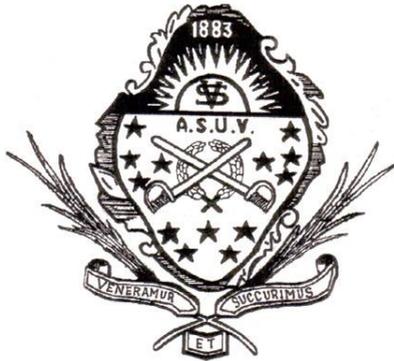


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ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET

Brookfield, Wisconsin

Saturday, August 10, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Program

- Master of Ceremonies PCinC Steve Michaels**
- Presentation of Colors Wisconsin Color Guard**
- Pledge of Allegiance..... Allison Graff, DP**
ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor
- Invocation..... Jerry Kowalski**
SUCVW National Chaplain
- POW/MIA Table..... Civil Air Patrol Cadets**

Dinner

- Tribute to Fathers..... Mary E. May**
LGAR National Senior VP
- Tribute to Mothers Phyllis Houston, PNP**
LGAR National Junior VP

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

- Judy Rock, LGAR National President
- Ellen Higgins, DUVCW National President
- Perley Mellor, SUCVW Commander-in-Chief
- Jane Graham, ASUVCW National President

- Entertainment David Seebach**
- Benediction..... Rachelle Campbell, PDP**
ASUVCW National Chaplain
- Retiring of the Colors Wisconsin Color Guard**

Standing Committees**2012-2013**

Membership: Diane Mellor NVP MA; All Department and Auxiliary Vice Presidents

New Auxiliaries: Danielle Michaels PNP WI

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Ritual: Margaret Atkinson PNP PA; Judy Trepanier PNP CT; Beatrice Greenwalt PNP NY

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Valencia Reyes AP TX; Peggy Frantz PDP PA; Beverly Graham PAP CA

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FIRST SESSION
Friday, August 9, 2013
10:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister National Chaplain, you will attend the altar, open the Bible and ask Divine Blessing. Parade rest. *(So done)* Attention.

At this time, I will ask the Secretary if everyone that is here eligible?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Yes, ma'am.

The opening proceeded as per ritual, with the Guides and Color Guards taking position for singing, the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the American Creed.

PRESIDENT JANE: At this time and as usual in our support of our Auxiliaries, we take up a collection. Sister Guide and Sister Assistant Guide, will you take up a collection? And I would like to entertain a motion.

MOVED by Nancy Hilton PNP OH

SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

That the proceeds from the collection be divided equally between the Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: I thank you Sisters and I'm sure the monied officers will thank you later.

Sister Vice-President, I would ask you to preside over the body as I read my report.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

It is indeed a pleasure for me to submit the following report of the activities as I served as your National President for the term 2012-2013. Just one year ago, at the close of the 126th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Las Angeles, California, I was elected and installed into this position and have dedicated this year to the female veterans who have diligently served our country in the past and will do so in the future. Several of our Departments and Auxiliaries have come on board and have donated time, talents, and money to this worthwhile project. And to each of you I say a big thank you. To those of you that have not done so, there is still time because we are making our final donation of the year on August 24th at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home in Sandusky, Ohio.

Confronting every National President are problems pertaining to Auxiliary level and those that pertain to a Department and some concerning decisions on the National level. Each must be carefully examined with a final decision that is just and impartial for the preservation of our ideals and our purposes.

The greatest experience encountered during any administration of your National President is meeting the membership personally. Whether it is the observance of ritualistic work, initiation of new members, instituting new auxiliaries, assisting with problems, or just a small round table meeting, we find sisters of all walks of life striving to promote our organization.

In Memoriam

Several of our loyal Sisters have been called to meet at the Grand Auxiliary on High this past year and we shall truly miss them.

Fortunately, the golden chain of Past National Presidents has been spared this year and for that we are truly thankful.

To those of you that have lost Sisters, we express our deepest sympathy and to their families and friends, we send our love.

