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2011-2012

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MRS. EILEEN R. COOMBS
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1970-1971

Department of Maine
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IN MEMORIAM



MRS. ISABELLE J. ROBERTS
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
1985-1986

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

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MRS. MARY SCOFIELD
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2000-2001

Department of Connecticut
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PATRICIA MULLENIX

(July 2, 1949–Feb. 6, 2012)

DUVCW 1861-1865 National President 2006-2007

ALAN R. LOOMIS

(Sep. 16, 1934 –March 19, 2012)

SUVCW Commander-in-Chief 1996-1997

EILEEN R. COOMBS

(Sept. 9, 1925 –Sept. 20, 2011)

ASUVCW National President 1971-1972

ISABELLE J. ROBERTS

(Sept. 28, 1924 –Jan. 5, 2012)

ASUVCW National President 1986-1987

MARY SCOFIELD

(Aug. 15, 1915 –Nov. 11, 2011)

ASUVCW National President 2001-2002

Deceased Officers & Members	National Chaplains
Closing Hymn	<i>AMAZING GRACE</i>
Benediction	SANDRA STUART, National Chaplain, LGAR
Extinguishing of the Candles	JUDY ROCK, National President, LGAR
	DONALD D. PALMER, JR., Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
	ANNE SOSNOWSKI, National President, ASUVCW
Recessional	<i>BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC</i>

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

National Encampment

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Los Angeles, California

Friday, August 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

The Little Bronze Button

By John L. Parker

How dear to the heart of each gray-headed soldier
 Are thoughts of the days when we still wore the blue;
 While mem'ry recalls every trial and danger;
 And scenes of the past are brought back to his view.
 Though long since discarded our arms and equipments,
 There's one thing a soldier most surely will note

The first thing he sees on the form of a Comrade
 Is the little bronze button he wears on his coat.
 “How much did it cost,” said a man to the soldier,
 “That little, flat button, you wear on your coat?”
 “Ten cents in good money,” he answered the stranger,
 “And four years of marching and fighting to boot.”
 The wealth of the world cannot purchase this emblem,
 Except that the buyer once wore the brave blue:
 And it shows to mankind the full marks of a hero.



A man who to honor and country was true.
 Then let us be proud of the little bronze button!
 And wear it with spirit, both loyal and bold:
 Fraternally welcome each one who supports it
 With love in our hearts for the Comrades of old.
 Each day musters out whole battalions of wearers;
 And soon will be missed the loved token so dear;
 But millions to come will remember, with honor,
 The men who’d the right that bronze button to wear.
 The little brown button;
 The sacred bronze button:
 The Grand Army button
 He wears on his coat.

- Master of Ceremonies**.....Charles W. Mabie, PDC
- Invocation** Thomas E. Helmtoler
 PCC Department Chaplain
- Presentation of Colors** 6th Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve
- Pledge of Allegiance** Department Patriotic Instructors
 Dean A. Enderlin, PCC
 Cynthia L. Eddy, PAP
- Greetings**.....Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC Department Commander
 Host Committee Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

BARBARA STONE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

DONALD D. PALMER, JR., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ANNE L. SOSNOWSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Entertainment “History of Taps” by Dr. Gary Thomas Scott
Director of the Band of the California Battalion

Closing Ceremonies

**Everyone is invited to stay for the Courtesy Hour
immediately following this program.**

Order of Appearance of Departments for the Courtesy Hour

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| 1. Missouri | 16. Ohio |
| 2. Pennsylvania | 17. Texas |
| 3. Tennessee | 18. New Hampshire |
| 4. Oklahoma | 19. New Jersey |
| 5. Vermont | 20. Indiana |
| 6. Chesapeake | 21. Georgia & South Carolina |
| 7. Massachusetts | 22. Camps-at-Large |
| 8. Iowa | 23. Illinois |
| 9. Wisconsin | 24. Rhode Island |
| 10. Kansas | 25. Kentucky |
| 11. Nebraska | 26. Membership-at-Large |
| 12. Maine | 27. Florida |
| 13. North Carolina | 28. New York |
| 14. Colorado & Wyoming | 29. Michigan |
| 15. Connecticut | |

ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET
Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel
Los Angeles, California
Saturday, August 11, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies.....**Donald W. Shaw**
SUVCW National Chief of Staff

Presentation of the Colors..... **6th Military District, SVR**

Invocation **Allison Graff**
ASUVCW National Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance **John Bates & Rachelle Campbell**
SUVCW AND ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructors

DINNER

Introduction of Guests **Donald W. Shaw**
SUVCW National Chief of Staff

Greetings **Glen L. Roosevelt**
Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific

Tributes to Fathers & Mothers **Ladies of the G.A.R.**

Presentation of Door Prizes **Charles W. Mabie**
Past Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific

Benediction **Jerome Kowalski**
SUVCW National Chaplain

Entertainment **The Band of the California Battalion**

Our entertainment is an accurate portrayal of a battalion or brigade level band of the Union Army during the Civil War. The instrumentation is completely different from the modern concert band. The Civil War era band did not utilize woodwind instruments. Amongst the brass instruments, there are no French Horns or Trombones. These omitted instruments were much too fragile to stand up to rigorous field usage.

The band is made entirely of a single family of brass instruments called sax horns. These instruments were developed by Adolph Sax who later developed the saxophone. The sax horns blended together with a mellow tone quality when played softly or bright and brassy when played loudly.

A group such as this would be expected to provide music for all military occasions. A typical band would play for military formations, parades, dances, social events, religious services, and during actual battles.

Nothing during this period in history kept a soldier marching and fighting like a good meal and a good band. Many regiments owe their success to the motivation provided by their bands.

This type of band remained popular from about 1845 to the 1880s. Its dominance was eclipsed by the wind orchestra or concert band instrumentation popularized by band leaders like John Philip Sousa. The wind orchestra required around 50 musicians and thus was not practical or economical for field usage.

This larger band became a fixture of the permanent army post rather than following the soldiers into battle.

The Band of the California Battalion has the appearance of a band that has been in the field for some time. The flashy parade garb has given way to standard infantry and cavalry uniforms. Due to casualties, replacements had to be garnered from other branches of the service. You will notice uniforms of the infantry, cavalry, engineers, medical service, and even a naval cadet. The band kept the army together so top priority was given to keeping the musical ensemble intact.

**FIRST SESSION
Friday, August 10, 2012
10:00 A.M.**

President Anne Sosnowski declared the meeting open and made the following Encampment Appointments:

ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS

Parliamentarian	PNP Cindy Fox PA
Guide.....	PNP Nancy Hilton OH
Assistant Guide	CA Ritualistic Guide
Color Guard #1	Veronica Miller, MA
Color Guard #2	PAP Kim Johnson IL
Inside Guard.....	PAP Ann Schleeter CA
Outside Guard	Hope Parker, NY
Stenographer	TBA
Musician.....	TBA
Escort	PNP Frances Murray ME
Page.....	TBA

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Credentials/Registration: PNP Michelle Langley NY, PNP Frances Murray ME, PAP Beverly Graham CA

Resolutions: PNP Margaret Atkinson PA

Encampment Committee: NPI Rachele Campbell CA

Officers Reports: PNP Danielle Michaels WI, PNP Virginia Twist NY, PAP Kim Johnson IL

Elections: TBA

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: PNP Judy Trepanier CT, DP Lucille Coe PA

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: PDP Barb Indan PA, PDP Ramona Greenwalt OH

Daughters of Union Veteran of the Civil War, 1861-1865: PNP Frances Murray ME, PNP Betty Baker NY

Response to the SUVCW: PNP Margaret Atkinson PA

Response to the LGAR: PNP Betty Baker NY

Response to the DUV: PNP Virginia Twist NY

Response to the Patriotic Instructor Recipient: DP Diane Mellor MA

Response to All Other Guests: PNP Cindy Fox PA

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Membership Committee: Chair PDP Jane Graham OH, 1718 Rosemont Rd., Alliance, Ohio, 44601, (330) 823-6017, jgraham1115@att.net; All Sitting Vice Presidents, both Department and Auxiliary, are appointed to aid National Vice President Jane Graham.

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The Exemplification of the Ritual was performed with PDP Barbara Indan PA acting as President.

Moved by PNP Judy Trepanier CT and seconded by NC Allison Graff WI that the collection be divided between the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor Funds. So voted. Each fund received \$49.00.

The charter was draped in memory of PNP Eileen Coombs, PNP Isabelle Roberts and PNP Mary Scofield.

Greetings were received from National President Anne and thanks were extended to the acting officers.

The Exemplification concluded as per Ritual at 10:40 a.m.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I now declare the 126th Annual Encampment of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War open and ready to transact business. I welcome you all to the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel. May you all have an enjoyable time while you renew old friendships and make new ones. May you find our meeting interesting and constructive.

Sister Chaplain Allison, thank you for your moving Memorial Service this morning. Will you please open the Bible and ask Divine Blessing. *(So done.)*

Sister Vice President Jane, will you preside while I read my report.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

In Reston, Virginia, August 2011, I was elected to the Office of National President. What an honor and a privilege it was to be placed in such an esteemed office. Along with my initiation, all my officers were duly elected and initiated.

I would like to thank all the Sisters and Brothers I have met in my travels this year. The many courtesies and friendships are greatly appreciated. Each and every one of you went out of your way to make my year as National President so

successful. I apologize to the Departments I could not attend due to a conflicting schedule. My heart and love was with all our Departments.

Sisters, there are a few topics that need to be addressed. All Auxiliaries MUST fill out paper work with the IRS for their EIN number in order to maintain the status as a nonprofit organization. Sister Betty Baker, PNP and current National Treasurer, can help you with these papers but she cannot file for you. Please contact her or any other Department or local Secretary for help.

When Standing and Special Committees are formed, please do the jobs to the BEST of your ability. If you are unable to do these tasks, rely on the other members of your Committee but let them know you are doing so! These are important obligations that need to be fulfilled.

In today's world, it is not always easy to attract new members to our order. Please remember the oath taken at our Sacred Altar and "Be the better Angels of our nature to one another."

In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain was broken this past year with the passing our PNP Eileen Combs who went Home September 17, 2011; our PNP Mary Scofield who went Home November 11, 2011; our PNP Isabelle Roberts who went Home January 5, 2012; and PCC Brother Alan Loomis who went Home March 19, 2012. We will sorely miss these vital Sisters and Brother. To all our Auxiliary Sisters who have experienced a loss of a loved one this year, our thoughts and prayers go out to you. To the many Sisters who need our prayers and support, we are with you.

I have the following recommendations for discussion:

Recommendation #1: Whereas many Auxiliaries do not have 25 members, change the By-Laws to read one delegate and one alternate for every fifteen members or major fraction thereof, to be able to vote at the National Encampment.

Recommendation #2: Whereas the National Color Guards and Patriotic Instructor wear different length white skirts, it would be more uniform if they wore white dress slacks. Change from National Officers to only wear white dress skirts to white dress slacks. Any officer other than Color Guards and Patriotic Instructor can still wear the white knee length skirts.

Recommendation #3: Whereas we are a patriotic organization and we believe in respect for our National Flag, have the National Color guards and National Patriotic Instructor wear white gloves while doing our Ritualistic work.

Recommendation #4: Whereas the National Auxiliary paid for a National Auxiliary Memorial bench installed at the front entrance of the Capital building in Springfield IL in 1940 and this Memorial bench is in need of repairs now, the National Auxiliary have a fund raiser to repair this Auxiliary treasure.

Recommendation #5: Whereas the Auxiliary Sisters not attending National do not hear the recommendations and votes until after the National Encampment, all recommendations are put on the National website prior to the National Encampment and then all Sisters may make their wishes known to their Auxiliary Presidents and delegates.

Recommendation #6: Whereas the National Officers, Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary Secretaries and PNP's need a roster of each year's current information, each year a National Roster be made and sent out with that year's current information.

Recommendation #7: Whereas our Auxiliary members are dwindling, a budget is made for the Publicity of the Auxiliary, and the Publicity Committee put an ad in Civil War publications, e.g. Civilian Companion, Gettysburg Experience, etc. and an ad in genealogy society, familysearch.org, Mormon website.

Recommendation #8: Whereas the history of our Auxiliary is important and the information we currently have not easily accessible, have a central location for the Auxiliary History and have it archivally preserved.

Allied Orders

It was lovely this year traveling with our Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer and Senior Vice Commander Pearly Mellor; Sister Barbara Stone, National President of the Daughters or Sister Ellen Higgins Senior Vice; Sister Judy Rock, National President of the Ladies; and Sister Cindy Norton, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. We met on several occasions and had a summit meeting to discuss the Allied Orders. It is hoped that this practice will continue with each new administration.

Scholarship Award

I was thrilled to present the award to Sister Kathryn Iannitto, my daughter. She was finishing up her studies at Temple/Tyler University in Philadelphia. Kathryn now has a BA in glass blowing. Kathryn appreciated our gift very much as it helped with her thesis.

Visitations and Activities

September 21, 2011 – My work had a cake and flowers for me at Penn State University, Harrisburg Campus. It was very nice.

September 24, 2011 – Attended my Testimonial Luncheon at Williamsons Restaurant in Horsham, PA, held by the Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1. My Kathryn made the glass centerpieces. It was a lovely affair attended by family and friends.

October 14, 2011 – My Dave and I drove to Rockville, CT. We attended the NE Regional Meeting held at a GAR museum. There was a large GAR stained glass window and outside the emblem set in stone along with soldier artifacts. One of the concerns of the joint meeting was the looting of the GAR grave markers of CW vets. We had a lovely catered lunch.

November 18 – 20, 2011 – Attended the Allied Orders Summit Meeting on Friday along with other heads of the Allied Orders. We discussed getting people interested in our Orders, keeping membership, problems we may be having, junior membership and communications among the Allied Orders. Saturday morning we attended the SVR Breakfast. It was wonderful to see our own PCinC Bud Atkinson receive an award for all the hard work he has done for the Sons. We were at the Woolson Monument by 11:00 a.m. Each Allied Order placed a wreath. “Abraham Lincoln” gave the Gettysburg Address; it was very cold for this ceremony. The parade went off at 1:00 p.m. The weather had warmed up some and it was a great day for a parade. The Past Presidents and Past Commanders Dinner was at 6:30 p.m. Turkey with all the trimmings was the repast. The National Civil War Ball was at 9:00 p.m. CinC Don Palmer and his wife Kim led the Grand March with Dave and me following behind. The Victorian Dancers led the dances and the Philadelphia Brigade Band played beautifully. Sunday morning we served at the Pancake Breakfast held at the GAR Hall; lots of happy people and stomachs!

December 10, 2011 – Dave and I attended the “Wreaths Across America” held at the National cemetery at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

February 11, 2012 – We drove to Somerset, Pennsylvania, to attend the Lincoln Luncheon sponsored by the Mt. Union Church Camp #502, the Auxiliary and the Daughters. It was a lovely affair with a dulcimer group as entertainment. It was a snowy cold day, but fun!

February 12, 2012 – We drove to Washington, DC for the Lincoln Birthday

Celebration. We took the shuttle bus from the Channel Inn to the Lincoln Monument. All the Allied Order heads were in attendance and each placed a wreath. The President's Military Band played. Afterward we attended the luncheon at the Channel Inn. Sister Mildred Ames, our DC Representative, hosted Dave and me.

March 15, 2012 – PDP Sister Margaret Shuttlesworth, DP Sister Ann McMillian and I attended the funeral of PDP PA Sister Mary R. Smith.

March 23, 2012 – I flew to Houston, Texas. I was met by Sister Valencia Reyes and Brother Dean Letzring, PCC, PDC. Brother Dean took me to Galveston for lunch and a tour. Brother Dean picked up Sister Val and me and took us to the Pilot's Club for a wine tasting dinner. It was delicious! We attended the President's Tea on Saturday. There were Color Guards from the Sons of Union Veterans, the Confederate Sons, and the Girl Scouts. All very impressive. The tea served was the tea from a plantation in South Carolina, the only tea grown in America, and served also at the White House. The "Tea" consisted of soup, little sandwiches and cakes, served on china. All the Sisters and Brothers were lovely. On Sunday before leaving, we went to a real Texas barbecue.

March 30, 2012 – Dave and I drove to Lansing, MI. All five Allied Order Heads were in attendance at this Michigan Encampment. It was held at the Christian College. The food was very good and the college chef prepared both lunch and supper. The business sessions went smoothly and the Auxiliary Sisters accomplished all they had set out to do. At the last session I installed the new officers. After supper there was a party in the Auxiliary President's room. A good time was had by all.

April 6, 2012 – Dave and I drove to Rhode Island. Their awards banquet was held on Friday night; it was a lovely affair. We had a Joint Memorial Service on Saturday morning and then Sister Anna Frail, National Press Correspondent; Sister Diane Mellor, National Council #3, and I had an informal meeting. We exchanged ideas especially ideas for obtaining new members. We had a lovely lunch afterward.

April 13-15, 2012 – Dave and I drove to Springfield, IL. We stayed at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center. It is very beautiful. Saturday morning we left the hotel at 11:00 a.m. in the rain for Oak Ridge Cemetery. We were given a tour of the crypt. There are various state flags and the US flag in a horseshoe shape around President Lincoln's grave. A huge red granite stone is on the top. All five Allied Order heads were in attendance and

wreaths were placed. After everything was over, it finally stopped raining! There was a luncheon at the hotel. It was a very good meal and well attended. Dave and I went to the President Lincoln Museum and Library. It was wonderful! In the evening we had another Allied Orders Summit Meeting at Bennigan's Restaurant. We discussed the importance of keeping the Allied Orders together and making a board for National to advertise the works of the various Orders. The next day we attended the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony; there were many wreaths and presenters. Afterward there was a luncheon at the hotel.

April 21-22, 2012 – Dave and I headed for New Hampshire. We met Sister Linda and Brother Dan Murray for supper at the Common Man Restaurant. PNP Sister Judy Trepanier and Sister Joyce Norman also attended. It was a lovely meal. Afterward we went to the New Hampshire Historical Society for the Campfire. A gentleman did a one-man show with a violin. He reminded me of an "olde Maine Salt." The Department Encampment was held at the same museum the next day; we had a Joint Opening and Memorial Service with the Sons. During the Auxiliary meeting, it was wonderful to see the floor work being done. Lunch was catered and was very nice. I installed the new officers; we then had a banquet at the Common Man – very delicious.

April 28, 2012 – Dave and I drove to the Maine Encampment in Brunswick, Maine. There was a Joint Opening; we then went into sessions. The Maine Sisters finished their work; we then tied quilts. This is part of their charitable work. We had a lovely lunch and afterward a Joint Memorial Service. I installed the new officers during the last session. Met Sister Elsie Bonney of the Daughters; she is the Maine State President.

April 29, 2012 – Dave and I headed for Manhattan, New York to attend President Grant's 190th Birthday Celebration. Wreaths were laid by various organizations. Grant's Tomb has been refurbished and is in wonderful condition. The crypt is in the center, but below the main floor. There is a small visitor's center and it is now part of the National Park Service.

May 5, 2012 – Dave and I headed for Rockville, Connecticut. We attended the Connecticut Department Encampment held in the GAR museum. PNP Judy Trepanier is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Department and she read her wonderful notes of last year's National Convention. PNP Betty Baker, PNP Michelle Langley, National Council #3 Sister Diane Mellor, and Sister Veronica Mellor were all in attendance. I installed the new officers. We broke for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

May 12, 2012 – Dave, my granddaughter Bella and I went to a rededication ceremony in the Frankford section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Civil War soldiers and sailors interred there received new headstones. Now the monument in the center needs refurbishing and the project will be complete. We met many of the Sisters of Auxiliary #1. I placed our wreath for the Auxiliary. The 28th Philadelphia Brigade Band played 19th century music.

May 18-20, 2012 – Found us in Newburgh, New York for the New York Encampment. The campfire on Friday night was a presentation by Christina Moon, a licensed Battlefield Guide, of some notable soldiers from the West Point Class of 1861. On Saturday morning we had a Joint Memorial Service with the Sons and Daughters. It was good to see the floor work being done. I installed the new officers. The banquet was held at 7:00 p.m. – very nice. Sunday morning we headed for a tour of West Point; it was very interesting.

May 26-28, 2012 – Memorial Day weekend found us in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Saturday, the Gettysburg Blues marched in the East Berlin Parade in the rain; the Auxiliary sisters cheered them on. The Gettysburg Blues did five grave ceremonies on Sunday; the Auxiliary placed flowers. Monday, Memorial Day, found us in the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade. Afterward in the National Cemetery, many guest speakers, including Admiral Joseph Sestak and President Abraham Lincoln, spoke. Wonderful remembrances for our honored dead, but VERY HOT!

May 30, 2012 – Dave and I went to Arlington National Cemetery for a Decoration Day Ceremony put on by the Lincoln Cushing Camp. It was the first time that anyone could remember that all five Allied Order heads were in attendance. There was a snafu with the wreaths; however. The grounds crew took them away and could not remember where they put them! The ceremony turned out well in spite of it all.

June 9, 2012 – Dave and I traveled to Smithville, New Jersey for the New Jersey State Encampment. PNP Sister Margaret Atkinson, PDP Sister Barba Indan and DP Sister Diane Mellor were all in attendance. I installed the new officers and we broke for a lovely buffet luncheon.

June 15-17, 2012 – Dave and I drove to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On Saturday morning we were picked up at our hotel and driven to Saukville for the Department Encampment. We had a Joint Opening with the Sons and then went into business sessions. Everyone went to a Chinese Buffet for lunch. After the

conclusion of the Encampment, we were given a driving tour of Milwaukee by PCinC Steven Michaels.

June 21-24, 2012 – We drove to Greensburg, Pennsylvania for our own Department Encampment. Friday morning we had Joint Opening and Memorial Service with the Sons, Auxiliary and Daughters. We then went into business sessions and broke for a buffet luncheon. Friday evening's Campfire consisted of a church singing group from Mt. Union, Pennsylvania. They sang hymns in the "olde" way and it was very beautiful. We then proceeded to "roast" the Commander Howard Wolfe and the Auxiliary President Ann McMillian. Saturday morning we had business sessions again, broke for a buffet luncheon and finished up the Auxiliary business. It was wonderful to see the floor work, especially with the two young McMillian Sisters as Guides. I installed the new officers. The banquet was at 6:30 p.m. and there was a Bluegrass singing group performing. It was nice to come Home to Pennsylvania.

To My Official Family

Thank you to each and every one of you for taking on the responsibilities of your offices. This year was an extremely busy one for me and I truly appreciate the wonderful work all of you have done.

To PNP Sister Margaret Atkinson and PCinC Bud Atkinson, my year would have been impossible without your guidance, support and love. Whenever I called upon you, you were ready with just and fair answers, sometimes humor. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and friendship.

Thank you to PNP Sister Betty Baker who managed her job despite many personal tragedies.

Thank you to PNP Sister Jan Harding for adding her many personal touches to the office of MAL Coordinator.

Thank you to NVP Sister Jane Graham, PNP Sister Faye Carlisle-Thompson, and National Council Member #3 Diane Mellor for representing me.

Thank you to National Council Member #3 Sister Diane Mellor for her friendship during many visitations.

Thank you to Sister Linda Murray who managed our website so admirably.

A special thank you to Sister Trish Bures whose first year as National Secretary proved to be a challenge.

A very special thank you to our money officers for all the challenges of their jobs in this economy.

Appreciation

I would like to thank my husband, PCC Dave Sosnowski, who traveled with me to most events. I especially want to acknowledge him for his calmness, patience and understanding, but most of all his love. He is Precious!

Thanks to all Sisters who accepted Encampment Appointments as floor officers or committee members.

Thank you again to the Departments for all the courtesies extended to Dave and me. You made the year so wonderful.

Thank you to my Auxiliary Parents, Margaret and Bud Atkinson, for everything they have done for me and for the Good of our Order.

Thank you to the many Sisters who practice “Let us be the Better Angels of our nature to one another!”

I would like to leave you with a reading by St. Francis De Sales:

Make yourself familiar with the angels,
And behold them frequently in spirit;
For without being seen, they are present with you.

God Speed,
Anne L. Sosnowski
National President

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA, Bev Graham CA-PAC, Danielle Michaels PNP WI

That we accept this report, file it and all subsequent reports with the Officers' Reports Committee.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Jane, may we have your report?

