph I wrote and submitted to The Banner was published in the winter 2011 issue. It described an event which brought the Sons, the Department Auxiliary, local students, law enforcement officials and community leaders together to honor veterans in Cumberland Co., New Jersey. I invited local news reporters and photo journalists to cover Department events and submitted my own articles to the newspapers as well, in an effort to bring our Department endeavors before the public. Copies of all correspondence appear in the album. As NJ Department President, I wrote and distributed three Department Orders and six Department newsletters, in a timely manner.

Bonnie C. Meyers PDP NJ National Press Correspondent

BONNIE C. MEYERS PDP NJ NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT: I would like to present you with your album. Since it is obvious that I tapped into the Virginia theme here, I made a little cover with the help of a friend and in "Virginia Goes to Virginia," Virginia is represented as a very svelte, young blond with flowing hair and driving a pink convertible. I hope you have a sense of humor! In the center where it says "goes to" is a 2-lane highway and then there is a silhouette of the state of Virginia with a Civil War artillery and a Union flag. Enjoy!  
*(applause)*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Hope, have you got your report?

### NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE REPORT

To begin my year as personal Aide to the National President, Mom, it was my pleasure to organize, prepare, and attend her testimonial dinner in conjunction with the Civil War Monument dedication in Waterloo, New York. PNP Michelle Langley has worked tirelessly on this project and in my opinion is deserving of a round of applause for the amazing work she did. It was an amazing day as all five Allied Orders were represented and all came to wish Virginia all the best in her coming year. The dinner was excellent and the fellowship was even more wonderful.

Off to Gettysburg with Mom, Jared and my husband Frank. It was a great weekend, awesome parade, and it was made truly special by installing a new Auxiliary member at our monument at the Battlefield.

Following the dinner, I was honored to be installed as the President of Auxiliary #72. This Auxiliary has supported many PNP and PDP's through the years and it is my privilege and honor to follow in the footsteps of my mother, grandmother, Aunts, and many long time dear friends. The day was made even more special as I was installed by my mother at a joint installation with our Sons' Camp.

Christmas came around and I had a wonderful time attending our annual Auxiliary Christmas party. It was awesome to spend time with family and friends.

I was asked to fill many shoes this year and one was representing our National President at the Rhode Island Department Encampment. I was fortunate to travel with Gloria Fisher and Alethea Cratsley. We were all received with love and had a wonderful time and my congratulations to Linda Guiot, their new Department President.

I finally got to travel with Mom, our National President, to the Massachusetts Department Encampment where we were again received with much love and friendship.

I was again given the honor of representing our National President at the Grant's Tomb ceremony. I traveled with our National Chief of Staff Gloria Fisher and Alethea Cratsley. I was able to give a small speech on my thoughts of President Grant and place the wreath for our National Organization. My many thanks to the organizers of this event as it was

incredible as it has been in many years past.

Off again to Connecticut with National President Virginia, Mom, National Treasurer Betty Baker, and Supply Officer Michelle Langley. It was another weekend of good times, excellent company and sisterhood. It was my pleasure to serve as guide for the day and watch DP Mary Ellen Seiffert be installed for another year.

I was excited to attend our own NY Department Encampment in Albany, where I also served as Patriotic Instructor. It was another great Encampment where I was given my 25 year member pin, the one that has been worn by my mother for many years. It is now a treasured keepsake and again I was honored to be a part of the NY Department where I have grown up and served for so many years.

The following weekend, off to Michigan in Lansing! Again I traveled with Mom, and we had a great time. I just want to say a special thanks to the Michigan Sisters for celebrating my birthday!!!! It was a place I would love to celebrate every year! The sisterhood, conversations, and good works were again incredible and much thanks to the Michigan Department for a wonderful Encampment.

I was off to the Skaneateles Library with Lorraine and Jerry Orton to give a presentation about the GAR. It was a great evening and I hope to do many more of these events in the coming year.

It was a busy year for me as I watched my son Jared graduate from high school and from his US Naval Sea Cadet unit in June. I was so proud to see him grow into the amazing young man that he is. Jared has made the decision to continue to serve his country and will be going into the United States Marine Corps. I would ask that all here keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he follows in the path of his father, my husband Frank, who served in the US Army, and our oldest son Justin who is in the US Air Force and flies AWACS.

I was able to attend the Sampson Memorial Cemetery and my husband walked in the foot steps of his father where he trained at Sampson Naval Center.

It was also a difficult year with the loss of Jack Hilyer, Dale Thetghe, and Elizabeth Orman. Jack's and Dale's wives, Janet and Diane, are Auxiliary members and the loss of these hard working Sons will be truly missed.

This is the time for me to give my many thanks. First to Mom, thank you for letting me tag along and enjoy all the Encampments and our Sisters through the year. Of course, I was also the unofficial photographer and as my token of my love, here is your scrapbook. I hope that it brings many years of fond memories.

To Aunt Betty Baker and Aunt Michelle Langley, thank you for answering my hundreds of phone calls, emails and texts. And thank you for a year full of love, enjoyment and encouragement.

To Gloria, Alethea, and the NY Department, thank you for supporting me and Mom throughout the year. Words will never be enough to say

“Thank You.”

To my son Jared, my husband Frank, my daughter Heather and my son-in-law Randy, who loaded and unloaded my car, filled candy bags, folded and stuffed many envelopes, reviewed my speeches, and for everything else that I am sure I forgot to mention. I have an awesome family and they also put in countless hours prepping and helping any way they could.

My wish is that we continue with what I hope is a harmonious and prosperous Encampment and that we all leave here with renewed excitement for our Organization and the zeal for recruiting more members to carry on the memory of our Civil War ancestors.

Hope Parker AP NY National Personal Aide

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sisters, we are about to receive the recipient of the Patriotic Instructor’s Gift in Memory of the GAR.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted guest Cindy Phillips from the Andrew Fisher House and National Patriotic Instructor Linda Kronberg to the altar and then to the President’s station.*

CINDY PHILLIPS: I am a volunteer at the Andrews Fisher House at Andrews Air Force Base. For those of you who do not know what a Fisher House is, we provide at no cost a “home away from home” for anyone in the military who have been injured or wounded or have diseases and for their families to be able to be close to their loved ones without having to stay at a hotel. It saves the families thousands of dollars. Sometimes they stay for a couple of days, sometimes months, receiving treatment. Not only do we have the house itself at Andrews that has seven bedrooms with room for 14 guests, but also at Andrews we have regular flights that fly in from Germany, which is where they are taken when our soldiers are wounded in action in either Iraq or Afghanistan, they are flown to Ramstein, Germany to receive their medical treatment and then they immediately come to Andrews. Andrews is the first base that they go to receive treatment. We provide snacks and drinks for them when they first get off the aircraft and also things like socks, sweatpants and t-shirts because usually they come in their uniform they were injured in and a lot of times their uniforms are torn and tattered. They need simple things just like the socks and t-shirts. We raise money because we are a non-profit organization just to provide comfort for our wounded warriors and for their families. *(applause)*

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: Karen and I went on line when I found out I had to choose a location in the state of Virginia. Back in Michigan, all of the money that we raise is for the VA hospital. It is very important to honor the Boys in Blue by continuing to help the military. That is why I decided to give

Andrews Fisher House this check.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I would like to tell you a very quick story. Cindy, her husband and I went to the Memorial Services over in Scranton. The speaker was a gentleman who was wounded in Vietnam. He had no legs and was on a scooter. When he went to turn his pages, he had no arm. We got to eat with him at the Encampment. It turns out he was in the Walter Reed Hospital for one year. I can see what you are saying regarding expenses. I think it is wonderful.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: This is going to be a hard one to respond to. I am going to call you “Sister” because in this room we are all Sisters. Sister Cindy, I think that our Patriotic Instructor has chosen the most favorite place this year that our money could go in the state of Virginia, to help our veterans, as we are a veterans-based organization. We look out for each other and our soldiers to carry on our Civil War ancestors’ heritage. I think Linda made an excellent choice and I think that you will put the money to excellent use. We will keep you in our love, our thoughts and our prayers forever.

JAN HARDING PNP CSPKE: My husband was a paralyzed veteran of 47 years when he passed in 2002. Whenever he had a need to be in the hospital and because he was a quadraplegic, we came to Hunter McGuire Hospital, which has the most outstanding spinal care ward center in the country, long noted for its care. After he was wounded, he flew into Andrews from Ramstein, rolled out on a gurney, picked up and taken to Bethesda, where he stayed four years, because they didn’t expect that someone in his condition in 1957 could survive. But he did with the love and care of his mother who went every single day by bus to Bethesda from Baltimore to care for him. When I came along, it was 1978. From then until he passed in 2002, I had a relationship with that hospital in Virginia. The love and care and things that you offer didn’t exist those years ago. It is the most wonderful thing that anyone could do and I would very much like to give you an additional check, because if I could be living in Virginia, I’d be with you. Thank you. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for what you do!

*The Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room and returned with Donald Shaw DC MI and David Arnold SVC MI, who were brought to the altar and then to the President’s station.*

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: My second choice was from Michigan, my home state. It is the only GAR Hall that still exists. Brother Arnold is from the hall. With

Don as our Commander, we also have another one who really helps us a lot and it is our Past Commander, James Pahl, who is also an Auxiliary Sister from the State of Michigan. He has an Auxiliary badge that Sister Virginia pinned on him at his initiation. Don and Dave want to see him in a white dress with a red petticoat underneath it. His wife, Carol, informed me that you don't want to see his legs! (*laughter*)

Dave would tell them about the hall, please?

DAVID ARNOLD SVC MI SUVCW: I would like to thank you for the donation that you are making and I would like to thank all of you ladies of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for picking our group to be the recipient of that donation. The Samuel W. Grenel GAR Hall in Sunfield, MI, is a rural GAR Hall. As all of you know, GAR Halls throughout the United States went all the way from opulent GAR Halls like you would have in Chicago to rural GAR Halls like we have in Sunfield, MI. The interesting thing about the GAR Hall is that it is the last remaining Grand Army of the Republic Hall in the State of Michigan that has been in continuous use by one of the Grand Army of the Republic Allied Orders since it was built by the veterans of the Civil War in 1899. The particular Hall that we have is occupied by our group, the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 SUVCW, and Helen Edwins Tent of the DUV. We are the ones who basically do the upkeep on that Hall. There are about 50 of us and any repairs that have to be done or anything like this are taken out of our budget. So any time that we can get a little extra money for the restoration fund of the Hall, we are very appreciative of that. During the past year we have spent approximately nine months restoring the exterior of the Hall. We sanded, primed and painted the exterior walls and painted the metal roof and did some repairs. We still have some repairs to do for the interior of the Hall due to some water problems, so the \$100 donation is really going to be effective in helping us in regards to that repair. On behalf of my camp I would like to thank all of you for the donation that you have given to our GAR Hall. (*ap- plause*)

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: Brothers, on behalf of our Sisters here in the National Organization and through Sister Linda Kronberg, we are so proud to be able to give you this donation to help restore a hall and keep alive the memory of our Boys in Blue. We thank you for doing this and all the men who are working with you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I had the great pleasure of meeting these two gentlemen when I was in Michigan and leaving a little piece of New York with them. Wherever I went I left a little piece of New York. These gentlemen mean a lot to me also and I want to thank them for coming and I hope they can put the money to good use.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted the Sons from the room.*

*PNP Jan Harding reported that the representative from the Andrews Fisher House left a number of magazines regarding the Fisher House.*

*The Bible was closed for a short recess.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: May we have the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee Report?

### **125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Two years ago at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Encampment, I was honored by being given the Chairmanship of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This appointment was made with the approval of both PNP Nancy Hilton and NP Virginia Twist. I could hardly wait to begin my plans, for I had one thing in my mind that I hoped could be accomplished for that 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. This would take much thought with a great deal of research about the organization. This was done with the help of the many past proceedings that I was able to read. The written part of my project was submitted and sustained. Now I must finish the financial part of the plan. I went to the Chairman of Council for her advice and asked her to secure as much information as I would need. She in turn with other members of Council requested information from our National Treasurer.

Needed information included numbers of CD's, IRA's, stocks, where they were located, maturity dates and amounts invested. Also needed was a monthly financial statement for the present year. Financial reports were to show permanent funds as well as Patriotic Instructors funds and account numbers.

Much to my disappointment, the Council was refused the information, so I did not get to fulfill my dream of securing our 501(c)(3) status for this organization as I had done for another organization this year.

However, Sister Diane Mellor, National Chaplain, served as my Co-Chairman and Treasurer and she and I together did a little fund raising on our own. We sold muffins and breads at Gettysburg Remembrance Day, Diane made badge holders, check book covers and candy; and together we served several luncheons to help defray the cost of the celebration.

A request was sent to our National President for some time to celebrate, but with her full agenda, we were granted only one hour late on Friday afternoon, so therefore we will not be doing much celebrating. Gifts will be passed out to those in attendance and the monies earned will be donated to the Auxiliary for which our committee Treasurer will give a financial report. This money to be placed in the Permanent Fund so that future generations when celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Encampment can draw on this money for a wonderful celebration. I only hope I can be in attendance.

Jane A. Graham PNP OH Co-Chairman  
Diane Mellor DP MA Co-Chairman

**125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**

When formed by then National President Nancy Hilton, I was pleased and honored to be asked to serve. It was a disappointment during National President Virginia Twist's year, that we were informed that we would not be allowed to proceed with our plans.

However, before this announcement was made, we, as a committee, had already raised funds for the celebration. The following funds were raised:

New England Regional Association	\$ 21.50
California Dept. Encampment	54.00
Massachusetts Dept. Encampment	16.00
Pennsylvania Dept. Encampment - pass the hat	90.00
Gettysburg	110.00
Applebee's Fundraiser in Overland, KS	134.00
Club Luncheon Fundraiser in Overland, KS	450.00
PNP/PCC Banquet in Overland, KS	<u>220.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,095.50
Sam's Club	\$ 83.71
Wal-Mart	78.79
Wal-Mart	43.07
Restaurant Depot	70.91
Paper Products	<u>58.92</u>
Total Expenses	\$335.40
Net Proceeds	\$760.10

Since the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was unable to spend the funds for which they were raised, we, the committee, would like to present the National Auxiliary with a check for \$761.00.

Diane Mellor DP MA 125<sup>th</sup> Committee Treasurer

**PRESIDENT VIRGINIA:** Thank you to the Committee and I hope everybody stays at the close of our meeting.

We have a few minutes. Sister Gloria, would you like to give the first part of your report?

**NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

Sister President and members and Sisters, this has been heck of a year for me. I never really appreciated the enormity of the Chief of Staff office. Really, what's hard? You earn money, right? Being the extremely intelligent person that I am, I asked Diane and I was told that I would have to do fund raisers and 50/50 raffles, to raise money for National. I asked President Virginia if I would have to do anything else, and she said raise lots of money! They said that besides raising money I would be taking part in the Joint Opening Ceremony and hospitality night. I didn't think I really wanted to do this. But President Virginia is from my

Auxiliary, so how could I not do it? So I said, "Yes." That was the easy part. To say that this year has been a learning experience for me would be a gross understatement but I had several very knowledgeable people to turn to for help. During the month of July I think I spent some portion of every day with Sisters Betty and Michelle, helping me to figure out how to keep track of the funds that I received. It made me realize why I was wise not to become an accountant. There was a bright side of everything. I got to know Sister Linda Kronberg, our National Patriotic Instructor, very well. The office of Chief of Staff does not consist of just one person. Every member of every Auxiliary and every Department is an extension of this office. It is all you working together so hard to raise funds in supporting all the National fund raisers and helping me do my job as Chief of Staff. I couldn't have done it without the support you all have given me. I want to thank all of the Auxiliaries and Departments that sent items to raffle. Thanks to Sisters Betty Baker and Michelle Langley for being so patient. Betty, I know you didn't really mean it when every time I walked up you said, "Oh no, not you again!" Thank you Sister Michelle for letting me see how you kept your records and for giving me ideas. Thanks to my Department Personal Aide Alethea Cratsley for being my chauffeur, my go-fer, my listening post and my picker-up-er whenever I was feeling discouraged. Last but not least, thank you President Virginia for having faith that I would not be the first Chief of Staff to fail the trust that I was given. Thanks to all of you.

**Recommendation #1:** Auxiliary National President should confer with the Sons Commander-in-Chief to make sure the Chiefs of Staff are introduced to each other and are aware of their respective responsibilities for the Joint Opening, in order to be more specific in instructions to both Sons and Auxiliary.

**Recommendation #2:** Supply a list of specific responsibilities concerning Courtesy Hour.

**Recommendation #3:** Since it is the National President's Personal Aide who is responsible for the President's well-being, the job of decorating the room and planning the Courtesy Hour should be done by the Personal Aide with the assistance of the Chief of Staff, Aides and Patriotic Instructor.

**Recommendation #4:** The responsibility for a worry-free Encampment should be delegated to the Encampment Committee and the responsibility to see that the National President has a worry-free and delightful encampment should be the responsibility of first, her Personal Aide, second her National Officers, and last, all attending members. The Chief of Staff should be able to focus on the fund raising - her primary job - and not be running whenever a problem arises.

As National Chief of Staff, I present my activity report to you.

On August 12-15 I attended National Encampment held in Overland Park, KS, where I was asked to accept the office of National Chief of

Staff by newly elected National President Virginia Twist.

In September I attended a Civil War weekend in Saratoga Springs, NY, where Sister Lorraine Orton helped me with my fund raising activities.

September to October, Sister Alethea and I traveled to Andersonville, GA, where we met Jerry and Lorraine Orton and we did a display set-up at their history fair. It was really strange being the only "Yankees" I tell you! But we were treated very well and we had a really good time. In fact, one of the sutlers there gave me a picture of General Lee and Stonewall Jackson to raffle off to raise money for the Auxiliary, which I did at Gettysburg and raised a nice sum.

In October I attended the dedication of a Civil War monument in Lafayette Park in Waterloo. This was a culmination of a lot of work on the part of Sister Michelle, but it was worth it. Later that evening we attended the testimonial dinner for newly elected President Virginia Twist. I exhibited some of the items that were going to be raffled off at National.

November found us in Gettysburg for Remembrance Day. Patriotic Instructor Linda and myself were kept busy with our fund-raising tables and enjoyed talking to the many visitors that came through to purchase our wares.

In December I attended Auxiliary #72's Christmas party where a chinese auction was held to raise funds for the New York Patriotic Instructor and the National Chief of Staff.

In February I attended Auxiliary #72's birthday party for Abraham Lincoln. Jerry and Lorraine Orton had some Lincoln memorabilia on display and Lorraine made Civil War soup. The party was held at the Ovid VFW and the public was invited. We had a nice turn-out and everyone enjoyed the soup and learning about our 16th President. They especially enjoyed the cake made by Sister Diane Theetge.

In March a dinner was given me and the newly elected Department Commander Jeff Albanese. Every one of the Allied Orders was represented. Raffles were held to benefit the Chief of Staff.

In April we journeyed to Rhode Island where Anna Frail and her friends made us extremely welcome at their encampment. I received several donations for my fund raisers while there.

April 24th we journeyed to New York City for the Grant's Tomb Ceremony where I laid a wreath and gave a short speech. President and Mrs Grant stopped me after the ceremony to tell me that they liked my speech. That certainly made my day!

May 13 - 15 I presided over the New York Auxiliary Department Encampment held in Albany, NY. A sales table was set up to raise funds for the Chief of Staff.

May 20-23 we traveled to Lansing, MI to join National Patriotic Instructor Linda and her Department with our crazy house slippers. We did 2 50/50 raffles and split the proceeds between us. She also was kind enough to let me set up a sales table there.

In June I attended the Civil War weekend in Peterboro, NY, where I exhibited raffle items and sold tickets.