Membership

New members are always one of our deepest concerns and we are constantly striving to gain new members. We have been very fortunate this year to institute four new Auxiliaries, and for that, we are most grateful. One in Indianapolis, in Cincinnati, in St. Louis, and one here in Wisconsin. We have the potential to become one of the leading organizations in this country. There is so much greatness in our organization today that we too often make issues of jealousy when we should be doing a more serious job of selling our Order to new blood. We must strive always to increase our membership. Congratulations to each of you that has brought in a new member this year. Don't let your auxiliaries become those stagnant pools of water that we see as we travel the roads of this great country.

New Auxiliaries and Departments

As we are gaining new Auxiliaries, may our Departments wrap their arms around them and encourage them to become involved in DEPARTMENT work, as we all strive for the needed strength to do our work well. Let us all remember that where two or more are joined together, much can be accomplished.

Finances

With reports presented to me on a monthly basis from our National Treasurer, I believe that we must be very careful of our spending. And as we vote this year for items to be purchased, it does not take long for that balance to dwindle. Ladies, as you vote for expenditures, please be careful how you vote.

In no way am I telling you how to vote but think with your heart and your mind.

General Orders and Rosters

The National Secretary, National Vice President and some of the Departments' secretaries have been trying diligently this year to get a true roster of our membership. The last few years it has gotten out of control and must be brought back to reality. With the increase in postage and printing, it is necessary for us to have a good and reliable list of our membership. This has not been an easy task with the onset of dual membership. Sisters who belong to more than one Auxiliary probably do not have a need for more than one copy of the General Orders. Sisters, please help these officers in their earnest attempt to bring our roster to fruition.

An apology is extended to our membership for the lack of General Orders this year. When we left Los Angeles last August, we thought we had an editor for the publication and she did send out a very beautiful G.O. in the fall. But due to circumstances, she had to resign the position and it fell to our National Secretary. Through no fault of her own, she was forced to move to another state. And time got away from us all. Please accept my apology for this. And I might say that if I were computer savvy, I would have taken the job by myself. But believe me, you don't want that to happen. Best of luck to our next editor.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

What a privilege it has been to be in the presence of our Sons. The courtesy extended to me has been truly appreciated. My thanks to the Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, for all of his kind words and friendship this year. I will have many lasting memories from this year.

In appreciation shown for the co-operation with the Auxiliaries, I offer:

Recommendation #1: That we give at this Encampment to the Sons of Union Veterans our usual Love Token.

To the Allied Orders

It is has been my pleasure to meet and greet on several occasions this year and make lasting friendships with the National Presidents of our Allied Orders: Carole Morton, Department of California, Daughters of Union Veterans; Judy Rock, Department of Michigan, for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Sister Shirley Grant, Department of Wisconsin, from the Woman's Relief Corps. Both Carole and Judy are also members of the Auxiliary.

Our paths have crossed many times this year and it has always been a pleasure to be in their company. May we always work together for the betterment of our Organization and the Allied Orders as a whole.

Scholarships

It was my desire this year to present our Auxiliary Scholarship to someone who works for the betterment of this Organization and its beliefs. We are indeed privileged to have that young lady as a member of our Organization. I have been in her company several times and she has a strong love of our organization as well as her lifetime goals. This young lady has worked very hard to prepare for these goals in medicine as she took both her junior year in high school and her freshman year in college at the same time. She will also take her senior year in high school and her sophomore year in college at the same time and will enter pre-med school in September while maintaining her personal standards of high achievement. This National Auxiliary is privileged to have as its member and to offer her our 2013 scholarship, Miss Becka Freshley of Ohio. *(applause)*

Ladies, this is a young lady that we all want to resemble. And let me tell you girls, if you ever need a fundraiser, she's it. *(laughter)*

Can I share one more little story? This young lady is in pre-medicine. She just had surgery and she told the doctor, "You will not put me to sleep for this surgery. How can I become a doctor if I don't see what has to be done for this surgery?" And she stayed awake. And the doctors saw fit to let her watch that surgery and what they did. And look what they did! *(laughter)*

Miss Rebecca, it is our privilege. Thank you very much. *(applause)*

And I might say, her mother is in our audience, too, and is equally another Becka, especially in fundraising. Sister Sue, mom of Becka, Freshley. *(applause)*

Wreath presentations

Several wreath presentations are on the agenda each year for the National President or her representative. And this past year, each one of these has been carried out with one additional. That additional one was presented at the Peace Light at the close of Pennsylvania Encampment to commemorate the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Civil War. It was a beautiful ceremony; very well attended. And we did have membership present from many Departments ranging from both coasts of this country. Thank you, Sisters, for your attendance. And a special thank you to the Sons for asking us to participate. A job well done and one to which we can be proud. And I did purchase a wreath from the Pennsylvania Department from my own funds so that one could be represented and I know there were several of you present for that.