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as your National Vice President this past year. Also service as the Representative of the National President to the Department of the Chesapeake was an added honor and I could not have been treated with any more respect and dignity. A big thank you to that Department. I was also to represent Sister Anne in Ohio, but due to illness was unable to attend my own Encampment. So sorry about this, Sister Anne.

As I stated in the first General Order, I would donate an altar cloth to any new Auxiliary instituted this past year and I am told there was one in Pennsylvania. Congratulations to this Auxiliary.

I was privileged to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg as well as all of my own local Auxiliary meetings, where I serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

To the members of this past year’s National Encampment, I thank you for giving me this honor and electing me to this position. I will cherish this year in my book of memories for many years to come.

Jane Graham, PDP, OH
National Vice President

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Departments	New Members
California & Pacific	7 + 3 Juniors
Connecticut	0
Chesapeake	0
Iowa	5
Maine	1 reinstatement
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	1
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	7
New York	3
Ohio	4 + 1 Junior
Pennsylvania	30 with 1 new Auxiliary
Rhode Island	0
Vermont	0
Wisconsin	4
Auxiliaries at Large	
Nancy A. James, MO	0
Louisa Volker, MO	3
Rachel Cormany, OK	1

Edward Wallace, SC..... 0

Sarah Emma Seelye, TX..... 3

PRESIDENT ANNE: Is the Council ready with their report?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The receipts have been audited, but we are still working on the report.

PRESIDENT ANNE: OK. Sister Tricia, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Summary of Departments and Auxiliaries as of December 31, 2011

54 Auxiliaries

Gained: 1 in Pennsylvania

Lost: 1 in Pennsylvania, 1 in Colorado

Net Loss of 1 Auxiliary

983 Members in Good Standing

Gained: 41

Lost: 88

Net Loss of 47 Sisters, primarily in Members at Large

Not reporting:

Department of Maine

Department of Rhode Island, submitted but does not tally

Nancy James Auxiliary, Missouri

Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary, Department of the Chesapeake

Summary of Departments and Auxiliaries as of April 30, 2012

57 Auxiliaries

991 Members in good Standing

Gained: 31

Lost: 94

Net Loss of 63 Sisters

Not Reporting:

Department of Vermont

Department of Rhode Island
Nancy James Auxiliary, Missouri
Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary, Department of Chesapeake
Mary Logan Auxiliary, Illinois

Recommendation #1: The “Revision of Blanks Committee” be dissolved and replaced with the Standing Committee named “Forms and Documents Committee.” This committee would be responsible for developing, producing and maintaining all forms and documents of the National Auxiliary.

The committee would be responsible for seeing that each Department President, Auxiliary at Large President and the Coordinator of Membership at Large be notified when any changes were made to any and all documents.

The committee would be responsible to see that all forms and documents be posted on the National Auxiliary website as soon as possible after being changed or updated.

One paper copy of all forms and documents would be produced by the Committee and provided to each Department President, Auxiliary at Large President, and the Coordinator of Membership at Large. Each Department President would be responsible for distribution of copies within her respective Department.

The Chairmanship of this committee would permanently be the sitting National Secretary. The committee would also be composed of the sitting National Treasurer and three Sisters of the Order, selected by the Chairman from among those Sisters that express a desire to assist in this work, after conferring with the sitting National President. The National Webmaster would serve as an advisor to the committee.

Recommendation #2: The work to be done by the National Secretary needs to be addressed. There are definitive dates that the Per Capita reports are due: May 25, September 25 and January 25. Who is responsible for the production of the National newsletter is not addressed in any document that I have found. In the past it has been the responsibility of the National President, as it is her “General Order.” It is my understanding that it defaulted to the National Secretary so that quality and consistency could be obtained.

The National newsletter is a very important document that is our “public face.” It must be a quality piece that reflects well on the organization, being well produced and grammatically correct. It is a very useful tool for communicating within our organization, one of the best that we have for sharing our efforts with each other.

Producing a quality newsletter, while at the same time processing very detailed reports, has been extremely difficult this past year. A realistic time

frame integrating these two major responsibilities of the National Secretary needs to be established. The job description of the National Secretary must be addressed to reflect the added responsibility of the national newsletter, if it is truly her responsibility.

Keeping in mind the dates already established for receiving Per Capita reports, I would propose that the National newsletter dates be as follows:

August: second weekend is National Encampment. Reports must be obtained by the National Secretary prior to the start of the Encampment and sufficient copies made for distribution.

Transcription of Minutes of National Encampment processed after closing of the Encampment.

September: 2nd trimester Per Capita Report is due September 25 for period of May through August.

General Order #1: Call for submissions due date of September 1
Send to printer due date of October 1
Final edition delivered by printer October 10

This edition to contain results of National Encampment held in August.

General Order #2: Call for submissions due date of November 15
Send to printer due date of December 15
Final edition delivered by printer January 10

December: 3rd trimester Per Capita due January 25 for period of September through December

General Order #3: Call for submissions due date of March 1
Send to printer due date of December 15
Final edition delivered by printer April 10

This edition to contain information & forms for National Encampment.

May: 1st trimester Per Capita due May 25 for period of January through April

General Order #4: Call for submissions due date of June 10
Send to printer due date of July 10
Final edition delivered by printer July 20

This edition to contain all Resolutions, Recommendations, Endorsements and assignments and schedule for the National Encampment.

The call for submissions due date would be final and those officers that do not meet the deadline would not be published. This timeline would be posted on the National website, and all Sisters would be encouraged to submit articles and

items that would be of interest to the organization.

The newsletter will be posted on the National website by the final edition delivery date. It will be delivered via email to all Sisters with a current email address. Those Sisters that do not have email will receive a paper copy from the printer.

The current mailing list is being purged. Department Secretaries, Auxiliary at Large Secretaries and the Member at Large Coordinator have been asked to provide a current roster of all Auxiliaries within their Department or Auxiliary. That roster is to include ALL contact information for each Sister registered within their Department or Auxiliary. The new mailing list will be taken from the rosters received.

Recommendation #3: These are the verbiage replacements that we suggest be made to the CR&R. They simply clarify who is to receive what reports as we are doing now. One of the problems Departments and Auxiliaries at Large have commented upon has been that it is not clear in some cases where to send some of their reports. These changes will catch up all the little pieces that have not been cleaned up from previous efforts. No procedure or practice is changed, just verbiage.

CHAPTER I SUBORDINATE AUXILIARIES

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Replace “by National or Department Headquarters” with “by the National or Department Secretary”

CHAPTER II DEPARTMENTS

ARTICLE IV Duties of Officers

Section 4. Replace “to National Headquarters” with “to the National Secretary”

CHAPTER III NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 3. Replace “to the National Treasurer” with “to the National Secretary”

ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers

Section 10. Replace “to National Headquarters” with “to the National Secretary” and replace “keep the National Headquarters informed” with “Keep the National Secretary informed”

ARTICLE VII Finances

Section 3. Replace “to National Headquarters” with “to the National Secretary”

Section 4. Replace “to the National Treasurer” with “to the National Secretary for”

CHAPTER IV GENERAL REGULATIONS**ARTICLE III Badges**

Section 1. Replace “from National Headquarters” with “from the National Supply Officer”

Section 4. Replace “from National Headquarters” with “from the National Supply Officer”

ARTICLE VII Membership Identification Card

Section 3. Replace “The National Treasurer is” with “The National Supply Officer is”

Tricia Bures, PDP, CA-PAC
National Secretary

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you. Sister Rachelle, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

It was my honor to have been elected National Patriotic Instructor by the 125th Annual National Encampment in Reston, Virginia. I have been extremely grateful for the many individuals who have helped make by time in this office a success. The Sisters of the Department of California and Pacific have been particularly instrumental in assisting me throughout the year. I also wish to thank Sister Diane Mellor for staffing a sales table for me during the Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg.

I was honored to represent the National Order and bring greetings from National President Anne to the California and Pacific Department Encampment, and to install their new slate of officers on her behalf. I also represented the Auxiliary by participating in Memorial Day Services at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California, where a special service was performed for Comrades resting in the GAR plot there. A local television station interviewed me regarding the meaning of Memorial Day, resulting in excellent media coverage.

I am pleased to announce that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) Memorial Home in Los Angeles has been selected to receive this year’s donation to a host city charity from the NPI Fund. The LGAR’s Department of California was chartered in 1885 and immediately threw itself into the aide of veterans, especially those in the hospitals established for their care. It was soon obvious that tearing these men away from family and home was not an ideal care situation. With this in mind, the LGAR of California sought property to build a facility for veterans and their wives in 1904. Land adjoining the established Sawtelle Soldiers’ Home in Los Angeles was purchased and the cornerstone for

the first cottage was laid March 8, 1905. Four room cottages were built as various LGAR Circles raised the funds to sponsor these and by 1934 there were ten cottages (some double) and an Assembly Hall on the grounds. By 1918 many veterans had passed into history, so the eligibility requirements changed to include membership in the LGAR. In 1925 efforts to sell the now very valuable frontage on Wilshire Boulevard led to the removal of the cottages to the rear of the property, away from the busy road. In 1949 the current 12 unit building was dedicated. Since 1992 the home's residents have been required to be members of the LGAR, age 55 or over, or a needy widow or female blood kin of WWI or WWII veterans.

I am also pleased to award the NPI GAR Hall Donation to the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz. This is in recognition of the organization's tireless efforts to recognize, interpret, and memorialize the island's Civil War heritage.

The NPI's consolidated report is filed for the following 12 out of 15 Departments: California and Pacific, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Five of the seven Auxiliaries at Large are also represented, as follows: Mary Logan Auxiliary #20, Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Auxiliary #326, Rachel Cormany Auxiliary #2, and Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1.

Number of Flags distributed by Auxiliaries:	2,898
Number of Patriotic Entertainments given:	214
Number of National Anniversaries observed:	322
Number of Patriotic Papers read in the Auxiliary:	164
Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united for Patriotic Meetings:	242
Amount expended for Patriotic work:	\$6,523.67
How many members flew the flag on Memorial Day:	513

Special Mentions:

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize some of the excellent patriotic activities that have taken place around the nation by documenting a few highlights.

California & Pacific: During this second year of the Civil War sesquicentennial, the three (3) Auxiliaries in the Department of California & Pacific participated in many patriotic community events throughout the state of California to promote Civil War education and keep alive the memory of the "Boys in Blue." These events included: headstone re-dedication ceremonies for Civil War veterans; Flag Day events; 4th of July parades; staffing educational

booths at Civil War re-enactments, genealogy fairs and community events; Civil War memorial dedications; Remembrance Day observances; Veterans Day parades, cemetery tours highlighting Civil War veterans' graves; locating and posting Civil War veteran grave information on the internet; public tours of historical Civil War related sites; and Memorial Day ceremonies and observances.

Iowa: Three (3) Sisters attended Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Four (4) Sisters attended a Sesquicentennial program at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument. Three (3) Sisters attended Eddyville Monument rededication and the Auxiliary presented citizens of Eddyville with American Flags. Seven (7) Sisters participated in procession of flags at the State Historical Building for Flag Day. Six (6) Sisters participated in the Memorial Service at Woodland Cemetery and scattered flower petals. Auxiliary donated money to the Battle Flag Conservation, Wreaths Across America, and USS *Iowa* restoration. Auxiliary Sisters also dressed in Civil War attire and Participated with their SVR unit for the Blakesburg & Hoyt Sherman Place.

Maine: Dedication of headstone to Civil War soldier William Johnson at the Old Baptist Cemetery in Yarmouth, Maine. Rededication of gravesite of John Nevens at Poland, Maine. Donations of \$1,200 to Sew Much Comfort.

Massachusetts: Memorial Service for Rev. Gage Hotaling at Iwo Jima Monument on the one-year anniversary of his death. Worked with youth groups, Girl Scouts and cookie moms on the meaning of patriotism. Participated in the Wounded Warrior project. Provided baskets and cards to a soldier in Crystal Clarke's hometown from Auxiliary #25.

Michigan: Sister Marjorie Schultz's grandfather J. Wesley Benedict wrote the Civil War poem "The Last Camp" and it was also on display at the Henry Ford Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Planted flowers at Civil War Military Monument and Civil War graves and had all five Allied Orders present for this project.

New Hampshire: Placed flags on the New Hampshire graves at Gettysburg for Remembrance Day. Participated in Salem Fest and Strawberry Banke Portsmouth living history event. Attended various Memorial Day events and Veterans Day events and presented ROTC awards.

Ohio: Made purchases of patriotic books and read to elementary school aged children.

Pennsylvania: Many Auxiliaries distributed flags and participated in Memorial Day activities in their local areas. Many Christmas activities were conducted including the cookies for women soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Our Sisters continue to spread the message of the Auxiliary by conducting education programs, raising funds for local Civil War projects and sending care packages to soldiers in Iraq.

Mary Logan Auxiliary #20, Illinois: Working on raising funds to install a solar-lit flagpole at the Civil War Soldiers Plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Auxiliary #326, Missouri: Auxiliary hosted a ladies event in conjunction with 2012 SUVCW Department of Missouri Encampment.

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, Texas: Attended Buffalo Soldiers Museum Memorial Service. Were in Veterans Day Parades in Houston and Dickinson. Laid flags at local cemetery for Memorial Day. Held Annual President's Tea and had several patriotic speakers. Attended Sarah Emma Seelye Grave Dedication. Attended several headstone dedications such as Palacios and Galveston. Attended the Battle of Galveston Memorial. Attended SUVCW Department Encampment at Arlington. Attended Texas Historical Marker Dedication in Cleveland at Riggs Family Cemetery.

Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you.

Sister Virginia, will you read Sister Betty's Treasurer Report please.

NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

I am sorry I cannot be with you this year. Personal circumstances prevent me from traveling. My heart and thoughts are with all of you and the tasks that lay ahead of you.

It has been an interesting year. I feel like I have a personal acquaintance with the Ohio Attorney General's Office due to complaints lodged against my office. Daman, Allison and I have talked and corresponded so much this past year that we are on a first name basis. I have met all of their requests and they are more than satisfied that we are doing everything properly. I hope now these complaints can be laid to rest and that all members of our organization will rally together once again for the best interest of our sisters.

The vote last year to give Life Membership to 90 year olds and above was well received. We gave out thirteen (13) since last August. Unfortunately, we

have lost one already. Sister Anne made them all a nice certificate and included a personal letter to each one. They were all made to feel special.

All of our Certificates of Deposit have matured. Since the interest rate is still not good, they have all been deposited in our savings account. I have been watching the rates and alternative options, but nothing seems good just yet. If something comes up, I will notify the National President and the Council members. Our checking account has had sufficient funds to operate this year, so I have left the interest accrued in the savings. The only interest that I put in the checking account was when the Certificate of Deposits matured.

To our two fund raisers Anne and Rachelle, you have done an excellent job. I have enjoyed our correspondence.

National Secretary Tricia, you stepped into a big job, but I know you will persevere. I am behind you 100%.

Sister National President Anne, you have been a dedicated, efficient, dignified National President. I have enjoyed our many conversations, both the laughter and the tears; serving under you was a pleasure. I wish for you a wonderful Encampment and I know you will have many fond memories of your year's service. Just remember "A happy memory never wears out."

I would like to leave you with this Irish blessing: May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you, and whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you.

I truly hope to see everyone next year in Wisconsin. As they say, "If the good Lord is willing and the creek don't rise." God bless you all.

Betty J. Baker, PNP, NY
National Treasurer

HONOR ROLL (2011-2012)

In Memory of

Eileen Coombs PNP ME	Linda Murray PDP NH	\$10.00
	Cynthia Brown PNP NH	25.00
	Gilman E. Sleeper Aux #60 NH	25.00
	Marion Combs PNP NJ	25.00
	Barbara Mayberry PNP MA	25.00
	Department of New Hampshire	25.00
	L.A. Tift Aux #10, MA	30.00
	PNP Club	10.00
	Elmer (Bud) & Margaret Atkinson PNP PA	20.00
	New England Regional Assoc. Aux.	50.00
	Frances Murray PNP ME	10.00

	Thomas Carr #7 NH	10.00
	Connecticut Department	10.00
	Massachusetts Department	25.00
	Willie Grout Aux #25 MA	10.00
	Vermont Department	10.00
Mary Scofield PNP CT	New England Regional Assoc. Aux.	50.00
	Frances Murray PNP ME	10.00
	Doris Glendinning PDP NH	15.00
	New Hampshire Department	25.00
	Gilman E. Sleeper Aux #60 NH	25.00
	Cynthia Brown PNP NH	25.00
	PNP Club	10.00
	Elmer (Bud) & Margaret Atkinson PNP PA	20.00
	Linda Murray PDP NH	10.00
	Judy Trepanier PNP CT	25.00
	Thomas Carr #7 NH	10.00
	Massachusetts Department	25.00
	Connecticut Department	25.00
	Willie Grout Aux #25 MA	10.00
	Auxiliary #20 CT	25.00
	Vermont Department	10.00
Isabelle Roberts PNP NY	Thomas Carr Auxiliary #7 NH	10.00
	PNP Club	10.00
	Elmer (Bud) & Margaret Atkinson PNP PA	15.00
	Jerome & Lorraine Orton	10.00
	Cynthia Brown PNP NH	25.00
	New Hampshire Department	25.00
Lydia Chute NH	Bonita Morse PDP NH	25.00
Florence Spring PNP NJ	Frances Murray PNP ME	10.00
Linda Fields PDP NY	Frances Murray PNP ME	10.00
	Vermont Department	10.00
Sharon Taylor	Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. #1, TX	30.00
Edgar & Emma Prince	Vermont Department	<u>20.00</u>
	Total	\$875.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of August 14, 2011.....\$9,747.86

Receipts

Supplies.....	\$2,087.85	
Per Capita.....	6,922.00	
Late Fines.....	45.00	
Publicity.....	350.00	
Chief of Staff.....	1,636.00	
Patriotic Instructor.....	2,525.00	
Misc. Donation to PI (2010-2011).....	40.00	
Donation to Chief of Staff (2010-2011).....	27.00	
Voided checks #1412, #1420.....	300.00	
Charter fee.....	20.00	
Interest.....	284.23	
Pre-registration (2012).....	320.00	
Total Receipts.....	\$14,557.08	<u>\$14,557.08</u>
		\$24,304.94

Disbursements

Office Expense.....	\$529.25	
Postage.....	1,195.04	
Travel.....	2,000.00	
Goodwill.....	850.00	
Supplies.....	846.15	
Wreaths		
Gettysburg.....	45.00	
Washington DC.....	85.00	
Lincoln's Tomb.....	63.92	
Unknown Soldier.....	85.00	
Cathedral of the Pines.....	25.00	
Printing.....	4,550.78	
Scholarship.....	400.00	
Site Committee.....	550.00	
Life Membership Dues.....	60.00	
Bond.....	100.00	
Misc. Re-write lost check.....	200.00	
Ohio State Renew Charter.....	25.00	
Lincoln Birthday Com. Committee Dues.....	60.00	
Total Disbursements.....	\$11,670.14	<u>\$11,670.14</u>
Community Bank Checking Account Balance		\$12,634.80

PERMANENT FUND

Savings Account Community Bank, Ovid, NY

Balance August 1, 2011.....	\$44,400.63
Honor Roll.....	\$875.00
Life Member.....	850.00
Beverly Graham	
Dorothy Bianco (free)	
Sharon Patton	
Virginia Ritter (free)	
Margaret (Peg) Krecota	
Martha VanGundy (free)	
Shirley Partington (free)	
Lillian Morrison (free)	
Josephine Strickland (free)	
Alice Baird (free)	
Mary Lautner (free)	
Pauline Mitchess (free)	
Virginia Berdinka (free)	
Rita Mauermann	
Arlene Crocker (free)	
Margaret Bailey (free)	
Matured and called CD	2,000.00
Interest.....	<u>61.06</u>
	\$3,786.06..... <u>\$3,786.06</u>
 Balance August 1, 2012.....	 \$48,186.69

SUMMARY

Checking Account	
Community Bank NA	\$12,634.80
Savings Account	
Community Bank NA	<u>\$48,186.69</u>
Total Funds Community Bank August 1, 2012.....	\$60,821.49

BUDGET REPORT

	2012-2013	2011-2012
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Supplies.....	\$2,500.00	\$2,087.85
Per Capita (based on 1124 members)	6,744.00	6,922.00
Late Fees (hope for none).....	25.00.....	45.00

Publicity (based on 30 new members).....	150.00.....	350.00
Chief of Staff	2,500.00.....	1,636.00
Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00.....	2,525.00
Registration (based on 50 attendees)	500.00.....	320.00
Misc: Charter (hope for new aux.),	30.00.....	387.00
Donations to 2010-2011 PI & CofS, and Voided checks		
Interest	<u> </u>	<u>284.23</u>
Total Receipts.....	\$14,449.00.....	\$14,557.08

Any shortage take from interest left in savings.

Disbursements

Office Expense.....	\$100.00.....	\$529.25
Postage	1,300.00.....	1,195.04
National President 4x\$44.00		
National Secretary 4x\$44.00		
National Treasurer 4x\$44.00		
Supply Officer		
Proceeding 2009		
General Order #1		
Travel	2,000.00.....	2,000.00
Goodwill	850.00.....	850.00
Supplies (membership badges ordered). 1,500.00.....		846.15
Actual includes National President Badge	670.18	
Life Member Bars	97.50	
Membership Card	57.00	
Wreaths.....	350.00.....	278.92
Gettysburg		
Lincoln Memorial (Washington DC)		
Lincoln Tomb (Springfield IL)		
Unknown Soldier		
Cathedral of the Pines.....	25.00.....	25.00
Printing	3,500.00.....	4,550.78
2009 Proceeding		
General Orders #1, 2 and 3		
Publicity.....	0.00.....	0.00
Scholarship.....	400.00.....	400.00
Life Membership Dues	60.00.....	60.00
Bond.....	100.00.....	100.00
Web Page (1 year left).....	0.00.....	0.00

Lincoln Birthday Commemorative	60.00	60.00
Site Committee	550.00	550.00
<u>Convention</u>		
Room (2012 - \$99/night, 2 officers)	900.00	457.58
Board.....	150.00	100.00
National President		
National Secretary		
National Treasurer		
Gratuities.....	25.00	25.00
Musician.....	30.00	30.00
Chaplain allowance.....	25.00	25.00
Chief of Staff allowance	50.00	50.00
Patriotic Instructor Memorial.....	350.00	350.00
Patriotic Instructor - GAR Hall.....	100.00	100.00
National President Testimonial.....	200.00	200.00
National Sons Love Token	250.00	250.00
Stenographer	250.00	250.00
Supply Officer.....	100.00	100.00
Mileage (distance to WI 3 officers)	1,400.00	791.85
Misc: Charter renewal.....	25.00	25.00
	<u>\$14,650.00</u>	<u>\$14,199.57</u>

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Chaplain, may we have your report?

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Number of members present on Memorial Day	280
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service.....	165
Number of deaths which have occurred since April 1	15
Number of funeral occasions where funeral service of the Order was used	13
Amount expended for floral and grave decorations, including donations.....	\$1,742.11
How many times a committee appointed to confer with the camp.....	115
Number of children assisting Auxiliary on Memorial Day	407
Deaths reported were:	

California/Pacific

Eileen L. Hustad, July 30, 2011, Auxiliary #52

Connecticut

Mary Scofield, PNP, November 11, 2011, Auxiliary #20

Maine

Eileen Coombs, PNP, September 20, 2011, Auxiliary #56

Shirley Osborne, December 24, 2011, Auxiliary #11

New Hampshire

Lydia Chute, February 6, 2012, Auxiliary #7

New York

Isabelle Roberts, PNP, January 3, 2012, Auxiliary #72

Elizabeth Orman, PDP, June 1, 2011, Auxiliary #11

Hazel Sundburg, September 8, 2011, Member at Large

Lucy Peppin, November 3, 2011

Ohio

Helen Biggs, January 1, 2011, Auxiliary #45

Donna Menser, February 11, 2011, Auxiliary #91

Joann Hilliard, December 11, 2011, Auxiliary #91

Roselyn Brown, December 18, 2011, Auxiliary #91

Toni Starkey, March 12, 2012, Auxiliary #77

Pennsylvania

Mary R. Smith, PDP, March 11, 2012, Auxiliary #7

Audrey Kyles, January 14, 2012, Auxiliary #7

Lois Cromer, January 16, 2012, Auxiliary #50

Madeline Bennett, PAP, March 1, 2012, Auxiliary #1

Patricia Frerotte, February 4, 2012, Auxiliary #43

Mary Bordy, January 22, 2012, Auxiliary #44

Wisconsin

Thelma Griffin, September 3, 2009, Auxiliary #2

Allison Graff, PDP
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, it is time to recess for lunch. Please be back promptly at 1:30 so we can get started on our afternoon session.