Also in June we donned Period clothing and marched in the Strawberry Festival Parade.

Now we have come full circle. Here I am in Reston. My last fund raising stop. President Virginia, thank you for having faith in me and I am so glad I'm pretty much there.

Gloria Fisher DP NY National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: When we were coming home from Kansas, we stopped in Illinois and somebody gave you something really special for your raffle.

GLORIA FISHER DP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: Actually, two somebodies. On the way home we had time, so we stopped at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Prior to that, we stopped at a little antique shop. Being my first fund raiser, I am kind of shy and I don't like to ask people for things, but I thought, well you don't get anything unless you ask. So I asked the proprietor of the antique shop if he would consider donating an item for my raffle. I told him who we were and what it was for. He spent half an hour going through things and finally settled on a particular thing and said, "You wouldn't be interested in anything like this, would you?" He handed me a book and I looked at it. My eyes get as big as saucers because it is an original souvenir program for the 29th GAR Encampment held in Louisville KY in 1895. Then we proceeded to the Lincoln Museum where I thought, well that was good, let's try it again! I went to the lady at the counter and I told her who I was and asked her if I could have something. She said, "Sure, come on over." She gave me a poster of Lincoln. I looked at the other posters and I see the one for the Battle of Hampton Roads so I go back to the lady and said, "I really appreciate this poster, but our Encampment this year is in Virginia and that battle was in Virginia and I would really like to have that poster." Not only did she exchange the poster, but they gave me a DVD that goes with it called "The Civil War in Four Minutes," which is the same one that they show at the Lincoln Museum. As I said, it was all of you who helped and donated things for the table, donated your time, donated your money. It is not just the Patriotic Instructor. It is not just me. It is all of us. Thank you all, very much. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Judy, do you have any communications?

### **CORRESPONDENCE READ:**

1. Thank you letter from Cathedral of the Pines.
2. Thank you letter from Jerry Orton for choosing him as the recipient of The Brother of the Year Award presented last year.

3. Thank you from Anna M. Ross Camp #1, chosen by the National Patriotic Instructor last year to receive a \$100 donation. The money will be used to help purchase a stone for PRESIDENT VIRGINIA. Henry Hay of Co. F, 142<sup>nd</sup> PA Inf.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We are going to proceed to close for the day. I am asking everybody to stay in the room for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration. If you can't, we understand.

*The Chaplain closed the Bible and the meeting recessed at 3:56 for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration led by PDP Jane Graham.*

JANE GRAHAM PDP OH MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR: First of all, I would like to thank Sister Jan Harding for the presentation that she gave this morning of the 113 National Presidents that we have had over the past 125 years. As she told you, our first Encampment was held in Akron, Ohio on August 17-19, 1887. The first National President was Mrs. Laura Miller from Lancaster, PA. We have had 113 National Presidents and two ladies were given the honor conferred by the National Organization. The first was to Lillian Ball, who served as the National Treasurer for many, many years. This was done in 1941. The second was given in 1975 when Catherine McCoy died while serving her term of office. Two very, very active Departments had never had a National President; however, I might say, one of them is kind of starting that way - those being Michigan and Vermont. Vermont is a very, very, very small Department. All Departments have hosted at least one or more National Encampments, with the exception of Vermont. Three Encampments have been held in Virginia - two in Richmond and this one in Reston. Two were held in Florida in 1963 and 1970, both in Miami Beach. Two Encampments have been held in Tennessee. One in 1915 in Chattanooga and one in Knoxville in 1895. Was anyone at that one? *(laughter)* Just checking!

GLORIA FISHER PDP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: I just read in the GAR Proceedings for 1914 that the Encampment in Chattanooga, TN was the first one held in a Confederate state.

JANE GRAHAM PDP OH MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR: Interesting! Thank you!

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Encampment was held in Rochester, NY with Sister Pauline Creighton from Illinois presiding. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Encampment was held in Washington, DC with Stella Owen from New Jersey. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Encampment was held in Indianapolis with Edith Paulding from New York presiding. And our 125<sup>th</sup> here in Reston, VA with our own Virginia Twist from New York presiding.

I am wondering, does anyone know where the 150<sup>th</sup> is going to be and who might be presiding? (*laughter*)

I would like to give you one more little bit of trivia and let you know how much work many, many of these Departments have done by telling you how many National Presidents have come from different states. The great state of Pennsylvania has given us 19 National Presidents, Ohio has given us 11, Iowa 3, Illinois 6, Washington DC 1, Massachusetts 14, New York 15, Indiana 4, New Jersey 10, New Hampshire 5, Wisconsin 4, Maine 4, California 5, what was Maryland/Delaware and now Department of the Chesapeake 6, Missouri 1, and Connecticut 5.

I don't know if any of you remembers the year of that one National Chief of Staff from Missouri...Hazel Mashetti. She was National Chief of Staff for Edith B. Nile from Ohio. One thing that made it very difficult for that National President and that National Chief of Staff was that it was the year 1945. One day they were allowed to have an Encampment, the next they got news there would be no meetings of organizations for "x" amount of days and then that "x" amount of days would go by and they would hear that yes, they could have a convention, or you could have a meeting where there was going to be large numbers. Hence came the name of Edith Nile's club. They were the "Stop and Go Girls" because they were getting ready to go and then they were not going to go at all! (*laughter*) I don't know if they kept their suitcases packed or what, but that is how that one came about.

Thank you, Sisters. Because I want to get you all out of here as quickly as possible, would my helpers come and help pass out some gifts to everyone?

*Gifts given out were bags of cookies, trivets with the Auxiliary symbol and 125<sup>th</sup> National Encampment on them, and pot holders.*

*Recessed at 4:30 p.m.*

**THIRD SESSION**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Good morning, everyone! Are you all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed? Sister Ann, would you give a report of our club meeting this morning?

ANN MCMILLIN DP PA: This morning the sitting Department Presidents met for breakfast in National President Virginia Twist's room. I was the unfortunate one who overslept and that means that I was elected President! (*laughter*) But we had a great time, even though I missed a lot of it. The name of our club is Ginny's Gems. Our Secretary/Treasurer is Barbara Day and I only know that because I just paid my dues! We are

giving money to both fund raisers.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I must say that you ladies look so beautiful with your tiaras on, but as you know, they have to come off.

*The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Guards, did you check the cards as people came in this morning? Are all entitled to remain?

LINDA GUIOT DP RI OUTSIDE GUARD: Sure! (*laughter*) I don't know their names, but I remember faces!

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: OK. Sister Gloria, last night the Courtesy Hour was fantastic. Thanks for all your hard work on that.

GLORIA FISHER PDP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: I have to admit that the gentleman, Alan Russ, set it all up. That is the first time it has ever happened to me. He wrote the whole thing and said this is what we are going to do. It worked for me!

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Well, it was very nice. Thank you. (*applause*) May we have the National Patriotic Instructor Report, please.

### NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

I received reports from California-Pacific, Chesapeake, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. Auxiliary at Large Reports received from Colorado #12, Illinois #20, Missouri #215, Oklahoma #2 and Texas #1. I did not receive reports from the Maine Department or Auxiliaries at Large Missouri #1 and South Carolina #2.

1. Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries	8,452
2. Number of patriotic entertainments given	125
3. Number of National Anniversaries observed	256
4. Number of patriotic papers read in Auxiliary	160
5. Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in patriotic meetings	226
6. Amount expended for patriotic work	\$8,125.13
7. How many members fly the flag on Memorial Day?	511

Special Mention: Place flags and wreaths on Civil War Soldiers' graves at National Cemeteries and at home town cemeteries; march in parades on Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veterans Day, Remembrance Day and other holidays; go to VA hospitals; make different things for National Guard and USA troops for care packages, quilts, personal items, provide winter weight socks; raise money for the veterans; teddy bears

to children of the National Guard and USA troops; dedications and re-dedications of head stones, flags, monuments and anything to do with the Civil War; programs of the GAR for Civil War education of people and children regarding what we are all about; give out flags, display Civil War artifacts; speeches; living history; Civil War reenactment; help the Sons and other Allied Orders; clean head stones of Civil War veterans; cemetery tours; work with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts; Wreaths Across America, Civil War period dancing lessons; and a lot of our time given to the G.A.R.

Raising funds and working together is the goal of our Auxiliaries and Sisterhood. It was my honor to have been the National Patriotic Instructor. Keep the memory of our "Boys in Blue!"

Linda M. Kronberg  
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister National Secretary, would you please read the minutes from yesterday's session? (*so done*) Are there any corrections or additions? If not, I declare the minutes approved.

MOVED by Melinie Caines DP CA-PAC

SECONDED by Ann McMillin DP PA

That we not read Department Reports and only read recommendations and that the reports be printed in full in the Proceedings.

DISCUSSION:

FRANCES MURRAY PNP ME: I think one of the most important parts of National Encampment is to hear what Departments are doing. They have never been printed in the Proceedings before. You are talking about the cost of Proceedings, can you imagine if all the department reports were in them? I object.

BEVERLY GRAHAM CA-PAC: We are not going to get through this day unless we read just the recommendations and not the reports. We have a lot of work to do today. There are a lot of recommendations that are coming on the floor and to expedite this meeting, we need to move on.

JUDY MORGAN PDP OH NATIONAL SECRETARY: For the past two years, of course the Proceedings aren't printed yet as one is at the printer and the other is in process, but it has been voted that all Department Reports would be spread in full in the Proceedings.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Over the last couple of years also, only some of the Departments were allowed to read due to time and those that are toward the "W" never had their's read. When we vote for people, we are looking at people who are here talking and it is unfair

for those Departments that are sending somebody up for them not to be recognized.

BARBARA INDAN PDP PA: Could we get on with the recommendations in the Department Presidents' Reports and if there is time later, we could read some of the reports?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We won't have time to do that. In my last General Order I asked for the Department Reports to be three minutes only and just an outline of what you have done and then your whole report would be spread in the Proceedings.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I agree with Sister Frances. We need to hear a little bit, but I agree with you that we should limit the length. We like to hear what Departments are doing so that other Departments can pick up ideas.

HELEN GRANGER MI: I have to tell you that of all the reports, I think Sister Kronberg did perhaps the best. By just highlighting what happened she was under three minutes. That is all we need. For the Department Reports we don't need to have a blow by blow description of I traveled here, I went there, I did this. Just have a very brief highlight and not just go on and on.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: But then you must do ALL the states.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I need to get something straight. I didn't put my recommendations in my report. I sent them separate as requested. What was just said was, "Well, we have to have Department Reports to get the recommendations." Just to be clear in the future, our reports do not have to have our recommendations.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: No, they are supposed to be part of your report because you have to bring it on the floor for the vote.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: So are you telling me that our recommendations that were sent in that we have on this piece of paper today are not going to be considered?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: As you read them while your report is being done, yes, they will. I requested them so we could have a list of all of them. I said that I wanted recommendations that were going to be in your report.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: I have been the Department President for California for the last six years and have come to National for the last six years. In those six years I have never put my

recommendations from California in my report. My report has consisted of two reports - a long version which I turn in to be spread in the books and a short version which I read on the floor. All the recommendations have been sent to the National Secretary and in the past she has been the one who has read all the recommendations when we have been going through and doing the voting on the floor for those recommendations. Not once have I ever put them in my Department Report in six years. If this is a change, then fine, but I will tell you right now that Melinie followed the same format that I have followed for the last six years because I handed over everything I had to her along with all my templates when I started coming to National to be a representative of California.

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC

INSTRUCTOR: The last two years we haven't had time to do the Department Reports, so all we have done is hand them over to our Secretary.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: May I ask if all Departments that are here that has recommendations, did they send them in to the National Secretary? Are they in to the Secretary so she will be able to read them? Are there any who didn't?

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: We were under the impression not to send them to the Secretary but to send them to the President because she wanted to have a sheet ready for when we got here which gave everybody an opportunity to look them over. This is the first time in any convention that I have been to that that's been done.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: I have a copy of your General Orders. Under your National Encampment heading, #3 which is the only one that pertains to this: "All Officers and Department reports that contain recommendations in them, please forward a copy of the recommendations to my attention by July 15, 2011. These recommendations will be typed onto a single sheet that will be handed out to each registering member. This way all members will have time to study each one so that they may vote accordingly. Any recommendations that are not sent by July 15, 2011, will be tabled until the next Encampment. I want everyone's voice to be heard, so please be sure to send them on to me."

SO VOTED

*The Sons's Greeting Committee was escorted to the altar. James Pahl, Tad Campbell, David Lamb and Jim Ward were presented.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Gentlemen, welcome. It is always nice to see handsome men come into our room! Sisters, with me salute. Guides and Color Guards, would you bring them to my station.

JAMES PAHL PCinC SUVCW: Thank you very much. Good morning. As you just heard, I am James Pahl and I am Past National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In my other persona, I am Sister Jimmy! (*laughter*) Sister Virginia came up to me at the Michigan Department Encampment and she said, give me six bucks. I said why and she said shut up, just give me six bucks. I said I am going to regret this, aren't I? She said yes, you will. That night at the banquet, Virginia pinned this on and I became a member of the Auxiliary and I am very, very proud to wear this and be of assistance to a fine, fine organization. Where would the Sons be without its Auxiliary? It would be a lot further down the chart of progress than we are now. We can't do it without you. We greatly, greatly, greatly appreciate everything that you do to help us, to support us and the projects that you are doing, we support that. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Contrary to rumor, though, I am not running for Council here in this organization but someone did ask me when I am going to go through the chairs of the Auxiliary. (*laughter*) On behalf of Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief, I would like to present to you a small token of our esteem and his personal challenge coin and thank you very much, Virginia, for your service. (*applause*)

JAMES WARD PDC FL SUVCW: I will simply say that your voices in singing the Battle Hymn is far better than our voices! (*laughter*)

DAVID LAMB DC IA SUVCW: I am from the Department of Iowa. We were actually the first state in the Nation to present troops for Federal service in 1861. Per capita, we sent off more troops to the Union Army than any other state in the Union - 76,534 Iowans out of a population of approximately 120,000 men went off to fight in that conflict and 13,131 perished in that time period. One of the ladies of your own Order, Annie Wittenmyer, started one of the first orphanages for their orphaned children. For many years after the war, the Grand Army of the Republic didn't gain a lot of traction in Iowa. But the Women's Auxiliary did and for many, many years there was a distinct danger that all of that sacrifice would have been forgotten had it not been for the ladies of your Order and we honor you very deeply in the state of Iowa. I invite all of you to come out and see corn (*indicating height*) that is about that tall. (*laughter*) Thank you very much. (*applause*)

TAD CAMPBELL PDC CA JVCinC SUVCW: Brother Brad sent me from his home Department of California because he knew that I would be able to say the word "quasiquicentennial." (*laughter*) So I would like

to congratulate you on your quasiquicentennial. Thank you very much.  
(*applause*)

JUDY TREPANIER PNP CT: We are very happy that you were able to come and visit with us. We hope that you are having a very profitable Encampment and quiet one over there. (*laughter*) Thank you very much.

*The Sons Greetings Committee was escorted from the room.*

*The Greetings Committee was sent to the Ladies of the GAR.*

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Rachele Campbell PDP CA-PAC

That the National Secretary read all Department Recommendations as they came in to her. If they were not sent in to her, then the Department can do it.

SO VOTED

## **CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC:**

### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Whereas, job descriptions for National offices have been established and printed, and

Whereas, the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&R) do not specifically reference these job descriptions and are often vague about the duties of said National offices, and

Whereas, it would be beneficial for prospective candidates to understand the responsibilities and expectations of said offices, and

Whereas, it would be also be useful in holding officers accountable for the duties of their respective offices,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that detailed Job Descriptions for National Offices be included in, or referenced to, in the CR&R.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I am a little confused, I guess. In our CR&R it tells all the duties of the officers. If you don't feel that they are in full, then I guess we would have to have a CR&R Committee to go over the CR&R and update, but I don't think it can list every little tiny detail than an office holds. But we do have duties in it.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I know in the past that when we would leave the National Encampment, we would have a type-written job description given to each and every one of us. We are talking about printing and expenses. They are more or less outlined in the CR&R and

I think that it would be sufficient to have a type-written job description when they left encampment.

*Greetings Committee reported they were unable to visit the Ladies as they were on their visitation to the Sons.*

ANNA FRAIL PDP RI: I believe that what this is saying is that there is a different job description when you become a National officer. I got an envelope that had the job description for the Council. It does vary from what is in the CR&R. Looking at this from a work oriented prospective, whenever you go for a new job and you want to go up the ladder, you have a job description of what is expected of you. If making a decision on where you want to go, I think it would be very beneficial for everyone to have that job description in front of them to know what is expected of them before they even consider running for that office. And as far as expenses, our CR&R is now online. It is very easy to get a copy of it. You can print it off yourself and you don't need someone to send it to you so I think that kind of negates it as far as the cost goes.

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: The big confusion that we have is that we are new and we don't have traditions where we are at. All we have is the CR&R and some of us cannot hold positions. I work in a securities exchange business and there is no way I can hold a money job without filing a lot of paperwork. Not knowing that certain jobs are money jobs and it is not the description, that is what we are looking at. If the main job of a PI is not Patriotic Instruction but to raise money, you need to know that. A lot of you are older and retired. The average age in our department is 47. We are still working and we have a lot of things we have to deal with legally that no one had to do prior to 9/11. I hate that date for a lot of reasons. This is what we are after - an exact job description to keep us out of trouble. I know that this is not something that some of you have even thought about but some of us have to. That is the story behind most of this. Generalities are great, but we need to come down to specifics. We do that in the real world and we need to do that here, too.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: In the job description for the Patriotic Instructor, it does read that "She shall raise funds for the purpose of leaving a memorial in or near the convention city in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Any love gift authorized by the Encampment shall also be drawn from this fund."

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: I can well understand the need for details for newer members and we are delighted that we have newer, younger members. I would suggest it would have to be a separate section of the CR&R to give them full details of the duties. Am I correct?

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: There are three different sections in the CR&R - one for Auxiliaries, one for Departments and one for National. In the National section, it does tell you what you have to do. The descriptions of our officers' duties are very well highlighted. Departments and Auxiliaries may not have the Patriotic Instructor raise money. We can't control that part of it. I think that the National section's descriptions of our offices are pretty well up-to-date.

GLORIA FISHER DP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: I received what Faye described. However, I believe that in the CR&R it says the Chief of Staff's job is to raise funds. In my typed instructions, I have a #9 that says, "Provide all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's CR&R, National Encampment and/or National President and ensure a worry-free and delightful encampment for the National President." I don't believe that should be the Chief of Staff's job to ensure anything. We shouldn't have anything to do with the encampment unless you specifically tell us and it comes under raising funds for National. I agree. We do need a little more detail.

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I also received what Sister Gloria had but I also added to mine. I added some new things that I didn't know about until I talked to Sister Betty and Sister Judy and Sister Virginia. I added a few more things on my own and I showed Sister Virginia. When the next one comes in, I don't want them to be over-blown.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: When these job descriptions were voted on years back to go into the packets for the officers, they were asked at that time to please update anything you found you had to do so that the Secretary could help the next one coming up. These job descriptions that went out to the officers were to alleviate any CR&R mistake.

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN MA: Do we have to change it in the CR&R or can we add a section to the online version of complete job descriptions as it is currently with each person who is doing that particular job, so that incoming people could go to a specific place online that says it is the complete job description or do we have to amend the CR&R?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I was going to suggest that we need a committee to update the job descriptions and then put them online so everybody can see them.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: Somebody is talking behind me and I heard a very nice suggestion from the person. Possibly we could have an officers' handbook that could be more detailed instead of redoing the

CR&R. If it had to go online, then it would go online.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
 SECONDED by Anna Frail PDP RI  
 That the recommendation be sustained.  
 SO VOTED

CINDY FOX PNP PA: I think it is time that we do update our CR&R. We have all these amendments and all these pages and we are going to make changes. Let's get a committee and get our CR&R updated.