The annual Remembrance Day Service at the Albert Woolson Statue in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield in November has gained much recognition over the past years. Each of the heads of the Allied Orders, as well as the Pennsylvania Department heads present, presented wreaths. The wreaths are all identical and are ordered through the Sons and give a most impressive presentation to anyone present. Let us continue to do this service for years to come.

Our annual participation in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. was

also well attended and each head of our Allied Orders was represented. A beautiful service was held along with a musical tribute by the military band. Each of the heads as well as many governmental bodies along with a Military Order of the Loyal Legion held a wreath presentation ceremony. Our wreath being ordered by the Washington D.C. Representative as she is acquainted with that area. The wreath is paid from our National budget.

Grant's Tomb in New York City is another spectacular event in which we are asked to participate. That is a most impressive and huge memorial in the heart of the city and very well attended. It is sponsored by the Camp in that city and were most appreciative that we agreed to attend. Several of the heads from the Allied Orders are in attendance as well as one of our Confederate Brothers and Sisters groups. I did purchase a wreath from my own monies sent to me to present at this ceremony. This ceremony is held in the month of March. Sometimes that's not good in New York.

The ceremony in Springfield, Illinois in April, too, is most impressive and well attended. The wreaths that are presented there are kept in the hands of the Sons' committee chairperson for this event and do not cost us anything on a yearly basis. However, I would like to offer:

Recommendation#2: That the Auxiliary make a donation to that committee to either purchase some new wreaths or purchase some new flowers and have some cosmetic work done on the old ones. It really needs done.

On the legal holiday Memorial Day, which was Monday, I was invited to participate in the services held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What a lasting memory for your book of memories. We were honored to have box seats at our disposal and privileged to be in the company of the President of the United States and his wife as well as several other governmental dignitaries. Once again, I purchased my own wreath so that our Organization would be presented and recognized.

On the original Memorial Day, May 30th, I was also invited by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp of the Sons, located in Washington D.C., to take part in their ceremony honoring the Unknown Civil War Soldiers also located in the Arlington Cemetery. What a lovely ceremony and once again attended by the heads of the Allied Orders as well as the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. A wreath laying ceremony was held and once again, I was embarrassed for our Organization. The wreaths we purchase for use in D.C. are always much more expensive than any other and the two times they were ordered by our D.C. Representative they were unacceptable. This was not the fault of our D.C. representative but that of the florist. Ours were always smaller than anyone else and the flowers were not fresh. The one that was made for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was delivered at 9:00 o'clock on the morning and sat out in the

hot sun (90°) the entire day, not to be used until 5:00 o'clock that evening. For this I offer:

Recommendation #3: That the incoming National President work with the Sons' D.C. representative in purchasing floral pieces and we discontinue using the florist that we have been using.*

**What was spoken was not what was written in the report and acted on.*

I would also like to recommend our participation at the Cathedral of the Pines and continue to send our usual financial contribution to this worthwhile service. A special thank you to Sister Linda Murray who represented me as I was in Washington D.C. Thank you very much Sister Linda.

Visitations

I have been honored and received royally in many Departments this year. And any future National President that does not make visitations to our great Departments miss out on a great deal. The reward and friendship that you receive at these very functions is overwhelming and I say thank you to all who have hosted me this past year. I have also been given the privilege in each Department that I attended to be the Installing Officer and for that, I am most grateful. Another wonderful memory for my book. I have attended Encampments in the following Departments: California and Pacific, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Due to scheduling conflicts, I could not attend Maine, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, or Chesapeake. However, representatives were sent and I say thank you to Sisters Anne Sosnowski, Diane Mellor, Beatrice Greenwalt, and Bonnie Myers for representing me.