The Chaplain attended the altar and the meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m.

SECOND SESSION
Friday, August 10, 2012
1:47 P.M.

The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I hope everyone had a nice lunch and everybody is

refreshed now to go on with the second session.

Sister Judy, would you like to talk first?

JUDY TREPANIER PNP CT: I have two motions that I would like to make before we get into too much here.

MOVED by Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT

That we continue to the \$400 scholarship for the next year.

SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT

That we continue with the Love Token of \$250 to the Sons.

SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

MOTION CARRIED

HOPE PARKER NY: The Delegation from the Sons is here, including the Commander-in-Chief.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will proceed to the anteroom and bring in our guests.

Escorted to the altar were Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer, PCinC George Powell and David Sosnowski. They were then conducted to the President's station.

DONALD PALMER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Ladies, it is a pleasure to be here. I present greetings from the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I know sometimes Commanders-in-Chief send delegations, but having a great working relationship that I have had with this lady here, I wanted to do that myself. I have a couple of gifts that I would like to present to the Auxiliary President. First of all, this year we tried to take added interest to collaborating between all the Allied Orders. I thought that was a very valuable and rewarding experience for me, because I learned a lot about what you ladies do and what the other ladies' organizations do. We also identified areas where we actually could move forward in working together. A couple of key areas we talked about were membership generation and youth programs. These are things that we really need to do grow our respective orders because if you look at other fraternal organizations, and you add all of us up, we are pretty small so that is really where things start is a collaborative effort. So, to commemorate the collaboration of the end this year, all five Allied Orders

leaders met in Gettysburg and Springfield and had some informal meetings at Arlington National Cemetery over Memorial Day as well as the Michigan Department Encampment, which was entertaining in itself! So I would like to present as a commemoration of those events this token, and notice that I got the right name on there. These were made up for each one of us and the die is broken so it is one of a kind. It basically says Allied Orders of the GAR 2011-2012 Leadership Team. All five of us are on there and it has our battle cry, which is "Putting the Allied back in Allied Orders." I would like to present you with a challenge coin that was produced to commemorate my term in office. On the front it has the usual SUVCW logo and on the back it has the seal of the Department of Missouri to commemorate the fact that I am the first ever Commander-in-Chief from the state of Missouri in the 130 years of our organization. There were a limited number of these made and I would like you to have one as well. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Don, I have something for you. I hope you enjoy it.

DONALD PALMER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I am sure I will.

GEORGE POWELL, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Sisters, it is a pleasure to once again be here to see your smiling faces. Anne and I have worked together for probably more years than we would like to remember through the GAR Museum in Philadelphia. That organization is a unique place in our orders. Technically, it is not part of the Allied Orders but three members of the museum, Clarence Riddell, Bud Atkinson, and myself, were Commanders-in-Chief. And now three of the ladies who are members of the museum are Caroline Riddell, Sister Margaret Atkinson and now Sister Anne have been National Presidents of the Auxiliary. The Riddells were married, the Atkinsons were married. The first program that Anne and I did together was a Civil War wedding where I was the groom and she was the substitute bride. The original woman who was supposed to be the bride got sick. They didn't tell me. I was standing up there and see Anne come out. I am expecting to see Bud come out with a shotgun to change the script! Anne, as your substitute husband, I want to thank you for what you have done for the museum, for me and for the Allied Orders. *(applause)*

DAVID SOSNOWSKI, SUVCW: I want to give you something that I know the rest of the Sons wanted to give you, but only I can. *(a kiss)*

JERRY KOWALSKI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, SUVCW: The Benjamin Stephenson gravesite in Petersburg, Illinois, that some of you have been to, is

going to be renovated. We are working with the city of Petersburg to make some drastic improvements to the site. Actually the city of Petersburg has lined up the volunteer workman to do it, they have a budget set up, they had a professional architect design how it is going to look and I will leave copies here of how it is going to look. Hopefully, the Sons will approve a \$1,000 gift to the city of Petersburg to begin this project. We will be able to participate by buying paper blocks on which you can put your name, your ancestor's name, your Auxiliary. They start at \$100 and I am sure they will go up. It is only a one-time thing. If you don't get in on the beginning, you will miss it completely. That is all designed to happen in 2016 – the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus the Allied Orders. Benjamin Stephenson is a focal point for 2016. It is a short distance from Springfield, Illinois, where we hope the Encampment will be that year. The Petersburg site for Dr. Benjamin Stephenson is just the place to honor that man who started it all rolling. If you agree with me, say "Amen." (*Delegates responded with "Amen."*)

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Brothers, it is my great pleasure to respond. I have always had a special interest in the Sons, being married to one, but we are especially honored to have the Commander-in-Chief. They usually do not come over and visit us and we are very, very pleased to have you. Of course, George I have known forever. We have traveled together, with my husband, to conventions and actually when he was Department Commander and I was National President, we had our testimonial dinner together. So he is an old friend and a good member of the GAR Museum, good member of the Sons. Of course, Dave I met because I met his sweetheart and was very, very pleased to be at their wedding last month, which we could have held the Pennsylvania Department Encampment with all the members of the Allied Orders there. Brother Chaplain, I have always enjoyed listening to you. That sounds like a wonderful, wonderful project. So thank you so much for coming over to visit. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I thank you.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the delegation from the room to clapping and the singing of Battle Hymn of the Republic.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Margaret Atkinson, would you like to give the Counselors' Report?

NATIONAL CO-COUNSELORS REPORT

It has been our pleasure to serve National President Anne Jaster Sosnowski as her Counselors during the past year. We have known her as a personal friend and a

coworker for our Order for many years and are aware of her devotion to her duties. We did our best to assist her when called upon and hope that we were able to offer wise counsel as needed.

In view of her very recent marriage to a member of the Sons, we know she will continue to work to fulfill her missions and we wish her much happiness in her new life.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Elmer "Bud" Atkinson, PCinC, SUVCW

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sister Margaret.
Sister Barbara Indan, do you have a report?

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

It has been an honor serving as Personal Aide to our National President this year. I would like to thank my dear Sister Anne for appointing me to this position. One of my duties as Personal Aide is to present Anne with a photo scrapbook of her year in office. Thanks to the talented photography of her wonderful husband Dave, I have many pictures of her extensive to choose from. While looking through all the pictures of many Department Encampment visits Anne has made this past year, the one thing that kept coming to mind was the first of the three principles of our organization. The principle of fraternity. No matter where we live or what our backgrounds may be, we are all the same in that we share a common goal that we promise to strive for when during our initiation we took the obligation of our Order. Sister Anne, you have done a wonderful job as our President. You have performed your duties with great kindness and dignity. You are a perfect example of the principles of our Auxiliary and I am so very proud of you. You truly are an angel and I am grateful for your friendship. I hope you enjoyed your year as our President and I wish you and Dave all the best in the years to come. You deserve it!

Barbara Indan PA
National Personal Aide

President Anne was presented her scrapbook.

PRESIDENT ANNE: It is beautiful book! A map of the United States is on the cover with beautiful pictures inside. Thank you!

Sister Secretary, do we have any communications that need to be read at this time?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Yes, we do, Sister President.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. *Proclamation from the City of Los Angeles – Certificate of Congratulations*
2. *Proclamation from the County of Los Angeles*
3. *Thank you letter from Scholarship recipient Sister Kate Iannitto*
4. *Thank you from Cathedral of the Pines*

PRESIDENT ANNE: We have one more report from the Supply Officer.

NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER REPORT

This past year I have filled 33 orders for supplies. I have sent supplies with Sister Virginia to convention to make them available to our Sisters. This saves them postage and they can see what we have available.

Sales from August 2011 to July 31, 2012 - \$2,087.85

Postage - \$158.40

Supplies for mailing - \$31.85

I kept supplies in significant amounts but do need membership badges, which I ordered through Simons Brothers the first part of July. I enjoyed the communication with the Sisters when I filled the orders received by mail or email.

I have attached an inventory listing of supplies.

I will be missing all of you this year but look forward to the coming years.

Sister President Anne, I feel bad that I cannot be with you this year. You have done such a gracious job all year. I know your Encampment will be a successful and harmonious one, and you will leave with many blessings.

Michelle Langley, PNP, NY

National Supply Officer

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Rachelle and Sisters from California, I would be very remiss if I did not tell you how beautiful the decorations are in this room and that you have done such a lovely job. I think the Sisters from California need a round of applause. *(So done.)*

Sisters, we do have a contest about Guardian Angels and I think that only the Sisters of California did it. No?

OK, well let's hold up the one from California, since that begins with a "C". Sisters, take a look at this. Please go to a microphone and explain it.

UNKNOWN: What this says, and I believe Susan Sweet was the one who made this, and she decided that the Sons were their Angels. She has snapshots from

several of the Sons and Camps from all over the state that attend reenactments with us or meetings, or help us at ceremonies. Our Junior members are also on there.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Now, would someone from Ohio like to describe theirs?

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I guess I sort of misinterpreted what you were saying and what we did was we each have our little Guardian Angel pin that we are wearing. That's what we did. Our Guardian Angels are angels.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Very nice. Would someone from Massachusetts describe theirs?

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: Ours is a pair of angel wings with the Autism puzzle piece in the center, because Autism awareness is our heartfelt love. That is the reason for the Autism puzzle piece.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Wisconsin?

ANNE MICHAELS, PDP, WI: It is a very crafty Guardian Angel but a Guardian Angel nonetheless and one that affects Wisconsin very dearly. This is our depiction of "Old Abe." I don't know if all of you know about "Old Abe" but we have one of our Infantry had a mascot that was an eagle given to them by a Native American Indian Chief. They took this eagle into battle with them as their mascot. It had a tether on it that kept it with them. During one of the battles, however, she got loose. As she was flying over and around the battlefield, she was being shot at by the Confederates. They were trying to kill her in order to bring down our infantry's morale. They were unable to do so and wasted so much ammo. She came back and because of her duty to our regiment, she was sent to our capitol. She stayed there as an honored animal, if you will, until they unfortunately had a fire and she died from the smoke. She meant so much to our state that we had her "taxidermied" so she was still there. Then, of course, there was another fire and kind of took her away from us physically, but not spiritually. This is our depiction of our Guardian Angel from Wisconsin as a whole. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT ANNE: OK, Sisters, we are going to leave it in your hands as to who wins and who doesn't.

*Voting by applause resulted in Wisconsin being the winner of the contest.
They were presented a picture of a Guardian Angel that said,*

“Congratulations for bringing the best Department Guardian Ange to the National Encampment, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 9-12, 2012”

PRESIDENT ANNE: We will go into Committee Reports now. For the Committee for the Job Description of Officers’ Duties, we only have Sister Beverly Graham here from that group. Would you like to talk about what you have done?

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: At this time I do not have a report because I did not get a response from the other members of the committee. I did do job descriptions and sent them the job descriptions. I understand one of them is very ill, so I did not bring anything with me.

PRESIDENT ANNE: What you sent was very good with the descriptions of the different officers’ duties. Do you have a copy of that that we might be able to vote on?

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: I do have a copy with me and it is very lengthy and it has a lot of references to the old job descriptions. The chairman of the committee had difficulty getting the old job descriptions. She finally got them, but then I didn’t get a response. At this time I don’t think we can do a vote on it. It is up to you.

PRESIDENT ANNE: What is the pleasure of the delegates? Should we table this until next year with what we worked on? No?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Sister President, I assisted Bev with this since because she is newer to the Auxiliary as a whole. I have a copy of what she submitted to that committee. We can provide copies, but it will not be until tomorrow. At that point everyone can have a copy. I can give you guys copies tonight at the Campfire and that would give you a chance to look them over tonight. When we wrote it, we looked at the old job descriptions and then we inserted where we felt the revisions and updates needed to be added. That is how she approached it and wrote it.

PRESIDENT ANNE: OK, maybe we should do that.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: I will make enough copies for everyone to have.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you so much.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: There were also other states that gave us a contribution to that, also.

PRESIDENT ANNE: The Committee to Revise the C.R.&R., Sister Judy.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: When Jane Graham gave her extensive report, there was a lot of CR&R stuff in there which was not forwarded to me, so I do not have that included in my report.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE C.R.&R. REPORT

Page 19, Regulations, Chapter III, National Organization, Article II, Section 1: In reference to the voting membership, change “one (1) delegate or alternate from each Auxiliary” to “one (1) delegate or alternate from each Auxiliary for every 15 members or major portion thereof.” This would necessitate changing the delegates from Membership at Large from “one (1) for each 20 members” to “one (1) for each 15 members.” THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: This was brought up in Pennsylvania where they were lowering their own Department’s voting membership numbers for delegates. I think that there was a misunderstanding, because basically, we all get two delegates. Am I correct on that?

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: No, you get one delegate for every 20 members or major portion thereof. You get one and then one additional one for each 20 members, I believe.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: Then I am in favor.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: We discussed that in Pennsylvania. I don’t know if it would help or not, but if one person from an Auxiliary was coming to National and the Auxiliary is big enough that they can have a second one come and be a voting member, maybe they would both come. Many don’t want to travel alone, especially as far as they have to come to a National Encampment. It is very expensive to come to National Encampment and if they don’t have a voting right, they may not come. I just thought that maybe we could

get more people out. I don't know. It was just an idea in Pennsylvania that we thought it might increase our attendance.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: If there is no more discussion, we will go for a vote.

SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
MOTION CARRIED

REPORT CONTINUES:

Page 28, Chapter IV, General Regulations, Article IV, Discipline: It has been suggested that the Discipline section be expanded. SINCE THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS SUGGESTION, THE COMMITTEE FEELS THE SECTION IS ADEQUATE AS ANYTHING NOT COVERED IN OUR CR&R IS COVERED UNDER THE SONS' REGULATIONS.

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels, PNP, WI
MOTION CARRIED

Also, the following was recommended by several:

Set a time for issuance of National General Orders. THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THIS SUGGESTION, HOWEVER, ITEMS SUCH AS ISSUANCE OF GENERAL ORDERS, DRESS CODE, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, ETC., SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS, BUT WOULD POSSIBLY COME UNDER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST A COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO COVER THESE CONCERNS.

SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
MOTION CARRIED

The committee would like to thank National President Anne for her fine service this year and also for the opportunity to serve our Organization on this committee.

Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT, Chair
Virginia Twist, PNP, NY
Tricia Bures, NS, CA-PAC
Kim Johnson, IL

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sisters, for serving on that committee.

Sister Danielle Michaels, Recruiter and Organizer of New Auxiliaries, do you have a report?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I don't have a written one, Sister, but I can tell you that I sent out ten packets this year. Some of them were duplicates to several states. I really have a question of the most recent one which was more or less an Auxiliary that would have been like Members at Large. They were not going to meet. I was looking for some guidance in whether I should continue sending something out to them or if it would have been better to recommend that they join as Members at Large.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Parliamentarian, can you answer that? Sister Danielle, could you repeat that about the last Auxiliary.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The last Auxiliary the lady recently moved to one of our Midwest states. She knew of some ladies that would join but they were miles and miles away. They would only be Members at Large, maybe getting together with the Sons' Department. She called it a Member at Large Auxiliary that she was trying to form. My question is, should I go forward with encouraging them to sign paperwork and get it in, or if I should recommend that they join as Members at Large and try to create some Auxiliaries within their separate areas.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: I feel that if they made Auxiliaries, that it would be better than Membership at Large, but that is just my opinion.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: If they never meet, they would only be sending in dues and assigning one another tasks, so I didn't know how they could have some cohesion.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: It is six of one and half a dozen of another. It is whatever they would rather do. You can do either.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Then I will encourage them to continue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sister Danielle.

Sister Tricia, the National Charter Committee Report was sent in, was it not?

NATIONAL CHARTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Enclosed documents for Charter #17763, Statement of Continued Existence. The charter is good until 11/28/2016 as stated in the letter contained in this report. The charter renews on the date stated above. Judy Morgan is our contact person in Ohio and will receive a Statement of Continued Existence invoice when the charter needs renewing. Renewal of the charter is done every five years.

Faye Carlisle, PNP, PA, Chair
Janice Harding, PNP, CHSPK

PRESIDENT ANNE: Our Publicity Committee, I believe, has a report. Do you have that report, Sister Diane?

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with great disappointment in myself that I must report that this committee has done nothing in the way of publicity. When I was asked to be the chair of the committee, it took a great deal of persuading as I felt I had nothing of what was required for this job. Unfortunately, this has proven true. I feel that Sister Rachelle Campbell has done a marvelous job of getting this committee pointed in the right direction. Since I had no information on how to proceed nor footsteps, I faltered. This is no one's fault but my own and I should have asked for help. I can make a lot of excuses, but it comes down to the fact that I failed to do my duty in this one committee. Therefore, I offer my sincerest apology to Sister President Anne, the officers and members of the Auxiliary and especially, Sister Rachelle, who placed her confidence in me. My apology also to the Sisters who were assigned to the committee.

Recommendation #1: That a complete job description be given to each member running for an office or asked to be a chairperson on a committee of exactly what each job entails. This job description should be accompanied by the annual report of the committee chair, explaining what she has accomplished and what plans were made for the future.

Diane Mellor, PDP, MA, Chair
Bonnie Meyers, DP, NJ
Lucille Coe, PAP, PA
Anna Frail, DP, RI

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sister Diane. You have heard Sister Diane's recommendation. Since we are going to cover the job descriptions tomorrow, I

believe that we have addressed this recommendation.

Committee on Junior Membership, Sister Rachelle.

JUNIOR MEMBER INITIATION AGE-APPROPRIATE WORDING COMMITTEE REPORT

As appointed by the National President Anne Jaster Sosnowski, this committee is comprised of Sister Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY Chair; Rachelle Campbell, PDP CA-PAC; and Veronica Mellor, MA. This report has been completed and submitted by Sister Rachelle on behalf and at the request of the committee chair Beatrice Greenwalt. The committee was tasked with recommending an oath and a Ritual that would apply to Junior members to be presented at the 126th National Encampment for vote. The committee has completed the assignment and the result has been distributed to the delegates of this Encampment for their consideration. The committee undertook the production of a Junior Member Handbook to assist Junior members in better understanding their place in the Auxiliary, acceptable rules and regulations, patriotism, and to help them chart their progress regular membership. Said handbook has also been distributed to the delegation.

I am going to read you the oath so you can understand what we have written. "I (their name) on my honor do promise to serve my Auxiliary, to help those in need, to be respectful of others, to love my country and to honor the Boys in Blue at all times, so help me God." It is very simple, it is very easy for a child to understand and the breaks in what we are asking them to do are in the right areas that they can say them and not get lost and be confused by the adult giving it to them. We also went as far as putting in the President's portions and the child's portions so that the whole section is complete and you don't have to flip through different pages in your Ritual in order to do a Junior initiation versus an adult initiation. It is all comprised for them, just by themselves. In the handbook, we gave them the history of the Auxiliary. We gave them principles and objects, eligibility to full membership, their conduct, the Pledge of Allegiance, because unfortunately in this day and age not all children are learning it at school, and then the American Creed. Then we gave them two sheets which are called "service activities." We thought here that the child could put down service hours that they are doing, not necessarily with their Auxiliary, but they are doing something with a Girl Scout troop or something to that effect. They can log those hours down and bring them to the next meeting as a kind of "show and tell" for their older Auxiliary Sisters to say look what I have been doing to help out. The last page, because a Junior member gets just one membership card until they are the age of 12, is where the Secretary can track and sign off on when they are 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 so they will know when those Junior members turn into full

members for you.

Recommendation #1: The committee recommends that Encampment vote to approve the modified oath and Ritual for the Junior members and the Junior Membership Handbook.

Upon favorable voting for these items, the committee would further recommend the following:

Recommendation #2: That the oath and Ritual for Junior members be made available as an insert or addendum until they can be properly incorporated into the official Ritual and that the Junior Member Handbook be made available electronically on the National website and a paper copy be sent to all Departments to distribute out to their local Auxiliaries. They will be pdf files so they can make as many copies as they need and there is no cost incurred to us at the National level.

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY, Chair
Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC
Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

That the committee has done a fabulous job and that their recommendations be sustained.

SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT ANNE: You have done a wonderful job!

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Being a teacher and working with kids of all ages, I love it! May I make a recommendation or comment on something to add.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: I wanted you guys to tell me what we could put in there.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: What I think you should put in would be maybe a little area for them to do research on their ancestor or their parents on what they are doing to get them involved. Also, if you look at a child's book in many of the grades, they always have word definitions that are age appropriate level that have key words in bold that could help the younger ones know what some of the words mean. I was reading this and thought, ok, some of these

words 10 and 12 year olds would understand them but the 6 year olds would be lost. To help out, I would like to couple those main key words with a definition for their age level that should help draw them in even more, because to make them promise something, they ought to know what they are talking about. What are they promising. Make it very clear for them to understand. For a little 6 year old sometimes those words just don't mean as much as we want them to.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: What I can do is, when I go home, I will go through and highlight words that would need to be defined. I will also do a section for their family research and I will submit it to the new incoming National President.

The other thing is to just let you guys know that everything here I made with my 4 year old. When I wrote the oath, she said it. When we did the Pledge of Allegiance and my Sisters in Auxiliary #52 can attest, my 4 year old led the Pledge of Allegiance at every Auxiliary meeting with us. She does the American Creed with us at every Auxiliary. I based it for even younger than 6 because if a 6 year old can't understand it and we are trying to pass it, we are never going to make it fly. That is why I wrote it in that direction.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: As a guinea pig down south, we have several Junior members and we have used it successfully. The 3 year old tag-a-long is just about as good as the 5, 6 and 7 year olds. I do like the big words because we have had to define some of those words and make sure they understand them. It is very usable.

SUSAN SWEET, CA-PAC: I was the President that practiced with it and the little girl that went through the ceremony was so thrilled. I have a picture of her with her hand up and her hand on the Bible. If they didn't understand the words, we sort of explained them to them as we went along. You can't imagine how wonderful it was.

PRESIDENT ANNE: That sounds lovely, Sisters. Thank you for testing and for doing the hard work that you did.

Undecipherable comment/question by Diane Mellor regarding the Junior Membership Badge since she was not at the microphone.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: When I requisitioned for her badge and for the three that I have within my own Auxiliary #52, the National Supply Officer provided me with that ribbon and those drops and tops. That was what I was told to give my Junior Members. It is

the same ribbon from the Sons Junior member program. Personally, Sisters, I would keep it that way because there is one nice consistency. The Sons Junior members and our Junior members are tied together. It is putting us back in together as an organization between our brothers and our Sisters.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: I know from where Cole and Jasmin were “Look what I got” and “Yeah, look at mine.” “Oh, they’re alike!” They were very proud of them but they recognized that we’re special because ours looks like this and they all have that one. I think that as moms we have all played that little game but it was very effective. It works.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Not that I wouldn’t love to have the little pin that Danielle has for Junior members, because they are precious.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I would like to have the Ritual Committee Report from Sister Ellen Higgins now, please.

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the Ritual Committee received the following requests for changes from members of the Auxiliary:

1. Enlarge the size of the Ritual to 8½ x 11 for notebooks
2. Have the Ritual available on the internet

Page 4, General Information

1. Change the wording - delete memory and books during service
4. Delete - no longer done
12. Delete – no longer done

Page 29 - Guide Instructions - Change wording about gaining admission to meeting

Page 40 – To President Elect - delete “sign all requisitions” to end of Paragraph - no longer done.

Page 48 – Delete Inspection Officer - no longer an officer

Page 53 – Delete whole page (This may change following page numbers.)

Page 54 - National has accepted procedure to be used for small meetings.

Either print on this page or refer to the document.