MOVED by Cindy Fox PNP PA  
 SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA  
 That we get a committee to update the CR&R, make all the changes, finalize a copy, get it ratified and printed.  
 SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #2:**

Whereas, our Order is very interested in new Auxiliaries and growth in general, and  
 Whereas, at the last National Encampment a condition was added requiring new Auxiliaries to have at least five (5) members present when the Auxiliary is chartered, and  
 Whereas, the minimum number of members required to form an Auxiliary is five (5), and  
 Whereas, Department and/or National officers may have traveled great distances and at great expense to conduct such chartering, and  
 Whereas, distances, schedules and other obligations in our modern-day life could make it difficult or impossible to have all members of a new Auxiliary present at the chartering,  
 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the requirement of five (5) members present for the chartering of a new Auxiliary be dropped.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
 SECONDED by Ann McMillin DP PA  
 That the recommendation be sustained.

**DISCUSSION:**

VERONICA MELLOR MA: Are the five members being dropped completely, or is it being lowered to three? As was read, they were dropping it completely.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: I did this for 11 years and Danielle

Michaels is now National Auxiliary Organizer. We allow three people to conduct an Auxiliary meeting yet you want to have five people present at the start of the Auxiliary. It is a small amount, but one of them could get the flu the morning of the Institution. A National President or Department President could have traveled to be there, are you then going to tell them that you can't form your Auxiliary because you don't have all five members there? I think three members must be present is a reasonable amount. In today's world many of these people may be a relative who may live 50 miles down the road, or who may have a job. Years ago Auxiliaries were in tight little neighborhoods and it is not that way anymore. I flew out to Utah and I did not have all five members there but we had enough that we instituted a new Auxiliary. Of course you would like to have them all there - that is the ideal situation, but it not always physically possible. I thoroughly agree that we take it back to at least three members must be present. I think that is reasonable.

KIMBERLY JOHNSON AP AUX AT LG IL: I think this is an amazing recommendation. Last year we got our charter and we just had our five. Thank goodness our junior member was there. It was probably the most stressful morning I have ever had. I thank Nancy Hilton for making it happen and all those at the National level for making sure it happened, but it was very stressful. By making it three, I would have had no stress or worry.

BARBARA INDAN PDP PA: Could we amend the recommendation to change it from "dropping the five" to "dropping the five down to three"?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Is it all right with California to amend?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL DP CA-PAC: Yes, it was my error. I meant to put "drop to three" in there.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION: That the requirement of five (5) members present for the chartering of a new Auxiliary be dropped to three (3).

SO VOTED

### **RECOMMENDATION #3:**

Whereas, during each annual National Encampment the complete reports of each Department, National Officer, and National Committee are read aloud verbatim, and

Whereas, this practice is quite time consuming and has the potential to cause the Encampment to run late and/or take time from other essential activities,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby

request that the annual reports of each Department, National Officer and National Committee be limited in the time allowed to be presented. National Officers be limited to four (4) minutes, Committee Chairs be limited to three (3) minutes, and Department Presidents be limited to two (2) minutes for oral presentations. The complete written reports will be submitted in writing for recording purposes.

DISCUSSION:

BARBARA INDAN PDP PA: Wouldn't that be up to the discretion of the President on how to run your meeting?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I tried to put that in my last General Order to limit the time spent. I asked for generalizations and then spread everything in full in the Proceedings.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY: I think it is the President's call but I do feel that most of our Presidents in the last few years have been conforming to this; however, how can you tell a National President or a Treasurer or Secretary whose reports are kind of lengthy that they have to talk for only four minutes? I believe that it is to the discretion and I don't think we need it in the CR&R.

JAN HARDING PNP CSPKE: We have been on one report for a very long time. It couldn't have been limited to two minutes, three minutes, or four minutes. It is a discussion that needed to seek itself out. I also know that in prior National Encampments we have said, "We are running out of time and we are going to put the Department Reports in the Proceedings" and no Department Reports were read. It seems as though we have spent a lot of time now, and I am not knocking that girls. It is just that the point made to limit things sounds good, but when you have something that you feel is important and is going to affect not just you but the future, you cannot put a hammer on time needed to resolve points as we are doing right now. California-Pacific brought something before us and we have been talking for quite some time. Suppose we would have put two minutes on what could be done. We need to have the opportunity to hear, to share, and to come to a good resolute decision so that our hearts can say, "OK we did what we feel is right." Thank you very much.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I have a Point of Order. Roberts Rules of Order states that no discussion will take place on the floor until the motion is made and seconded.

MOVED by Helen Granger MI  
SECONDED by Diane Mellor DP MA

That the recommendation be sustained.

#### DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: The time limits are for a general purpose and the reason is that for the last few years we have been coming to National Encampment not realizing the amount of business that we really have in front of us until we arrive here. So a Department President could show up with a 10 minute speech that is beautifully written and you are sitting here having to slash through it trying to get it down to a bare minimum of time because we know we have so much business to go on. I am not telling a National President that she is only going to get four minutes; it was more of a generality so that someone comes prepared knowing that they may only have four, three or two minutes. My original recommendation, the way it was written and we discussed this in detail at my Encampment, is not what is here. The original recommendation was to do similar to what our Brothers are doing and they printed their Department reports and hand them to everyone at the registration so every Sister can read at their leisure what the other Departments are doing. In our Encampment, you and I discussed it in our open forum on our floor that we are not at that point and we are not ready to go that direction, so we scaled it down. Thank you for putting it in your General Order, but I felt that we needed to have a little bit of reference point to just tell the Sisters as they are coming to be prepared that you are only going to have a limited period of time. Now, if we don't have tons of business that is coming before the floor, yes, we can all be lengthy and have grand speeches and talk forever. We all want to really do that because, trust me, I am extremely proud of the girls in California this year. They have done wonderful work and bless Melinie for taking over for me. She has continued a wonderful legacy in California but she was prepared knowing that she may only have two or three minutes for this speech because I told her that. I am helping my girls understand that business that needs to happen here is very important and we don't have to hear that we went to 36 picnics and 14 parades.

HELEN GRANGER MI: I think we are getting confused with the difference between reports and recommendations. A report is just a list of those things that you have done. The recommendations are those things that you would like to see happen in order to make the progress of our organization and to keep things moving. So when we are talking about a report, that's already been done. Personally, I don't want to sit here and listen to every single moment of every single day of every single event of each one of the officers over the course of the year. It is nice to know that you visited this group and that group and this group, but to go into any huge detail, all that becomes is just a bunch of verbiage. That is where I am agreeing with California and anyone else

in this place. We can submit our reports and get those in so we have it documented of what we did and then get on to business and the things that we think need to be done in this organization. One of those things is that we need to concentrate on the recommendations from those people who are out there working in our Auxiliaries.

GLORIA FISHER DP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: I would like some clarification. Are we just talking about limiting reports and nothing else. Because the discussion we are having now is important to all of us. We can't limit a discussion to something that is important.

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN MA: I would like to make an amendment to this recommendation. Can we change it to say that a limit of five minutes per report except for our President because I think it is nice to know what our President has done throughout the year. But I do agree that we do not need to hear what each and every person has done in a committee throughout the year.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We have a motion on the floor that we limit the report four, three and two minutes each. Are these exact times or approximate?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: They are approximate. It was more of a reference point.

SO VOTED

CINDY FOX PNP PA: Back when Danielle was President, we tried to get more history in our meetings and eliminate a lot of this, which I wholeheartedly believe in. Just the fact that a lot of our new Sisters are confused about what we actually doing, I do believe that we should spend more time educating the members.

**RECOMMENDATION #4:**

Whereas, the National Supply Officer is an important position, being responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, and distribution of Auxiliary property, and

Whereas, the existing inventory of supplies is an asset of the National Organization and is being held in trust by the National Supply Officer, and  
Whereas, the National Supply Officer is an appointed position, ultimately accountable only to the National President, and

Whereas, there is apparently no official job description for the National Supply Officer,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the office of National Supply Officer be made an elected,

rather than appointed office; and that an official job description for the National Supply Officer be established; and that among the duties of the National Supply Officer be the requirement to supply an inventory of the existing supplies on no less than an annual basis.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
SECONDED by Bev Graham CA-PAC  
That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MELINIE CAINES DP CA-PAC: The issue that we are trying to bring out is that the National Supply Officer is entrusted with assets of the corporation, so the corporation should vote on who has that responsibility.

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #5:**

Whereas, Proceedings of each National Encampment must be kept as a permanent record of the activities of the Encampment, and  
Whereas, the current practice of printing and mailing such Proceedings is expensive; frequently resulting in a cost to the National Organization of several thousand dollars, and  
Whereas, digital copies are virtually free to produce, are easier to distribute, can be posted on the National web site, and are readily searchable,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the Proceedings of each National Encampment be produced digitally, posted to the National web site as expediently as possible, and that only the number of copies required for legal and archival purposes be physically printed.

MOVED by Ann McMillin DP PA  
SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA  
That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sisters, before we go to the vote, I want to remind you that not all of us own computers or have them in our homes. I know I don't.

KIMBERLY JOHNSON AP AUX AT LG IL: Anyone who does not have a computer, I will gladly give you my card and I will pay for printing

it. I know plenty of other women who will. I understand that we don't all have access to a computer but I am sure that if you ask any of your Sisters, that they will print it and make sure you get it so it doesn't cost the Auxiliary.

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC

INSTRUCTOR: In the state of Michigan we automatically make copies for those Sisters who don't have computers. That way we don't have to have anyone mail it to us.

HELEN GRANGER MI: I think that the responsibility of making sure that our members are informed as to what is happening falls upon the shoulders at the state level to the Department President and then continuing that messaging down onto the shoulders of the President of each Auxiliary. At least one member in each Auxiliary is computer savvy, at least one. So whatever we can do to save the trees, if you want to put it in that kind of a thought process, and to lighten the load of the paperwork that we have to go through, I would be all for.

ANN MCMILLIN DP PA: My mother is not computer savvy, but she has a computer. But anytime something comes up that she doesn't understand, she is on the phone to me. I either walk her through the steps to get something or I process it myself and mail it to her. There are family members, there are neighbors, there are libraries that are there to help anyone who needs to get it. We are not limiting the access. We are trying to expand the access.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: Sister Judy, can I ask how many Proceedings you actually have printed?

JUDY MORGAN PDP OH NATIONAL SECRETARY: Everyone who attends the National Encampment gets a Proceeding. You pay a \$10 registration fee to help pay for this. Also two copies of Proceedings go to Departments - one for their use and one to put in their trunk. There is one copy sent for each Department's Auxiliaries. Every Past National President and every National Officer gets one. When I ordered the last one, I ordered 200 copies. A few are extra for the Secretary's trunk and a few for people who may want to buy them. The last printing bill was about \$1800. We do have to keep printing for the Auxiliaries and for the Departments. It is just the people here that would be able to get the digital copy, whether it is on a dvd or cd or if you get it from the internet. It is just whoever comes to Encampment that we would not have to print a Proceedings for.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: Judy answered one of the things I was going to say. We raised our registration fee to give

everyone that is here a copy of our Proceedings. If my mother were here as your Historian, she would be telling you that this is a very important part of your history. Your Proceedings needs to be put down the way it is being put down. I personally do not want to go online and print. To me it is an important part of history. I keep it, I like the cover on it. If I print it off of my computer, I have sheets of paper like this and to me that is not a nice historical item. We are paying for it. We already raised our registration fee to get it.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: Those of us who attend get a Proceedings and also the others that Judy listed. But also, if it is available digitally, it is available to those Sisters who do not attend - more readily available than the copies that are sent to Departments and Auxiliaries. I feel that this would be beneficial to more members to more readily access the happenings that are going on at the National Encampments and they should be better informed.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: If we have already paid through our registration this year, I think we should get our Proceedings as we have in the past. I have every Proceedings since I have been involved because I have saved them. Those floppy papers that I see going around do not match those Proceedings. When you get to become National President, you are very proud to see your picture in a very nice looking book.

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: If this does pass, us that are here will get a digital copy, our states will still have the printed copy so that we can put them in our trunks, so we will still be preserving our history in that book form.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I misunderstood then. I didn't know we were going to do both.

CINDY FOX PNP PA: That is not what the recommendation said. It says only the number of copies required for legal and archival purposes be physically printed.

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: Those are the copies that are legally needed, are they not? Then we need to find out just which ones are. The purpose of this was to give access as quickly as possible of the Proceedings. One of the problems we are having with the CR&R is that the changes that have been made in the past that are not in the current CR&R or how they have gotten there. There have been some missing pieces. They were really cleaned up last year. But there have been some things that some of the older members have said that we dropped them somehow. But getting these out digitally to everyone helps unify us, helps us grow and helps us stay together. I think that with the fact that Jan Harding set up

the Facebook page, I know some of you guys and I have never met you before. Digital information, Sisters, is the telephone that our mothers and grandmothers had that was greeted with excitement. We are not saying stop it, obviously we can't, but this will expand it. This will make it useful to everyone. That is the purpose of this recommendation.

ANNE BLACKBURN CSPKE: I think that we should amend it that it should be optional. If younger people would like to have it digital and those of us who would like a hard copy, we could choose when we sign in.

JANE GRAHAM PDP OH: I have two questions. May I ask Sister Cindy Fox one and Sister Betty Baker one? Cindy Fox, as our Parliamentarian, when we signed that book outside saying that we were registered, did we not enter into a legal contract that says we will get a Proceedings? Does it not say that it is a written Proceedings? I am asking for my clarification, not bringing up anything.

CINDY FOX PNP PA, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes.

JANE GRAHAM PDP OH: My second question is to Sister Betty Baker. Would we not receive our Proceedings at a cheaper price per book if we placed a larger order than the minimum copies required legally?

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: In my opinion yes, but that will have to be Sister Judy's answer because she is the printer part.

JUDY MORGAN PDP OH NATIONAL SECRETARY: Yes, it is true the more copies you order, the cheaper each will be.

HELEN GRANGER MI: I work in an industry that is all about communication and when we are talking about communicating with our members, this hard copy that those of us are attending get and we make changes to this particular document when we are talking about length of time when we make a decision about the CR&R what this is saying is that get it posted digitally, get it put onto the computer and get it so that the members can access it, not just this little group, but all of the members. What we are trying to do is to speed up the changes when we have a change to the CR&R within the next few weeks we can have the change put into a computer and into the document and then this paper when I go home gets literally thrown away because all the changes are going to be made and they are going to be in the CR&R.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I think we are getting off the topic. We are

talking about the Proceedings book. These other changes will be made because the CR&R is on the computer already.

HELEN GRANGER MI: What I am saying is that by producing it digitally, we have access and that can turn into paper if we want to. I just don't see the purpose of getting into this semantics about whether or not we get it digitally or whether or not we get a piece of paper.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: One point she is making and I'll clarify, so maybe it will help her, when any changes are made, they go into the National President's first General Order. All changes are printed. Judy gets that onto the web as fast as humanly possible. She will have all the changes there. The proceedings takes much more time to compile and to listen to tape recordings. There isn't any possible way, I feel, that our secretary could digitally put the whole Proceedings on the web within less than a year.

FRANCES MURRAY PNP ME: I don't think the members understand that the stenographer has to transcribe and that takes an awful long time, then she has to send her transcription to the National Secretary. The National Secretary looks it over and then sends it to the National President for her to look it over for it to be printed. It has to be approved by the National President before it would go to the printer, and now you are talking about the computer. This all takes time. Sometimes they do it by day and sometimes the secretary will send you the whole Proceedings to check. Then she may have to make corrections that you might want. It is time consuming. We used to send National Proceedings to National Presidents in hard cover. The last time that I did that, it was \$25 apiece.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: The recommendation that we brought on the floor has nothing to do with time limit. One question was brought about a legal contract that we sign here. I have never been given my own personal copy of the Proceedings. I have one copy that has come to California the entire years that I have been coming and it goes into our Department chest. I have never gotten my own personal copy and I have been coming since 2005.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I also have been to encampments since 2005 and I also have not received any Proceedings. I also did not know that I was signing a contract when I registered. I just thought I was signing in to attend a meeting, like an attendance report.

LINDA GUIOT RI: She had mentioned that it is going to go to certain areas while making this Proceedings but isn't it on the computer at first?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: No, it is being recorded right now and it can't

go out until it is approved by the secretary and by me. She will not be able to send it to me by computer, because I don't own one.

NOT CARRIED

*Chaplain attended the Bible for a short recess.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Secretary, please continue with the recommendations. Because we are running out of time, you cannot get up four or five times to talk on a subject.

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT:**

**Recommendation #1:**

Whereas, the IRS considers "Love Tokens" to be income, and  
Whereas, the only "Love Token" can be given to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Therefore we recommend, that the Love Token to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be the only Love Token given by the Auxiliary.

MOVED by Jane Graham PDP OH

SECONDED by Denise Oman WI

That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: The reason Massachusetts brought this is the only legal Love Token we can give is to the Sons. Right now, last year we voted to give every National officer a \$25 Love Token. We are illegally collecting that.

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #2:**

Whereas, by the current policy of paying "Love Tokens" to current officers, and  
Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service considers "Love Tokens" to be income, and  
Whereas, we must protect our organization and its past and present officers from the Internal Revenue Service,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment hereby request that said "Love Tokens" to officer be discontinued immediately.

MOVED by Heather Needleman, MA

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

That the recommendation be sustained.

#### DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I will explain that this is not the same as the other one. Because we are writing these recommendations before we know what is going to happen, we have to word it that the Love Token be discontinued. We want to discontinue any payments to National Officers except the ones that were still in there. In other words, the \$25 little Love Token that we did last year, I don't want it turned into a \$25 business expense or mileage check or something like that because we discontinued travel money.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: That is not what is explained here. We have to go according to how you wrote it. If you want to say there cannot be mileage, there cannot be travel expenses, hotel expenses, that has to be explicit. Right now the only thing we can vote on legally is to say no Love Token.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: May I ask what is being specified as Love Tokens at this point? I didn't take the mileage last year as Love Tokens. You are calling the mileage Love Tokens; what else are you calling Love Tokens? The CR&R tells me what I am supposed to pay; what are you calling Love Tokens?

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I am trying to rescind what we put in last year. I don't want any money paid in any way to the officers except for the National Treasurer, National Secretary and the National President. I feel that this is a non-profit organization in which we volunteer our time and any time that we receive money, it is income. I know that last year it was voted on because everybody felt that the officers deserved a little something for their job. I do the job out of the goodness of my heart. I also put money into my jobs and I don't feel that I should be compensated except for what is already in the CR&R. Betty handed me a check this morning for Chaplain expenses. I didn't know I was getting that. Believe me, my Chaplain expenses were a lot more than that. But those are expenses and I am not getting rid of those.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: So you wanted the section in our CR&R that says the officers were to get so many cents per mile the only one you are taking away and those are what you are saying are Love Tokens.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: In the officer's report we had that mileage still listed so we have to have some clarification on this.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: Last year the motion was to give all National Officers except the three a Love Token because they could no longer receive the \$.10 a mile mileage. I was obligated because that motion was passed to call it a Love Token in my Budget. It is a proposed Budget. If it needs to be changed, it can be taken out of there by vote of this organization.

HELEN GRANGER MI: Legitimate expenses should be with receipts and Love Tokens should be eliminated.

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #3:**

Whereas, by the current policy of nominating a full slate of officers, and Whereas, Sisters willing to serve are therefore unable to run for more than one office at National,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment hereby request that each office be nominated and elected individually until the entire slate of officers is filled.