The following is the list of places pertaining to the Organizations that I attended:

2012

August 25 - Auxiliary #91 meeting

August 27 - Installed Brother Ken Freshley as National Counsel and attended the installation of Brother Ken Freshley as Senior Vice Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

October 6 - Commander-in-Chief Testimonial Massachusetts

October 13 - Testimonial for National President in Alliance, Ohio

November 10 - Alliance Auxiliary in Ohio

November 17 - Remembrance Day in Gettysburg

December 8 - Installation of Auxiliary #91 in Alliance

2013

January 16 - Mid-winter meeting, Department of Ohio

- January 26 - Institution of new Auxiliary in Indianapolis
January 28 - Institution of a new Auxiliary in Cincinnati, Ohio
February 2 - Mid-winter meeting, Department of Wisconsin. And Lincoln
Celebration with many veterans organizations in Milwaukee
February 12 - Lincoln Memorial Services in Washington D.C.
February 24 - Lincoln Birthday Dinner with Sons in Alliance
March 6-11 - Department of California and Pacific
March 26-31 - Department of Massachusetts
April 5-7 - Department of Rhode Island
April 11-14 - Lincoln Tomb Memorial in Springfield, Illinois
April 19-21 - Department of New Hampshire Encampment
May 3-5 - Department of Michigan Encampment
May 26-31 - Tomb of UNKNOWN Soldier presentation in Washington D.C.
June 1-2 - Institution of a new Auxiliary in St. Louis, Missouri
June 7-9 - Department of Ohio Encampment
June 16 - Alliance Auxiliary. We had a work session getting ready for our trip to
the veterans' home.
June 27-30 - Department of Pennsylvania Encampment
July 3 - Auxiliary problems were discussed and solved in Unionport, Ohio
July 20 - Buffington Island Memorial Ceremony and dedication of the Heritage
Highway through Ohio
August 4 - Greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps National Encampment in
Oberlin, Ohio
August 7-12 - National Encampment Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans in
Brookfield, Wisconsin
August 24 - Dedication of the Ladies of the Grand Army National Headquarters
and Museum and delivery of the veterans donations, Sandusky, Ohio.

There were several invitations where I unfortunately had to send regrets due to conflict in scheduling. Never did I make any of these trips alone. I was pleased to have my National Chief of Staff, Ramona Greenwalt, with me on all but one of my visitations and Past National President, Nancy Hilton, on all of them. Believe me, they were abused. My walking abilities are not good, and they worked as slaves and maids on all of the trips. Seeing that my luggage was carried, my flag was displayed, my phone calls were placed, and I was up and dressed for each occasion. Thank you both, Sisters. I could not have done it without your support.

Official family

Every National President needs a good group of officers to support her and to my group I say a big thank you.

National Vice-President, Sister Diane Mellor, you were present at almost

everything I attended and always willing to help whenever I needed help to install several Department and Auxiliary officers and most of all, attended all but one of the new institution of Auxiliaries. Your help was greatly appreciated.

National Council Member #1, Anne Sosnowski, has come to my rescue a couple of times when I needed someone to represent me. She has also been faithful to any request for advice I have asked for from Council. Thank you, ma'am, for serving on Council.

National Council Member #2, Melinie Caines, you are a hard working member of our Organization. And she served as Department President in California as well as National Council. Your response to any questions I have had of Council were most appreciated. And thank you for your attendance not only at Remembrance Day but also the Peace Light in June. Thank you is not enough.

National Council Member #3, Anne Michaels, has served not only as National Council but on the Host Committee for National this year. And we thank her and the rest of our Wisconsin Sisters for all their work.

National Secretary, Tricia Bures, you know how I feel. No National President would ever have to leave with you as their Secretary. You go above and beyond whatever is needed. You believe in following the rules and you truly believe that if they aren't to be followed, then don't make them. You realize that as an organization grows, so must its members and you are more than willing to help them in any way. Thank you will never be enough for what you do.

National Treasurer, Past National President Betty Baker, has fulfilled her responsibilities by paying our bills promptly and sending me a report regularly for all income and expenditures. Betty has served in this capacity for several years and to her we say thank you for her efforts.