Page 59 – Index - delete Inspection, page 53

Faye Carlisle, PNP, PA, Chair
Ellen Higgins, NJ

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I believe that Faye sent out a letter to all the Auxiliaries asking for recommendations and these are the ones she got back. This report was compiled by Faye and she is passing on the recommendations that came from other Auxiliaries.

PRESIDENT ANNE: We will have to take the recommendations one by one.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sister, I have the old book that has those in it and I have already got these things deleted. We voted on this the year before 2002/2003 it was said that the next time these are printed that those changes would have been made. I am still waiting for the newer ones to have those changes because in the past 10 years all we got was a little slip of paper to slide in to show the changes.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Was it everything that she said?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Yes, pretty much everything, I believe that Cynthia Brown had updated comments as to what had been done over the last 10 years and it was in her report.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Unfortunately, the new members get this book and no one does all that to those books.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: That is true. The changes won't be indicated until the new Ritual is printed, but we already voted on the changes.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

That the Ritual with all the corrections be placed online under password protection. (*Under password protection added after discussion.*)

SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

DISCUSSION:

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: The Ritual is like our Bible. If it goes online, it should be under a passcode. It should not be readily available to anybody that wants to go on our site and look it up. This stuff is supposed to be our Bible, what we go by. The only other thing that was recommended to be changed the last time this was done was the words to the songs for the Memorial Service to be put on the blank pages that are in there. It is hard for everyone to know the words. That was passed a couple of years ago, also. I don't think we should put it online for anybody to be able to see it.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PERSONAL AIDE, PDP, PA: I agree because somewhere in the Ritual it says that we are not to share it with anyone. That is part of our Ritual that we do not share with non-members.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: I think we need to break it apart, because the first two portions of her recommendations is #1 that we print in a regular sheet of paper size. If we do that and we make the corrections and changes to that, at that point any Sister can get that version and copy readily enough from our, and I hate to do it to you Trish, National Secretary. Or we can have copies made and give it to our National Supply Officer. I have been a member for 10 years and I don't even have an updated Ritual. I think the second part that we need to break out is whether or not we are talking about putting it online. I agree with Virginia that the Ritual should not go online. It is separate and different than our CR&R. They are two different bodies. The CR&R is our working body of what we do by rules but our Ritual is our history and how we perform here. That we don't readily want to let out to everybody.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Having served as Guide at local, Department and occasionally on the floor at National, it is stated the unwritten work of the Order, that they are not to make known to any person not entitled to it any of the information in the Ritual. Therefore I am in agreement with Sister Virginia and the others who have spoken to this that we should, if we put it online, and I have no problem putting the Ritual online, but it should be password protected.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: All I was going to say is that it is so easy to have it as sign in to the Auxiliary website as a member and those items should be, just like the forms, made available to us without it open for the world to see. The capability is there.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: We were password protected at one point. We do have that ability.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: I will amend my motion to read "put the Ritual online under password protection."

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Before there is a second, I want you to know there is only 100 Rituals left.

ELAINE CHRISTAIN, CA-PAC: I recommend that the motion read that we put the Ritual online in 2012 with all of the changes that have been approved by National in the past and that it be password protected. I think it is clear that we don't have the Ritual, we want the new Ritual that none of us has had access to.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: What she said, I make that motion. (*laughter*)

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Sister Diane, I second that motion!

PRESIDENT ANNE: All in favor? Those opposed?

MOTION CARRIED

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: The other part of the recommendation was to enlarge the Ritual to 8 ½ x 11.

MOVED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA

That the written form of the new revised Ritual be enlarged to 8 ½ x 11

SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

DISCUSSION

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: This is going to be about money again. This is rather small, I admit to this. But to have an 8 ½ x 11 one printed, we could cut that in half and make it 5 ½ by 8 ½, it would still be easier to read and would be more cost effective than an 8 ½ x 11. Also, if it is going to go online, people can print it off at 8 ½ x 11.

UNKOWN: Who is going to buy them if you can take it off line?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I was just going to say that once it is online, a member can always enlarge it, shrink it, whatever way they want to print it. Each Auxiliary can print their own and that would be saving National some money because printing is getting ridiculous. If we have the capabilities, let's use our tools and toys.

PRESIDENT ANNE: So if we have new Auxiliaries, we would give them the passcodes so they could print them offline?

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: Some of us are still in the Dark Ages because we have 30 members and five of us have the internet, so this creates a major problem. I am the Department Secretary/Treasurer and I would have to make up 25 copies and send them out.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: As I said, if we had them printed, it would be much more cost effective to have them printed 5 ½ x 8 ½ size. I am not saying that we shouldn't have some printed. I think we should have a small amount printed. The last time we had these printed and I know how many we had printed because it was done where I work. We had over 500 of them printed the last time. We are down to 100 of them. It was 10 years ago that we had them printed. I would suggest that maybe we have 100 of them done instead of the 500, because 500 lasted us 10 years.

Original motion rescinded.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Why can't we, when a new Auxiliary starts, we can print a copy and send it to them. We can do it ourselves, we don't need to print a bunch to start with. We can print them 8 ½ x 11, send them a copy and they can do whatever they want with it. Because like it has been mentioned, once it is on the internet and accessible to everybody, we can make copies and yes, there are people who don't have internet, I know that. I have them in my own Department that I have to cover for, but it is the responsibility of the Department to take care of their members and that falls in that category. People, this is expensive. If you have noticed the cost of the General Order printing and mailing, it is a nightmare. It is expensive.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: No offense, but Tricia, this discussion right now is illegal. We do not have a motion on the floor for discussion.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

That 100 copies of the Ritual be printed in 5 ½ x 8 ½ size.

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY and Marilyn Rittel, PDP, IA

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: If we had 500 books printed 10 years ago and we still have 100 left, I think we have got another 3 or 4 years' worth. I think bringing it up for a printing vote now is redundant. I think it

needs to wait until we are down to maybe 30 or 40 copies to bring it back to the National floor for discussion.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: These don't have the new changes.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: But we don't want to throw them away.

SEVERAL: Why not?

HOPE PARKER, NY: I am sorry for the interruption, Sister National President, but is there any way we can table this discussion because the Patriotic Instructor's recipient is here.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Yes, we have to table this discussion because that recipient should come in. It is 3:00.

*The Guides and Color Guards escorted recipient
of the Patriotic Instructor's gift in memory of the GAR
to the altar and then to the President's station.*

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: I have the honor of introducing the recipient of this year's National Patriotic Award. I have Miss Linda Stadlander from the Ladies of the Grand Army home here in Los Angeles to receive the National Patriotic Award that I am giving to their home that I have very near and dear feelings about. I found out about the home a few years ago from Sisters in Auxiliary #2. I proceeded to do some research and in my research I ended up finding out that I could be a Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Sister as well, and joined. When I knew we were coming west and I was going to take on the fun job of being Patriotic Instructor, it was natural for me to want to help this home and give these wonderful Sisters a little token of our love.

LINDA STADTLANDER, LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY, CA: I did not practice at all. This is all spontaneous. I feel like I am at the Academy Awards! *(laughter)* Thank you so very much. You have no idea how much this is appreciated. We at the home are in the middle, like a lot of the women in these organizations, of regrouping and we're refocusing. We are right next to the VA hospital. We are going to try to put a lot of energy into working with that. This right now is just wonderful. Thank you so, so much. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Would any of the other Sisters like to say anything?

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: We have someone here who has visited the home. She is over there nodding her head saying, "I want to live there someday." (*laughter*) It's a jewel in the middle of the city that is pretty tough particularly on women who are vulnerable or fragile but still have spirit. That was how the home was formed. When California became a state, it was the first state in the union to have as a part of its constitution the right of a woman to own property in her own name. So, many widows from the Civil War came to California on the new cross-country railroad with a little bit of silver and some hopes and were able to buy small bits of property or find a way. There was no social security, there were no pensions, so many of them were having very difficult times. So the home built a series of very small cottages across from the Veterans Administration to provide reasonable shelter for these widows and daughters of Civil War veterans. It provides that shelter today. Thank you for your help and support. We really do appreciate it, very much. (*applause*)

BARBARA SUMMERS, PRES. APPOMATTOX CIRCLE, CA: Yes, I must add my thanks to those of our dear Linda, who has worked tirelessly. I am President of the Appomattox Circle in Los Angeles of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. By virtue of my great grandfather from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who was in the Civil War, I became entitled to qualify as a member. You mentioned the difficulties that people had, but sometimes in current day we do find ourselves in a "pickle" of a situation. We pray for a solution and a residence and a place to have a warm hearth, even if we have no fireplaces. We can have a welcoming group and a sisterhood and it is what it is. We have all come from different places but we are all so grateful to be there. I have been there in the home about two years, Linda two and a half, Beverly Musgrave is our newest member, just sworn in today by our National President. So we are very honored to be involved.

This is quite new to some of us, so we thank you for your extended services and all-inclusive welcome. It is most appreciated. (*applause*)

SUSAN SWEET, CA-PAC: I was there the other day and I met these ladies. The home is absolutely delightful. These ladies are the friendliest ladies and they asked me, "You are not LGAR, why are you helping us?" I said because we are all Sisters. That is the way I feel about these ladies. My Rosecrans Auxiliary #2 will be helping to take care of them on a regular basis. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Diane, do you have a response?

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: Sisters, we want to thank you for visiting with us. We are Sisters at heart, Sisters in love with the Civil War and our Boys in Blue. It is a wonderful thing that you are doing and our Sister Patriotic Instructor has done a wonderful job in picking deserving donation. Thank you. (*applause*)

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Sister President, I also have my other recipient of my GAR memorial money. This gentleman has no need for introduction for any of you out there! But, he is very near and dear to me and I have been around since project kind of came on. I have watched it blossom and grow and yearly go out with my husband to Alcatraz to support the functions and events they do. So I am more than honored to hand him this check as well. Past Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall. (*applause*)

BRAD SCHALL, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I have to say a few words? I am unaccustomed to doing that. (*laughter*) Most of you I not only know, but I love. We are very appreciative of this. Seven years ago three people were invited out to Alcatraz Island and they said, "Do you guys know anything about the Civil War? We don't and we would like to learn an interpretation of the Civil War on this Island. There is more reason to come here than to see where Al Capone slept." We now have two living history days a year out there which we get somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 Brothers and Sisters that tell the Civil War experience.

California had 19,000 people that served in the Civil War. If you ask anybody on the other side of the Mississippi if California was in the Civil War, they would say that California didn't exist during the Civil War. Our mission to interpret at Alcatraz was to teach what we all love, and that is history and to generate within the young people a love and passion for the Boys in Blue. That is what we intend to do.

People like Rachele and Tad, when we have an event, we have all five northern California camps involved in that, along with about 50 other reenactors. We have raised, since we started this project seven years ago, over \$25,000. The National Park Service wanted to put it into their General Fund...not going to happen, folks! We started our own corporation and I can tell you that every penny of that \$25,000 has gone to education, uniforms, and training.

We will start in about two months an educational program within the San Francisco public school system in the fifth and eighth grades. We got a generous \$10,000 grant to develop the audio/visual for this. The Boys in Blue are smiling like hell because we are doing a good job. Thank you. (*laughter and applause*)

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you Sisters and Brother Schall for coming.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted the guests
from the meeting room.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, we are still having a discussion.

DISCUSSION RESUMED

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I just want to know, are we going to start using them right away? I was about ready to buy some and I would rather get new ones than buy old stuff. Let's get rid of the old ones and not subject 100 new people with having to deal with the old one. As for what Wisconsin was going to purchase, I'll gladly pay for the difference in cost.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: I will get an estimated cost from the print shop where I work, which is where the old ones were printed. I will make sure the new President, Secretary and Treasurer all get a copy of the quote.

CYNTHIA DAY ELLIOTT, CA-PAC: Just as a point of information so we can know where we are at on this particular document, is it now in some sort of electronic format or is someone going to have to spend the time to type it. I think that impacts when we can get this done, because you are talking more than just taking a sheet of paper and blowing it up. You are talking about having to retype the entire document, am I not correct.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Not necessarily. There are just a few pages involved that would have to be retyped.

CYNTHIA DAY ELLIOTT, CA-PAC: You can't just enlarge the page. Technology doesn't work that way. You cannot enlarge it. I think we need to talk about technology issues in order to move forward with this. Taking that small piece of paper and going 8 ½ x 11 is going to look really weird. That's my comment.

PRESIDENT ANNE: The 8 ½ by 11 size was rescinded.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Just to let you know, we have this on a disk.

ELAINE CHRISTIAN, CA-PAC: I am imagining new members coming, as I was once, and wanting to have access to the Ritual. I can imagine from the new members stand point my resources are: online, should I choose to use that or should I have that available to me or my Auxiliary President. Those are my two resources. Therefore, perhaps we would only need enough printed copies for the every Auxiliary President. Then she would be able to share that however she or the Auxiliary chose to share, partially as a cost saving measure. I am not recommending it, I just wanted to open up that idea for consideration.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: In the printing business, there is a kind of cut off. To print one copy and to print 100 are about the same cost. The cost of paper is very minimal. It is setting up and running it.

ELAINE CHRISTAIN, CA-PAC: Agreed. And from my understanding, there are 50 some odd Auxiliaries? Then 100 is perhaps usually the minimum for printing. My concern was that 30 of those 100 would go to Wisconsin, heaven forbid, (*laughter*) I am just teasing – a little levity or coffee, one or the other. Or should they be designated for two for each Auxiliary, or whatever we might choose to do.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I joined the Auxiliary in approximately 1966. At that time, individual members were not allowed to have a Ritual. Therefore, you had to learn by being at the meetings. It is a hard way to learn. I can only speak for me personally, when it goes online or if it does, I am going to print off that copy, but I am also going to want to have the Ritual that I can throw in my purse easily and take with me if I have to be somewhere and do something. So, that's my personal thinking but I do want to make members who have not experienced not being allowed to have a Ritual to tell you it is hard to learn your part when you don't have it. You have to go to the meeting and sometimes you are only given a card with your duties and you don't have that Ritual at home that you can study. It makes the learning curve a little bit harder.

VERONICA MELLOR, DPI, MA: My concern is everybody else who already has a Ritual are going to want the updated version of the Ritual. Like Judy said, she can't provide on her own 25 copies. If we are doing a printing of the revision, and it hasn't been done since 1984, is there a way to find out who wants new books? I want a new one.

PRESIDENT ANNE: We could have secretaries take a poll.

VERONICA MELLOR, DPI, MA: Other people may not have access to the

internet and want a revised copy. If we are going to do a new printing, we should not limit it to 100. We are going to run out of that 100 really quick.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PERSONAL AIDE, PDP, PA: I agree. The more I think about it, it is wonderful to have it online, but I have been a member now for 20 some years and when I see my copy in my desk, I am proud and happy to have that copy. I agree, it is part of our heritage. I am thinking the more we are talking about it, online is wonderful but I am proud that I have it and I treasure it.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: The first time I came to National, you guys stuck me out in these four chairs. I am not kidding you. I had no idea what I was doing. I have three Rituals, personally. This one, you will notice, says PI Work and National Chaplain, cause I have been studying and wanted to know what I was going to do as National PI. Planning ahead for next year. It is highlighted, it is tabbed. I have one for when I did the floor work – it is tabbed, it's highlighted. I have every office that is here broken down in different Rituals because that is how important it is to me, but this size right here is hard to read the diagrams but this is the size that works for the Rituals. I understand wanting to make it bigger so that the print is easier for everyone to read and I think that we should make that available for those sisters who want it in larger print and maybe that be a small percentage that we print. But, honestly, if we are going to print 100 of these, we are going to be out within the first order. Because I can tell you right now, I am not ordering just one. California might beat Wisconsin in that first order, because I can tell you that every Sister in California is going to want a new one. Now comes the race on who is going to have the biggest order. I think what we want to do so we are fiscally responsible on this project is agree that we want to make a new printing, agree that we want to get it done this year and I think in the next general order that comes out for the next President we put in there that we are making new copies of the revised updated Ritual and to please get with your Auxiliary Secretaries, your Department Secretary and give them a number that you might want and let's take a poll. We might find that we need to do a printing of 500 versus just 100 and give ourselves a little bit of time to make this happen and not rush willy nilly down the road to make this printing because this is going to cost us in our National treasury. But I think it is something that we need to do. We save cost on the CR&R's by going electronic with that and making changes there online, so it is not one for the other. We are making money up in other places to do something like this. This is 20 plus years old now so it is time we look at this and we really invest it because we happen to know, most of us here, what we are doing with this. We are looking at who we are going to capture down the line as new Sisters and there are a lot of new California Sisters that this is their first

National. They are seeing it for the first time. Let's give them the tools to understand and love this Organization as much as all the rest of us who have been here for a long time.

HOPE PARKER, PDP, NY: I agree with Rachelle. Thank you for saying it for me.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: You have a very useful tool you can use after this Encampment if they are given the ability to do their job. The National Council along with the National President could authorize if they meet together, correct? If we give them that ability to continue. I have seen a lot of girls talking. Preorder, send a check. It doesn't take six months. You are going to get them. I know what Sister Virginia can put out. Get it done and get it moving. We need to move to the 21st century. Those old books are wonderful. We all have dirt and coffee stains on them, mark outs, cross outs. It is time we all bought ourselves a treat.

ALLISON MICHAELS, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, WI: I just wanted to let everyone know that this book is older than I am! Sister Rachelle mentioned that she would like it in the General Orders to send out an order form for the Auxiliaries. I would like an actual due date to get order forms in for the new Ritual. I don't want to wait until the next General Orders for that due date to happen. I would like it as soon as possible.

TRICIA BURES, CA-PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: It is not difficult to put a pre-order form together. It would be a matter of me getting with Ginny and saying what's the cost as soon as she can get it to me and then get it out as quickly as we can. It is not that difficult. It can be sent by email. Let's approve it and move it.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I want the Ritual, but I still want it online so I can print out a big copy so I can really see it. This is a woman who is so vain that she wears trifocals but you can't tell it because they are progressive lenses. I need a big copy.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sister Virginia, I want to ask that you amend.

HOPE PARKER, NY: Sisters, this is the CR&R that was enlarged and is available to print out off of the National website if you want to take a look. This is my binder that I take to everything. If this is large enough, then I would say

we should keep the Rituals at the size we have and then if anyone needs it bigger, then we can print it off the internet.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: I will amend my motion that according to how many pre-orders we get, we will order twice that amount so we would have the extra on hand.

Vote taken on quarter sheet size or half sheet size.

MOTION CARRIED

The Greetings Committee of National Secretary Elizabeth Rock and National Treasurer Carolyn Agosto from the Ladies of the GAR was received and escorted to the altar and then to the President's station.

ELIZABETH ROCK, NATIONAL SECRETARY, LGAR: Good afternoon, Ladies. On behalf of our National President, Judy Rock, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we would like to bring you all greetings. We hope you are having a wonderful convention and have gotten a great amount of work done. I must say that the Host Committee, the Rosecran Auxiliary, has been most helpful. We have had a wonderful time getting to know several of their members, especially Susan Sweet. Susan has been a God-send this week. For those of you that don't know, she was out tour guide all week and we drug her out into 90 degree heat to cemeteries and walked up huge hills. We thank you. We look forward to working with several of you down the road.

CAROLYN AGOSTO, NATIONAL TREASURER, LGAR: We would like to present you with a ribbon from our National President. We would like to say that we are happy to be here and able to come in and give our greetings. Thank you.

JANE GRAHAM, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, OH: To the Ladies of the Grand Army, we of the Auxiliary are most honored to have your presence here with at this National Encampment. Sister Beth, I know you. It is indeed an honor to have you here and for those of you that do not know, she is their National Secretary and is working with her mother-in-law as National President. I happened to see her on the elevator the other night and said to her, you know, when you get the honor of being a National Secretary, you also get the honor of being a National "lugger," because she had her arms clear out to here and so did her mother. I have known Beth since she was about this size. To you and to your organization we extend an extreme pleasure for having you take time from your Encampment to come visit us. Thank you very much.

The Greetings Committee was escorted from the room.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, before you leave there's job descriptions here. Please take them with you and look over them.

We are going to close the second session now. Sister Allison, would you please close the Bible.

THIRD SESSION
Saturday, August 11, 2012
9:22

PRESIDENT ANNE: Ladies, I would love to thank you for last night. It was a lot of fun. My group from Pennsylvania sang "On the Way to Cape May" because that is where Dave and I went for our honeymoon. That is why they sang that, but it might not be a popular song out here in California! I also would like tell you about Annie's Angels. The girls met this morning and picked officers and had a lovely breakfast catered by Sister Jane of waffles with strawberries and whipped cream on top, in addition to coffee, tea and sparkling cider. It was very nice.

OK, I am going to open the Bible now.

The Chaplain opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Our first order of business is would you tell us about the Girl Scouts, Hope.

GIRL SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to start by thanking our National President Anne for affording me the opportunity to begin the process of reinstating the Auxiliary's participation in awarding some amazing and talented young girls the Gold Award that they work so hard to achieve.

Many things have gone into the research, including the percentage of Girl Scouts that receive the awards to cost that would be involved and it is my belief that by changing the way we process the awards, it can be cost effective and rewarding for Auxiliaries all across the United States.

To begin with some background, only 5.4% of active Girl Scouts achieve the award. The process, planning, hard work and dedication that these girls put into their final projects is amazing. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. It is a national award that is recognized by many Colleges and

Universities as a way of the Scout showing her dedication to community, leadership, creativity, and a contribution to their local community. The sad part is not as many non-profit or local government entities acknowledge this achievement as in the past. Currently in Texas, our Sisters there continue to work very closely with the Scout leaders to support the girls in their efforts and I would like to take this moment to thank Vali Reyes for all her information and research into this project. In addition to the receiving the Gold Award, the girls may apply their service hours to the Presidents Volunteer Service Awards as well, another under recognized achievement.

After a lot of research, both Vali and I feel that there are several ways to keep the cost of this service down, while still getting the Auxiliary name out there to the community.

1. There should be a National Coordinator that will be responsible for sending the blank forms to the State and Local Auxiliaries to give the Girl Scouts. In return, the Local and State Auxiliaries will provide the Coordinator the list of names of the recipients so that the National Organization can keep a list of where the awards are going. By having one person responsible for the printing of the blank awards, this will keep printing costs down by being able to purchase them in bulk. Also postage costs would be reduced by sending a once or twice a year mailing to the State and Local Auxiliaries. This would also be the same for the Gold Seal that is generally placed on the award.
2. Another cost saving item would be to keep in contact with the Scout program and send the awards to the girls, when a personal presentation of the awards is not possible, monthly. This will keep the postage costs down and increase our contact with the public and the Scouting Organization.
3. The best way to make this cost effective and beneficial to both the Girl Scouts and the Auxiliary is to present the Awards personally. This will be an opportunity for the Auxiliary and the Scouting program to work together to increase membership and awareness. This is also a way to have the local newspapers present in an effort to not only acknowledge the achievements of the girls, but to also get the Auxiliary's name and mission out to the public.
4. That whoever is asked to be the National Coordinator make a discerned effort to find a place to have the printing done and request quotes from several different places so that we are able to maximize the cost saving on this project. This way we are able to have the printing done in bulk, keep costs down and give the awards to the deserving recipients. From the research that I have done to have the

blank forms printed and have the Local and State Auxiliaries fill in the names and dates would be the best way and could be done at around \$1.15 per award. This would include the Gold Seal to be placed on the award.

It is so important to remember that the Scouts work very hard to achieve these goals and to receive acknowledgement for their hard work and community involvement, much in the same way the Auxiliary does. I feel that a joint effort between the organizations is an excellent way for both groups to continue to succeed and gain membership. I also feel that if done correctly, the costs to the Auxiliary can be kept within an already tight budget. Obviously I feel that if the National Organization would like to pursue this venture, that more research be done to get an exact cost to be sure that we can financially handle the Awards program.

Along with this report, I have enclosed several information sheets about the Gold Awards and some examples of past awards the Auxiliary has used along with some updated versions.

I would again like to express my appreciation to National President Anne Sosnowski for allowing me to research and begin the process of reinstituting this project. It has been for me a very rewarding and educational experience.

Hope C. Parker, NY, Chair
Peggy Frantz, PDP, PA
Valencia Reyes, AP, TX

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Hope, very good report. Could you give us the first recommendation so we can vote on it?