MOVED by Anne Michaels WI

SECONDED by Tricia Bures, CA-PAC

That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I will take last year as an instance where we had more than one running for office. We continued on with our elections and then went back. Is that what we are discussing here? You can't stop the whole election and go out and ballot on Treasurer and then come back in. Is that what they want?

ANNE MICHAELS WI: I believe what you are saying is that if you are running against someone else and you don't get it, then you are kind of nothing for the year. This is giving you the option to run for something else.

VERONICA MELLOR MA: This is the way the men do it. They find that they have less controversy.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: The Sons have this all set up. They have everything printed up ahead. It might work for them, but the way we are now, we would be all afternoon trying to get through elections. If we had somebody running against somebody, then you are going to have to have your Tellers and have to take a vote, check that then come back

and start with the next one.

KIMBERLY JOHNSON AP AUX AT LG IL: Last year was my first encampment and it did seem kind of confused the way we did it, putting all the people up first. We still pretty much did the vote, checked the vote and then went to the next one. It is hard for me to remember all the people. It would be less confusing especially for people who are new. I don't think it would take any extra time.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I didn't mean to do away with the hand vote. We do not have to have a written ballot for each one. But we have a nomination, then does anybody else want to run, then if nobody else is running, then by a show of hands this person won. OK, then the next one and on and on until we get to a position that has more than one running. The Council will always be this way. If there are three seats open and four people running, then we should have paper ballots and find the three highest. That is the only time you would use the paper ballots, just like we have always done. It is only when we have more than one person running for a position. Otherwise we still do the hand ballot. We don't have to print anything. That's what Massachusetts wants to see. We feel that we are such a small group that comes to National that to lose somebody who is an asset and wants to work as a National officer and because she didn't win the one spot that she ran for, it is a shame. Maybe she could have run for something else and still be involved in the National aspect of learning and teaching in this organization.

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #4:**

Whereas, per Internal Revenue Service laws, all monies received are considered income, and

Whereas, it is considered against the law to not report any and all income above \$600.00, and

Whereas, we should be protecting our Sisters from harm, and

Whereas, we should be working towards the best interest of our Organization,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment hereby request that no monies, budgeted or otherwise, be dispersed without a proper receipt, including those paid to all officers, elected or appointed.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH

SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA and Veronica Mellor MA

That the recommendation be sustained.

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #5:**

Whereas, by the current policy of wearing white dresses, and  
Whereas, the availability of decent dresses are getting harder to find, and  
Whereas, the length of said dresses is not specified, and  
Whereas some of our sisters need guidance in their choice of dress, and  
Whereas, some of our sisters do not feel comfortable in dresses,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of  
Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment; hereby request  
that the dress code be changed to include white ankle length dress slacks  
and that dress length be below the knee.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Bev Graham CA-PAC

That the recommendation be sustained.

**DISCUSSION:**

JUDY HRITSKO OH: I make a suggestion that the dress length be knee length.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I know that several years ago we did say shorter skirts were allowed but they had to come below the knee. That is already passed.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: I am a throw-back. I am the first one to tell you that I wear slacks all the time that I can. I have come to National long enough that I have seen when everyone on the floor and everyone in the room that was a Department President, Past Department President, Past National President wore floor length gowns. It was gorgeous. Now we have gone to the dresses. We have a mixture on the floor with the Color Guards and the Guides. Now we are going to add slacks to the mix. I understand that. My point would be, and I suppose it would not really be enforceable, that the four girls who are on the floor at least match, because it looks less than classy and we are a classy group.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: I'll be brief. I thought we were inclusive not exclusive. Do we really have to have the women kneel to make sure that it is going to touch the ground? Young ladies, if they wear the zig-zag rather than straight across, are we going to go measuring to the top? Can we not say respectable, reasonable attire because you are going to turn off the people that cannot find an outfit. Go shop for an outfit. It takes all year. *(applause)*

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: Where would I find said dress code other than in something someone has told me? Where is it?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: It came out in an General Order several years ago.

JOYCE MCMILLIN PA: I do not approve of the idea of slacks because it is too easy to go one degree and then other people are going to take it farther and farther. We will be seeing jeans in here. We are ladies. I agree that knee length dresses are fine, ankle length dresses are fine but I don't think we should have slacks.

GLORIA FISHER PDP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: I agree with both Sisters Ramona and Danielle. Floor workers need to match.

ANNE MICHAELS WI: A lot of times when you come to National you don't know each other and you don't communicate that well, and how do you expect us to match if we are just appointed at National that day?

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Can the Department of Massachusetts have one minute to caucus to see if we want to change our recommendation?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We have one more on the floor before you, then we will allow that.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I was just going to say that I do not feel that we should be going to slacks. We are a ladies group and we should be ladies.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: The Department of Massachusetts has requested a short meeting. If they would go to the back of the room, please.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: The Department of Massachusetts would like to change their recommendation. We would like to change it to take out slacks to read "that the dress code be a dress length that is below the knee and that the dress code be printed in the CR&R.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: First of all, we have to rescind the old motion.

MOVED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA

SECONDED by Linda Kronberg PDP MI

That the previous motion be rescinded so the recommendation may be reworded.

SO VOTED

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA

SECONDED by Denise Oman WI

That the dress code for National Officers and Floor Workers be white dresses or skirts below the knee and that it be printed in the CR&R.

DISCUSSION:

CINDY EDDY CA-PAC: I went shopping specifically to buy a dress for this encampment because I felt I did not have anything that was appropriate. There are lots of sun dresses that I thought would be inappropriate for this setting. There are a whole variety of dresses and there is a variety of women here so you can see the entire spectrum. This is what I spent money to come here and I would like to respectfully ask the Department of Massachusetts if this would be considered inappropriate because it is at the knee and not down below.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I would have to see you sit down, Cindy. I think you look beautiful, OK, and you are a lady and keep your knees together. I am sorry, but even though you ladies are beautiful people, I have sat across the room and looked at tushies. I am sorry - I just want your tushies covered!

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Cindy, you are not a National Officer or an appointed one, so what you are wearing is perfectly appropriate for what you are. You look lovely.

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC

INSTRUCTOR: I think that if you have a white dress and you feel comfortable in it and are working on the floor, that's fine.

HOPE PARKER NY: I think there is something to be said for tradition, obviously. Look at our past right here in front of us. I think that there is something to be said for individuality. I think there is something to be said for appropriate dress and I understand how some people may not agree or understand our choices in clothing. I think that the dress code should be more of a tradition instead of a rule.

*Recommendation was re-read.*

SO VOTED

**RECOMMENDATION #5:**

Whereas, our National Encampments are held in many places, and  
Whereas, our Sisters travel from near and far at great cost to some, and  
Whereas, our Sisters should be allowed to participate and give their  
opinions, and

Whereas, every Sister should be entitled to vote for what they consider  
the best for our organization, and

Whereas, the membership is not as large as it once was, and

Whereas, with so many Sisters having an automatic vote, and  
Whereas, the “delegate situation” has become out of control with many  
departments just putting names in,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of  
Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment; hereby request  
that each attending Sister in good standing be allowed to vote at National  
Encampments, and  
Let it further be resolved that “delegate cards” be given to attendees by  
their department, showing that they are in good standing.

CINDY FOX PNP PA PARLIAMENTARIAN: The only thing  
that makes it legal is that it is in our CR&R. If they pass this  
recommendation, it changes the CR&R.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: The motion is not on the floor yet I have  
got to be impartial here. So I want to explain how I feel the delegates  
and delegate cards make it more equal from each Department. If one  
Department has 40 people here and every single one of them has a vote,  
then that Department is going to take over everything.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI  
That the recommendation not be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

KIMBERLY JOHNSON AP AUX AT LG IL: I wanted to remind  
everyone that the only way you get a vote is by showing up. It may not  
happen often, but a Department may have ten to fifteen delegates but  
only two come, so they forfeit all those extra votes. It is something that I  
thought we should keep in mind.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: It is now lunch time and, in fact, it is past  
lunch time. Please, ladies, remember to keep your remarks as specific as  
you can, because we really have to get through all of this before 2:00.  
Please be back at 1:00.

*Chaplain attended the altar to recess for lunch at 12:05.*

**FOURTH SESSION  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011  
1:13 P.M.**

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Diane, will you open the Bible, please.

*(so done)* Could I have the reports from the Visitation Committees, please?

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Sister President, had you been there, you would have been received with hugs and kisses - lots of kisses! We waited a little bit and I got to hear what the other Order had to say to the men. The men were told that they should work together and then in another breath they were saying, "But you guys were working very good this year." When I walked in, it was like a different atmosphere. Everybody was smiling and everybody was clapping. They hadn't even announced me yet and they were really responding to us being Auxiliary. When I went up there, I gave hugs to all of them and said that we had three handsome men who let us know they were for us...and one Sister Jimmy! *(laughter and applause)* They just roared with that because it is the family, the Brother and Sister atmosphere. What I told them for you was that he said they couldn't be without us and I said that for a family, we can't be without our Brothers. I also encouraged them that if they don't know how to start an Auxiliary, they should see me and I will help them. We had a standing ovation. *(applause)*

ANN MCMILLIN DP PA: Myself and PNP Judy Trepanier visited the Ladies. We wished them a great and harmonious encampment. They were in the middle of business so we had to wait a little bit, but when we got in it was a very polite social time. They sent a little gift because they missed their visitation earlier. They weren't sure that they were going to make it back over, so they sent their gift and wished you a harmonious encampment as well.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Thank you. You may approach my station. Thank you, very much.

Sister Jan, do you have the Charitable Activities Report?

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: Sister National President, you gave me the obligation to do the Charity Report. I must admit to all these Sisters that I am dyslexic. In order to do everything that was needed, I asked Helen Geppi, who is an excellent professional secretary, to assist me. I told that since she just retired from being a church secretary for 19 or 20 years, I have a job you are going to love! She went through it like a buzz saw, loved every minute of doing it and the end result was she became the Chairman of the Charitable Committee and I became her Assistant.

HELEN GEPPI PDP CSPKE: Sisters, I wish to report that many Auxiliaries and Departments, as you can see, sent in their Charitable Reports. I want to keep this brief as possible because we have a lot to do, so I won't read each individual one. To keep our Uncle Sam

smiling and happy we need to keep a record of the Auxiliaries' activities. Department Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents need to make sure that each Auxiliary member completes the Charitable Activities Report and then forward them to our National Chairperson. It doesn't take long and the result is that Uncle Sam will be happy.

### CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Reports were received from fifteen Departments and five Auxiliaries at Large.

Hours Volunteered: 27,140 @ \$7.25 =	\$196,765.00
Material Donations:	117,055.00
Cash Donations:	57,228.81
Mileage: 128,920 @ \$.14	<u>18,048.80</u>
Grand Total	\$389,097.61

The following are special projects reported by our Sisters for this past year:

**Chesapeake:** Decorated Union graves, Veterans Day activities, American Heritage Girls Group, Memorial Service at G.A.R. Church, held services at Memorials to Union Veterans at Loudon National, Arlington National, Gettysburg National, Maryland Monument, Greeters for the Illumination at Gettysburg National Cemetery, Adopt a Position program, Woolson Monument care, placed flags on cemeteries, flew flags 24 hours a day.

**Connecticut:** Wreaths Across America, Church and Veterans Homes programs, Human Services holiday baskets

**Aux. at Large #20 Illinois:** Repaired GAR flower pot and placed flowers in it for Memorial Day, carried Auxiliary banner in Memorial Day Parade, contributed to the SUVCW Logan Camp's Memorial Day Ceremony

**Iowa:** Toys for Tots, Put a Squadron in Your Stocking, St. Josephs Emergency Shelter, Animal Lifeline, Miracle of the Bell, Meals from the Heartland, Eddyville parade & fundraiser for CW monument, deliver food to Des Moines Area Religious Council, flag retirement, setting flags at cemetery, Freedom for Youth, Iowa Battle Flag Restoration Project, INGOA Teddy Bear Project

**Maine:** 50 catheter bag covers for Veterans Homes, quilt raffle for 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry Monument

**Michigan:** Toys for Tots; Military Care Packages; plant flowers at Civil War monument; make raffle baskets, fleece blankets and quilts for Veterans

**Aux. at Large #215 Missouri:** Two youngest members collected 19,000 soda tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Tab Drive

**New Jersey:** Helped with a ball at St. Mary's School in Vineland, NJ

**New York:** Auxiliary #72 would like to thank PC-in-C Richard

Greenwalt for clipping and organizing their coupon donation to military families. Total value of coupons was \$33,757.05.

**Aux. at Large #2 Oklahoma:** Union soldiers' grave markings, serving on Board of Directors of Tulsa Genealogical Society, helping Sons Camp, Ladies Civil War Tea

**Pennsylvania:** Gravestone restoration, program to honor Civil War Nurse Ellen Mitchell, collected donations and food for needy veteran's family, donation to Rest on Arms monument and cancer research, food for V.A. women's program, volunteer at VFW, added 1600 graves to SUV graves data bank, medicine bottles for V.A. hospitals, blankets for needy

**Rhode Island:** Fence painting and minor repairs at Gov. Sprague Mansion, Veterans Needs Drive

**Aux. at Large #1 Texas:** Toiletries and books donated to V.A. hospital

**Vermont:** Co-chaired committee which organized a County History Fair, set up exhibits and provided food for day-long event

**Wisconsin:** Adopted unit in Afghanistan, headstone replacement, Christmas for Veterans, donation to historic Lafayette Church, Paralyzed Veterans of America Wheelchair Games

Helen Geppi PDP and Janice Harding PNP, Co-Chairs

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Judy, are you ready for the next round of recommendations?

## **OHIO:**

**Recommendation #1:** Whereas the position of National Supply Officer is an appointed position, and

Whereas the appointment could change annually, and

Whereas the position was created to help the National Treasurer and requires storage of merchandise, and

Whereas the position requires an inventory of merchandise, records of receipts, and records of expenditures,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the position of National Supply Officer should be an elected position with a term of three years and appropriate changes made to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the Ritual, effective immediately.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sisters, before we get started on any motions, I want to remind everyone that we have to be brief. You all have a copy of these recommendations, so you should have read them by now. Please keep your comments very brief.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA

SECONDED by Veronica Mellor MA

That the recommendation be sustained.

## DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: I think why they are putting the term on, and I don't mean to put words in anyone's mouth, but I think they are putting some kind of term down so that it can come up to a vote. That does not mean that you have three years in and then you have got to move out. It just means that like other positions, after the term ends that it comes before the floor again, voted on and on it goes, but at least it comes to the floor and that we don't have to visit it every year.

VERONICA MELLOR MA: I would actually like it to actually be five years.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I agree.

## NOT CARRIED

MOVED by Veronica Mellor MA

SECONDED by Faye Carlisle

That the elected position of National Supply Officer be a five year term.

SO VOTED

**Recommendation #2:** Whereas dual means two, and  
Whereas a number of members belong to more than two Auxiliaries, and  
Whereas the practice has not had a significant increase in the number of  
Auxiliaries,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that a section should be added to the  
Constitution, Rules and Regulations defining Dual Membership in no  
more than two Auxiliaries at the same time.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH

SECONDED by Heather Needleman MA

That the recommendation be sustained.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: Point of Order. Can your own Department recommend that?

CINDY FOX PNP PA PARLIAMENTARIAN: There is nothing written that says your own Department can't make the motion.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: My question here is, what is the difference whether you belong to one, two, three, or five? If you are paying the dues, the money is coming to National as well. So how is that harming our National Order if you are helping the various Auxiliaries? That is the only comment I have.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: To me it is a matter that dual means two. If we want to change it to multiple memberships, fine, but if you say dual, to me that means two. If we are allowing people to belong to more than two Auxiliaries, then we have a Multiple Membership and not a Dual Membership.

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: What is being described as dual is two only. But dual doesn't necessarily mean only between two. Dual, dual, dual - we are not referring to two. You can have Dual Membership with three Auxiliaries.

NOT CARRIED

**Recommendation #3:** Whereas Members at Large should be encouraged to join Auxiliaries whenever possible, and Whereas Members at Large who become members of Auxiliaries provide more support to local Auxiliaries, and Whereas Members at Large who join Auxiliaries have a closer relationship to our Organization, Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Constitution should be changed to eliminate Section 3 of Chapter 2, Departments, Article II Membership which provides for Department Membership at Large.

MOVED by Ann McMillin DP PA

SECONDED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA

That the recommendation not be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

KIMBERLY JOHNSON: I have read that paragraph and I don't understand a word of it. Could someone explain this to me in English language, I would very much appreciate it.

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: We have National Members at Large because they live in places where there are no Auxiliaries. We also have Department Members at Large who are people within a Department that exists. Rather than joining a local Auxiliary, they chose to belong to the Department at Large. They are not getting the same kind of relationship with the Auxiliary as they would have if they would choose to join one. It is not that there are none available, it is that they choose not to join a local one. My Department has endorsed this, but my own personal feeling is that you get more out of a relationship with the Auxiliary if you are in a local one. I always learn better by watching, observing, asking questions, reading. All those things help me.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY: I totally disagree with that, I'm sorry. New

York Department itself has just received two into Membership at Large and they do not live near an Auxiliary at all in the state of New York. We can't drive from one town to another in New York. We have to take six hours to go someplace. We do not have Auxiliaries everywhere in New York state. We are trying, but we don't. I think that the best thing to do is to keep these people and having Membership at Large in New York or any other state helps you keep your membership and they were so proud to be able to become members. They get Department Orders, invitations, General Orders, they get everything that a member of an Auxiliary would get.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: I wholeheartedly agree with Betty. At the moment we do not have an active Membership at Large in Pennsylvania, but we did. It is six hours from one end of our state to the other. This way they at least they get invitations to local things, to our banquets, and so forth. We are going to build it up again and so I thoroughly disagree with this.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: I merely have a question for Pennsylvania and New York. Why cannot the Members at Large just belong to an Auxiliary and the Auxiliary talk back and forth. Is the Department doing all that mailing?

BETTY BAKER PNP NY: We have some that do not want to because they feel that if they can't become an active part with us, that they do not want to belong, but if they could be an active MAL, get everything and attend things if possible, then they will join. We have had this happen several times.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: We put our Ladies in one of our Auxiliaries. That way they would be constantly in touch with one another.

SO VOTED

**Recommendation #4:** Whereas, it is necessary to be fair to everyone who is running for a National office,  
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the list of endorsements received by the National Secretary shall remain in confidence and in her possession to be read to everyone at the same time during the reading of communications at the National Encampment. In order to maintain the integrity of the election process, no one except the National Secretary shall have access to the list of endorsements.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH  
SECONDED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA

That the recommendation be sustained.

#### DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Usually that information is also shared with the Past National Presidents. The Past National Presidents look at that and if there is a void, because they are coming from various states, they know who is available, so that can be brought up on the floor. There is planning in advance so that the meeting runs smoothly and if there are spots to be filled, rather than, "Oh my goodness, it is 2:00 and we have to start looking. I need to call that person now." We would have been doing it two days in advance.

FRANCES MURRAY PNP ME: For many, many years when a state nominated one of their members like I was nominated for National President, this was sent out to the other states to be read in their conventions. Other states endorsed me or endorsed other people. At one National Encampment we got here and there were six people running for Chaplain. That wouldn't have happened if other people had known that others were running for Chaplain. I think everybody should know who is running for National office. Why be a secret?

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH: I understand that the reason this was done was so that we would have a full slate of officers. Past National Presidents normally have this information. I know of one time that I knew that someone else was endorsed. But I will tell you all what happened to me last year and I do not believe that any person who wants to run for an office in this Organization should ever receive a phone call that I received. I was called by a Past National President and asked and tried to be convinced not to run for an office. No one should be subjected to that. I am a fairly strong person. I did what I thought was best. I had a reason that I ran. I thought I could do the job and I felt that I should have that opportunity. When prior knowledge is used in this manner, then perhaps it should not be had. The only time that I knew in advance who was running for what office was when Sister Virginia came to the Ohio Department Encampment and we voted you an endorsement. It has always been a fairly closely kept thing. I became aware that other people besides Past National Presidents knew that I was running before the endorsement was read. I feel that the privilege has been abused.