National Patriotic Instructor, Allison Graff, you have worked very hard for our order this past year in different ways. You have not only served as our Patriotic Instructor and the task of earning money for your project, but you have also served on the committee to host this National Encampment. Also, your hard work and the report you will give later will definitely prove you are an asset to this Organization.

National Chaplain, Rachele Campbell, has taken her job with much seriousness. Your responses to those needing comfort on Facebook and through emails has been very prompt and with well-chosen words. Thank you for your

services as well as your participation in the planning and executing of our Memorial Service this year.

National Press Correspondent, Barb Indan, has expended much effort in putting the activities of our Auxiliaries to a good view. I'm sure it is a very frustrating job when we do not get the publicity from our local newspapers as we did in the past. Good job, Barbara. And we do love ya.

National Counselor, Danielle Michaels, you have not only served as my Counselor but as a perfect host when I was in Milwaukee in the dead of winter. What a fish dinner you offered. I can still taste it. In fact, I've even heard some people saying, "Could we go there tonight for dinner?" You, too, have also been very much involved in hosting and planning the National Encampment and we do say thank you. You have been a true Counselor to me and I do appreciate it. I know I have not always taken your advice, and maybe to my misfortune, but you definitely know this Order and its members. And I will always remember you as one who tells it as it is and let you make your own mistakes.

National Chief of Staff, Ramona Greenwalt, your offer to take this position was overwhelming to me. We have been friends for many years and family for just a few...many, many years ago. But you are a hard worker and I am sure your report will tell us later during the Encampment. You have not only served as Chief of Staff this year, but you have travelled extensively with me at your own expense this year. And then was abused for doing so, serving as my slave, maid, and whatever else was needed. Thank you so much, Sis.

National Personal Aide, Bonnie Meyers, you are a true friend and I appreciate what you have done for me. I know you were not able to travel much this year, but when you were available, you were there and your support was all I needed.

National Historian, Beatrice Greenwalt, thank you for your service to this Organization through the many years you have been a member. Your knowledge of the Order is widespread and we thank you for your untiring efforts on our behalf. We understand your resignation and we're sorry to receive it, but understand your reason for doing so. And the best to you in the future.

Appreciation

My appreciation goes to all members for all you have done for me this past year. The many phone calls just to say hello were greatly appreciated. You don't know what it's like to pick up the phone and have a friendly voice say, "I just called to see how your day was going." What a lift that brings.

To my appointed floor officers this year, I say thank you very much. In case some of you are not aware, several of these ladies are brand new to our order and serving their first time as National Officers. Thank you, ladies, for saying you would give it a shot. And several of them are from the great state of Ohio.

To Ramona Greenwalt and Nancy Hilton for all their work on my testimonial, as well as arranging our Lincoln Monument rededication in Alliance and to all that participated and came to help celebrate this great nation.

To my committees and their chairpersons, I also say a big thank you. Some of you have worked very hard and diligently. And for that, I am most appreciative. Some of you, I think, forgot you had a job to do.

A special thank you goes to Sister Margaret Atkinson, Judy Trepanier, Beatrice Greenwalt, and Sister Virginia Twist. For all the work done on our rituals which I hope will be available in several forms very, very soon.

To the Wisconsin Department and all of its members, a big thank you for all the work and effort you have put in to this Encampment as well as giving us a sneak preview of the facility when we were here for your mid-winter meeting. Great job. Well done.

To Sister Cher Petrovic, who has helped us in many ways this year sharing her many talents and expertise in the printing and photo department. Our single copy of the charter was in very, very poor condition and did not photocopy well enough to present to the board of our new Auxiliaries. Cher took the task to hand and has made it a beautiful work of art that any new auxiliary will be proud to display. She has resized the paper to 16x20 so that it will not have to be matted and a special size frame would not have to be purchased, thus saving our new Auxiliaries several dollars from a small treasury. Cher spent between sixty and seventy hours of her own time to just this one project at the rate of \$50.00 per hour that she is paid by other organizations. It is for this reason that I offer:

Recommendation #4: That this National body present to Sister Cher Petrovic a Life Membership for her untiring efforts on our behalf which in no way would pay what she would receive from others.