HOPE PARKER, NY: I have copies for everybody.

Recommendation #1: There should be a National Coordinator that will be responsible for sending the blank forms to the State and Local Auxiliaries to give the Girl Scouts. In return, the Local and State Auxiliaries will provide the Coordinator the list of names of the recipients so that the National Organization can keep a list of where the awards are going. By having one person responsible for the printing of the blank awards, this will keep printing costs down by being able to purchase them in bulk. Also postage costs would be reduced by sending a once or twice a year mailing to the State and Local Auxiliaries. This would also be the same for the Gold Seal that is generally placed on the award.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That whoever is asked to be the National Coordinator make a discerned effort to find a place to have the printing done and request quotes from several different places so that we are able to maximize the cost saving on this project. This way we are able to have the printing done in bulk, keep costs down and give the awards to the deserving recipients. From the research that I have done to have the blank forms printed and have the Local and State Auxiliaries fill in the names and dates would be the best way and could be done at around \$1.15 per award. This would include the Gold Seal to be placed on the award.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Cynthia Day-Elliott, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

That the Girl Scout Award Coordinator be a five year term so that we have continuity.

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY and Susan Sweet, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, could I have the Greetings Committees reports, please?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Sisters, we need to talk into the microphone. I know some of us have basketball coach voices, but most of you are more lady-like than the rest of us. And we have to be careful what we say up here, because it got picked up.

LUCILLE COE: It was wonderful to be on the committee to go to the Sons. We had a very nice visit and they treated us wonderfully. It was such a pleasure to visit them.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PERSONAL AIDE, PDP, PA: It was a pleasure to visit the Ladies and we gave them your greetings and they were happy to receive those greetings. They also wished you a very successful and harmonious Encampment, as well.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: The Daughters were very happy to see us. They said they would be over a little later. They thanked us for coming and we talked about joining together in Milwaukee. Theirs is actually the weekend before ours so we encouraged them to leave Nebraska and come to Wisconsin and join us. There is a lot of them who are members of both.

PRESIDENT ANNE: The next committees we need to hear from are ones that you have, Sister Trish.

NATIONAL ASUVCW WEBMASTER REPORT

Since the last National Encampment, we have made cosmetic changes to the pages to the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (ASUVCW) Website. This improved the professional appearance and got many complements on the new look. We are in the process of totally redesigning the Website, this will take some time, but the wait will be worth it. The website contains over 515 pages and will continue to grow. With this report, we are glad to report that we have enabled and turned on the usage statistics for the ASUVCW website. This will allow us to report on the monthly web hits and allow us to optimize the website for more utilization.

Since last year, there have been many major changes and updates made to the ASUVCW website:

- Posted all ASUVCW forms to website for easy and immediate distribution
- Posted all governing documents to website for easy and immediate distribution
- Posted National Presidents' General and Special Orders for immediate distribution
- Post and maintain the National Officer, Appointments and Committees and Department Officers lists
- Performed the needed upgrade to the National webserver to improve the resources and speed, this will allow for future enhancements and projects.
- Posted the past 1997-2009 Encampment Proceedings
- Posted updated Past National President listing
- Posted resolutions and recommendations before National Encampment for preview
- Link to ASUVCW Facebook page

Upcoming Projects that we will be completing:

- Past National Presidents to include bios and pictures
- Listing of Auxiliary functions with pictures (Photo Gallery)
- Complete redesign of entire website

As a reminder, all material that people wish to have placed onto the ASUVCW

website absolutely needs to be sent to me in an electronic format, either on CD/disk, as an email attachment or using Dropbox. I can convert to most any type of word processing program.

We have enjoyed the challenging year that has passed, and we look forward to continuing as your National Webmaster, if so desired by the new National Officers and Membership.

As always, Web and email questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@asuvcw.org.

Sue Freshley, PAP, OH
Ken Freshley, SUVCW
National ASUVCW Webmasters

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

I am, with deep regret, not able to be with you, instead of having the pleasure of meeting with all of you.

The name of our Organization has seen different name changes over the years. 1883, Ladies Aid Societies; 1884, name changed to Ladies Aid Societies, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, USA; 1904, at the 18th Annual National Encampment held at Boston, Massachusetts to change the name to Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary USA; 1925, at the 39th Annual National Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary USA Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the name again officially changed to National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – what it is today.

Even with all the name changes, we have accomplished many Patriotic worthwhile projects over the years that we have been a Patriotic Organization.

This Historian Report could be pages after pages long, listing all the good Patriotic accomplishments and projects all the Sisters of the Ladies Aid Societies and Auxiliaries to the Sons Camps have diligently work at. Sisters who stepped forth and volunteered to hold Societies, Auxiliaries, Department and National Offices to keep our Organization strong in worthwhile Patriotic work.

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

Now we are into an era of electronics to do our bidding, and there will be many more changes of new things over future years. Some of it is good, other of it has caused a lot of hurt among our fellow Sisters. It is sad that dues paying Sisters without computers are left out of knowledge of our Organization.

At this National Encampment, may you all be so guided that the results of your

deliberations may be for the best interest for all of our Order and many good results develop from them.

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP, NY
National Historian

PRESIDENT ANNE: I would like a report from Rachelle for the Encampment Committee.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: The Encampment Committee Report – as you can tell, you are here! (*laughter*) A lot of work went into this. We worked very diligently with our Sons to make sure that our Auxiliary would get exactly what you wanted. I hope you are very pleased with everything you guys got. We also did the same for the Ladies. We were very diligent in contacting the National President for the Ladies to also make sure they got exactly what they wanted. There are two more surprises still coming later. We hope that everyone had a good time last night with the entertainment that we provided for the Campfire. If you enjoyed them last night, they are going to be spectacular tonight. We also wanted to go with the fact that we ended on a theme of 100 years since 1912 for this being here and we tied that into nearly everything that you see all the way down to pulling out antique altars, antique banners, station banners for the Sons. We had a beautiful altar donated to one of our Sons Camps to use that was just handcrafted by a friend of ours. There are a lot special attention and love put into this by the entire Committee and we are very thankful that you all took the time to come visit us. And we look forward to Wisconsin! (*laughter*)

PRESIDENT ANNE: I think we should give the committee a rising vote of thanks. (*So done.*)

Now we are going to go into the Job Descriptions. Sister Beverly, you have the floor.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: At this point I would like to defer to Ramona Greenwalt.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I appreciate and understand the extreme amount of work that went into this document. I compare it writing a Master's thesis. I am serious. There is a tremendous amount of work and time. It is wonderful and I most sincerely appreciate the work of this committee. To take nothing away from them, I would like to have more time. I would like to postpone this material until the next National Encampment with a proviso that some of the members of the current committee will be retained and the

committee will be responsible to present to the new National President and National Council within six months their finished document so that the National President and National Council will have an opportunity to study it. Then the National President and the National Council will be responsible for discussing it, taking the information and advising us and placing all of that onto the internet so that we will have time to look at it, digest it, and be knowledgeable when the vote comes. Then, instead of fighting over every comma, period, and believe me I have been in places where they do that, we will be able to move through this big body of work more efficiently and more knowledgeably.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

That the Job Description Committee continue in their good work and furnish the new National President and National Council the document with the needed revisions and clarifications in six months for their approval and the draft be posted on the National website for all to review prior to 2013 National Encampment for voting.

SECONDED by Elaine Christian, CA-PAC

ANNE MICHAELS, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, WI: Can you tell me a brief summary of whereabouts we are in progressing?

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: We have a lot of pages that are going to affect the CR&R's and also our Ritual. So we want to make sure that we have all of our ducks lined up in a row.

HOPE PARKER, NY: I actually think this is a great idea since this is going to affect our CR&R's and going to affect our Ritual to give every single Sister the opportunity to review the revisions before we attend our next National Encampment. That way we can all be very well informed before we all make these decisions because just in reviewing them last night, there are some wording changes and there are some big decisions to be made. Also, if we are going to make those changes, we might want to hold off on reprinting those new Rituals!

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: That is what I was going to say. If there are going to be more changes, we don't want to print the Rituals. What kind of changes are going to be suggested for the Rituals?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Actually, it the job description and it is not going to affect the Ritual. We took the existing job descriptions and basically made sure that it was grammatically correct and added those things that were never in it to begin with. I found out

going through some of the other chairs that there are assumed jobs that you do, but aren't written in it, such as in the Patriotic Instructor's job. But that is not part of what we read when we are doing the Ritual on the floor for that job. It is in the CR&R's but not in the Ritual. That's all Bev and I sat down and worked on and then we handed it off to the committee chair.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Then she misspoke when she said there were going to be changes in the Ritual?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Correct. It is an addendum to the CR&R's so that when you look at your CR&R's and it says Council #3. You know that Council #3 does X, Y and Z. When you want to run for that chair, you would be given this in advance so that you, as a candidate, can make an intelligent decision of yes, I am able to uphold the job that I am going for and that I would be able to do it to the best of my ability. That is what we are looking at for these job descriptions.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I thought that perhaps some of these changes may very well impact the charges as we give them to the elected officers. That is where I thought perhaps the Ritual would be changed.

HOPE PARKER, NY: We are changing the job descriptions in the CR&R but not in the Ritual? So the Ritual is just going to be a guideline and the CR&R is going to be the description. Now I understand. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, I remember when I took different positions, I was always handed a paper with different job descriptions.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: We voted yesterday to have Policy & Procedures and the job descriptions would be put in there. In the CR&R there are only brief job descriptions and what would be in Policy & Procedures would be expanded and telling exactly what they are going to be doing.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Exactly. Right now you don't get what your job description is that we used to get from the Secretary until after you have been elected to the position. What we are trying to do is get it into a Policy & Procedures type of forum so that we can make adjustments and changes at any time to a job description, but also make it so that we as candidates know what is expected of us in advance. What you read in the CR&R right now is very, very brief. A perfect example is the first year that I ran for Press Correspondent. It is very brief in the CR&R and I had no idea what I was getting into until I really got there. By doing a job description this

way we are all on the same page together and we are heading in the same direction.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee makes the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1:

WHEREAS: The Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel has been very responsive to our needs and made our stay enjoyable.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the National Secretary send a letter to the manager and employees expressing our thanks for the courtesies extended to our members.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Cynthia Day-Elliott, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2:

WHEREAS: The Encampment Committee consisting of many members of the California Department worked very hard to prepare for the Encampment.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we give them a rising round of applause.

MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA

MOTION CARRIED AND DONE

Recommendation #3:

WHEREAS: Our National President Anne Sosnowski has very graciously led the National Order for the past year, traveled widely through the states to represent us and shared her love for the Order while fulfilling all the duties of her office while planning for her wedding that took place only three weeks before this Encampment.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we give her a rising vote of thanks with applause.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Cynthia Day-Elliott, CA-PAC
MOTION CARRIED AND DONE

Recommendation #4:

WHEREAS: The National Officers have fulfilled their duties and the money officers tried to raise funds during a very difficult time in our economy.
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we give them a hearty round of applause.

MOVED by Eileen Tisch, CA-PAC
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
MOTION CARRIED AND DONE

Recommendation #5:

WHEREAS: It has been a difficult year for our Order as three of our Past National Presidents were called to their Heavenly Home.
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we rise and observe a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
MOTION CARRIED AND DONE

Recommendation #6:

WHEREAS: Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer and the National Officers extended a hand of cooperation and friendship to our President and Officers.
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the National Secretary send the Commander-in-Chief a letter of thanks for their support.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the Committee be sustained
SECONDED by Susan Sweet, AP, CA-PAC
MOTION CARRIED AND DONE

Sister President, thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee. I went back and I opened the Resolution Committee's Report given at my

Encampment in 1996 and borrowed a few words from the end of the report:

I Said a Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind),
I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind;
I asked that He be near you at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA
Resolutions Committee

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: This is my adopted daughter!

PRESIDENT ANNE: In several places people asked me if I was Margaret's daughter. They said, "You remind me of Margaret Atkinson." I said, "Oh, good!"

Sisters, before we get into the Committee on Officers' Reports, I am going to let you have a break. Please be back here in 10 minutes.

The Chaplain attended the altar for a brief recess.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, before we go into the Officers' Report Sister Margaret would like to make an announcement.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: In our Auxiliary, new members wanted to see the floor work. We practiced this three or four times and then our President's then to be husband took a video and we narrated the Officers March. We have a CD disk to give to the National Organization and one that can be given to the Pennsylvania Department. Anyone who wants it can get a copy. For the Officers' March, turn up the volume to hear the instructions. I was way back in a corner trying to give instructions and I guess they didn't record too well. This will be available to anyone who wants to take it and make a copy.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Those of you that do Facebook, on the Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary Facebook page, it is there.

I would like for the Webmaster to have permission to post this on the National website in the Ritual section under password protection.

MOVED by Tricia Bures, CA-PAC, N/Sec
SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT ANNE: The next committee that we need is Officers Reports and that is Sister Danielle Michaels, our Past National President.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

Sister President, you exemplify the finest attributes of our Order, putting your duties as National President first while also planning a wedding. That makes you Super Woman and you should be commended for your efforts. Traveling to meet the many Sisters from the National Order at their doorstep, you have served us well.

Recommendation #1: Whereas many Auxiliaries do not have 25 members, change the By-Laws to read one delegate and one alternate for every fifteen members or major fraction thereof, to be able to vote at the National Encampment. ALREADY ADDRESSED – WILL TAKE NO ACTION

Recommendation #2: Whereas the National Color Guards and Patriotic Instructor wear different length white skirts, it would be more uniform if they wore white dress slacks. Change from National Officers to only wear white dress skirts to white dress slacks. Any officer other than Color Guards and Patriotic Instructor can still wear the white knee length skirts. WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO SAY, BUT WE CANNOT CONCUR WITH THIS BECAUSE WE CANNOT DISCRIMINATE ONE SISTER OVER ANOTHER OR ONE DUTY DURING THE MEETING OVER THE OTHER. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE ALL OR NOTHING BECAUSE MANY OF THE SISTERS SOMETIMES LEAVE THE ROOM. IF WE LEAVE THE ROOM AND SOMEBODY ELSE FILLS IN OUR SEAT, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS. THIS NEEDS TO BE READDRESSSED ANOTHER WAY.

MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT ANNE: Actually when I wrote it I meant that everyone could wear the white dress slacks, it didn't have to be just the floor officers, but I wanted

specifically the floor people because it looks more uniform. It is for all officers and all members. That was my recommendation.

SUSAN SWEET, CA-PAC: I have a few thoughts on this I would like to share. I am in another organization – the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the California Department. They did something this past year at their convention that I thought was a wonderful idea. The Department provided a choir robe or graduation gown or something and they were lightweight little gowns and whomever the floor work people were to be for that day would put them on. Everybody looked uniform and consistent and there were extras available in different sizes so if someone wanted to fill in, they would be able to do that, too. The Sisters were wearing their whites underneath and would simply put it on over the top so they would look the same. I thought it was a wonderful idea.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, WI: The only thing I have to say about the long white dresses, because I see some of us shaking their heads like “nope” and I understand that it is a tradition, but this is not my uniform. This badge is my uniform and there are quite a few people from Wisconsin as well other Departments that will not come to a National because they refuse to wear a long white dress. They want to wear pants because we are in the 21st century and this badge, seriously, is our uniform, not the white dress.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: Anybody is welcome to wear whatever they want as long as you are not a National officer. If you want to come to a National convention and dress anyway you want to, that is fine. If you are an officer on the floor, they are the only ones who have to wear white. But my feelings on this is when I was 16 years old and I went to my first convention and I was asked to be a page so I had to have a white dress. I have never felt more like a lady as I did when I was dressed in a white dress. I never felt more proud to be a lady in this Organization. I’m sorry, this Organization was built on tradition. The women, when they met the soldiers coming home, were dressed in white to support them. I just don’t believe that white dress slacks belong anywhere on the floor at this special convention.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I hear the sentiments. It is kind of hard to accept tradition in the 21st century, especially when the women are no longer staying at home, that is not their duty. They are business women and more women are working, more women are in the field and they do wear slacks. For the other Allied Orders women’s style, PNP Ozzie Thompson is wearing a very beautiful suit. I think when we get into the brunt of things is we are so focused

on what we are wearing as opposed to what we are doing. That is my personal opinion. Whether it is knee-length, to the ankle, in between, should not matter. I should not scrutinize and look at a Sister that way and judge. It should be what we are doing and if we want the youth here, we need to look at whether our traditions are being taught are they the traditions that have to be kept or the traditions that are going to turn the youth away. We have talked about this in the past. Last year it was hilarious to hear the length of the skirt, whether we have to kneel down, are we going to talk about what kind of sandals, shoes should be closed, are panties allowed? This is taking up so much time of the Order. I think we are reasonable ladies. I think it should be written that you should dress like a lady whether it is wearing a sequined vest and long slacks and not coming looking like you are wearing a beach dress. It could be long. Why can't we just trust our membership to come dressed like ladies?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sisters, I joined this Auxiliary 68 years ago. I know the traditions and I love the traditions, but at my age I know that things have to change if we want to get young people. I think Danielle just spoke everything that I wanted to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ANNE: We rescind the first motion?

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: The first motion was only concerning five women. Originally that is how I took it and how Diane and I took it while we were discussing. It was nothing about anything else but five ladies. We thought that was interesting. That is how it read to us out of the packet.

PRESIDENT ANNE: The first motion was that it was five women and we need to vote on that.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Danielle and the committee said that we could not pick out five women and tell them what they had to wear.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: She made a motion, it was seconded and there was no vote. We have to vote whether we are going to accept it as written or not. The committee said no, so a vote for means you are agreeing with the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That everyone can wear white dress slacks.

SECONDED by Marilyn Rittel, PDP, IA
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: Whereas we are a patriotic organization and we believe in respect for our National Flag, have the National Color guards and National Patriotic Instructor wear white gloves while doing our Ritualistic work. WE HAD A QUESTION AS WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE GLOVES, THE CLEANING AND TRANSPORTATION. IT SEEMED THAT IT WAS TOO VAGUE. IT SEEMED THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXTRA COST TO THE AUXILIARY AND GLOVES DO NOT KEEP THEIR SHAPE IN CLEANING AND AT THIS MOMENT WITH THE ECONOMY, WE DID NOT CONCUR.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: Whereas the National Auxiliary paid for a National Auxiliary Memorial bench installed at the front entrance of the Capital building in Springfield, IL in 1940 and this Memorial bench is in need of repairs now, the National Auxiliary have a fund raiser to repair this Auxiliary treasure. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THAT AS LONG AS IT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET BUT THAT IT IS A SEPARATE FUNDRAISER.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

DISCUSSION:

VERONICA MELLOR, DPI, MA: Shouldn't we find out how much it is going to cost first?

PRESIDENT ANNE: I have tried to find out how much it will cost. The gentleman keeps telling that he will get back to me. He is waiting for a bid. I have a picture of the bench if people want to see it. It is really the base of the bench that needs repaired – the cement part of it. The thing that Jacqueline Wright who lives out there and is in the Auxiliary is afraid of is that they will just disregard the bench and throw it out. She says that is how Springfield is if things aren't fixed. If you would like to see the bench, we can pass the photo around.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: I wonder if this is something that could be turned over to a Boy Scout Troop. Frequently they are looking for a project to do.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sisters, it has been about 10 or 12 years ago, I approached the Auxiliary because the monument at Gettysburg of Albert Woolson needed repairs. We started out by asking every member of the Auxiliary, individual members, to donate one dollar. That got us started. The Sons heard about it and helped us out. We managed to get it done. If you go to Remembrance Day in Gettysburg now you will see that the base of the monument is no longer cracked. It is feasible – it could be done.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: I believe we need to pass this. We can at least look into other means of funding this once we pass that, yes, we want to fix the bench, then we can go about setting up a committee that can look into other means of funding and that will include approaching a Boy Scout troop in Springfield, Illinois, maybe doing it as an Eagle Scout project. But we can't go anywhere unless we vote yes on this.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation #5: Whereas the Auxiliary Sisters not attending National do not hear the recommendations and votes until after the National Encampment, all recommendations are put on the National website prior to the National Encampment and then all Sisters may make their wishes known to their Auxiliary Presidents and delegates. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation #6: Whereas the National Officers, Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary Secretaries and PNP's need a roster of each year's current information, each year a National Roster be made and sent out with that year's current information. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC

DISCUSSION:

ELAINE CHRISTAIN, CA-PAC: I would like to see if we could slip in a “when” due date.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: First you have to get the list, Sisters. That is the problem.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: As much as I would like to see a date or time limit in there, I think because we don’t have a current one right now and some of the Departments have been a little slow in responding to Sister Tricia, I think it would just be best to say that she should get it on the website and to the people as soon as she can.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC : I love the website, you guys know that. I live on computers, you know that. I will not post anybody’s name, address, telephone number, for the whole world to see. I am sorry. I work in a financial field. I am not going to set you guys up for that.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: As long as we get it out to whoever needs it.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: We can do that. The Secretary maybe someday get all the information, but it is not something that I feel belongs on the internet. I don’t want mine out there. It is because of other things, but it is not going to be me that puts you guys out in cyberspace.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Does General Order #1 come out and then per capita or is it per capita and then General Order #1?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Per capita and then General Order #1.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: So we would have to through General Order #1 to make the plea to all Department Secretaries and all Auxiliary Secretaries to pass the information along to you and then it would be on the next per capita which would be the December? So we could make it a deadline date by January.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: There is in the CR&R, when I was reading this trying to figure out OK am I going to survive this job, that we are to have a census every five years. So I started asking and the first person I asked was Margaret about when the last census was. She said, "What census?" Anne and I have tried to be gentle about the approach of, "Give me a roster now." I'd say we have about a third of the Departments that have given me an up-to-date roster. I have a number of Departments that said this is what I have so far. That's our problem – getting in the information from every Auxiliary.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PERSONAL AIDE, PDP, PA: Sister President, what would be so bad if we offered a deadline for Departments and Auxiliaries and no information was provided, in the roster you would put "no information available"?

PRESIDENT ANNE: That would be fine, Sister Barbara. That sounds good.
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #7: Whereas our Auxiliary members are dwindling, a budget is made for the Publicity of the Auxiliary, and the Publicity Committee to put an ad in Civil War publications, e.g. Civilian Companion, Gettysburg Experience, etc. and an ad in the genealogy society, familysearch.org, Mormon website. WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE WAS DEFUNCT, BUT WE SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE PRESS CORRESPONDENT WITHIN THE BUDGET. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS THAT WE COLLECTED \$355.00 FOR PUBLICITY AND THAT MONEY WAS NOT SPENT TOWARD ANY ADVERTISING. IT WENT INTO THE GENERAL FUND, SO THERE WOULD BE MONEY FROM THIS PAST YEAR AND TO GET SOME ADS OUT THERE.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: The \$5.00 fee that you pay when you bring a brand new person into the Auxiliary was initiated during my term as National President. It went to the general treasury, but the National Treasurer always kept a record of how much was in there so that whoever was sending out the publicity would contact the National Treasurer for that year and ask how much money do I have to work with and would use that to pay for ads. I am sure that what is in the budget is what came in last year, so there might be money in there from previous years. Unfortunately the National Treasurer could not be here today to let us know, but that could be ascertained from her records of just exactly how much is in there for whoever is going to do publicity. This is why you are paying that \$5.00 to National for each new member that you bring in to try to bring in others.

MOVED by Cynthia Day-Elliott, CA-PAC
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP, PA
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #8: Whereas the history of our Auxiliary is important and the information we currently have not easily accessible, have a central location for the Auxiliary History and have it archivally preserved. WE CONCURED THAT WE NEED TO SAVE OUR HERITAGE BUT WE QUESTIONED WHERE IT WOULD BE, HOW WE WERE GOING TO PAY FOR IT, WHO WAS GOING TO MANAGE IT.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I had thought that we could put it in a Civil War museum that is locally run by the Auxiliary or Sons and it could be accessible that way but also to preserve the books and things that we have now because now they are just kept in a box underneath a bed.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: So is it going to go to Ohio because that's where we are chartered or is it going to Pennsylvania because that's where the major battlegrounds are, or to Wisconsin because we have a new museum and it is empty?

MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
That the Committee be sustained.
SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

DISCUSSION:

ALLISON GRAFF, PDP, WI, N/CHAPLAIN: I do agree that we do need to have a place I don't know where and I don't know how but I really strongly feel that we need somewhere. For example, as Chaplain, I have the large suitcase with a bunch of vases in it. I was scared to death that one of those would break on the way here from Wisconsin from being tossed around in the airplane. I have had no use for them. I got them last year and I brought them here. That is all I did with them. I have three dogs at home and I was scared that they were going to break them. Some of us have kids, some of us have grandkids. There is no reason why we can't store them for a year until we need them again.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Last year in Reston it was decided and voted on that our retired National flag would be going to Ohio, which is the home of our charter. PNP Faye Carlisle from Pennsylvania brought that on the floor. At that time it was discussed that they were working with the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Sandusky. I was told by Faye last year that was to be free of charge and we were to have anything we wanted. I wish that Sue Freshly was here. She is the Auxiliary President in that area and is in and out of there all the time and she would be able to tell you what arrangements are being made, but we have free access to anything we wanted to put there. And I know about those boxes under the bed. I have moved them several times.

BARBARA INDAN, PNP, PA: I have been a member several years but I have only been to three National Encampments. It is so very confusing and it does become complicated. For instance the job description for our National Historian says the purpose for that office is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic or to members of the Order.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: At the time that was originally written, I can share with the membership here, was Frances Murray talked about that. Bea Greenwalt has been keeping it forever. She had a gorgeous big house in Ohio. When they moved to the apartment, and I can share with you what your National Historian is living with, they had crates in her house. As we get older, we seniors, and we downsize, she had in her coat closet boxes of proceedings because that is the only place she has for them. I don't know what she would do without then when she is trying to work her reports every year.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I did speak to her in New York and I asked her would she be offended if I brought this up and she said no, not at all.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: They are getting to the point that they are walking on historical documents, that is being part of the family. That is dad's house and I know that there are crates and big totes.

CYNTHIA DAY-ELLIOTT, CA-PAC: When I hear the work archival, I think maybe what we should think about here is, again 21st century, part of the preservation now is to scan and digitize and preserve on cd's or dvd's so that actually things become more readily available because on a cd you can search for information rather than to search through books. Yes I agree that the original of everything should be found a home for, but if you archive it through scanning and that kind of preservation, and there is a cost associated with that, but at least it will outlive all of us.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sisters, I believe we could talk about this all day because we are very passionate with our past and our present and we do want a home. Everybody wants it to have a place. Right now we concur that it is important to keep this information. I think it is the duty of all the Auxiliary members to start looking and seeing if we can come up with an answer for the next year or couple of years. Nothing comes overnight and it has been a year for Sandusky. We still don't have the final answers so we need to start looking elsewhere and pressing the flesh with some people to see if there is a door open for us but right now the only thing that needs to be voted on is yes, we are aware of it and we wish to continue on it. We can's pack our gear up and store it somewhere tomorrow.

SUSAN SWEET, AP, CA-PAC: I am Docent and head librarian at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. We do a lot of archival saving at the Drum and I think things have waited too long to be preserved. It is a crime. This needs to be done and it needs to be done right. It needs to be done as soon as possible. You are talking about Ohio is where the charter is and you mentioned a place. If they have the place, that sounds like it is a place it could go and so a committee needs to be started. I agree with Cynthia that a lot of it needs to be digitized. If you are aware of the OR's, the Official Records of the Civil War, we have a complete set at the Drum – real books, but we also have a cd, so we have both. Some of the things could be put on a cd and then the others preserved with archival paper so that they are saved, because a lot of people don't like to read those scanned items. You get other things out of it. I would really suggest we do something and do it as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sister Vice President, you traveled and assisted where you could. Through your leadership many Sisters have come to the Order. Your time and effort has been noticed and for that we thank you.

Recommendation #1: The “Revision of Blanks Committee” be dissolved and replaced with the Standing Committee named “Forms and Documents Committee.” This committee would be responsible for developing, producing and maintaining all forms and documents of the National Auxiliary.

The committee would be responsible for seeing that each Department President, Auxiliary at Large President and the Coordinator of Membership at Large be notified when any changes were made to any and all documents.

The committee would be responsible to see that all forms and documents be posted on the National Auxiliary website as soon as possible after being changed or updated.

One paper copy of all forms and documents would be produced by the Committee and provided to each Department President, Auxiliary at Large President, and the Coordinator of Membership at Large. Each Department President would be responsible for distribution of copies within her respective Department.

The Chairmanship of this committee would permanently be the sitting National Secretary. The committee would also be composed of the sitting National Treasurer and three Sisters of the Order, selected by the Chairman from among those Sisters that express a desire to assist in this work, after conferring with the sitting National President. The National Webmaster would serve as an advisor to the committee. **BECAUSE OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH, THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. WE FEEL THAT THE THREE SHOULD BE PICKED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT RATHER THAN THE SECRETARY BECAUSE SHE OVERSEES THE ORDER FOR THAT YEAR.**

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH

That the Committee be sustained in their recommendation that the three remaining members of the Forms and Documents Committee be chosen by the National President.

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2A: The work to be done by the National Secretary needs to be addressed. There are definitive dates that the Per Capita reports are due: May 25, September 25 and January 25. Who is responsible for the production of the National newsletter is not addressed in any document that I have found. In the past it has been the responsibility of the National President, as it is her “General Order.” It is my understanding that it defaulted to the National Secretary so that quality and consistency could be obtained.

The National newsletter is a very important document that is our “public face.” It must be a quality piece that reflects well on the organization, being well produced and grammatically correct. It is a very useful tool for communicating within our organization, one of the best that we have for sharing our efforts with each other.

Producing a quality newsletter, while at the same time processing very detailed reports, has been extremely difficult this past year. A realistic time frame integrating these two major responsibilities of the National Secretary needs to be established. The job description of the National Secretary must be addressed to reflect the added responsibility of the National newsletter, if it is truly her responsibility. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE SECRETARY ALREADY HAS A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO EACH MEMBER, TO EACH AUXILIARY AND DEPARTMENT. IT IS A LOT TO PUT ON ONE PERSON. WE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT WAS HANDLED BY AN EDITOR. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR WITH THIS, HOPING TO FIND AN EDITOR. TRISH, I KNOW THAT YOU LIKE IT, BUT THE NEXT SECRETARY MAY NOT. YOU CAN WEAR THAT HAT IF YOU WANT TO, BUT WE SHOULD TABLE IT, RATHER THAN HAVING IT ALL UNDER ONE UMBRELLA. AT THIS THIS TIME THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR THAT IT GO TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY AUTOMATICALLY.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, CA-PAC

DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Perhaps I am confused but it was my understanding that the General Orders are always written by the National President, forwarded to the Secretary, who then types them up or whatever, and send them back to her for her approval. If you want to add someone to help her out with that, but I always thought the General Orders were the President’s prerogative.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The General Orders is the portion that belongs to the National President. The newsletter is the additional information that would be pictures of Sisters in action or upcoming events. The General Orders we voted a long time ago be incorporated into the newsletter. We are not taking the responsibility from the National President to do her General Orders, we are just saying that to put all this together, we should have an editor. It could be the National Secretary, if she wants that hat, then she would have two titles. But we are saying that we should have somebody in charge of the newsletter to make it inviting. It is representing our Order. It is a sales tool.

HOPE PARKER, NY: I would like to hear the National Secretary's opinion this if we could.

TRICIA BURES, CA-PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: The biggest challenge I had this year was trying to meet nebulous deadlines. Per capita days are set. There is not really any way to get around those if you are going to follow the Rules and Regulations. Nowhere does it say where the General Order is supposed to come out, which is also very confusing because General Order number such and such says this and that and yet the newsletter is also called the General Order so that had to be explained to me several years ago. That was confusing, too. Dealing with getting the per capita put together at the same time that people are expecting a newsletter that has a lot in it and the very first one is supposed to be due; usually early to mid-October, that is what I got from Judy. Those of you that know my husband woke up blind one morning about mid-September and we had a lot to deal with there and it really messed up life, because life got in the way of Auxiliary. It was very challenging. I will be blunt. I received verbally abusive phone calls from Sisters who would not give their name. The number was blocked; I do not know who called me. Just ripping me apart for not being able to deliver something as simple as a newsletter. I almost quit. By setting a deadline by setting a series of dates, this can be done. This was not written by Jane, this was not written by me, this was a "help me get through this, to present this, how can we finish this before it kills somebody." This can be done. I know I can do, Judy was doing it. She took it over, it is my understanding, so that there was quality and consistency. That is my understanding from several different sources. Danielle is correct. The next may say you have got to be out of your mind – no way in the world. If everybody plays nicely by a set designated time frame, this can be done. Having an editor, I would dearly love to have an editor. There have been a number of people who have said, "I don't want a National position, but I would really like to do something like that." Hopefully they take it. It is not mine to give away. I would love to be able to say, "Yes this is a piece of communication, this needs to be dealt with, but it would be much easier if one person was solely focused on a

newsletter. It is a lot. It can be done, yes, but that doesn't mean that it is going to be done as well as it could be and this is a very, very, very important tool. I don't think a lot of people realize just how important it is at this point. Did that kind of help?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: It was voted on the year before I became National President and the guidelines were very, very vague. I did the General Orders but I also did the newsletter I called National Anthem, shoved them together. Came back to the membership and was told no, that is not what we really wanted. We didn't want a National Anthem; those are your General Orders, but then it had pictures. This has been going on for 10 years. We are growing and the need is still there and the Organization is looking for guidelines. They are still out there because this cannot be just a one person show. This is monumental for the time being spent and all the other duties that go along with that.

HOPE PARKER, NY: I can tell you from personal experience that putting together a memory book takes about 150 hours and that if you get everything by a deadline. I think that Sister Trish makes an excellent point when it comes to the General Orders. Yes, we need to have them out by a specific date, but I also think we should put dates in there that the information to the National Secretary is received by as well. It is very difficult to say, ok, you need to have the General Orders out by October 15 so Sisters emailing her on October 14 really isn't helpful. If we are going to set a guideline and deadline for the National Secretary to have something out by, we should also say that the information should be received no later than 15 days prior or something to that effect so that she has time to get it processed and worded correctly. I can tell you that I took the memory book two days before our Department convention to get it printed because I was still receiving ads and photographs that needed to be scanned and processed and it is a nightmare. From that perspective I completely understand but if we are going to be setting deadlines for one officer, we should also be setting deadlines for everyone else to get the information to her.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: We broke this recommendation down into two because it said "and." The first part of it is that we try to get an editor to work with the Secretary that would put the General Orders in or whatever information is coming from the National Heads. We will talk about the time later, but right now it's saying that we need to try get an editor or a title if she wants to wear both hats, go for it.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA

That we do get an editor.

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC

MOTION CARRIED

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The second part of this deals with deadlines. This makes the job easier when not only do we have an editor and the Secretary working with it but there are deadlines that are going to be printed and etched in stone.

September: 2nd trimester Per Capita Report is due September 25 for period of May through August.

General Order #1: Call for submissions due date of September 1
Send to printer due date of October 1
Final edition delivered by printer October 10

This edition to contain results of National Encampment held in August.

General Order #2: Call for submissions due date of November 15
Send to printer due date of December 15
Final edition delivered by printer January 10

December: 3rd trimester Per Capita due January 25 for period of September through December

General Order #3: Call for submissions due date of March 1
Send to printer due date of December 15
Final edition delivered by printer April 10

This edition to contain information & forms for National Encampment.

May: 1st trimester Per Capita due May 25 for period of January through April

General Order #4: Call for submissions due date of June 10
Send to printer due date of July 10
Final edition delivered by printer July 20

This edition to contain all Resolutions, Recommendations, Endorsements and assignments and schedule for the National Encampment.

The call for submissions due date would be final and those officers that do not meet the deadline would not be published. This timeline would be posted on the National website, and all Sisters would be encouraged to submit articles and items that would be of interest to the Organization.

The newsletter will be posted on the National website by the final edition delivery date. It will be delivered via email to all Sisters with a current email address. WE AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A TIMELINE; HOWEVER, THAT LAST GENERAL ORDER, FOR EVERYTHING TO BE IN BY JUNE 10, WISCONSIN WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO MEET THAT DEADLINE.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Neither could Ohio or Pennsylvania.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Does anybody have one at the end of June?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Pennsylvania is last and, if I heard correctly, that is actually going to be July 1 in 2013. That is a tough one. In the past there have only been three and people have been upset because paperwork had not gotten out in time or gotten too late. Sitting around caucusing about these dates to put four GO's together instead of three. Four newsletters. When you have your Encampments in June, it makes it difficult to get information to you. We are up against time crunches.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: There is no way that at least three Departments can make the requirements because we will not have done any endorsements nor would we have done our recommendations.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: And we can't do them in winter meetings, because that is against our policy.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Is there any way that we can put in there to make it generic that instead of putting in a date that those having June Encampments must have their items into the editor five days after the close of their sessions.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: When this was written, there was no editor. In juggling this, it was also dealing with the per capita reports that are due at the same time. So if there is an editor, that date can be shifted. Those dates were because of when the per capita reports were due and trying to get all that juggled. You can move that June date to July, because you are dealing with per capita. July 1 is going to pound Pennsylvania, that will give them 24 hours to get it done.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP, CA-PAC: You are looking at a week to insert whatever Pennsylvania puts in, and then you have two weeks to go to the printer,

so it is not going to hit anyone's home until August 5 and we will already be here.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Which is the problem we were dealing with this year. Getting the stuff out is the challenge because of the late Department Encampments.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: We used to only put out three General Orders. The Committee believes that if there were three, rework the dates. Sister Vice President, you are the only one who can modify this. If you modify this to cover the recommendations that it be three general orders, we could move forward.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: It will still end up being July to catch the three of us.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Yes, July 5. I said with a change in the dates and modify it to be three, we can move on. Otherwise we would have to vote on this and discuss it more.

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH, N/VICE PRESIDENT: Sister Chairman, I have been under the impression that we have only had three General Orders in the last several years, because we did away with the quarterly reports. I am one of the old girls but we have two or three more sitting up there that can probably tell me even more. I agree. Let's go to three. First of all, can we afford four. Postage is going up again and I don't see how we can do it if we stick with four.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Sister, because this is yours, you are the only one who can modify this or we have to pull it down and have more discussion and come up with a proposal again. For time's sake, I am asking you to say that it be three General Orders and the editor would try to fit in that last one as close to July 5 or whatever to cover all the Department Encampments.

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH, N/VICE PRESIDENT: I will do that for you. Thank you. Go ahead and modify it as you said.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: THEN THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
That the Committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Rachele Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC
MOTION CARRIED

REPORT CONTINUES:

Sister Secretary, what a whirlwind of a job you did. I know there were a lot of downs this year, but we recognize your wonderful efforts and your great personality. You have not recommendations, so we say thank you.

Sister Treasurer is not here. She had a rough year. The whole family had a rough year and yet she was able to carry out her duties. We are sending thanks.

Sister Chaplain, you did a wonderful job. You had no recommendations. We thank you.

I am going to lump the Patriotic Instructor with the Chief of Staff. The Committee felt that in this time and age where the economy is extremely hard and that the two of you have your families to take of, your personal time restraints, the two of you did a fantastic job and we look forward to hearing your reports. We truly thank you for stepping forward.

Danielle Michaels, PNP, WI, Chair
Virginia Twist, PNP, NY
Kim Johnson, AP, IL

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: I have a question on what we just passed. I didn't know when to bring it up, but I figure we better bring it up now. Did I miss how we were going to get this editor? Is it going to be an appointed office or is it going to be an elected office and who will appoint?

PRESIDENT ANNE: I would guess that we would vote from the floor who would be the editor. Or we would check with the Secretary first to see if she didn't want that position.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: Shouldn't it be an appointed office rather than elected?

SEVERAL: Yes.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the Editor be an appointed office by the President, after conferring with the Secretary and Treasurer.

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC
MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT ANNE: Ok, Sisters, we are running out of time. We are going to break for lunch now and come back at 1:30.

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible at 11:50 a.m.

Fourth Session
Saturday, August 11, 2012
1:40 p.m.

The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT ANNE: We are going to have the recommendations from the various Departments. Sister Tricia will read them to us.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: They are in your packet and everybody should have a copy of the ones on the internet that we have received. I am taking them in alphabetical order by Department.

California #1

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, and

Whereas, having a printed copy of such reports ahead of time would assist Delegates in making more informed decisions on any recommendations contained therein, and

Whereas, each Encampment should have a Committee on Officers Reports to review any recommendations contained therein and report their findings and recommendations to the Delegates,

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 due prior to the Encampment; that said reports not be presented orally but that each Delegate to the Encampment receive a printed copy of such reports during registration; and that any recommendation contained in such

reports be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officers Reports, to report back to the Delegates with their recommendations at the same Encampment.

MOVED by Susan Sweet, AP, CA-PAC

That the recommendation be accepted.

SECONDED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA

DISCUSSION:

ANN MICHAELS, PDP, WI, N/CHIEF OF STAFF: I have a question for clarification. You said Officers reports and I am guessing that it is to exclude the money making section of it, correct?

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: I think the Officers reports should be read at convention. I think it is very important that we know and give the credit where it is due to these officers who have worked so hard throughout the year. It might be if we read along with them that it should make it go faster, but I still think they should be read.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I was wondering for the Departments that meet late in June, if we are going to have a deadline for these reports to be ready for National. I have no problem with it being printed at all. My only question is about a date, that's all.

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: This doesn't say except for the National President. Aren't we going to hear the National President's report in full? I would like California to address this, please.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP, CA-PAC: I think that where we are getting confused is I should have not put National Officers in there. This was to clarify from last year because Virginia did a very nice thing by saying that she wanted the reports in to her so that she can compile a consensus, but that was for last year. Luckily, Anne elected to have the same thing that happened last year for this year. We are asking to make it a permanent thing where all reports are turned in so we are getting them in advance. If we want to make it easy, just take the words National Officer out. Those officers would still read their reports, but it is saving us from reading all the committee reports, saves us from reading all the Department Presidents reports. It is taking everything that has a recommendation directly over to the Recommendation Committee to give us what they feel we should do so we don't have to sit and read through all the recommendations. I think the easiest way would be to just strike out the words

National Officers and make it just Department and Committee Reports.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Does everyone have their pencils? Strike out the words National Officer in the first paragraph and in the last paragraph.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

That the recommendation be accepted as amended.

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: The only problem I have with this is that the Committee on Officers Reports only deals with the recommendations from the National officers. The Committee reports are handled on the floor and if we don't hear them and if you added all these committee recommendations to the Officers Report, we wouldn't get to them in two days.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: I think we need some clarification. We have two motions on the floor. The first motion was not rescinded and a second motion was made. I think we need clarification as to what the vote is.

UNKNOWN: Sister President, we need to move on the first motion and then you can go to, hopefully, an amendment to the motion.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: I have it listed as an amendment to the motion: Amended by the Department of California to strike National Officer where stated. That was the amendment to the motion.

HOPE PARKER, NY: Judy Trepanier, can you please repeat what you said about the committees.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: The Committee on Officer's Reports works on the recommendations from the officers. They only handle recommendations from the officers. Any recommendations made by the Committees or the individual States are handled one at a time on the floor.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP, CA-PAC: What we are trying to do is to shorten ourselves up. Even this Encampment that doesn't have a ton of business items, we are still behind. We are trying to figure out a way to shorten ourselves up with the unnecessary things we don't need to continue to read out loud. So if there are committee reports that don't have recommendations, do we have to read

them? That's what I am wondering. When we read all the officers' reports and then you read all the committee reports, whether they have recommendations of not, we are still taking hours and hours and hours. But now, we are running into a time crunch.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Yes, it is 2:00 already.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP, CA-PAC: Here's the thing. I know we are in a time crunch again, so let's let this one die, vote it down, we will readdress it, looking at the verbiage that we need to change for the next year. I am totally up for that.

MOTION NOT CARRIED

Recommendation #2:

Whereas, Departments often pass recommendations at their annual Encampments, which need to be presented to and acted upon by the National Encampment, and

Whereas, a National Encampment Recommendations Committee is generally appointed by the National President for review of such recommendations, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that any resolutions passed by Department Encampments, which need to come before the National Encampment, be forwarded to the National Secretary immediately after the conclusion of their respective Department Encampment.

And, be it further resolved that the Delegates to the National Encampment receive a printed copy of any recommendations at the time of their registrations, so that they may have an opportunity to review them themselves and make educated decisions, taking into consideration the recommendations of the National Encampment Recommendations Committee.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP, WI

That the recommendation be accepted.

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3:

Whereas, the National Treasurer provides a preliminary budget at the National Encampment to be read out loud and voted on by the Delegates, and

Whereas, this process uses an inordinate amount of time during the

Encampment, while concurrently not allowing the Delegates enough time to thoroughly review the budget and make educated decisions, and

Whereas, having a body of elected officers review the budget beforehand and provide a recommendation to the Encampment would greatly improve efficiency,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the National Treasurer submit the preliminary budget to the following officers no later than thirty (30) days before each National Encampment: National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and each member of the National Council.

And, be it further resolved that the aforementioned officers review said preliminary budget upon receipt and offer recommendations for approval, rejection or modification of the same to the National Encampment at the time the budget is brought up.

And, be it further resolved that the Delegates to the National Encampment receive a printed copy of said preliminary budget at the time of their registration, so that they may have an opportunity to review it themselves and make informed decisions, taking into consideration the recommendations of the aforementioned officers.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

That the recommendation be accepted.

SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH

DISCUSSION:

HOPE PARKER, NY: The preliminary budget 30 days before the National Encampment, is it for the following year? And then the recommendations for approval, rejection or modification will be brought up at the Encampment?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: It is allowing the Council, and the President that is currently sitting and the Vice President going in a chance to look at it, versus showing up to do the audit and seeing it for the first time there, along with auditing the books. This gives them a chance to see it in advance.

HOPE PARKER, NY: Is this anything that gets discussed during the Council Meeting prior to or after National Encampment?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: The first few years I came I saw a budget. We used to sit and read line by line

everything that was going to be on the next year's budget. Then we went for a while when we didn't have that we actually saw. And then this year we got one that was inserted into our packet which was wonderful. We could look over it and not everyone in the room understands all the categories of the budget where most of the officers do, and so some questions arise. It was more to allow those five individuals a chance to look at it in advance. In my home Auxiliary, I have to turn in my preliminary budget for the next year prior to our installation of officers and my audit. That is something that we just wrote in for ourselves as a check and balance.

HOPE PARKER, NY: The National Secretary and National Treasurer are inundated and I understand that from year to year to year there are so many standard items on the budget. Will a preliminary budget approve the amount allotted for each item?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: It is a guestimate of what we might spend the next year.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Hope asked if the Council would be discussing it and it says the aforementioned officers review said preliminary budget upon receipt and offer recommendations for approval, rejection or modification of the same to the National Encampment at the time the budget is brought up. I would assume that since they have time to look at it they would communicate with one another asking this is how I am interpreting it, is that how you are interpreting it, that kind of a discussion. Any questions that they would have would go to the National Treasurer to be answered immediately.

HOPE PARKER, NY: And this would be a permanent change to the CR&R. It reads "she shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented to the delegates at National Encampment for their approval."

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: Correct. We are just asking for it 30 days prior to those five individuals. So yes, it would be a CR&R change.

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: The main thing that you have to remember about the budget is that these are estimated figures and also estimated income. We are not sure of the exact dollar amount till we get there and the fund raisers give us their totals of what we have to work with. These are all estimated figures.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: And it says preliminary budget, not final budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4:

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 Barbara Indan, PDP, PA

That the recommendation be accepted.