CINDY FOX PNP PA PARLIAMENTARIAN: I do want to point out that in all of our elections for government, all candidates are known ahead of time and voted upon in that manner. I do not believe that our elections should be secret at all.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I feel sorry. I have never heard a story like

this that a Past National would call somebody and tell them that. I would like to apologize for our organization if that happened to Ramona, and I don't doubt her word. I am sorry. That should never have been done. Everybody is entitled to run for whatever offices are available. You should never have received a phone call like that. I can't even believe it and I don't doubt you. I just find it amazing that anybody would do that so I think we owe her an apology.

ANNE MICHAELS WI: I ran against you and I ran against you. I didn't know that either of you were running that year. I would never have ran against you and sometimes that becomes kind of a combatant kind of thing. I think it is nice to know who is running because you may not want to step in their way. You want the best for the Order and to know who is out there and who is running for everything. Like you said, the Sons have that on the internet and have it readily available. It is no secret at all. I think it would be nice for the general public and for us to know who is running for what.

NOT CARRIED

### **PENNSYLVANIA:**

**Recommendation #1:** Change the Per Capita Tax report back to a quarterly basis, which is every three months. In the past the dates were: March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st.

MOVED by Hope Parker NY  
SECONDED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: We are addressing this in Officers' Reports. Do you want to decide now or then?

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: We might as well hear what the Officers Report has got to say about it.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: When we changed this, it was to save money on all levels on postage and work on our Secretaries. I know that my daughter took the position of Secretary/Treasurer of Massachusetts. She is a working girl with two children and the thing is that if she had to do this three or four times a year, it would be very hard. We did not even bring it up at our Department that we were changing and the reason that we didn't bring it up is because the Department itself kept it tertiary. The Department collects three times a

year and we send it to National once a year.

**KIMBERLY JOHNSON:** My only concern is communication. I know not everyone is computer savvy but there emails on the web when I had questions on dues. I did send some emails out that I didn't get responses to. I was really worried about getting these in because I had no idea when it was due. Whatever we decide, we need to make sure that the information is given out at least a couple of months ahead of time and a minimum of thirty days saying this needs to be in, because I want my Auxiliary to stay strong and I don't want to get suspended because we didn't know something.

**BETTY BAKER PNP NY:** I would like to say, and I think this is within the rules, that we could table this discussion until we hear the other recommendation that are coming out of the Officers Report. I put one in that I believe three times a year is sufficient. It helped the National Treasury not fold. I think we can table it until then.

**MOVED** by Hope Parker NY  
**SECONDED** by Barbara Indan PDP PA  
 That the recommendation be rescinded.

**PRESIDENT VIRGINIA:** We are going to table this discussion until the other one comes up because they are almost identical.

**Recommendation #2:** Eliminate Budget Director position at National level. Budget outlines are in the CR&R.

**PRESIDENT VIRGINIA:** This one is also in the Officers Report.

**MOVED** by Diane Mellor DP MA  
**SECONDED** by Danielle Michaels PNP WI  
 That we table any recommendations that are coming up that are duplicates until we have them all together in the Officers Report.  
**SO VOTED**

**Recommendation #3:** Bring back Girl Scouts Gold Awards given to Girl Scouts on achieving the highest level in their order. When mailing certificates to Girl Scouts, include history of our Organization, application for membership, and the address and phone number of a member to contact for more information.

**ANN MCMILLIN DP PA:** There seems to be confusion. Our Department actually voted for two recommendations to be sent to National. I believe these others came from the Officers Report and Committee Officers report from Faye Carlisle and they were slipped

under the Department of Pennsylvania's recommendations. These were never discussed at our Department Encampment and I feel that bringing them up under the guise of Pennsylvania Department Recommendations is unfair to us because we are presented as saying, this is what we wanted, but we haven't voted on them. I would like them considered under Faye Carlisle's Officers Report but I don't want them to come up at this time as the Pennsylvania Department's.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: Sister President, because I was on a National committee and I have not given that report, my recommendation on that National Committee is just what we are talking about.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: I'm sorry, Ann. I think it was my fault because I clipped them together when I sent them to Judy. We are done with Pennsylvania's recommendations.

### WISCONSIN:

**Recommendation #1:** Whereas the National Encampment can be exciting and fast paced, proceedings can also become confusing and overwhelming. At times, membership cannot keep track of all resolutions and requested changes. The Department of Wisconsin requests that all resolutions, changes to the CR&R, and other items of concern to all, be presented to the general membership prior to the National Encampment. Resolutions can be provided via the National website or upon registration. Prior knowledge of upcoming changes and suggestions can only lend for more educated discussion and smoother presentation at the National Encampment.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor MA  
SECONDED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
That the recommendation be sustained.  
SO VOTED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We are done with the Department recommendations. We will now have the committee reports so that any recommendations on the committee reports can be read - Sister Faye, your committee on ROTC.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: All of my reports have been filed with the Secretary. I have a copy here, but I am going to be brief about it. I went to Danielle Michaels who seems to have a lot of knowledge about the ROTC. After having a conversation with her and answering a lot of questions like they do get four years of free education, the purpose of us giving them a badge, which is an expensive badge from what she tells me, and it only gives them an additional badge sort of towards good

conduct like when they become an officer after school. So when I looked at that and looked at the Girl Scouts, who incidentally are going to be 100 years old next year because they were organized in March, 1912. I couldn't understand why we as an organization, and I heard that last year we had stopped honoring the Girl Scouts who reached the Gold level. Upon some research I found out that it went beyond the Gold level and was starting to honor the Silver level. That was not the original tenant of that whole thing. It was just to honor the Gold, which was almost like honoring the Eagle Scouts. So I would like to bring it back to where we are just honoring the Gold and send them a certificate signed by our National President. I felt it was an honor to be able to sign those and send them to those girls. We don't necessarily have to put a gold seal on them. It says gold on it so if we are talking about expense, we don't have to do that. But at least honor them and maybe enclose a little pamphlet about the history of our Organization and give them a couple of phone numbers so they can contact us if we have created an interest. At least we might be able to get some members out of the Girls Scouts. I don't know how many we would get out of the ROTC. That is my recommendation.

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: We don't just mail out. What we do, and Barbara Mayberry started, is we go. The local Auxiliary will go and present the certificates to these girls. We are now having teas with the Girl Scouts and even with the younger girls. On our site you will see that we have a couple of kids this big dressed in Civil War clothes and learning how to do a Civil War dance. To us, we need to reach these girls early.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Point of order. This is an open forum, ladies. This is about ROTC. Girl Scouts is a totally different organization. I am not cutting down the Girl Scouts or saying that they are not important, but what is on the floor is the ROTC badge.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: OK, I will go back and rescind everything I said and I will just discuss the ROTC. I did not think we should continue with the ROTC badge because of the expense involved and they do benefit greatly compared to what other things I would like to recommend.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: Let me explain the ROTC for everybody because Faye and I had a conversation. This has been going on for several years. Originally when I brought it up, it was to honor the young women and men that are going to be our leaders and it would have been Junior ROTC, which would be high school, as well. However, in order to get that badge and the ribbon that goes on their uniform, it must be available to everyone of the units that applied. The Sons originally gave it out and what a lot of the schools are doing is writing, saying we

have someone in our group that we would like to honor at our banquet or dedication. We will pay for the badge and shipping, you send it our way. It has grown from a few to hundreds to over a thousand now. What we would be doing is in order for us to have the Auxiliary badge and ribbon for them recognized for young ladies, it would cost us several thousand to start this up in getting a badge and ribbon, and then they would pay for the badge and shipping, so you would have money in, badge out. This would be taking place in April, May and June during graduations and just before graduations. So we would get our name out, but it had turned into something that is a lot more. The pure thought was to recognize the military somehow, but now that money in, money out and all this other work, it is too much to ask one individual to do that. We could barely get our supplies out because Michelle has a handful of things. To have one individual just in charge of one badge and all those, shipping it out, that's asking too much. We are not a business. So that's where the progression ends. So now I will sit down because you had a comment as to whether it goes or not.

BETTY WHEELER MAL NY: I don't understand why you want to get a female badge when it is already being taken care of. I am the Quartermaster's wife. When they send an application to Danny, it doesn't matter whether it is male or female; they get the same kind of badge, so it is all taken care of.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: But that is labeled "Sons." If the Auxiliary wanted a badge we would have to get a different color ribbon and a different badge. Women's Relief Corps has a whole different one. Daughters has a different one. We would choose whether our recipient is going to be a male or female, but we would have to have our own individual badge and colored ribbon approved by the Armed Forces.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

That we discontinue any further research trying to do the ROTC badges and start off with the Girl Scouts Gold Awards.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Let me read the recommendation as it was sent to me, as there is a little bit of confusion here. This is the recommendation that was sent to me: The recommendation for honoring ROTC Cadets is too expensive for medals, plus they receive four years of free education. We would like to replace honoring the ROTC Cadets with honoring the Girl Scouts who have achieved the highest Gold Award.

In this recommendation, both were combined.

## DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: When I was National President, I started the Gold Award. I got in touch with the Girl Scouts in Philadelphia, had to give them the history of our Organization, they approved us and gave us permission to have their sign on the certificate. It was strictly for the ones who got the Gold Award and was stated by another Sister here, we made the biggest effort we could to have someone from the Auxiliary present when they received the Gold Award. It wasn't always possible, but we did our best. When Barbara Mayberry took over, she decided to extend it to the Silver Award and that is how that came about. I would like to recommend that we go back to strictly giving the Gold Award to those that attain that.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I am sorry, but that is two motions in one about two different subjects. We have to handle the ROTC award before we can go to the Girl Scout Award.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: The recommendation has both in it.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: That doesn't mean that the recommendation is correct.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I will be the first to admit it. She is just reading it as written.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: So we have to vote down the motion that is on the floor with both of them so we can make a legal vote?

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
 SECONDED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
 That we do not do ROTC.  
 SO VOTED

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
 SECONDED by Emily Breough MI  
 That we go back to giving the Girl Scout Gold Awards and be there when possible and include our history and other information on our Order.

## DISCUSSION:

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN MA: Being a Girl Scout leader, there is nothing on the National website indicating that this is an honor that the girls can achieve at reaching the Gold Level. If we decide to go with this, which I really think is an awesome idea, when reaching the Gold

Level, most girls don't stay in past sixth grade. So for them to reach this level is amazing and we should honor them, but we need to address it on the National level of the Girl Scouts, just not individual states. Pennsylvania was great, but we need to get it into the National.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: I contacted the Philadelphia office and they investigated it for their national level.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: So the National Girls Scouts do know about it. If we start giving it out again, we can ask them to put it on their website. But this is just discussion at this point.

KIMBERLY JOHNSON IL: I understand that this would just be a printing cost.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I will pass this around. This is what it looks like and Doris Schlenker's son designed this.

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: To continue with what Sister Kim said, I have been a Girl Scout Leader since I was 16, legally from the time I was 18. I still am; I am a life member. We need something that looks as classy as possible. We have better methods now to prepare the certificates. We need a good one and I will be happy to put it together.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: In my year as National President, it was a very nice certificate that I would print and send to the girls.

SO VOTED

## CR&R COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation #1:** Do away with Budget Director.

A. National Treasurer should be able to handle all matters dealing with budget receipts and disbursements, outlined in CR&R.

B. All disbursement receipts are signed by National President and an audit is performed yearly.

C. National Treasurer is bonded, which protects the organization.

D. The definition of Budget means guideline estimated cost of operating.

*Recommendation tabled.*

**Recommendation #2:** Lifetime Membership Fee

A. One set amount, regardless of age.

B. Amount recommended \$250.00.

MOVED by Heather Needleman MA  
SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA  
That the recommendation be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I don't know how many know when this Life Membership thing started, but it was back in Marion Combs' year. This was set up to help our Organization establish a fund to keep us going. I have been pushing for two years that we need to get with the times. For me to put \$200 in the bank today, you are getting nothing, why do it? I still say that you need to raise your fee. I am not opposed to making it one for everybody, but I am opposed to this amount. If it is going to be a program that we are going to use for our future, then it needs to come into the future times. If I were to buy a life membership back 50 years ago, I wouldn't have to do a thing now.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: If it were meant to be kind of a fund raiser, so you are saying you don't want \$200 or \$250? We are not rich individually that we could throw that kind of money at National. Really, what do you get out of being a member other than the little gold pin. That is a donation to the Auxiliary and I feel that to say no at any cost is a missed opportunity.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: The thing I find with this Life Program is people buy it thinking, "OK, I don't have to do anything now. I don't have to pay dues to my Auxiliary. I don't have to pay dues to my Department for per capita tax." It says in our CR&R that no more per capita is going to be paid on these members who are Life Members. So where are your funds going to come from if everyone in this room owned a Life Membership and decided that they were not going to support their Department because they didn't have to? A lot of us do it because we care about the Organization, but look at the future. What happens if all of a sudden they don't?

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: You are still making money, because even if it is \$6.00 into the \$250.00, how many years that is going to be? Unless we have someone young join and do that, you are still making money. That is not to say that should be communicated. It is a lack of communication to the membership that you need to pay your dues to your local, but this is a National thing and that money stays with National, so you need to help out locally. It needs to be reworded but it is still money back to National.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: In the CR&R, starting at age 50 it is \$350 and at 65 and over it is \$200. My reasoning was to bring it together in

the middle. I have a Life Membership and I still pay my per capita tax. Nobody says you can't pay your per capita tax.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: So do I.

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I should have probably added "starting at 50 years old" to the recommendation.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: It has already been motioned, seconded and discussed. We have to vote on this one. If you want to change it, we can go that route.

NOT CARRIED

### **Revised Recommendation #2:**

MOVED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA

SECONDED by

That we have a Life Membership at a fee of \$250.00 for members age of 50 and above.

DISCUSSION:

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA:

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: What are you going to do about the young people out there who want to buy one?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: I have been a member for 12 years. I have had my Life Membership for 10 years. I paid \$350.00 because I am under the age of 50. It would take me 41 years to get down to what we are paying for per capita right now out of what I paid with that \$350.00. I was extremely proud when I bought my Life Membership and it wasn't because I didn't want to pay my dues or I didn't want to pay my per capita tax. I pay my dues to my home Auxiliary and I pay my per capita tax to my Department. Then I give money on top of that for other things that we do in our Department, Auxiliary and here at National, because I have an extreme pride in this Organization and I want to be a Life Member and my husband is also a Life Member of the Sons. We are proud of that little gold bar, because that says something to people that says I am not here for a passing fancy or a hobby. This is a life passion for me.

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: I am going to die before you get the money that my husband paid for me. It is like Rachelle said. It is an honor and a commitment.

HELEN GRANGER MI: A Life Membership pin designates that you are going to support the Organization for your lifetime. That one time donation that I make of \$250 or \$500 toward that means that I am telling the National Organization I am going to support this Organization for my lifetime. Now then, as a member of my Department and a member of my Auxiliary then I support my Auxiliary by giving my dues to them, by giving my commitment of my time and energy to my Department and that is how I feel Life Membership and how every other organization does. If we set it at \$400 or whatever we set, if somebody can't afford that, they can do it over a time period like the Disabled American Veterans do. My husband paid over a series of two years in order to be able to afford his \$400.00 Life Membership. So I am looking at this as it is my way of saying that I am a lifetime supporter.

JAN HARDING PNP CSPKE: I agree with Rachelle. It is a tremendous feeling that you are nationally bound to an organization for your life. I don't deny my Department per capita. I pay more than probably I should through the years because I am committed, as are you. I think that it is more than a nice pin that says I am a Life Member. I think it is "I am committed to serve." That is how I view it. I think that is probably the core, or should be the core, of Life Membership when you accept that you have said I am committed.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: I thoroughly agree with everything that has been said. I am a Life Member. What I am looking at is our finances and what this was established for. The money that you people have paid for Life Members goes into a permanent fund. I can't touch it. All I can touch is the interest. I can't pull \$6 out and pay your per capita to the National Organization because I won't make \$6 on it. That is why I have been trying to encourage you people to maybe purchase it earlier. Like you have been saying, you are buying it because it is an honor even if it cost \$300 or \$500. The Sons' is ridiculously priced, in my opinion, because they pay over \$600. I just felt that we should come up in the times a little. I am not against it at all and it is a very proud thing to be a Life Member. But you are saying age 50 and above, what about the ones who are not 50?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Faye would you clear up your recommendation?

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I am going to rescind my recommendation and change it to that the Life Membership Fee be \$250 for members age 12 and up.

NOT CARRIED

**Recommendation #3:** All General Orders and forms be mailed, not emailed.

- A. Gives a personal touch to all members with National Organization
- B. Some members have no computers

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by Many

That the recommendation not be sustained.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Cindy, do you have the Legislative Report with a recommendation?

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee did not find much information on legislation affecting women in the past year. Much of the Legislation in most of the states revolves around the issue of Abortion and Birth Control. The committee does not wish to furnish facts on this issue.

We would like to thank the President for appointing us to this committee and wish for her many happy memories of her time in office.

**Recommendation #1:** That the Legislative Committee be removed from the list of Standing Committees and be dissolved until a time comes in the future when legislation affecting women becomes noteworthy and demands our attention.

Cindy Fox PNP PA Chair  
Margaret Atkinson PNP PA  
Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Heather Needleman MA and Faye Carlisle PNP PA

That the recommendation be sustained.

SO VOTED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We have Endorsements next.

Endorsements:

1. From PA Dept. for Anne Jaster as National President
2. From Aux. #91, OH Dept. for Jane Graham as National Vice President
3. From OH Dept. for Jane Graham as National Vice President
4. From Aux. #72, NY Dept. for Virginia Twist as National Council Member #1
5. From NY Dept. for Virginia Twist as National Council Member #1
6. From MA Dept. for Diane Mellor as National Council Member
7. From CA-PAC Dept. for Tricia Bures for National Secretary

8. From CA-PAC Dept. for Rachele Campbell for National Patriotic Instructor
9. From WI Dept. for Allison Michaels as National Chaplain
10. From Garfield Aux., Dept of CSPKE for Janice Harding as National Membership at Large Coordinator
11. From Dept. of CSPKE for Janice Harding as National Membership at Large Coordinator

CINDY FOX PNP PA PARLIAMENTARIAN: I see some puzzled looks on some faces out there. Usually your Departments have candidates that they feel strongly about that they want to put up for office and you send a letter of recommendation. But, the other token, if you feel a burning desire to run for any of these offices, you are more than welcome to put a candidate up or have someone nominate you.

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We will be going into the Election of Officers. Because we are running late and I know that we have the Officers Reports Committee Report and we will do that after the election and before we go into the Installation. In order to get ready for this we are going to take a 5 minute break, and I mean five minutes. If you are not back through that door in five minutes, you are not going to be in this room.

I will give you 10 minutes. *(laughter)*

*Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: We are about to start the Election of Officers. I am going to appoint Past National President Frances Murray, Linda Brown, and Kim Johnson as Tellers. Would you all come up and sit next to the Stenographer.

Sister Guards, you will secure the doors and not let anyone enter at this time. Nominations are open.

### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: It is great delight for me to do this. I am going to nominate Anne Jaster from Auxiliary #1 in Pennsylvania. I have known Anne since 1992 when she joined our Auxiliary. She immediately jumped into everything. I do have a real blood daughter, but I also consider her my daughter. I certainly would like to present her in nomination for National President. **SECONDED** by Lucille Coe PA and Cindy Fox PNP PA - **UNANIMOUS**

### **NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

JUDY MORGAN PDP OH: I would like to place the name of Past Department President Jane Graham in nomination for the office of National Vice President. **SECONDED** by Ohio Dept. - **CARRIED**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #1**

MICHELLE LANGLEY PNP NY: I have the extreme honor to nominate our National President Virginia Twist as Council #1. SECONDED by NY Dept. CARRIED

**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #2**

KAREN HAMANN MI: The Department of Michigan would like to endorse and nominate Linda Kronberg for a position on the Council. SECONDED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA

LINDA GUIOT RI: I would like to nominate Anna Frail for Council #2.

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN MA: I would like to nominate Diane Mellor for a position on the Council.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY: I would like to put before you the name of JoEllen Kowalski from Illinois. SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

*Credentials were called and ballots handed out, collected and counted.  
Linda Kronberg was declared National Council #2.*

**NATIONAL COUNCIL #3**

BETTY BAKER PNP NY: I would like to place in nomination the name of JoEllen Kowalski. SECONDED by Denise Oman WI

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN MA: I would like to nominate Diane Mellor for the position of Council #3. SECONDED by Lucille Coe PA

LINDA GUIOT RI: I would like to nominate Anna Frail for Council #3. SECONDED by Anne Michaels WI

*Credentials were called and ballots handed out, collected and counted.  
Diane Mellor was declared National Council #3.*

**NATIONAL SECRETARY**

MELINIE CAINES DP CA-PAC: I would like to nominate Sister Tricia Bures for Secretary. SECONDED by Veronica Mellor MA and CA-PAC Dept. UNANIMIMOUS

**NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

BEVERLY GRAHAM CA-PAC: It is my great honor to nominate Rachelle M. Campbell for the office of Patriotic Instructor. SECONDED by CA-PAC Dept. UNANIMOUS

### NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: I nominate Allison Michaels for National Chaplain. The young lady would have loved to have been here, but she is getting married in November and had to make a decision where her vacation was going to be. (laughter) We almost lucked out. This is a once-in-a-lifetime for her. She would make a great Chaplain because she is very, very thoughtful of others. SECONDED by Denise Oman WI. The entire state of Wisconsin would love to second her nomination to the position of Chaplain. As you ladies have nurtured her over the years, you have guided her and now it is up to you to see the fruits of your work. UNANIMOUS

### NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I would like to put up the name of Ellen Higgins from Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary of New Jersey. She is also running up through for the National for the Daughters. She has recently, within the last three years, joined the Auxiliary and what a worker! I have seen this girl work her backside off for people and I want her in this Auxiliary and I want her working. SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

LINDA GUIOT RI: I nominate Anna Frail for Press Correspondent. SECONDED by Anne Michaels WI.

ANN MCMILLIN DP PA: I would like to nominate Margaret Shuttlesworth Past Department President of Pennsylvania for Press Correspondent. SECONDED by Lucille Coe PA

*Credentials were called and ballots handed out, collected and counted.  
Anna Frail was declared National Press Correspondent.*

### WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: I would like to place the name of Mildred Ames for the National Washington DC Representative. Millie, advanced in years as she is, has been exemplary in that position and she knows that I would like her to accept this. SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY UNANIMOUS

### MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: We will both nominate her! I would like to nominate Jan Harding. You can finish it.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: Jan's a PNP, what else can I say? She does a good job at everything she does and she lives in the Washington DC area and she will have lots of area to cover. She is very gracious and kind. People will learn from her coming in to the Organization. I

place her name in nomination along with my good friend PNP Faye.  
SECONDED by several

LUCILLE COE PA: I would like to nominate Ann McMillin.  
SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

*Credentials were called and ballots handed out, collected and counted.  
Janice Harding was declared Membership at Large Coordinator.*

### **SUPPLY OFFICER**

HOPE PARKER NY: On behalf of Auxiliary #72 in Ovid, New York I respectively submit the name of Michelle Langley, who has been doing this job for several years. SECONDED by Jill Lamb PDP and NJ Dept.  
CARRIED

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: That is the end of our elections. Tellers, you are dismissed. Thank you very much for all the hard work you put in. *(applause)* The doors are now open for anyone who wants to come in.

MICHELLE LANGLEY PNP NY SUPPLY OFFICER: I know that the Treasurer and Budget Director are probably not going to like to hear this, but I don't have any tote bags and I have had a lot of requests for them. I would like permission to be able to purchase tote bags.

MOVED by Nancy Hilton PNP OH  
SECONDED by Susan Jamieson NJ

That the newly elected Supply Officer be instructed to check into getting tote bags and that the Budget Director and Treasurer take care of the bill.  
SO VOTED

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: I know that some of you are new and just to make this go as speedily as possible, I am just going to give you a couple of moments of instruction. For those who are not familiar, the Committee on Officers Reports reviews only the recommendations from the elected officers from last year made. We go over them, give you our decisions and then it is up to you whether you want to concur with us, which means agree with us, or whether you do not. Then it goes out to the floor. You have all the voting privileges. We only make suggestions.

### **COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS**

After careful consideration of the recommendations by the National Officers, the Committee on Officers Reports submits the following opinions.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VIRGINIA L. TWIST- We congratulate you

on your efforts during the past year to faithfully and enthusiastically perform the duties of your office. Thank you.

**Recommendation #1:** We continue to give a \$400.00 Scholarship to a college student of the National President's choice. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS

MOVED by Judy Morgan PDP OH  
SECONDED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED

**Recommendation #2:** That we do not raise the per capita tax this year. THE COMMITTEE WAS DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS AND THEREFORE TURNS THIS OVER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.

MOVED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
SECONDED by Jan Harding PNP CSPKE  
That we sustain the recommendation and not raise the per capita tax.  
SO VOTED

**Recommendation #3:** As most correspondence is done on the internet, we should cut the amount of stationery and envelopes that is given to all officers by half, except for the Secretary and Treasurer, as they do most of the mailing. WE AGREE THAT THE AMOUNT OF STATIONERY GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME, BUT CUT THE AMOUNT THAT GOES OUT TO THE OTHER OFFICERS AS THEY DO AS MUCH MAILING.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA  
SECONDED by Heather Needleman MA  
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I would like to see the stationery and letterheads done away with completely except when asked for.

JANICE HARDING PNP CSPKE: I have a question to ask in regard to this. Is there any stipulation that when you are an officer and have need for the letterhead paper that you can't reproduce it yourself, if you need it? When I ran out, I just made a bunch of them myself, because I saved money for National and I had them when I needed them. I think that there should be nothing wrong with elected officers to get a copy in their folder and if you need more, make it.

ANNA FRAIL PDP RI: I know that everybody does not have a computer and may not be computer savvy, but couldn't the letterhead be put on the web site in a protected area? *The general consensus was "No."*

SO VOTED

**Recommendation #4:** That a Committee be formed to write new Job Descriptions for elected and appointed officers, then be placed on our web site. ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF

**Recommendation #5:** The office of Budget Director was eliminated years ago as it was of little help to the National Organization, we should uphold that decision. THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH HER THAT WE SHOULD ELIMINATE THE OFFICE OF BUDGET DIRECTOR AND THAT THE TREASURER CAN HANDLE THAT.

MOVED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
SECONDED by Anne Jaster PDP PA  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ANNE JASTER - Thank you for working to help our Order to gain new members and for representing the Auxiliary in such a gracious manner.

**Recommendation #1:** When a Department or the MAL Coordinator knows of a Sister who has left the Order, they should forward her name and address to the National Vice President as soon as possible so she can write a personal note to the Sister. Membership is the National President's main objective. THE COMMITTEE AGREES.

MOVED by Jan Harding PNP CSPKE  
SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED

**Recommendation #2:** When a Sister reaches the tender age of 100, the National Organization grants her a Life Membership. We now have a Sister in Colorado, Martha Van Gundy, who is 101. THE COMMITTEE AGREES BUT SUGGESTS WE BESTOW LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO ANY MEMBER WHO REACHES THE AGE OF 90.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor MA  
SECONDED by Diane Mellor DP MA  
That the committee be sustained.

## DISCUSSION:

FAYE CARLISLE PNP PA: I agree with that.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA: I think that this is a great suggestion and I am all for it. I would like to take it one little step forward and suggest that maybe under special cases that should be brought to the President and she can contact Council as to being able to give somebody under special circumstances a Life Membership. For example, my mother-in-law was dying. She had always wanted a Life Membership. Perley and I gave her one at the cost of \$350.00 in December and she died in March. She didn't even know she had it because we couldn't get the money together in time before her memory went. It would have been nice for me to be able to come to National and say, "Would you give my mother-in-law, who has been a member of your organization all her life, a Life Membership?"

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: How are we going to know who is eligible? Who will be responsible for giving them the Life Membership?

TRICIA BURES CA-PAC: I believe that on the membership applications that you originally get, that their birthday is on there. The local Auxiliary Secretary should be the one to pay attention and request it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS PNP WI: I am not against it. The question is, how is it going to be funded.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: The only thing it is going to cost National is the gold bar, which is about \$16.00 and our membership card, which I have a whole case of. The cost is not a problem. The problem that I was foreseeing was who would be responsible for requesting the Life Membership.

MARGARET ATKINSON PNP PA: Perhaps the incoming National President could put it in her General Orders and it could be repeated yearly that if you have someone 90 or older, please let us know.

SO VOTED

MOVED by Veronica Mellor MA

SECONDED by Helen Granger MI

That under special circumstances it is the President's prerogative to grant a Life Membership.

SO VOTED

**Recommendation #3:** When a new Auxiliary is being instituted, instead of a mandatory 5 members who must be present, there should be a mandatory 3 members present to coincide with our CR&R. THIS WAS COVERED EARLIER IN THE ENCAMPMENT MEETING.

NATIONAL COUNCIL - We know you were available for the President if she had required your assistance. Thank you for your service.  
No recommendations

NATIONAL SECRETARY JUDY MORGAN - Words cannot describe how grateful we are for your exemplary service during your years as National Secretary. You were always ready and willing to help our members when called upon. Thank you.  
No recommendations

NATIONAL TREASURER BETTY BAKER - You have continued to provide dedicated service and many hours of your time to fulfill the office of Treasurer despite family illness. The members are grateful for your devotion to the Order. Thank you.

**Recommendation #1 - Part 1:** That we go back to tri-cycle Per Capita Tax Reports effective January 1, 2012. This would mean 1<sup>st</sup> cycle would be January, February, March and April, due May 15<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle May, June, July and August, due September 15<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle September, October, November and December, due January 15<sup>th</sup>. THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH RETURNING TO TRI-CYCLE PER CAPITA REPORTS BUT SUGGEST THAT THEY BE DUE ON MAY 25, SEPTEMBER 25, AND JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> TO ALLOW DEPARTMENTS SUFFICIENT TIME TO SUBMIT THEM.

MOVED by Judy Trepanier PNP CT  
SECONDED by Michelle Langley PNP NY  
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

KIMBERLY JOHNSON IL: I do want to remind you that there are a lot of new Auxiliaries. It can be very confusing on what to do and when to send it in.

SO VOTED

**Recommendation #1 - Part 2:** I further recommend that any Department that wishes to pay annually be allowed and it made in the first tri-cycle with any changes that might occur be made up in the last tri-cycle and new members reported when they occur. WE

DO NOT AGREE THAT SOME COULD PAY ANNUALLY AND THEN SUBMIT MEMBER CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS THIS MAY PROVE CONFUSING TO SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.

MOVED by Judy Morgan PDP OH  
 SECONDED by Susan Jamieson PDP NJ  
 That the committee be sustained.  
 SO VOTED

**Recommendation #2:** That we stay with our C.R.&R. wording in Article VIII Section 5 pertaining to mileage for National Officers. This would be \$.15 for National President, National Secretary and National Treasurer and \$.10 for other officers, so stated that it is mileage. This does not call attention to our group and keeps us in compliance with IRS ruling. THE COMMITTEE AGREED.

MOVED by Michelle Langley PNP NY  
 SECONDED by Hope Parker NY  
 That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

RAMONA GREENWALT PDP OH BUDGET DIRECTOR: We have just voted to maintain our dues at \$6.00 and next year we go to California. You are going to pay all those officers \$.10 a mile to go to California in addition to the others at \$.15 a mile. Your Chief of Staff is going to have to do a lot of fund-raising to cover the bills.

DIANE MELLOR DP MA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Travel mileage was done away with last year. Are we bringing it back?

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Yes.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: All I really want is to see the word "mileage." I don't care if it is \$.15 or what, you can vote on a different amount of mileage if you want. I would go back to \$.03 myself.

JANE GRAHAM PDP OH: Is there some way that we could change this that we could give everyone \$25.00 to cover the cost of the mileage to our Encampment, not a set \$.15 a mile. These California girls, God bless them, are paying high prices to get to our Encampments most of the time, but in turn, it is a lot of money.

NOT CARRIED

ROCHELLE CAMPBELL PDP CA-PAC: We are all getting confused over the \$25 Love Token, the mileage, all of this. I was extremely confused when I came back from Kansas on what we had actually done. I went to my CR&R and cut sections 1 through 9 out and emailed Brother Orr directly myself. I asked him that with the way it is currently written in our CR&R, would we come under violation with the new rulings of the IRS for any money that is given to any officer in our Organization. It doesn't matter if it is the National President, if it is the Historian, or if it is the Secretary. What I got back from Brother Orr was that if we give any amount of money to any National Officer, then we are considered an employee and we have to 1099 us or you have to provide receipts up to the amount that we give them. So if we pay the Musician \$30, she has to come with \$30 worth of receipts for something and it doesn't matter what it is. The Historian has to come with \$100 worth of receipts, whatever it is. If we choose to give everyone else that comes here \$25, we have to come with a minimum of \$25 worth of receipts. That is what he informed me.

BETTY BAKER PNP NY NATIONAL TREASURER: This is what Brother Orr told me, that you are better off having the Sisters submit a mileage claim and reimburse them. The IRS allows up to \$.16 per mile. To control your budget, there is nothing stopping the Auxiliary adopting a maximum amount of reimbursement and that is where your \$25 would come in, but you have to got to say it is for mileage and have to submit receipts. That would suffice the IRS.

MOVED by Diane Mellor DP MA

SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CSPKE

That no reimbursements be made to any officers except those in the positions of National President, National Treasurer and National Secretary at the current rate of \$.15 per mile.

SO VOTED

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR LINDA KRONBERG -

You have worked very diligently to raise funds for the patriotic work of our Order and we are looking forward to a fine financial report.

Congratulations on your choices to receive your donations.

No recommendations.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN DIANE MELLOR - You presided in cooperation with the other National Chaplains in a very moving Memorial service and have prayerfully tried to attend to the spiritual needs of our members by your cards and calls to them during their times of need last year. Thank you.

**Recommendation:** That the Parliamentarian be sworn in at the time of

installation and that she become an Appointed Officer upon the National President taking office. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT AGREE.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
 SECONDED by Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
 That the committee be sustained.  
 SO VOTED

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT BONNIE MEYERS -  
 In addition to collecting Civil War news items during the year, you have strived to place our Order before the public by informing the press of Civil War events and inviting local officials. We are certain our President will enjoy the scrapbook you have prepared. Thank you.  
 No Recommendations.

NATIONAL WASHINGTON D.C. REP CAROL LARUE - Thank you for your service and keeping us informed on the activities in Washington.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR JANE GRAHAM - We appreciate your service this past year in keeping in contact with those members who do not live in close proximity to an Auxiliary. Thank you for keeping them active in our Order.  
 No recommendations.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN BEA GREENWALT - We regret that illness caused you to miss attending this Encampment. We always look forward to hearing your report on the history of our Order and enjoyed your report again. We hope we will be graced with your presence at next year's Encampment.  
 No recommendations.

NATIONAL CO-COUNSELORS MICHELLE LANGLEY AND PERLEY MELLOR - Although our National President did not have to seek your advice during the preceding year, we appreciate you holding yourself in readiness to assist her. Thank you.  
 No recommendations.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF GLORIA FISHER - Thank you for accepting such an important position for our National President. We know she appreciated the Joint Opening and Courtesy hour you helped to plan. Thank you.

**Recommendation #1:** Auxiliary National President should confer with the Sons Commander in Chief to make sure the Chiefs of Staff are introduced to each other and are aware of their respective responsibilities for the Joint Opening in order to be more specific in instructions to both

Sons and Auxiliary. THE COMMITTEE AGREES BUT WISHES TO INSERT "IF POSSIBLE" AFTER AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHOULD CONFER.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI  
That the committee sustained.  
SO VOTED

**Recommendation #2:** Supply a list of specific responsibilities concerning Courtesy Hour. THE COMMITTEE FEELS THIS WILL BE COVERED IN THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

**Recommendation #3:** Since it is the National President's Personal Aide who is responsible for the President's well-being, the job of decorating the room and planning the Courtesy Hour should be done by the Personal Aide with the assistance of the Chief of Staff, Aides and Patriotic Instructor. THE COMMITTEE AGREES EXCEPT WE DO NOT FEEL THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THOSE TASKS.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA  
SECONDED by Hope Parker NY  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED

**Recommendation #4:** The responsibility for a worry free encampment should be delegated to the Encampment Committee and the responsibility to see that the National President has a worry-free and delightful encampment should be the responsibility of first, her Personal Aide, second her National Officers, and last, all attending members. The Chief of Staff should be able to focus on the fund-raising - her primary job - and not be running whenever a problem arises. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT AGREE AS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE SO MANY PERSONS WITHOUT A CENTRAL LEADER.

MOVED by Betty Baker PNP NY  
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED.

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE HOPE PARKER - We know you enjoyed assisting your mother in the many faceted position of a Personal Aide in helping to ease her load. Thank you for your devotion to the Order.

No recommendation.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET RAMONA GREENWALT  
- We know you endeavored to fill the duties of this office during the past year and thank you for your efforts.

**Recommendation #1:** The per-capita tax be raised to \$20 annually.  
THIS WAS ADDRESSED EARLIER BY THE ENCAMPMENT.

**Recommendation #2:** The following section of the C.R.&R. is changed to reflect the reinstatement of the office of National Director of the Budget: Chapter III National Organization, Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 5, Sentence 3. The sentence to read as follows: “The National Treasurer shall make a monthly report of the financial standing of the Organization to the National President, three members of Council, the National Secretary and the National Director of the Budget.” Eliminate the last sentence: “She shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the Delegates at National Encampment for their approval.”  
ALREADY ADDRESSED

**Recommendation #3:** Add an additional sentence to Chapter III National Organization, Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 5, after Sentence 3 to read as follows: “The National Treasurer shall supply the National President and National Director of the Budget six month statements on the amount of money available in each of the accounts, CDs or other investments held by the National Organization, as well as interest rates on each account, CDs or investments and the maturity dates of any CDs or other investment instruments.” ALREADY ADDRESSED.

**Recommendation #4:** All members with access to e-mail are required to supply the National Secretary with their email address to enable them to receive their General Orders and the National Proceedings via electronic means. THE COMMITTEE AGREES THIS IS A GOOD SUGGESTION, BUT WOULD REPLACE “REQUIRED” WITH THE WORD “ASKED.”

MOVED by Heather Needleman MA  
SECONDED by Jill Lamb NJ  
That the committee be sustained.  
SO VOTED

Sister National President, the Committee thanks you for the privilege of serving.

Margaret Atkinson PNP PA  
Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
Frances Murray PNP ME

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sisters, we are in a hurry. We need the Financial Reports before we go into Installation. Instead of having you read your reports, all we need is your bottom line of what you have earned. Sisters Kronberg and Fisher, what are your totals?