To my family, for all they have done this year taking care of Tom when I was away, getting him to numerous doctor appointments and always to church on time. To Tom, for all of his support throughout the year helping me keep my schedule straight and putting gas in the car. To Greg, for serving as my flag bearer on numerous occasions. And I might say he was in the United States military for twenty-five years. And he never got to be by the President of the United States. But belonged to the Auxiliary and worked with the Auxiliary and can get that honor and he got it this year.

As you know, teapots were my symbol this year and I received several as gifts and have had many cups of tea with our members. But I am strongly

looking forward to my next cup of tea being served at 1718 Rosemont Road, Alliance, Ohio. In some small way, I hope I have been an asset to our Order. And always remember I did it in memory of the Boys in Blue who did it for me and for you.

Jane Graham PDP OH
National President

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Sisters, you have heard the fine report of our National President. What is your pleasure?

MOVED by Nancy Hilton PNP OH

SECONDED by Linda Kronberg PDP MI

That this and all future officers' reports be accepted; turned over to the proper committee and acted upon therein; that they be spread in full in our annual proceedings; and that we give our National President a rising vote of thanks.

MOTION CARRIED

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister National President, I make a quick request. I noted in the material we have several items suggesting that we apply for 501(c)(3) and other ones saying we should drop it, et. cetera. I'm vaguely familiar with this having done this for the GAR museum about thirty years ago. But things have changed and I approached Richard Orr, the National Treasurer of the Sons. They are in the midst of trying to apply for this. He is willing to come to our meeting this afternoon, early afternoon, for about ten minutes and explain to us exactly what it entails for the Sons so that if we get into a discussion, we have some information. If I try to pass it along to you, I'm going to forget part of it. I know it. So, I would like to know if you're willing to do that. At lunch I can tell him what time he can come.

PRESIDENT JANE: I would enjoy hearing from Brother Rich. I can tell you at this point that right now we have our charter presentations at 1:30. And we have a visitation at 2:00. So, if whatever time you can set up for him after those times. Thank you, Sister Margaret.

Sister Vice-President, may we hear your report at this time?

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been an interesting year for me as Membership Chairman. I am happy to report that after many emails and pleading, all our Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large have sent in their Vice President reports. I am happy to report the following membership numbers.

	New	Voting	Junior	Total
California and Pacific	11	65	3	68
Chesapeake	3	34	0	34
Connecticut	1	28	0	28
Illinois	0	16	1	17
Indiana, one Aux-at-Large	0	11	0	11
Iowa	1	18	0	18
Maine	1	38	2	40
Massachusetts	0	32	3	35
Michigan	4	44	1	45
Missouri, three Aux-at-Large	2	21	1	22
New Hampshire	0	59	0	59
New Jersey	2	76	1	77
New York	6	56	1	57
Ohio	2	80	3	83
Oklahoma	0	10	0	10
Pennsylvania	8	155	1	156
Rhode Island	0	?	0	?
South Carolina	0	17	0	17
Texas	0	20	0	20
Vermont	0	12	0	12
Wisconsin	10	49	0	49
Membership-at-Large	0	32	0	32

This brings our total membership to 890 members; 873 voting members and seventeen Junior members; 832 paying members. I am personally responsible for bringing in seventeen of these new members plus three Juniors. I feel like I have worked very hard at helping to get a lot of these people placed into new Auxiliaries. We have installed four new Auxiliaries this year as well, in Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri. I would like to make the following:

Recommendation #1: That a committee be formed at the National level to do a Junior program outline for Departments to follow in coming up with ideas to keep our Juniors busy and interested in our history and our Organization. This committee will be responsible for running the program at the National level and to aid the Departments and Auxiliary with ideas and programs.

Currently our rules and regulations state that a guest is permitted to attend one meeting as a guest before having to join. The question is brought to me on how many times a guest from other Allied Orders may attend meetings before being required to join. To brief this discussion, I recommend the following:

Recommendation #2: That members of the Allied Orders be allowed to attend Auxiliary meetings but cannot participate in discussion or debates unless requested and voted upon by the entire body present at the meeting.