SECONDED by Marilyn Rittel, PDP, IA

DISCUSSION:

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: I am sorry. I live in the Middle Ages. I do not own a computer. I have access to one at work for ½ hour during my lunch. To print something off like that, my boss would probably kick my rear end. And I would have to pay for it anyway. I think my \$10 registration fee is supposed to go to having that book printed so that I can have a hard copy. I am sorry. I want a hard copy.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Sisters, there is one problem. That is a contract when we signed in to the ledger book. We have been told that we will receive a copy of the proceedings and anybody that wanted to could make it that we were violating a contract. I know where Danielle is going to go next, I think. Those that wanted to have it on disk could request it at the time of registration and that would secure covering breach of contract with any of our Sisters.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CA-PAC: We are already breaching that contract. I've gone to National since 2004 to present

and I have not received the proceedings for every single one of those years. Not counting the years that haven't been printed yet. I have those copies because Trish was nice enough to scan them and give them to me digitally.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: And that is an error on the part of the Stenographer that was responsible. I have not seen mine yet. Mine are not out. Danielle, I apologize if I spoke out of turn for you. I can see where California is talking about the expense. I believe Judy Morgan told me they were almost \$7.00 apiece to print. I have not even seen my first copy of mine yet, so we are three years behind.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Judy mailed out 2009.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Yes, we have Jan's. Did you not get that one, Rachelle?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: It states that we get a proceeding, it doesn't state how, whether it is hard bound, cd, or who knows what is going to happen ten years from now. It could be on a little chip. All that National has to do is provide one way or the other. The less that are printed, the better for the mailings, but the fewer that you print, the cost of printing goes up somewhat. Until everybody gets into the computer system, it is going to be a ying and a yang until we are all on the same page. We want to start saying do you want yours on a disk. I'll say I want mine on a disk. I'll say that I will take the Department's on a disk. That will free it up for any of those that really want a hard copy. A disk looks better on my shelf than a thick book.

HOPE PARKER, NY: This came up a few years ago at National Encampment. I think we are at the point where we really need to talk to our Departments and our Auxiliaries and say, "You need to compile a list and say do you want to receive this electronically or do you want to receive this in paper copies. I know we have a lot of members that do not have computers or have access to electronic dohickies, I don't think that is a technical term, but I really think we are at a point where we need to sit down with our individual Auxiliary Sisters and say, "Please tell us if you want to receive this electronically or please tell us if you want to receive a paper copy." That way we know exactly how many paper copies and hopefully we can start cutting down what is sent out through the mail and then those people that want to receive it electronically can.

DEBBIE EARL, CA-PAC: It seems to me that everybody's needs are covered in this resolution. If we are, indeed, under a legal obligation to provide a copy to

anybody who signs in here, the last sentence says print the number of copies required for legal and archival purposes. So therefore, any Sister who says I don't have a computer, I'd like a paper copy, is entitled to one with no argument and anybody who doesn't care to have those or would like to read it online also has their options. All covered here. Nothing needs to be changed.

MOTION CARRIED

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.

Following the recess, the recording device was not turned on. The remaining recommendations were not digitally recorded. Votes are printed per the National Secretary's minutes.

California Recommendation #5, Massachusetts Recommendations #1 and #2 and Ohio Recommendation #1 were all similar, which resulted in the final joint recommendation:

Any Sister seeking a National office is requested to submit a Candidacy Statement of her qualifications for the office being desired, including any endorsements, to the National Secretary by July 10. Any Sister seeking nomination from the floor of the National Encampment must provide copies of said Candidacy Statement, at her own expense, for distribution to each Sister sitting at National Encampment prior to the vote being called for that desired office. The National Secretary will post all Candidacy Statements on the National Auxiliary website prior to the National Encampment for every Sister to consider.

MOVED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
SECONDED by Marilyn Rittel, PDP, IA
That the recommendation be accepted as read.
MOTION CARRIED

Massachusetts Recommendation #6 and Wisconsin Recommendation #1:
Each Auxiliary and Department is responsible for filing their own IRS 990-N. A copy of the IRS acceptance of the filing is to be included with the Per Capita report covering January – April. The National Treasurer only files the National Auxiliary's IRS 990-N. It is recommended that each Auxiliary and Department seek out an individual with tax reporting knowledge or background to provide instruction and assistance with maintaining current IRS filings.

MOVED by Barbara Day, PDP, PA
SECONDED by Beverly Graham, PAP, CA-PAC
That the recommendation be accepted.
MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(The first part of the Election was not recorded. Nominations are from the National Secretary's minutes.)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

*Nancy Hilton PNP OH nominated Jane Graham as National President,
SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, you have heard the nomination of Sister Jane Graham to the office of National President. Sister Jane, do you accept this nomination?

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH: With pleasure, Sister President.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

*Veronica Mellor MA nominated Diane Mellor as National Vice President,
SECONDED by Rachele Campbell PDP CA-PAC.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, you have heard the nomination of Sister Diane Mellor to the office of National Vice President. Sister Diane, do you accept this nomination?

DIANE MELLOR, N/COUNCIL #3, PDP, MA: With great humility.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

COUNCIL #1

*Margaret Atkinson PNP PA nominate Anne Jaster Sosnowski to the office of
Council #1,
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI.*

JANE GRAHAM, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, OH: Sisters, you have heard the nomination of Sister Anne Sosnowski for Council Member #1. Sister Anne, do you accept this nomination?

PRESIDENT ANNE: I graciously accept.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

COUNCIL #2

*Susan Sweet CA-PAC nominated Melinie Caines to the office of Council #2,
SECONDED by Eileen Tisch CA-PAC.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, Melinie Caines has been nominated to the office of Council #2. Sister Melinie, do you accept this nomination?

MELINIE CAINES, CA-PAC: Yes, Sister President, I do. Thank you.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

COUNCIL #3

*Danielle Michaels PNP WI nominated Anne Michaels to the office of Council #3,
SECONDED by Allison Michaels Graff WI.*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sisters, Anne Michaels has been nominated to the office of Council #3. Sister Anne, do you accept?

ANNE MICHAELS, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, WI: Well...yes. *(laughter)*

UNANIMOUS VOTE

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Wisconsin would like to nominate Allison Michaels Graff. I have known her all her life, even though she does have a different name now. She has served very well. She has done so many things as Auxiliary President for our Auxiliary. She even rebooted another Auxiliary on her own and got that going so that the Department would be a lot stronger. She has served as Department President and she has worked many jobs at the National level, anywhere from Aide to Musician to Chaplain. SECONDED by Virginia Twist PNP NY. NOMINATION WAS ACCEPTED AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

BEVERLY GRAHAM CA-PAC: Sister President, I nominate Rachelle Campbell to the office of National Chaplain. She has been heavily involved with the Auxiliary. She has also been Department President and she has been many

things Nationally now and so I would like to nominate her. SECONDED by Eileen Tisch, CA-PAC.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: I am sorry, Rachelle, I can't get hold of her and Wisconsin did send it in. But I know that Kathy was doing it with the idea that you were not running, so I am nominating Kathy Anderson of Wisconsin because we voted on that at the Department. I would be amiss to not bring it up. SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH.

Credentials were called by the National Secretary. Thirty-five votes were reported.

*The Australian ballot resulted in the election of Rachelle Campbell.
NOMINATION WAS ACCEPTED.*

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: I would like to put before this Encampment the name of Barbara Indan. She has been a very loyal Sister and she is willing to take on this task. She is from the Department of Pennsylvania and I forced her into this, but she said she would do the job to the best of her ability. SECONDED by Marilyn Rittel, IA. NOMINATION WAS ACCEPTED AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

PRESIDENT ANNE: I declare the Elections closed. Thank you, Sisters. You are relieved of your duty as Tellers.

Sister Danielle Michaels, I need the final report of Council, please.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: The final bit was the checking account book, and it balanced to the penny.

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sister, and thank you for your work, Sisters. Sister National Patriotic Instructor, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FINANCIAL REPORT

I would like to thank National President Anne Jaster Sosnowski and my fellow Sisters for their faith in me and for assisting me to accomplish my goals during my term as your National Patriotic Instructor. I would like to further recognize and thank my home Department of California and Pacific for their outstanding support and aid. These Sisters not only helped me raise funds for the Patriotic Instructors Fund, but simultaneously raised funds and worked behind the scenes to host this year's National Encampment. I am grateful to the many

Departments, local Auxiliaries, and individual Sisters who contributed donations and participated in fundraisers over the past year. I have the honor to submit the following Financial Report of the National Patriotic Instructor to the 126th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Department/Auxiliary Donations: \$475.00
 SUVCW Donations: \$13.00
 Personal Donations: \$1,446.40
 PNP Club Donations: \$118.00
 Fundraisers: \$813.60
 Auxiliary Shirt Sales: \$150.00
 Auxiliary Name Tag Sales: \$20.00
 NPI Encampment Table: \$247.00
 Ritual Work: \$49.00

Grand Total: \$3,332.00

Dept./Aux. SUVCW Personal Fundraiser

California & Pacific

Department	25.00		
Tom & Beverly Graham		1,000.00	
Kathleen Mabie		50.00	
Rachelle Campbell, PDP		21.40	
Department Fundraiser			250.00
Beverly Graham			20.00
Tad Campbell	8.00		

Chesapeake

Department	50.00		
Jo Ann Velten			20.00

Connecticut

Department	25.00		
Judy Trepanier PNP		25.00	

Illinois

Mary Fritz			20.00
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Iowa

Department	25.00		
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Dept./Aux. SUVCW Personal Fundraiser

Kansas

Mary Ann Hogan 25.00

Maine

Department 20.00
 Frances Murray PNP 10.00

Massachusetts

Department 25.00
 Willie Grout Aux. #25 15.00
 Table Gettysburg 228.60

Michigan

Linda Kronberg, PDP 10.00
 Judith Jenkins 20.00

New Hampshire

Department 25.00
 Gilman E. Sleeper Aux. #60 25.00
 Perley Mellor 5.00
 Diane Mellor, PDP 15.00
 Linda Murray, PDP 10.00
 Hattie Edmunds 20.00

New Jersey

Department 10.00
 Cornelia Hancock Aux. #10 10.00
 Marion Combs PNP 25.00
 Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP 20.00
 Ellen Higgins 20.00

New York

Department 10.00
 Michelle Langley PNP 10.00
 Betty Baker PNP 10.00
 Virginia Twist PNP 125.00
 Janet Grasso 20.00
 J.G. Kratz 20.00
 Jerome & Lorraine Orton 20.00

Dept./Aux. SUVCW Personal Fundraiser

Ohio

Department	25.00		
Frost Aux. #108	15.00		
Susan Amrine			20.00
Judy Morgan		10.00	
Jane Graham		20.00	20.00
Ramona Greenwalt		25.00	
Nancy Hilton PNP		25.00	
Alliance Aux. #91	25.00		

Pennsylvania

Department	25.00		
Sarah Crawford Aux. #43	15.00		20.00
Scranton Aux. #10	25.00		
Jennie Wade Aux. #27	15.00		
Margaret Atkinson PNP		15.00	
Anne Sosnowski NP		50.00	

Vermont

Department	50.00		
Alice Doyle			10.00

Texas

Cindy Nettles			10.00
Vali Reyes			20.00

Wisconsin

Department	15.00			
	<hr/> \$475.00	\$13.00	\$1,446.40	\$813.60

PNP's Clubs

Fran's Fans	5.00
Minnie's Whalers	5.00
Betty's Blue Birds	5.00
Michelle's Mouseketeers	5.00
Eileen's Golden Pages	10.00
Margaret's Marvels	33.00
Caroline's 76ers	5.00
Mary Jo's Muffins	20.00
Mary's Mademoiselles	10.00

Judy's American Beauties	5.00
Anne's Angels	<u>15.00</u>
	\$118.00

Other

Shirt Sales	150.00
Name Tag Sales	20.00
SUVCW Afghan	
National Encampment Sales Table	220.00
Ritual Work	49.00

Summary

Department/Auxiliary Donations	475.00
SUVCW Donations	13.00
Personal Donations	1,446.40
Fundraiser	813.60
Club Donations	118.00
Shirt Sales	150.00
Name Tag Sales	20.00
NPI Encampment Sales Table	247.00
Ritual Work	<u>49.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,332.00

PRESIDENT ANNE: Thank you, Sister. Sisters, we would like to give a rising round of applause for our Patriotic Instructor! (*So done.*)

Sister Anne, are you ready with your report?

ANNE MICHAELS, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, WI: I have done what I can here with my numbers and am going to send to you the finalized, beautiful work once I get home, so bear with me.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Sister Anne asked me to be her Chief of Staff and, of course, I graciously accepted it. Immediately after being sworn into office the weight was, obviously, on my shoulders. I attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, last November; I carried the Auxiliary flag there and it was beautiful. I proudly marched with our National President. I also attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, last April. We made our way through the rain to attend the ceremonies. In addition, I attended more local events with the Wisconsin Sisters to spread the word of our Organization and to fundraise. With

many lending helping hands to my cause, I did the best of my ability to fulfill the duties of my office and I hope that I served the Order well.

Thank you for the Department donations, personal donations, I don't have those individual totals with me, because I left those at home. But I do have near the grand total with the addition of those checks that I sent to Betty last minute. So without further ado, my total right now is \$2, 975.75. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT ANNE: Sister Jane, are you ready to go into Installation of Officers?

JANE GRAHAM, PDP, OH: May we have a brief recess of about 10 minutes?

PRESIDENT ANNE: Yes, you may. Sister Allison, will you please attend the altar?

The Chaplain attended the altar for a brief recess.

PRESIDENT ANNE: There is one more piece of business that we have to discuss because we forgot a recommendation.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: This recommendation was stuck to the back of a blank piece of paper and we missed it. My apologies, Sisters.

Ohio Recommendation #3: The following recommendation was passed. Whereas the offices of National Treasurer and National Secretary lead to eligibility for the office of National President, and Whereas it is best for the National Organization to have as large a pool as possible of eligible Sisters for the office of the National President, and Whereas previously the Constitution, Rules & Regulations prohibited a National Secretary and the National Treasurer from succeeding themselves, now Therefore, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall be amended to reflect the previous restrictions on succession of oneself in the offices of National Treasurer and National Secretary. It is also suggested that the offices of National Treasurer and National Secretary should be filled by Past National Presidents only if there is no other qualified candidate available.

MOVED by Diane Mellor, PDP, MA
That the recommendation be accepted.
SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA

DISCUSSION

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: This provision was in order in the past, however, upon the vote of the National body at a National Encampment, having someone in the office that they thought was functioning very, very well, they voted at various times to let them have another term of office. That is how that happened.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Sister President, I believe and I don't have my CR&R in front of me, but I believe that was in the CR&R that you could not succeed yourself in office, but it was taken out so that it has been deleted from there. This is to put it back in.

HOPE PARKER, NY: Unfortunately, with our dwindling numbers I just don't want to see this kind of qualifier put on a position. If there is someone who is a Past National who is seeking to become a Treasurer or Secretary, I just think that we should leave it open and available to anyone that would like it only because of our dwindling numbers and if we start to put these qualifiers on specific offices, it could make very difficult in the future to fill these positions.

VERONICA MELLOR, DPI, MA: If I heard correctly, the position would be filled with a Past National President only if there is no other qualified applicant?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, CA-PAC: Qualified candidate available.

VERONICA MELLOR, DPI, MA: So that covers what Hope is saying. It doesn't exclude it, it is only asking that you don't serve consecutive terms in the same position.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I felt about this because we do need candidates that are eligible. Right now we have two money offices and it does say that if you serve as a National Secretary or a National Treasurer for a five year term, you are eligible for the office of National President. I have nothing against Past National Presidents, they are wonderful, you learn under them, you learn from them, but we have I think approximately six Past National Presidents occupying offices. We have a lot of younger Sisters who are coming and are leaving with nothing. If we expect them to come back, we need to encourage them. I felt by opening up these two offices that it would be better for the organization because we would have more people from which to choose and more people would be eligible. I think some of our younger members would be more inclined to come back because I have heard several saying, "Oh, I am not coming back there, they ignored me, they didn't do anything, they didn't give me

anything.” I am not saying that the first year you come you should walk out of here with an office, but I think we should give them the hope and more than two ways to get there.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: We definitely want to encourage young, intelligent offices; however, each time a National Secretary or a National Treasurer goes for a second term, it is an open election and anyone else may apply and put in their endorsement.

MOTION NOT CARRIED

PRESIDENT ANNE: We will go into Installation of Officers now. Sister Jane, who is your Installing Officer?

*National President-Elect Jane Graham chose her daughter,
PNP Nancy Hilton OH, as her Installing Officer.*

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: I would like to appoint the following Sisters to sit on the floor, please:

Guide	Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
Assistant Guide	Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT
Color Guard #1	Veronica Mellor, DPI, MA
Color Guard #2	Marilyn Rittel, DP, IA
Chaplain	Beverly Graham, PAP, CA-PAC
Secretary	Tricia Bures, N/Secretary, CA-PAC

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National President, have all your reports been completed and forwarded on and signed?

Sister National President, it is hard to be standing up here with a friend, you are now relieved of the command of the National Organization and in accordance with Chapter 1, Article IX of the Regulations, having creditably and faithfully served a term as National President, you are now entitled to and will occupy for the ensuing year the seat of honor in our National Organization, the seat of the Past President. May I call on Past National President Margaret Atkinson please?

*Past National President Margaret Atkinson pinned the Past National President's
Badge on Past National President Anne Jaster Sosnowski.*

VIRGINIA TWIST, N/COUNCIL #1, PNP, NY: As the newly elected President of the Past National Presidents' Club, I would like to give you your lapel pin that

you can wear anywhere and anytime that proves that you are a “has-been.”
(laughter)

Also from the National Organization, we would like to give you this little testimonial for all your hard work. *(applause)*

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort this esteemed Sister to the Past President’s chair.

Past National President Anne Jaster Sosnowski is escorted around the room by her husband to clapping and the singing of Battle Hymn of the Republic and seated in the Past National President’s chair.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Secretary, will you 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..... Jane Graham OH
- Vice President..... Diane Mellor MA
- Council #1..... Anne Sosnowski PA
- Council #2..... Melinie Caines CA-PAC
- Council #3..... Anne Michaels WI
- Patriotic Instructor..... Allison Graff WI
- Chaplain..... Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC
- Press Correspondent..... Barbara Indan PA
- Chief of Staff..... Ramona Greenwalt OH
- Personal Aide..... Bonnie Myers NJ
- Co-Counselor..... Danielle Michaels WI
- Co-Counselor..... Ken Freshley OH

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Guide, please escort to this station the President of our National Order.

National President Jane Graham was escorted by the Guide and Robert Wolz to the National President’s station.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sisters, you have all been given a sheet of paper with a little tune on it. I guarantee you, after her

opening remarks, you will understand what this is all about. I hope your voices are in good shape. Remember being a child, because Jane was a school teacher for 27 years and this is all about her kids.

(Sang to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot.")
Jane's our President, without a doubt
She's definitely not short, and really not stout.
She loves the Auxiliary, hear her shout
GAR forever, everybody look out!

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister President, your officers are at their respective stations and I take pleasure in placing you in command of this National Organization. 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. You have your copy, and I already checked that it's in your notebook, of the Constitution, Rules and 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 this National Organization, 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 and activities of your local Auxiliary, your home Department and the National Organization and do all in our 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 these Officers legally installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their duties for the term ending next August, 2013 or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Sister National President, accept this gavel, the symbol of your authority. Assume control of this Encampment and preside with dignity, impartiality, and firmness.

While she is up here, I get to cry a little bit!

*The National President's badge was pinned on by her daughter,
PNP Nancy Greenwalt Hilton OH.*

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, I never thought this day would come. I can truthfully say to each and every one of you, because it is you that put me here, I say thank you, very, very much.

To my Installing Team, I say thank you and, personally, I will have to say this weekend she has been my maid and my Aide. Sister Personal Aide, I have some gifts in the box by the table there, if you will pass them out to my Installing Officers.

To save some time, because I know that you all want to go up and get your pretty faces on and so forth for the banquet, I want to tell you that never did I believe that I would be back here in California to be installed into this position. Just a few miles south of here in the year of 1973, I served as National Chief of Staff for Past National President Viola Bremme, as you heard earlier, from the state of Pennsylvania. I have been told that things usually come full circle and I guess this gives us some idea that the saying is true. I joined Alliance Auxiliary #91 in October, 1964 and have been an active member all these years. In the past few years, until about a year ago, I have been driving 700 miles round trip to my Auxiliary meetings and three nights in a motel. I am a retired special education teacher and a mother of one daughter, the grandmother of four grandsons and great-grandmother of three great-granddaughters, all of whom are members of our Order, except for the great-granddaughters who are too young, but just give them a little time. The two that are three and four, you don't want them in an Auxiliary meeting!

My heritage to this organization was not made known to me for some time, but since my Initiation, I have been made aware that my great-grandfather, Samuel E. Crawford, was a member of the 104th OVI, mustering in at Lisbon, Ohio and remained with the regiment until the end of the war in 1865. He served with the 104th at a very young age, but not so young that he was not classed with the valued members of his group.

As some of you know, I am a "teapot nut" and those of you who have been in my house can verify it and Diane's head is going up and down, as well as being a "teetotaler" and I will take it hot or cold, it doesn't make any difference.

However you guys want to make it, it is fine with me. So, in order to take my teapots into all of our Departments, I have chosen to use teapots as my theme:

T for teaching

E for Each

A for Auxiliary

P for Patriotic

O for Objectives

T for Together

As I visit each of your home communities this year, we will talk and share teapots together with the hope that throughout our states we will make our patriotic objectives well known and widespread. My aim this year, as well as all Past National Presidents that have served before me, is to see a gain in membership. It is not too late. Come on, Sisters, we can do it if we try.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to a tea party in my room, and I will let you know the number, on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. By the time you stand out there and watch the parade and you will be shivering a little, you know, so there will be a tea party in my room to warm you up. You are all invited and if your guys like tea, bring them along with you.

I have a gentleman who is sitting up here behind me that has been in my life for quite a long time. In 1972, Bob Wolz and I served together for our first year as Department President and Department Commander. We have traveled over this country together not only in reenactments, but we have been to Nationals and I will have to share one little thing with you. I want you to especially to watch his face when I share this. Bob and I were at a National Encampment. We were behaving ourselves and we were both much younger than we are today. We were sitting on a rollaway bed, counting money, because Bob had the job of National Patriotic Instructor for the Sons that year. All of a sudden, the bed collapsed and he and I were down here in the middle with all this money. Well, guess who walked in – Bob’s mom and dad. (*laughter*) We’re here and we are still friends, and Bob, I want to thank you for coming from Key West to be here for my Installation. For those of you that don’t know, Bob is quite a historian. He is curator of the Truman White House in Key West, FL. If you are ever there, he can give you a tour like you wouldn’t believe. Not only that, I want to say that we are so proud of him as one of our Sons because he is now traveling into other countries to tell the world what we are doing. I know he just finished a Boy Scout thing in Detroit and he has been at The Hague, so he is one of our Sons that we are very, very proud of. Thanks again, Bob, for coming. (*applause*)

ROBERT WOLZ, PDC, SUVCW: Jane is right. We traveled many, many, many miles together. We both were in the 19th Ohio Regiment back in the Centennial of the Civil War – 50 years ago. We were in Palm Springs, which was what Jane was referring to, the Palm Springs Encampment. There’s photographs in the Vendor Exhibit and they said, “Do you recognize anyone?” And I said, “Yeah, I’m the little guy in the middle.” I was a little younger then. All I can say is that my mom was an Auxiliary member and Past Auxiliary President, in fact she belonged to all the Allied Orders and I don’t know that she really wanted to, but I became active and I drug my parents into the whole order and my dad became Department Commander following Jane and my terms. I have very, very fond memories of the Allied Orders, the Auxiliary, many, many potluck dinners and Jane is, indeed, a very, very dear friend which I am happy to say I got to reconnect with just a couple of years ago. After I moved to Florida, it is a little far to come to meetings these days. I am honored that Jane would ask me to come and be a part of your Installation. I am honored to share this time with you ladies. Thank you very much. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: I have one more thing that I would like to ask you ladies to join me in. When I was teaching school a good long time ago, I used to use a lot of songs that I would teach my children. Sometimes I would get results and sometimes I wouldn't, but I always had that positive hope that I would get a result from that song. I have one that I would like to sing to you, if you can tolerate the singing, because I am not a voice major. If you feel the same way that I do, I would like you to join me and if you would like to stand up, OK and if you can't, that's OK, too, and we will sing it a second time.

This is my Auxiliary,
One that I love.
I am pledging my allegiance,
To each one of you;
That this is my Auxiliary,
To have and to hold.