LINDA KRONBERG PDP MI NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: My total is \$2,958.30. *(applause)*

GLORIA FISHER PDP NY NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: My grand total is \$3,230. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Thank you, Sisters, for all your hard work. We appreciate it and I know you have worked hard.  
We will have a short intermission to prepare for the Installation.

*Chaplain attended the altar at 5:05, reopened the Bible at 5:15.*

PRESIDENT VIRGINIA: Sister Installing Officer.

CINDY FOX PNP PA INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister President, you are now relieved of the command of this National Auxiliary and in accordance with Chapter 1 Article 9 of the Regulations, having creditably and faithfully served a term as President, you are now entitled to and will occupy for the ensuing year the seat of honor in the National Auxiliary, the Past President's chair. Here is the Past President's badge.

*Hope Parker pinned the Past National President's badge on her mother, Virginia.*

*Jan Harding PNP CSPKE presented the PNP Club pin and Love Token from the National Organization.*

*Past National President Virginia was escorted by the Guides and Color Guards to the Past President's Chair with clapping and the singing of Battle Hymn of the Republic.*

CINDY FOX PNP PA INSTALLING OFFICER: I'm going to make the following appointments: Guide Barbara Indan, Assistant Guide Ann McMillin, Color Guard #1 Lucille Coe, Color Guard #2 Margaret Shuttlesworth and Chaplain JoEllen Kowalski. Would these Officers please take their stations. All other Officers are relieved of their duties and may sit at some other chair.

CINDY FOX PNP PA INSTALLING OFFICER: 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.....	Anne Jaster PA
Vice President .....	Jane Graham OH
Council Member #1 .....	Virginia Twist NY
Council Member #2 .....	Linda Kronberg MI
Council Member #3 .....	Diane Mellor MA
Treasurer .....	Betty Baker NY
Patriotic Instructor .....	Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC
Chaplain .....	Allison Michaels WI
Press Correspondent.....	Anna Frail RI
Washington DC Rep.....	Millie Ames CSPKE
Membership at Large .....	Jan Harding PNP CSPKE
Supply Officer.....	Michelle Langley NY
Chief of Staff.....	Anne Michaels
Co-Counselor .....	Margaret Atkinson PA
Co-Counselor .....	Bud Atkinson PA
Personal Aide .....	Barbara Indan PA

CINDY FOX PNP PA INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Guide, will you please escort to this station the President of this Auxiliary.

*National President Anne Jaster is escorted to clapping.*

CINDY FOX PNP PA INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Anne, your officers are at their respective stations. I take pleasure in placing you in command of this Auxiliary. I give unto your charge the charter, prize it for the privilege it confers. I also place in your care the rituals, for the safety of which you will personally be responsible. I present you with a copy of the Constitution, Rules & Regulations for the government of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which I advise you to study carefully that you may give prompt and just decisions.

Sisters of the National Auxiliary, I present to you the officers you have chosen to serve you for the coming year. Give them your loyal support by attending regularly the meetings of your Auxiliary and do all in your power to make this administration a success.

By the authority vested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the officers of this National Auxiliary legally installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their duties for the term ending in August 2012 or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Sister President, accept this gavel, the emblem of authority. Assume control of your Auxiliary and preside with dignity, impartiality and firmness. *(applause)* *The National President badge was pinned on National President Anne.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sisters, for giving me this honor of being your President. I hope that I can live up to your expectations and that I do a decent job for you. I have an ancestor that I will tell you about in my first General Orders. He served in two branches, but I don't want to go into all of that right now. I wanted to tell you what my motto will be this year. It is going to be "Let us be the better angels of our nature to one another." That is what I will use as my motto.

Does anyone have anything to add for the good of the Order?

Congratulations were given by: Ann McMillin for the Pennsylvania Department, Margaret Atkinson PNP PA, Nancy Hilton PNP for the Ohio Department, Linda Banfill for New Hampshire Department, Linda Guiot for Rhode Island Department, Virginia Twist and the New York Department, Linda Kronberg for the Michigan Department, Doug McMillin for the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW, Barbara Day for the Department of the Chesapeake, Anne Michaels for the Department of Wisconsin, Jan Harding PNP, Diane Mellor for the Massachusetts Department, Melinie Caines for the California & Pacific Department, Florence Ballirano for the New Jersey Department, Lucille Coe for her Auxiliary in Pennsylvania, Gloria Fisher for the New York Department, Margaret Shuttlesworth for the Virginia Wade Auxiliary in Pennsylvania, SUVCW Friends of the Philadelphia Camp in Pennsylvania, Faye Carlisle PNP, George Long PC-in-C, Barbara Indan PA, Bud Atkinson PC-in-C, Viola Loder-Smithcors for the New Jersey Department. Margaret Atkinson announced the arrangements for President Anne's testimonial dinner in Philadelphia on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were passed to all those interested.

*Old and New Council Meeting to be held Sunday Morning at 9:30 in PNP Virginia's room.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: There being no further business to come before this Auxiliary, we will proceed to close. Sister Chaplain, will you please close the Bible.

*The Chaplain attended the altar.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: In closing this 125th National Encampment, would you all please join hands and we will have the Pennsylvania Closing.

*All joined hands and sang Blest Be the Tie That Binds and God Be With You Til We Meet Again.*

*The Encampment closed at 5:50 p.m.*

**REPORTS NOT READ DURING ENCAMPMENT****NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT**

	<u>Dept/Aux</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Chesapeake</u></b>			
Department	112.00		
	\$112.00		\$112.00
<b><u>Connecticut</u></b>			
Judy Trepanier PNP		20.00	
Department	25.00		
	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$45.00
<b><u>Iowa</u></b>			
Department	25.00		
	\$25.00		\$25.00
<b><u>Maine</u></b>			
Department	20.00		
T.W. Hyde Aux. #11	5.00		
Frances Murray PNP		5.00	
	\$25.00	5.00	\$30.00
<b><u>Massachusetts</u></b>			
Department	25.00		
Willie Grout Aux #25	15.00		
	\$40.00		\$40.00
<b><u>Michigan</u></b>			
Department	50.00		
Austin Blair Camp #7	100.00		
Austin Blair Aux. #7	50.00		
Frances Finch Aux. #9	25.00		
Amy Fairweather		5.00	
Marilynn Faye		5.00	
Helen Granger		5.00	
Nancy Newman		20.00	
Sharon Patton		5.00	
Don Shaw		20.00	
	\$225.00	\$60.00	\$285.00
<b><u>New Hampshire</u></b>			
Department	25.00		
Bonita Morse		10.00	
	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35.00
<b><u>New Jersey</u></b>			
Department	10.00		
Cornellia Hancock Aux. #10	15.00		
	\$25.00		25.00
<b><u>New York</u></b>			
Department	20.00		

	<u>Dept/Aux</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Auxiliary #72	10.00		
Betty Baker PNP		10.00	
Alethea Cratsley		10.00	
J. Kratz		5.00	
Michelle Langley PNP		10.00	
Elizabeth Orman		30.00	
Virginia Twist NP		55.00	
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	\$30.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
<b><u>Ohio</u></b>			
Department	25.00		
Auxiliary #91	15.00		
Auxiliary #108	15.00		
Jane Graham DP		10.00	
Ramona Greenwalt PDP		25.00	
Nancy Hilton NP		25.00	
Judy Morgan, PDP		10.00	
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	\$55.00	\$70.00	\$125.00
<b><u>Pennsylvania</u></b>			
Department	25.00		
Jennie Wade Aux. #27	15.00		
Sarah A. Crawford Aux. #43	15.00		
Williamsport Aux. #44	20.00		
Carlisle Aux. #50	25.00		
Margaret Atkinson, PNP		20.00	
Faye Carlisle PNP		25.00	
Cindy Fox PNP		25.00	
Vivian Rockey		20.00	
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	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$190.00
<b><u>Vermont</u></b>			
Auxiliary #15	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>National MAL</b>	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Miscellaneous Personal</b>		\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$737.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$1,137.00</b>
<b><u>Clubs</u></b>			
Betty's Bluebirds		5.00	
Fran's Fans		5.00	
Margaret's Marvels		25.00	
Mary's Mademoiselles		15.00	
Mary Jo's Muffins		20.00	

Michelle’s Mouseketeers	5.00
Minnie’s Whalers	5.00
Judy’s American Beauties	15.00
Jan’s Yankee Doodle Dandies	12.50
Ginny’s Gems	<u>15.00</u>
	\$112.50

**SUMMARY**

Departments and Auxiliaries		737.00
Personal Donations		400.00
Club Donations		112.50
Special Projects		<u>2,775.75</u>
	Total	\$4,025.25
Expenses		<u>-1,066.95</u>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,958.30</b>

**NATIONAL WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE**

As the National Representative to Washington DC. I ask that my report be entered into the record or read at the meeting. It is with regret that I am unable to attend this year’s National Encampment. It was my honor to serve as your National Representative to Washington DC. for the past year. I was ever ready to respond to any summons from a congressional committee, my primary responsibility. No summons was received.

In February I arranged for three wreaths for the Lincoln’s birthday memorial ceremony. It was my pleasure to host our National President Virginia Twist at the post ceremony luncheon held annually at the Channel Inn.

In April I attended our Department Encampment.

In May I ordered the wreath for the annual Memorial Day ceremony and wreath lying at the tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier held at Arlington National Cemetery. I had planned to attend but was unable; Millie Ames represented our National Auxiliary. Unfortunately, the wreath for the ceremony was not delivered as instructed. I spoke with Dave, owner of Conklyn’s Florist in Alexandria Virginia. He apologized, and posted a credit to our account that will be applied as full payment for our next wreath order.

I would like to thank the officers and members for having had the opportunity to serve as your Nation Representative to Washington DC. After much thought and consideration I have decided to no longer continue in the office.

Carol Johnson LaRue  
National Representative to Washington DC

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

The Disciplinary Committee was called upon only once this past year We sought advice from various members of the Sons of Union Veterans

of the Civil War in this matter.

The committee would like to thank National President Virginia Twist for appointing us to serve in this capacity.

Mary Jo Long PNP PA  
 Faye Carlisle PNP PA  
 Judy Trepanier PNP CT  
 Cindy Fox PNP PA  
 Anne Jaster NVP PA

### **NATIONAL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

The activities of the committee this year consisted primarily of gathering information regarding the current publicity efforts of the Order. This should help in planning future publicity. The following findings were made.

#### **Electronic Media (Radio, Television, etc.)**

Local media coverage of the Auxiliary was garnered in the following communities: Artesia, CA; Calistoga, CA; Cerritos, CA; Lakewood, CA; Napa, CA; San Mateo, CA; Des Moines, IA; Portland, ME; Waterville, ME; Yarmoth, ME; Petoskey, MI; Tecumseh, MI; Ste. Genevieve, MO; Millville, NJ; Albany, NY; Port Byron, NY; Pittsburgh, PA; Houston, TX, Madison, WI; Milwaukee, WI; and Wauwatosa, WI. There are likely other instances of media coverage within the past year not noted here.

#### **Print Media**

With the significant decrease in the number of newspapers and the competition for space in such publications, it can be difficult to get information about the Auxiliary into them. Getting information into magazines and other periodicals often requires payment and the cost often does not warrant the limited benefits received.

Space continues to be provided in each issue of the *Banner*, the national publication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), for Auxiliary news. As room in the *Banner* is at a premium, there have been some calls to cut the space provided to the Auxiliary. Rest assured that the current *Banner* Editor and several members of the SUVCW's National Council of Administration have resisted these calls. The *Banner* is an important tool for recruitment since SUVCW Brothers all have wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters who are prime candidates for membership. It is also one of the best vehicles we have for educating the average Brother about the Auxiliary.

#### **Online Media**

The internet is probably the fastest growing area of exposure for our Order and should be exploited whenever possible. Ideally, every Department and Auxiliary should maintain a web site, providing information about activities, history, membership, and officers. Such

information will not only prove helpful to the general public but can be valuable to the existing membership as well.

The following Departments were found to have web sites:

Dept. of California and Pacific - <http://www.suvpac.org/aux/dept.html>

Dept. of Iowa - <http://www.iowasucvw.org/page.php?23>

Dept. of Chesapeake - <http://departmentofmarylandasucvw.yolasite.com/>

Dept. of New Hampshire<sup>1</sup> - <http://asucvwnhdept.iwarp.com/>

Dept. of New Jersey - <http://ftp.genlyon.addr.com/inder.html/auxiliary.htm>

Dept. of New York - <http://www.asucvw.org/NYS.htm>

Dept. of Rhode Island<sup>2</sup> - <http://asucvwri.tripod.com/>

Dept. of Vermont<sup>3</sup> - <http://www.calcamedesign.com/sucvw/auxil.htm>

Dept. of Wisconsin - <http://www.sucvw-wi.org/auxiliary.html>

No web sites could be found for the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, or Pennsylvania.

Two of the eight Auxiliaries at Large maintain a web site, as follows:

Rachel Cormany Aux. #2, Tulsa, OK - <http://rachelcormany-asucvw.moonfruit.com/>

Sarah Emma Seelye Aux #1, Houston, TX - <http://camplea-suv.org/seelye.html>

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1 The last update to the Department of New Hampshire website appears to have been made in 2004.

2 The last update to the Department Rhode Island website appears to have been made in 2009.

3 The only information contained on the Department of Vermont website is a list of four officers, only two of which have contact information and only one of which has an email address. There is no information about activities or how to join.

Social and professional networking sites, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, can also provide an online avenue for sharing ideas and spreading information. There is a Facebook page maintained by PNP Janice L. Harding that may be representative of the National Organization:

Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War -

<http://facebook.com/groups/112436785503325>

Two Departments were found to have Facebook pages:

Department of California and Pacific -

<http://facebook.com/groups/130566780309444>

Department of Pennsylvania -

<http://facebook.com/groups/105616482823320>

And one Auxiliary at Large was found to have a Facebook page:

Louisa Volker Aux. #215, Park Hills, MO -

<http://facebook.com/groups/130566780309444>

## Conclusion

All of the above methods of publicity are great, but the Auxiliary

can do more. With the sesquicentennial of the Civil War upon us, the next four years will be an ideal time to push for additional coverage in all forms of media. The Order should remain open to new methods of communications, with both members and the public. This includes currently available methods and those that are yet to be introduced. While the Auxiliary is based in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, we need not remain there when it comes to communicating the virtues of our Order.

Rachel Campbell PDP CA-PAC, Chair  
 Hope Parker NY  
 Tricia Bures CA-PAC

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE REPORT**

Our goal for the past year has been to remember, honor, and celebrate the men and women who kept our country as one, indivisible, who fought for human rights and set a pathway to the future for our great country.

As President of the Department of the Chesapeake, I have the pleasure of presenting the following report:

I would like to thank the following officers of the Department for their service this past year, 2010/2011:

Vice President - Barbara Day  
 Treasurer - JoAnne Velton  
 Patriotic Instructor - Ann Blackburn  
 Secretary - Helen Geppi  
 Chaplain - Carol LaRue

The following Auxiliaries are in the Department:

James A. Garfield #1, Baltimore, MD - 19 members  
 Taylor-Wilson, Lynchburg, VA - 11 members  
 Lincoln-Cushing, Washington, DC - 13 members  
 Reno, Hagerstown, MD - 5 members

I participated, as well as Auxiliary members, in the following activities throughout the year: We presented a Girl Scout Program featuring nurses during the Civil War. The girls were around 8 years old and they rolled bandages, sang songs and learned a bit of Civil War History. The next day the Garfield Auxiliary attended a Massing of the Colors, dressed in Civil War clothing, at Ft. George Gordon Meade in Maryland. Color Guards from all branches of our Armed Forces and patriotic organizations marched and presented their colors.

We, the Garfield Auxiliary, attended Memorial Day Observances in a number of places. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, we had a Memorial Day Service at the Slateville Presbyterian church Cemetery in Slateville, PA. We placed both flowers and evergreens at each Grand Army Veteran's grave, which were all clearly marked with the GAR marker. On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Grand Army Day at Lansdown Grand Army

Church. We sang "The Vacant Chair" as a choir and participated with the American Legion in a remembrance service. Then we proceeded to Loudon Park National Cemetery where we had a Memorial Day Service, presented flowers on the Recumbent Soldier Statue and then proceeded to the grave site of one of our founding Sisters, Minnie Wackerhouser, whose great-great niece is a member of the Auxiliary. Members of the Department also attended the services held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Remembrance Day Weekend we participated in a number of activities. We placed flags and flowers at the grave sites of our Maryland men in the National Cemetery. We participated in the Remembrance Day Parade and later that evening worked with the Friends of Gettysburg in the "Illumination" held at the Cemetery as guides.

Our winter activities, other than Auxiliary meetings and National Department Encampment meeting, were just about nil due to the bad weather; however, spring came and we picked up a bit. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we gave another Girl Scout Program featuring dance, nurses and history with another Girl Scout troop.

We have been working on the National Encampment in August, 2011 for the big Anniversary. Our Department of the Chesapeake SUV, Department and Auxiliary will be hosting this event.

Helen Geppi, Department President

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT REPORT

As Department President of Connecticut, I am pleased to submit the following report of activities for the past year. Members participated in the following events:

August: National Encampment in Kansas; potluck picnic at Joyce Norman's home.

September: A 3-day craft and bake sale at a local fair, as a fund raiser; 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 Virginia Twist, held in Waterloo, New York.

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 79th anniversary; the spring meeting of New England Regional, hosted by Massachusetts.

April: Department Encampments in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

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

Department Encampment in New York; Memorial Day exercises in two different towns, with a marching unit and riders in each.

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

The Connecticut Department continues to present a scholarship, based on an essay of the Civil War, to a student attending or enrolled in an institution of higher learning. This year our scholarship was awarded to Michelle Scacca, granddaughter of Joyce Norman. Michelle is attending Goodwin College and is pursuing a degree in nursing.

The Connecticut Department helps to support many projects during the year with donations to:

- Veterans Home, Rocky Hill
- Continuing construction of the Veterans Memorial at the Veterans Cemetery, Rocky Hill
- Scholarship
- National President's "Christmas in August" project at the Veterans Administration in Kansas City, MO
- Christmas donation to the Veterans Home in Rocky Hill
- "Secret Santa" project at the Veterans Home with Christmas gifts to the veterans
- Gift certificates included in Thanksgiving baskets for the needy
- Wreath Across America

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

Mary Ellen Seiffert  
Connecticut Department President

### **IOWA DEPARTMENT REPORT**

August: Our Sister Eleanor McConkey turned 100 years old. We celebrated her birthday at an Open House August 22. She also attended the Iowa State Fair, which she loved, and walked all over the grounds.

September-October: Auxiliary #8 read twice and approved changes to their By-Laws to Article III Finance, Section 3 and to Article IV Eligibility to Membership, Section 2. Department was notified of these changes. On September 4, Sisters volunteered in Meals from Heartland.

November: We had a Thanksgiving Potluck. We then attended a garage sale sponsored by Soldiers Angels, a non-profit group. They provide aid and comfort to deployed service men and women and their families. We also donated money to the Flying Tigers to help provide heavy socks for deployed Marines in Afghanistan. On November 11 our beloved 100 year old Sister Eleanor McConkey died.

December: We had our annual Christmas dinner, Sons were invited to attend.

April: Department Encampment in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Friday, April 1, Sisters participated in a driving tour of Civil War historic sites in Council Bluffs. We then participated with the Sons in laying of wreaths at cemeteries. Saturday, April 2 we draped our charter for Sister Dolores Virginia Hubbard, August 24, 2010 and Sister Eleanor McConkey, November 11, 2010. Three new Sisters were received into membership. Our bake sale was very well received. April 16, several Sisters attended, in period dress, a rededication of the Eddyville Civil War Monument in Eddyville, Iowa. We presented an American Flag to the City of Eddyville.

May: On May 30, Sisters participated in a Memorial Day Service at Woodland Cemetery. Flowers were scattered over Civil War Veterans' graves.