Recommendation #3: That the Auxiliary install their new officers on Sunday morning in conjunction with the SUVVCW, followed immediately by Council meetings. This will allow us to attend each other's installation and show support without interfering with the meetings.

To the National Officers past and present, I thank you for all your advice, your wisdom, and your patience. And to my Sisters, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. Before I end, I just want to say I traveled and talked all over this nation. I've always encouraged the men. I told them that have a woman in their life; a daughter, a mother, a wife, an aunt, a cousin, someone who is eligible to join at least one of the Allied Orders. And we have gotten several requests and more information needed.

Diane Mellor PDP MA
National Vice President

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Anne, do you have your Council report?

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

The National Council for 2012-2013, Anne Sosnowski, Past National President; Melinie Caines, Department President; and Anne Michaels, Past Department President, audited the books of our Organization and found them to be in excellent order.

National Council was contacted twice during this term. We received a letter from National President Jane Graham requesting what to do about National Treasurer Betty Baker, Past National President, not releasing some banking statements. We felt Sister Betty had done her job to the best of her ability and she's a faithful, loyal Sister of our Order.

We were also contacted requesting permission for a wreath to be ordered and placed at the rededication of the Peace Light in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Permission was granted.

As Council Member #1, I was informed this morning that National Treasurer Betty Baker, Past National President, was given a check in the amount of \$884.00 by our National Chief of Staff, Ramona Greenwalt. She was under direct order by our National President to not turn in the funds until this Encampment. Considering this, our National Treasurer Betty Baker, Past National President, did more than an excellent job without all funds.

Sisters, I feel our Organization needs to be run traditionally and according to

our C.R. and R. If we do not work as Sisters, our historical vital Organization will cease to exist.

Anne Sosnowski PNP PA, Council #1
Melinie Caines DP CA-PAC, Council #2
Anne Michaels PDP WI, Council #3

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Tricia, may we have your report?

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Sisters, this past year has been full of what we call in scouting, learning opportunities. Challenges that have added all sorts of twists to the best of plans and intentions. I have had serious health issues for the better part of the year that began in early May of last year. And I'm still dealing with them. With several hospitalizations and continued medical issues with my husband, as you well know, he is now legally blind. And if you go up to him, you are, if you're lucky, the big blonde. It has made a very definite change in our lives. The biggest affect all of this has had on the fulfilling of my responsibilities as National Secretary has been with the production of the National newsletter and the General Orders. At last year's National Encampment, the Sisters sitting in session voted to establish the office of Editor which took me by surprise and I was extremely grateful for. In my request, Sister Hope Parker was asked to take on the job by National President Jane Graham. Unfortunately Sister Hope's health has been even more challenging than mine, leading to her having to resign her position as editor. I can guarantee you that neither one of us would recommend the diet plan that we have been on for the last several months. It's painful, very uncomfortable physically. I still, through all of this, have to work full time. Something had to give as life says, "Hey, I'm going to be in your face and you're not going to get to play." That wound up being the General Order. There were only two produced as a result of that. There's only so many hours in a day. And for you that are concerned and upset, I am sorry. We welcome your help. And we would love to have another editor.

For the first time in a number of years, all Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large are current in their per capita. Included in your packet are pages that show per capita summaries for December 31st of 2012, and for April 1st or April 30th of 2013. The figures on these comes straight off the per capita reports. And if you will look at the numbers that I have versus the ones that are on the membership report, you can see we have challenges. We have just under a thousand members, more or less, nine hundred - give or take several dozen. We have had one Auxiliary-at-Large that has been that has surrendered their provisional charter and that is Nancy James in Missouri. But we've had the pleasure of adding four new fully chartered Auxiliaries: Sister Anthony O'Connell in the Department of Ohio; Old Abe in the Department of Wisconsin; Eliza Mother

George Auxiliary-at-Large in Indiana; and Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary-at-Large in Missouri. We warmly welcome our new Sisters and several of them are here. And we ask that they call upon us for our support and encouragement for their strong growth and service to our organization.