If we want to work together, I am in hopes that you will join me.
Anyway, thank you very much because I am looking forward to all of us working together this year. (*applause*)

Congratulations and Best Wishes extended from: Anne Michaels PDP and Wisconsin Department; Hope Parker and New York Department; Diane Mellor DP and Massachusetts Department; Melinie Caines DP and California/Pacific Department; Marilyn Rittel DP and Iowa Department; Lucille Coe DP and Pennsylvania Department; Judy Trepanier PNP and Connecticut Department; Barbara Indan, PDP PA; Nancy Hilton PNP and Ohio Department.

Announcements made regarding testimonial invitations, reception invitations, banquet tickets, Great Lakes Regional Conference, Mid-Winter Meeting in Wisconsin.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANE: Is there anything else for the good of the Order?

Sister Chaplain, you will attend the altar.

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.

The Closing Ode was sang.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, as we have completed our business and are about to depart for our homes, let us remember our duty to each other and

to our Order and conduct ourselves in such a manner that the objects may be seen and appreciated by all persons. I now declare this 126th National Encampment closed, to resume at the sound of the gavel in Brookfield, Wisconsin, in August, 2013.

The Encampment closed at 4:45 p.m.

**LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 126TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

California - Pacific

Patricia Bures
Melinie Caines
Rachelle Campbell
Elaine Christian
Mary Lou Christian
Cali DeBevoise
Debra Earl
Cynthia Eddy
Cynthia Day Elliott
Beverly Ferman
Beverly Graham
Joann Knowles
Sherry Lopes
Kathy Mabie
Robyn Reese
Ann Schleeter
Susan Sweet
Denise Thompson
Eileen Tisch

Connecticut

Judy Trepanier, PNP

Massachusetts

Mary Ford
Diane Mellor
Veronica Mellor

New Jersey

Bonnie Meyer
Ellen Higgins

New York

Betty Wheeler
Hope Parker
Virginia Twist, PNP

Ohio

Jane Graham, NP
Nancy Hilton, PNP
Ramona Greenwalt

Pennsylvania

Barbara Indan
Darlene Alcorn
Anne Sosnowski, NP
Margaret Atkinson, PNP
Lucille Cox

Wisconsin

Danielle Michaels, PNP
Anne Michaels
Allison Graff

Iowa: Grenville M. Dodge #8

Marilyn Rittel

Missouri: Auxiliary #215

Cher Petrovic

REPORTS NOT READ DURING ENCAMPMENT

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Reports were received from twelve Departments and four Auxiliaries at Large.

Blood Donations:	72 pints
Cash Donations:	\$ 46,364.63
Hours Volunteered: 26,960 @ \$7.25 =	195,430.25
Material Donations:	207,831.10
Mileage: 118,771 @ \$.14	<u>16,627.94</u>
Grand Total	\$466,253.92

Departments not reporting: Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont

Special Projects and Events

Chesapeake:

1. Sponsored a Civil War Tea and Fashion Show
2. Participated in “Shoe Box – Operation Christmas Child”
3. Sponsor Bedford Museum & Genealogical Library for a special Children’s Summer Project.
4. Coordination for Women’s History Month & essay contest on Civil War.
5. Care of Vietnam Vet – doctor visits, food, transportation
6. Donation of picture frame for Grand Army Church of enlistments of members of the Dushane Post of GAR.
7. A Sister won 3rd place in photo contest at the Maryland State Fair for photo taken at Memorial Day Observance at Loudon Park National Cemetery of Recumbent Union Soldier Statue.

Connecticut

1. Holiday Baskets for needy
2. Participated in project “Wreaths Across America.”

Iowa

1. Participated in project “Wreaths Across America.”
2. Flag Retirement on Patriot’s Day
3. Participated in the Miracle of the Bells

Illinois

1. Cleaned local Veteran Cemetery gravestones

2. Participated in “Special Needs Action Program” and volunteered at Ronald McDonald House.
3. Memorial Day – purchased flowers & flags for Woman’s Relief Corps at a Civil War Cemetery in Rockford, Illinois.

Michigan

1. Volunteered at Open Door Free Store
2. Participated in 19th Century Victorian Era Style Show
3. Yard and Plant sales for veterans
4. Military Care Packages
5. Made afghans & crocheted blanket for Michigan ASUVCW

Missouri

1. A Sister donated photos and framed prints for the ASUVCW and SUVCW
2. Two young sisters sewed and made 100 pillows for children’s department at St. John’s Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.
3. Donation of \$75 in phone & gift cards to Joplin Tornado Relief

New Hampshire

1. Made 33 lap robes for Chelsea Soldiers Home in Massachusetts

New Jersey

1. ROTC Program
2. U.S.S. Forrestal Assn.

New York

1. Participated in Toys for Tots
2. Care & help for blind neighbor with babysitting and household chores.
3. Donated 20 used lap tops to Spencea Van Etten School for recycling.
4. Raised \$500 for Irene Triplette who is a disabled daughter of Union soldier, Moses Triplette. She lives in Wilkesboro, NC.

Ohio

1. Donated 4 crates of magazines; military care packages; Christmas packages of supplies for 8 veterans; made homemade Christmas cards for veteran’s hospital.
2. Help for needy family at Christmas.
3. Raised money to preserve a Civil War cannon.
4. One Sister spent 14 hours cleaning veteran’s markers
5. One Sister made 58 quilted lap robes for veterans.

Pennsylvania

1. Helped at History Day at local library
2. Helped with tours of Post 30; decoration of GAR Post for Patriotic holidays.
3. Volunteered – “Gettysburg Foundation”

Texas

1. Made Christmas gifts for Veterans Hospital
2. Participated in Veterans Hospital Sock Drive.

Wisconsin

1. Helped with Lafayette Church Restoration

Helen L Geppi, PDP
Charitable Activities Chair

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

It is with great disappointment that I am unable to be with you. I will miss you all.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to have been the National Press Correspondent this year. Many Sisters have shared articles from their communities with me. They have been carefully put together in a scrapbook for our President. It is my hope that it arrived safe and on time to be given to Sister Anne.

May you have a successful and harmonious Encampment.

Anna I. Frail, PDP
National Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

I am sorry that I cannot be with you today, but I wish you a very successful Encampment.

The most important reason to have a Washington D.C. Representative is the Government requirement that the SUVCW have a local person to contact should they have questions for the Organization. I have made myself available but, fortunately, no Government agency has made any inquiries.

I ordered wreaths for presentation by our President, Anne Jaster, at the Lincoln Monument in February and again Memorial Day at the Arlington National Cemetery. Much to our dismay and disappointment, the Park Service discarded all the wreaths, thinking that we were finished with our ceremony. Some were recovered, but not the Auxiliary wreath. President Jaster represented us graciously, in spite of the disaster.

As D.C. Representative, I tried to make myself available to President Jaster and her escort should they need assistance with anything while they were her in the city attending ASUVCW events.

It has been a pleasure to serve our Organization this year.

Millie Ames
Washington D.C. Representative

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE

The Auxiliaries in our Department were very busy doing activities and events to honor the men and women who fought to keep our country as one country, indivisible and set a pathway to the future of our country.

The local Auxiliaries participated in Memorial Day ceremonies in their respective locales. We placed flowers and participated in ceremonies throughout the year. The Garfield Auxiliary had a picnic last summer. We also worked hard to prepare for the National Encampment in Reston, VA in August.

We marched in the Remembrance Day Parade and participated in other activities that weekend in November. This included laying wreathes and flowers, as well as working at the illuminations in the cemetery.

The James A. Garfield Auxiliary attended the Gettysburg all-day musical program in August and a Civil War fashion show and tea in October. They also attended a Civil War remembrance ceremony in Monkton, MD in October. The Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary helped with a Civil War trail marker dedication at the site of the POW camp in Lynchburg, VA. We marched in the Lynchburg Holiday Parade.

Both Auxiliaries had activities to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. The Garfield Auxiliary had a program about the Underground Railroad and then a special dinner. The Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary, with the men of the Taylor-Wilson Camp had a Lincoln birthday celebration at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

As President of the Department, I also represented the Department at the Camp Crossman event in Tyrone, PA in August. I also represented the Department at Anne's testimonial luncheon in September in Willow Grove, PA. It has been an honor to act as President for the Department of the Chesapeake for 2011-2012.

I hereby respectfully submit this report.

Barbara Day, Department President

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

On behalf of the Department of Iowa I extend greetings to all in attendance at the National Encampment. I will begin by saying that I have enjoyed becoming a member of, and participating in, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War group on Facebook. I feel closer to my Auxiliary Sisters nationwide and am able to get acquainted with Sisters that I would not have known otherwise. This is a positive and welcome addition to communication within our Organization.

On August 31, 2011, several of our members participated in the packaging of meals at the Meals from the Heartland annual packaging event. This is a

rewarding experience for those of us that participate, knowing that we can help make a difference, however small, in our world community.

In both September 2011 and June 2012 I helped the S.U.V.C.W. with collection of unserviceable flags for disposal at V.F.W. flag retirement ceremonies taking place in my Beaverdale neighborhood.

Some of us participated, in Civil War dress, with the S.V.R. at Blakesburg, Iowa in a parade and living history, and also greeted guests at Hoyt Sherman Place, located in an historic neighborhood in Des Moines that opens its homes for tours to the public.

In November 2011 I attended Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

During the year our Auxiliary #8 contributed funds to the State Historical Society for battle flag preservation. We contributed funds to the USS Iowa restoration project and sent a donation to the American Legion to purchase Christmas gifts for veterans spending the holidays in the VA Central Iowa Health Care Facility in Des Moines. We purchased wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project and some of our members attended a ceremony at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa on December 10th.

Auxiliary #8 enjoyed a holiday luncheon on December 3rd with the S.U.V.C.W. Later that same day I participated in period clothing in a Victorian Christmas Walk in Albia, Iowa with members of the S.V.R.

On December 17th I toured the Iowa Capitol Building in Des Moines with members of the S.U.V.C.W.

At our Department Encampment in April we voted to have both our Department of Iowa charter and our Auxiliary #8 charter restored and reframed. This is being done by David Lamb, an S.U.V.C.W. member who is using resources from the battle flag lab on this project. Both charters are now in his possession and undergoing treatment. Our Department charter needed some serious stabilization to remove water damage and stop a mildew process. Our Auxiliary #8 charter is in better shape but has some old Scotch Tape, causing acid damage which needs to be removed. We have been told the process may take a few month to complete.

Our bake sale at Encampment was a great success again this year. Our Encampment (Sons included) was small but we still raised a considerable amount from free-will donations.

Several Auxiliary members, in Civil War attire, attended a pre-opening event at the new Civil War Exhibit at the State Historical Building on April 12th. More recently, this July, Auxiliary Sisters, in Civil War attire, helped children with a craft project when they toured the exhibit.

On April 14th I attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

We had a very nice Memorial Day Ceremony at Woodland Cemetery this year. We received enough in flower donations to not only scatter petals in the Civil War sections but in all other veteran's sections at Woodland, plus the Civil War and WWI sections at Glendale Cemetery as well. There was a joint participation by the Auxiliary and Sons with the flag being raised, poems being read, and wreaths being placed by both groups.

One June 22nd I attend the dedication ceremony in Worden, Illinois for a new Civil War memorial stone, honoring the 13 Civil War veterans buried there. I attended a Veterans Parade in Des Moines on June 30th which welcomed home returning servicemen and honored all veterans from all wars. Thank you to the National Organization for bestowing life memberships on our Sisters Margaret Bailey and Arlene Crocker, both of Newton, who both turned 90 in 2012.

Iowa has some members who have not paid their dues for 2012. A couple of them are members whose only contribution to the Organization is paying dues, which we have to collect from them. They do not attend meetings or participate in any events. We have mailed them letters with self-addressed stamped envelopes included. We have sent them e-mail reminders. We have made personal contact and heard empty promises that the checks would be put in the mail. According to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations we must keep these members on our rosters for one year and also send them three notices. I am not making any recommendations that this stipulation be changed but I am saying, for the record, that it is stressful for the Secretary/Treasurer to continuously try and collect dues from passive members when they clearly don't care if they belong to this Organization or not.

Marilyn Rittel, Department President

MAINE DEPARTMENT

This past year I participated in the Memorial Day parade in Falmouth, Maine. As an added feature to the Memorial Day observances, following the parade a wreath was placed on the grave of a Civil War soldier in the Falmouth graveyard located across the street.

I also joined with the Brothers of Haskell-Marston Camp #56 and the Sisters of Haskell-Marston Auxiliary #56 in graveside observances and Memorial Day services at the graves of the two Yarmouth Civil War soldiers for whom the Yarmouth Camp and Auxiliary are named - Captain William Haskell, the first soldier from Yarmouth to die in the Civil War (Captain Haskell died of wounds he received at the Battle of Antietam in 1863) and Sergeant Charles Marston, who survived the Civil War and was the last remaining Civil War veteran from Yarmouth until his death.

On June 25th I attended the Maine Department DUVCW Convention in

Waterville along with Maine Department Auxiliary SUVCW Vice-President Tracey Williams, and Maine Department SUVCW Commander Larry Williams. This year it was my great honor to work with the members of the Yarmouth American Legion in putting together a Headstone Dedication Service for Private William Johnson who served in the 1st Maine Cavalry. William Johnson, a resident of Saco, Maine, was mustered into service on February 4, 1864 at the age of 35 and was discharged on June 5, 1865. William was living with his wife and children in Augusta at the time of his death. He drowned in a boating accident in Casco Bay and his body washed ashore in Yarmouth, where he was buried in an unmarked grave at the expense of the town in 1870. It is very like that the town was unaware of his veteran status. His great-grandson, Dick Johnson, from Santa Maria, California, had been researching his family's genealogy when he discovered his great-grandfather had fought in the Civil War. The Yarmouth Historical Society had records of the man's burial which led him to the cemetery and location of the grave.

The Headstone Dedication Service was held on July 2, 2011 at the Old Baptist Cemetery in Yarmouth. Dick Johnson, his cousin Muriel Gade, and Jacqueline Wing and Colleen Verrill, great-great-granddaughters of Private Johnson attended. The dedication service included portions of the Burial Service from the May 1, 1897 "Services" of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Maine SUVCW Department Commander, Larry Williams, and I participated in this portion of the dedication service. Members of the Main Department Daughters of the Union Veterans also participated, as well as representatives from two Civil War reenacting units (many of whom are members of the Sons of Union Veterans) from the 3rd Maine Volunteer Infantry and the 1st Maine Cavalry.

I also participated in the Veterans Day parade in Portland, Maine.

Judith Beverage Department President

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the Officers, members and guests of the 126th 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.

As a Department President and National Officer, I have traveled widely this year, representing our Department with pride at many Department Encampments and sesquicentennial events. Our Department has participated in wreath laying ceremonies, and attended funerals, picnics, installations, and roundtable presentations. Our Department was represented at NP Anne Jaster's testimonial held in Philadelphia, PA. We were instrumental in replacing several grave markers with metal GAR or Civil War Veterans markers. We marched in parades, attended meeting, 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, explained our period dress and talked about our ancestors. We have participated in Girl Scouts as leaders and volunteers. We have helped those in nursing homes to do chores, played organs, pianos, and sang in church choirs.

The Department of Massachusetts offers best wishes for a happy and successful 126th 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 Anne Jaster and to all the National Officers, past and present, for all their advice and patience. Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mellor, Department President

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers, Members & Guests of the 126th Annual NH Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Greetings:

The Dept of NH has enjoyed a productive year for the Auxiliary. Thanks to the efforts of many behind the scenes members, Department-wide events took place. All Auxiliaries in one way or another marked the Memorial Day ceremonies of 2012 in their hometowns.

Various Old Home Days were held and we were well represented. New Hampshire ASUVCW & SUVCW celebrated Remembrance Day and Veterans Day in November and Union Defenders Day in February. Both events took place at the Common Man restaurant in Concord, NH and guest speakers were the highlight of our celebrations. The camaraderie of like-minded members brings pleasure to all of us.

We continue to maintain a fine list of Members at Large and enjoyed seeing some of these members at our Department Encampment in Concord, NH held in April. We were delighted to have representation at that meeting from other auxiliaries, including but not limited to, PNP Judy Trepanier. I mention Sister Judy, for she was at my side providing guidance as I took on my new role as Department President for the term 2012-2013. In addition, it was a privilege to have National President Anne Sosnowski present was well. During the Encampment we received reports from our active Auxiliaries for which the highlights of their activities included:

- The distribution of 144 flags
- Charitable Activities - just over 2,000 volunteer hours and significant material donations

- Coupons mailed for military bases
- Lap robes donated to veteran residents of the Chelsea Soldiers Nursing Home
- Donations to New Hampshire Battle Flags Preservation

I would be remiss if I did not report how fortunate we are to have such wonderful Sisters in our NH Dept. who are extremely dedicated and involved in the ongoing operations of our organization. I could not function without their support.

On a final note, most recently, our Salem, NH Gilman E. Sleeper Auxiliary #60, in partnership with the Camp, hosted a Sons of the Union Veterans approved sesquicentennial event in Derry, NH. This event was warmly received by members and public and garnered much favorable publicity. In closing, I wish to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving the Department of New Hampshire.

Mary E. Flynn Department President

SARAH EMMA SEELYE AUXILIARY #1 OF TEXAS

The following is a report of the activities of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1 of Texas since the last Encampment.

Held the Auxiliary's 4th Annual Stars and Stripes Sock Drive for the patients at the Michael E. DeBakey Medical Center in Houston, TX. The Auxiliary provided veterans on Ward 2A & 2B with over 600 pairs of white crew socks.

On October 22, 2011 the Auxiliary attended and participated in a headstone dedication ceremony with the Matagorda County Historical Commission, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Edward Lea Camp #2, SUVCW for three Union Civil War soldiers, Privates Thomas E. Morris, Samuel Jewel, and Schuyler Nichols, buried in Palacios Cemetery in Palacios, Texas.

On November 11, 2011 the Auxiliary attended and marched in the Houston Veterans Day Parade in downtown Houston and on November 12, 2011 attended and marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Dickinson, TX held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6378 of Dickinson, TX.

On December 3, 2011, the Auxiliary held our 4th annual gift presentation and Christmas party for the patients on Ward 2A& 2B at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

Care packages mailed to our deployed Troops throughout the year.

Attended and took part in the Lt. Commander Edward Lea Memorial Service in Galveston, Texas on January 7, 2012 with Edward Lea Camp #2, commemorating the *Battle of Galveston, January 1, 1863*.

On February 11, 2012 attended and took part in a Memorial Services for *Sarah E. Seelye*, our namesake, at the Historic Washington Cemetery in Houston. Held in joint participation with the Sarah Emma Edmonds Tent 4, DUVCW and

the Lt Cmdr Edward Lea Camp 2, SUVCW of Houston, Texas.

On March 24, 2012 the Auxiliary held our 5th Annual President's Tea and Civil War Presentations fundraiser and welcomed to Texas our honored guest, National President, Anne Jaster. The tea was held in Dickinson, Texas and included the participation of our Brothers of the Edward Lea Camp 2, SUVCW.

On April 29, 2012 attended a headstone dedication and service for 2D Lt. Matthew Gengler at the Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, Texas held by the John B. Hood Camp 50, SVC.

On May 12, 2012 attended the State of Texas Historical Commission Marker Dedication in Cleveland, Texas for Union soldier, 4th Sgt. Thomas Riggs, Potomac Home Brigade.

On May 19, attended a Memorial Service for Pvt. Warren W. White, USCT, ancestor of Cmdr. Stevenson Holmes, held at the Buffalo Museum in Houston, Texas, along with the Edward Lea Camp, SUVCW.

Prior to Memorial Day, placed flags on veterans graves, at the Grace Memorial Cemetery in Santa Fe, Texas. This is the 5th year the Auxiliary has joined the VFW Gold Star Post 5400 for this yearly event.

Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, joining the Edward Lea Camp, the Auxiliary took part in the ceremony and wreath presentation at Houston National Cemetery. And at the Historic Washington Cemetery, took part in a traditional Memorial Day Service placing roses on the gravestones of 19 GAR members buried there, service conducted by Cmdr. David LaBrot, Dept. of Texas, SUVCW.

Attended and spoke at the 18th Annual Department of Texas (including Louisiana and New Mexico) Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held June 2, at the University of Texas Arlington Campus, Arlington, Texas. This was the first time an Allied Order has been invited to attend an SUVCW Encampment here in Texas. The purpose was to encourage the formation of new *Auxiliaries in Texas!*

Attended a UDC & SVC, 100th year statue rededication, on June 3, 2012, Downtown Galveston, Texas.

Some of this year's milestones for the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1 here in Texas, 2011-2012

1. The Auxiliary welcomed Anne Jaster, National President, of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to Texas for our 5th Annual President's Tea. President Jaster is the second President to visit Texas.
2. Attended the 18th Annual Department of Texas (including Louisiana and New Mexico) Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to encourage new Auxiliaries to be formed here in Texas.
3. The Auxiliary gained three new members this year.

I am honored to have served this past year as President of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1 and look forward to another great year with our Brothers of the Lt. Edward Lea Camp. It has been my distinct pleasure to meet and work with our lovely President, Anne Sosnowski. Sending best wishes to the National Auxiliary, wishing you a very successful 2012 Encampment.

Valencia Reyes, President

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

Since I became Department President last June, I have attended the Sons and Auxiliary picnic in July at the farm of one of the Sons. We have some mean games of Uno and the guys practice with their rifles. They even let the women try them out. Then August was the National Encampment in Reston, VA. The West Allis Settlers Weekend at the West Allis Historical Society is our next event. This is a selling and recruiting event.

In September we have a parade we march in and a small cemetery we clean up and plant flowers. Last year we helped pay for a new flagpole to be put up to replace the bent pole that was there. October is a Civil War Encampment at Trimborn Farms in Greendale. This is another selling and recruiting of event. Trimborn is everyone's favorite event.

December brings Christmas parties and Santa Clause. The Sons and Auxiliary have their Christmas Party at Meyers Restaurant. This is always a nice relaxing event. No meeting no selling just a lot of chitchatting. This month is when we spend the money we made all year. This year we adopted three families of Veterans who are having a hard time and provided them with a Christmas. The one family had seven kids. We gave them food cards, gas cards or bus tickets and of course Santa was on hand to hand out presents. We serve cookies and juice and everyone had a good time. Then came 2012. February is our Mid-Winter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon. After our meeting we have a great lunch and a speaker who usually talks about Abraham Lincoln. Then we have a raffle and a silent auction.

In March I was going to a Civil War Expo at the Grafton Library but it was canceled because of a snowstorm. There was a Civil War Expo in Kenosha at the Kenosha Civil War Museum that I did attend. We also had a candle sale as a fundraiser. The next on the list was the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Il. This is always a nice ceremony but the weather isn't. For the next two weekends we went to Boston Stores Furniture store to sell their Community Days coupon book. This was another fundraiser.

May is Memorial day. We have a very nice service in the Calvary Cemetery. After the service we parade to several Civil War Soldiers graves and have a little ceremony there. After the ceremony we hand out flags to the public to decorate the graves. The First Brigade Band and President Lincoln helped out at the

ceremony.

June was Reclaiming Our Heritage. This is a multi-year encampment held on the grounds of the VA Hospital. The hospital is expanding quite a bit so the event has been cut down a lot.

This leads us to our 2012 Department Meeting. This meeting was held at Sankville WI. National President Anne Jaster attended our meeting and installed our Officers. It is an honor to be installed by a National President. At our meeting this year we had three National Officers and one Past National President in attendance. So that was my year. I had a good time at all the events and I am looking forward to the 2012-2013 year.

Linda Brown, Department President

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

- 1887 *† Mrs. Laura Miller, Lancaster, PA
- 1887-88 *† Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH
- 1889-90 *† Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA
- 1891 *† Mrs. J. S. Mason, Medina, OH
- 1891-93 † Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA
- 1894-96 † 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
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- 1920 † Miss Mary L. Tredo, Patterson, NJ
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- 1925 † Mrs. Ida Rokes Klein, Syracuse, NY (ME Dept.)
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- 1934 † Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, Tacoma, WA (MA Dept.)
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- 1967 † Miss Flora D. Bates, Shrewsbury, MA
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Honor conferred by National Organization:

- 1941 † Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 † Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

* Life Member

† Deceased

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 17-19	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. 13	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	1951	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
7rd	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
126th	2012	Aug. 9-12	Los Angeles	CA

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