June: On June 11, Sisters in period dress participated in a procession of flags, parade and many other activities of the Flag Day celebration.

We had a very active year.

Peggy Gene Murphy  
Iowa Department President

### MAINE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This has been a fairly busy year for me and I'm sure that as this month starts the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, that next year will offer many events and activities for both the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary. I would encourage Auxiliary Sisters to try to attend as many of these events as possible. The 150<sup>th</sup> observances of the Civil War will hopefully spark a renewed interest by the public in the Civil War and I would encourage all of you to ask members of the public at events that you attend if they have a Civil War ancestor. If they do, then please provide them with an Auxiliary brochure and ask them to consider joining our Organization. We should use every opportunity that presents itself during the next five years to recruit new members into our Organization.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century it isn't very often that one has the opportunity to attend the burial, or in this case the reburial, of a Civil War soldier. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, I attended the reburial of Private Elihu H. Legro, a Civil War soldier of the 6<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers, in Rochester, New Hampshire. Maine Department Commander Larry Williams, Past Maine Department Commander Paul Dionne, Past Department President Carolyn Lawson and Department Chaplain Lee Dionne were also in attendance.

I received some good-natured teasing, and rightfully so, from other Auxiliary members who were in attendance that "Maine never crosses

the bridge” so I’m proud to say that for this occasion, Maine did cross the bridge!

Private Legro enlisted into Company D of the 6<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire, which was mustered in on November 27, 1861. He died of disease in Washington D.C. on January 1, 1863.

There was a long procession to the cemetery and when the Sons and Auxiliary members in attendance (we were near the end of the procession) arrived at the entrance to the cemetery, the head of the procession was at right angles to where we were so that we could see the team of horses pull the elaborate hearse down the dirt road into the older part of the cemetery. It was one of those special “mental snapshots” back in time. Seeing a horse-drawn hearse in a cemetery would have been rather common place in the 1860’s, but it was a remarkable sight to see in 2010!

Of course as the graveside ceremony began, the heavens opened up with a torrential rain. Thank goodness that I, along with many others, had brought an umbrella; however, the sound of the rain hitting all those nylon umbrellas made it impossible to hear what was said during the ceremony.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Falmouth American Legion’s “Armed Forces Day” observances by providing a display of G.A.R., S.U.V., and Auxiliary items from my personal collection for the public at the Falmouth Legion Hall. Department Commander Larry Williams and his wife, Department Vice-President Tracey Williams also attended. Tracey wore a beautiful 1860’s dress and brought the quilt she had made using reproduction 1860’s fabric and sold raffle tickets for the quilt to raise money for the Aldie Monument, a Maine Department project. This monument is to recognize the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry that fought a significant engagement during the Civil War at Aldie, Virginia.

On May 31<sup>st</sup> I participated in the Memorial Day parade in Yarmouth. I made a patriotic wreath which Past Department President Carolyn Lawson, dressed in the full mourning attire of the 1860’s, along with other similarly clad women from the Third Maine Infantry (a Civil War reenacting unit), placed at the foot of the War Memorial located on the common in front of the Town Hall on Main Street.

Following the parade I joined with members of Haskell-Marston Camp #56 and Auxiliary #56 for the Memorial Day graveside services for Captain Haskell and Sergeant Marston.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the VFW Post #9 and American Legion Post #4 unveiled a new monument for Veterans of the Civil War at Plaisted Cemetery in Gardiner. Department Commander Larry Williams, Past Auxiliary President Regina Ketcheson, Department Council Member Monica McCusker, Past Department President Betty Ferrin and her guest also attended the ceremony. Larry and I placed a patriotic wreath that I had made at the base of the new monument during the ceremony.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, a rather cold and blustery day, I participated in the

Veterans Day parade in Portland.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the “High Tea/Victorian Fashion Show” sponsored by the Rebecca Emery Chapter of the D.A.R. and Haskell-Marston Auxiliary #56 in Kennebunk. During the fashion show, I provided a presentation of Civil War “underpinnings” using Civil War undergarments from my collection. Haskell-Marston Auxiliary members who participated in the fashion show included Auxiliary President Rachel Kennedy, Past Auxiliary President Regina Ketcheson, Past Department President Carolyn Lawson, and Department Council Member Monica McCusker. Auxiliary Sister Sharon Bondroff served as moderator and her husband, Past Department Commander Steve Bunker acted as one of the “escorts.”

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Maine’s entrance into the Civil War, titled “Save the Union - The Call for Volunteers” hosted by Secretary of State Charles E. Sumner Jr. and David Cheever of the Maine State Archives which was held at the Augusta Civic Center. Many members from Maine’s Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary were in attendance. It was thrilling to see the Color Guards from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Civil War reenacting units lead the procession as the fife & drum started playing “Rally ‘Round the Flag.” Ladies in Civil War period dress lined both sides of the entrance to cheer and wave to the “Boys in Blue.”

Perhaps the most memorable moment for me was when the combined chorus of around 100 members from Bowdoin and Colby Colleges slowly sang the Civil War song “Tenting Tonight.” All of the chorus members sang the melody for each verse, but on each chorus they sang in a beautiful and intricate harmony which moved me to tears.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Department President this past year and I look forward to representing the Maine Department Auxiliary at many more events during the coming year.

Judith J. Beverage, Department President

### **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

To the Officers, Members and Guests of the 125<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to submit the following report from the Department of Massachusetts.

Having had the honor of being elected to the position of Department President in April, it was with humble feelings that I received the gavel from the new PDP of MA, MaryCatherine Knight. She did a wonderful job of leading our Department, and I hope I can fill her shoes.

Both PDP MaryCatherine and I have traveled widely this year, representing our Department with pride. Our Department has participated in wreath laying ceremonies, attended funerals, picnics, and installations. The Department, led by PDP MaryCatherine, obtained and dedicated a new headstone for Civil War surgeon George F.

Thompson. Our Department was well represented at NP Virginia Twist's testimonial and the monument dedication held in Waterloo, NY. We were instrumental in replacing several grave markers with metal GAR or Civil War Veterans markers. We marched in parades, attended meetings, placed flags, and performed graveside ceremonies for our fallen heroes on Memorial Day and whenever possible.

Our charitable work has been limited to what we can do from our own homes. We collect soda tabs and cut coupons. We have also made donations to the local soup kitchen and battered women's shelter of personal items, food and other items of possible use. We have visited Veterans in both homes and hospitals. We have set up and taught dancing from the Civil War period, explaining our Period dress and talking about our ancestors.

Our membership is slowly decreasing, and only a few participate. This year, we lost an Auxiliary due to aging and poor health. Although PDP MaryCatherine met with them several times during the past year, they decided to turn in their charter in April. We did retain one Sister as Member at Large. We will miss them.

The Department of Massachusetts offers best wishes on a Happy and Successful 125<sup>th</sup> National Encampment and knows that our officers will proceed to do what is right for the organization.

I would like to add my personal thank you to NP Virginia Twist and to all the National Officers, past and present, for all their advice and patience.

Diane Mellor, Department President

### **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT REPORT**

From the State of Michigan, we have 47 Sisters. All are busy with parades, dedications, monuments, fundraisers, packing boxes for soldiers, tending veterans monuments, planting flowers around monuments, helping the SUVCW with graves registrations, giving programs of the Grand Army of the Republic and why the GAR is very important, assisting the other Allied Orders and helping at numerous Civil War reenactments, timelines, and education opportunities.

It was my honor to be the Department of Michigan President for the past six years. I retired this year. The Sisters of the Michigan Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have my greatest thanks and respect. They have assisted me with my duties and have made the work light. I am extremely grateful to them for all their help and assistance.

Linda Kronberg, Past Department President

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This past year has marked an exceptional time for the Auxiliary here in New Hampshire. Due to the efforts of many behind the scenes, several Department-wide events took place.

All Auxiliaries in one way or another marked the Memorial Day ceremonies of 2010 in their home towns. Parades and other ceremonies took place, and we were there.

The National Encampment elected Virginia Twist as our National President, and we were there (just ask Linda Murray who served as National Chief of Staff!!!!)

Various Old Home Days were held and we were there.

New Hampshire ASUVCW & SUVCW celebrated Remembrance Day and Veterans Day in November.

The Remembrance Day Luncheon at the Common Man Restaurant has grown from just a few attendees to many, who enjoyed the presentation of Sharon Wood as Mrs. Phelps, the mother of a Civil War soldier killed at Gettysburg and her stories of other NH men who took part in that great conflict. The camaraderie of like minded members brings pleasure to all of us.

Another fine event was the Union Defenders Day luncheon, also held at the Common Man Restaurant (our home away from home!) and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

On a personal note, I am gratified by the work done by our MAL Coordinator, who has fine-tuned the list of MAL and can now present the Department with a solid group of members who desire membership and pay dues. A fine job by DVP Mary E. Flynn.

One sad note - on December 31, 2010, Auxiliary #5 of Rochester, NH, was disbanded. The officers of that Auxiliary did a yeoman's job of keeping it afloat as long as they did, despite a lack of cooperation from the local Camp and the community. Some members have transferred to other Auxiliaries, some to MAL and some dropped.

Reports have been received from all 3 active Auxiliaries and their representatives are here today.

On Tuesday of this past week, I was invited to attend a remarkable program held at 4:30 a.m. in Newburyport, MA, by Liz & Bill Hallett (Liz is a member of Auxiliary #60 of Salem). We were reminded of the firing on Fort Sumter which began the conflict which we as descendants remember 150 years later.

The Sesquicentennial begins this year with many presentations, movies, television programs and news articles. It is time to remind the younger generations of their heritage. Please take advantage of the publicity to tell the story.

A famous poem asks "Who will tell the story when the boys in blue are gone?" Let us answer.....I WILL!!!!!!!

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving the Department of New Hampshire.

Cynthia Brown PNP, Department President

## **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

In Hopewell Township, just beyond Bridgeton, NJ, along a two-lane

country road, lies the Veterans Cemetery of Cumberland County. It is the resting place of 530 veterans or their spouses. When I was elected to a second term as New Jersey Department President, it became my quest to find a way to remember and honor the men and women buried there.

The regional high school has an agricultural department. A persuasive conversation with a receptive instructor convinced me to undertake an enormous project. Bringing the project to fruition involved high school students, the president of a lumber yard, the owner of a tree farm, a produce farmer, a motorcycle group, the county sheriff's department, the Director of Veteran's Affairs, a freeholder, a scout group, the Sons, the Auxiliary, a Confederate group, a church elder, an electrical engineer, a local funeral director and numerous volunteers. After begging and borrowing from community members and friends, on December 6th, grave blankets were laid on all 530 graves in the cemetery. This inspirational project brought together Sons and Sisters, youth, community and veterans and will not soon be forgotten.

Members of the New Jersey Department Auxiliary and Sons visited the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland where we were permitted access to more than 300 patients. We set up displays of Civil War weaponry, games and toys, clothing and accessories, and I invited a friend who served on the Battleship New Jersey to set up a slide show while we served cider and cookies.

The small community of Pennsville lies along the Delaware River near Fort Mott State Park. Easily visible from the Fort is Penpatch Island on which stands Fort Delaware, a prison for Confederates, many of whom are buried in Finn's Point National Cemetery, adjacent to Fort Mott. The setting provided the perfect place for staging a reenactment of the firing on Fort Sumter. New Jersey Department Sons and Sisters assisted Confederate groups for several weekends to prepare a battle site for troops and artillery, a site for sutlers and visitors, and a campsite. The weekend of April 15, 16, & 17, Fort Sumter came to New Jersey.

The New Jersey Department Auxiliary has served as hostesses for holiday celebrations in several South Jersey communities, taught in several schools, marched in parades and hosted Victorian teas and fashion shows. It has been my ultimate goal to work together with the Sons to bring our name and good work before the public as we continue to serve veterans. Our Patriotic Instructor donation was presented to a Marine contingent in Vineland who works with wounded warriors, builds ramps into their homes, supplies their families with special needs and clothing, collects Toys for Tots and are currently establishing a scholarship fund for children.

It has been my honor to serve as President of the New Jersey Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Bonnie Meyer, Past Department President

## OHIO DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is my pleasure to submit the report of the Ohio Department. This year we lost our beloved Naomi Houston, who was the last member of Auxiliary #100 in Mansfield. Naomi had served as National Musician in 1945 and was an accomplished pianist. That left the six remaining Auxiliaries to carry on the work of the Organization.

Auxiliary #1 of Columbus members work on educational programs throughout the year.

Unionport Auxiliary #45 spends much time planning their Memorial Day activities with the children of their small rural community.

McClellan #91 served as the chairperson for Memorial Day for the city of Alliance and participated in the program in honor of the GAR.

The members of Frost Auxiliary #108 have the Buffington Island Memorial and their local GAR Hall as their projects.

Garfield Auxiliary in Cleveland works in conjunction with their Camp and celebrated Christmas in July with the residents of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky.

And the members of our newest Auxiliary in Lancaster have been working to refurbish the cannon in their downtown area placed by General Sherman in is hometown.

We keep busy with our charitable deeds and all but one of our Auxiliaries is sponsored by and works with their local Camp.

Nancy Hilton PNP, Department President

**LIST OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS  
ATTENDING THE 125<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL  
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC**

Patricia Bures D  
Melinie Caines D  
Rachelle Campbell DP  
Cynthia Day-Elliott D  
Cindy Eddy D  
Beverly Graham D  
Kathy Mabie D

**CONNECTICUT**

Judith Trepanier PNP

**IOWA**

Marilyn Rittel D

**MARYLAND-DELAWARE**

Barbara Day AP

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Diane Mellor D

**MICHIGAN**

Marcia Butgereit D  
Sally Frederick \*  
Helen Granger D  
Linda Kronberg DP  
Nancy Newman D  
Sharon Patton D  
Joan Wazny \*

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Linda Banfill D  
Linda Murray AP

**NEW JERSEY**

Bonnie Meyers PDP

**NEW YORK**

Betty J. Baker PNP NT  
Alethea R. Cratsley PDP  
Gloria Fisher DP  
Beatrice Greenwalt PNP  
Michelle Langley PNP  
Lorraine Orton D  
Hope Parker D  
Virginia Twist PDP  
Betty Wheeler D

**OHIO**

Jane Graham DP  
Ramona Greenwalt PDP  
Nancy Hilton NP  
Amy Miller PDP  
Judy Morgan PDP  
Holley Schall D  
Penny Schall D

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Margaret Atkinson PNP  
Anne Jaster PDP  
Ann McMillin DP

**RHODE ISLAND**

Anna Frail DP

**WISCONSIN**

Kathy Anderson D  
Linda Brown D  
Susan Fallon D  
Margaret Grothe D  
Allison Michaels PDP  
Anne Michaels PDP  
Danielle Michaels PNP  
Arlene Rudebusch D  
Mary Ann Schallock D

**AUXILIARIES AT LARGE****Illinois - Auxiliary #20**

Kimberly Johnson AP

**Missouri - Auxiliary #1**

Brenda Taylor D

**Missouri - Auxiliary #215**

Cher Petrovic D

**Oklahoma - Auxiliary #2**

Lana Cooper AVP

Lori Cooper D

**MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE**

Alice Engle D

JoEllen Kowalski D

\*Non-voting Member

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1887-88 *†	Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH
1889-90 *†	Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA
1891 *†	Mrs. J.S. Mason, Medina, OH
1891-93 †	Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA
1894-96 †	Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL
1897 †	Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH
1898 †	Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, DC
1899 †	Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA
1900-02 †	Mrs. Lida Tomer-Miller, Rochester, NY
1903-4 †	Mrs. Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN
1905-6 †	Mrs. Kate E. Hardcastle Carr, Camden, NJ (PA Dept.)
1907 †	Mrs. Julia A. Moynihan, Rochester, NY
1908 †	Miss Mam E. Herbst, South Canton, OH
1909-10 †	Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer, Reading, PA (NJ Dept.)
1911 †	Mrs. H. Pauline Creighton, Campaign, IL
1912 †	Mrs. Flora A.S. Whitney, Marlboro, MA
1913 †	Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY
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1915 †	Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Indianapolis, IN
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1922 †	Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens, Columbus, OH
1923 †	Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, Baraboo, WI
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1926 †	Mrs. Mamie M. Deems, Los Angeles, CA
1927 †	Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, PA
1928 †	Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, Woburn, MA
1929 †	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, Weehawken, NJ
1930 †	Mrs. Ida B. Lange, Rutherford, NJ (NY Dept.)
1931 †	Mrs. Celeste D. Gentieu, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE Dept.)
1932 †	Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, Des Moines, IA
1933 †	Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL (OH Dept.)
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1938 †	Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, Albany, NY
1939 †	Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Steubenville, OH
1940 †	Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, Chicago, IL
1941 †	Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA
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1943 †	Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, Albany, NY

- 1944 † Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Brockton, MA  
 1945 † Mrs. Edith B. Nile, Alliance, OH  
 1946 † Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, Valparaiso, IN (IL Dept.)  
 1947 † Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, Lithonia, GA (NJ Dept.)  
 1948 † Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, Pittsburgh, PA  
 1949 † Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, Santa Ana, CA  
 1950 † Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, San Diego, CA (NH Dept.)  
 1951 † Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, Warren, IN  
 1952 † Mrs. Phyllis Dean, Westboro, MA  
 1953 † Mrs. Lila A. Macey, Schenectady, NY  
 1954 † Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, Springvale, ME  
 1955 † Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson, Madison, WI  
 1956 † Mrs. Lenore D. Glass, San Jose, CA  
 1957 † Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Somers Point, NJ (PA Dept.)  
 1958 \*† Miss Anne O. Clayton, Trenton, NJ  
 1959 † Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, Springfield, MA  
 1960 † Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, Las Vegas, NV (CA-PAC Dept.)  
 1961 † Miss Edith M. Paulding, Parkway, NJ (NY Dept.)  
 1962 \*† Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE Dept.)  
 1963 † Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Reading, PA  
 1964 † Mrs. Anita Selby, Mansfield, OH  
 1965 † Mrs. Emma Wheeler, Milford, NH  
 1966 † Mrs. Edith Snyder, West Palm Beach, FL (NY Dept.)  
 1967 † Miss Flora D. Bates, Shrewsbury, MA  
 1968 † Mrs. Hazel L. Moushey, St. Louis, MO  
 1969 \*† Mrs. Irene Stoudt, West Lawn, PA  
 1970 † Mrs. Florence M. Jansson, Houston, TX (NJ Dept.)  
 1971 Mrs. Eileen Coombs  
 3070 W. Shore Rd. #B-4, Warwick, RI 02886 (ME Dept.)  
 1972 † Mrs. Agnes D. Davis, Wilmington, DE  
 1973 \*† Miss Viola L. Bremme, Philadelphia, PA  
 1974-75 † Mrs. Jessie G. Wells, Cambridge, MA  
 1976 † Mrs. Caroline E. Riddell, Philadelphia, PA  
 1977 † Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros, New Bedford, MA  
 1978 \* Mrs. Marion Combs  
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 1979 \*† Mrs. Florence H. Forbey, Phoenix, AZ (IL Dept.)  
 1980 † Mrs. Nellie H. Hawley, Fort Dodge, IA  
 1981 † Mrs. Lelia M. Turner, Randolph, MA  
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 1983 † Mrs. Dorris W. Schlenker, Rockville, MD  
 1984 Mrs. Mary Jane Simpson  
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2008	Mrs. Judith Trepanier 130 Nooks Hill Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416
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2010	Mrs. Nancy Greenwalt Hilton 1576 Charl Ann Dr., Alliance, OH 44601

## Honor conferred by National Organization:

1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

\* Life Member

† Deceased

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**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>State</b>
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
124th	2010	Aug. 12-15	Overland Park	KS
125th	2011	Aug. 11-14	Reston	VA

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