We have sent out about twelve hundred general orders with each mailing based on the old mailing list. This will not happen in the coming year as Sister Diane Mellor, whose main responsibility is membership, has been diligently working on obtaining updated rosters from each Department and Auxiliary and using these to produce an updated master roster. This will become the new mailing list for the Fall General Order, the one that will be sent with the summary of this year's National Encampment. Those Auxiliaries that have not submitted an updated roster by September 1, 2013, will not be receiving any mailers or notifications after that date. We've been working on this for almost two years. We do have several of them and it will be up to the Department Presidents and Secretaries to be sure that each of their Auxiliaries has provided the necessary roster. And as I said, these have been requested several times for the past two years and have been asked to be included in every per capita report. They should fully know who has and who has not turned in a roster to them. I know that several Department Secretaries have tried repeatedly and have been rebuffed, sometimes quite rudely. Those Auxiliaries have been informed repeatedly, but that is their decision. It has been our practice that the G.O. is available on the National website as soon as it is sent to the printer. And it stays there. And it's available to anyone that wishes to visit our website. It's there for anyone. I have been asked repeatedly, but the mailing list is not for sale. The mailing list will not be on the website. You know I love my computers and you know I live on my computers. In my term, it ain't going on there ladies. That's not what I think belongs there. I will be happy to send you a copy when we get it finally printed. I will be happy to send you an electronic version or a printed one if you need an entire roster for some reason. Let me know privately.

I do have several recommendations that I wish to be considered by the Sisters here in attendance.

Recommendation #1: This one is very critical, in my opinion. We must make a change in our Constitution before our numbers no longer make it possible for us to do so. I refer you to the very first page inside the cover of the section that says, "The Recommendations of the C.R. and R. Committee." I think is the fourth staple pack of papers in your packet. It deals with Article 9, Amendments. Part of it is just cleaning up for consistency but the biggest thing that we need to change is down "Such proposed amendment shall be adopted by 2/3 of a majority or by 2/3 vote of the members present and entitled to vote at the stated meeting of the National Encampment." At the very end of that sentence where it says, "If ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments in good standing." I wish to

remove the number “10” and put “50% of the Departments in good standing.” That is the big change. The rest of it is just cleaning up grammar to make it consistent. You can see by the numbers on the per capita summaries that if we don’t make this change, we seriously run the risk of never being able to make any of the changes legally. We need to do that now while we still have the opportunity.

Recommendation #2: I would suggest that the delegates’ packet that’s prepared annually be made available in electronic form for both our visually impaired Sisters and to enable it to be uploaded to the National website for everyone to see.

This is easily done as the reports, the recommendations and et cetera are due to the National Secretary by July 10th. And this would enable a wider, faster distribution of the information to the entire organization. Yes, there’s a number of reports, especially those of the sitting National Officers that are not truly available until just before the opening of the Encampment but those could be uploaded as soon as they were received.

Recommendation #3: I would suggest that very serious consideration be given to the way we collect our per capita. I feel it would be more useful to our operating fund and to the work required by each Auxiliary and Department Secretary that we structure our procedures to resemble those of our Brothers in the Sons.

I know that we tried to implement an annual payment. My first National Encampment was watching and listening to that. That was my first year as National Secretary or as Department Secretary and it was a challenge. It was not fully detailed and completely found out before it was tried and as a result, it was a dismal failure. And caused a lot of hysteria. I know that it can be done ...with a little bit better structure and organization, I think. Auxiliaries can pay the per capita now at one time. Department of Michigan, I blessed you. As long as it’s done by the first trimester. And then any new members that come in there’s adjustments and ways that we can handle that. It is up to the Auxiliary at this time. But by setting up everyone to do it like the Sons do it once a year, it decreases incredibly the workload and the stress for the Secretaries. It’s done. It’s over with. And especially in the larger Auxiliaries, it, in my opinion, getting it done, getting it over with, doing it once a year, it would be much easier.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this organization. I would like to add my own personal note of thanks to Sister Cher Petrovic. She has been invaluable to me. The charters that we had, the old ones, did not survive the move thanks to U.P.S. Working on trying to get some money from them. They were slightly damaged from coming from Judy to me and then from me to moving from California to Washington, They disintegrated essentially. Cher Petrovic took the

one that we had and redid it. And it's beautiful, as you will see in the charter presentations this afternoon. She spent hours and hours. She's also be invaluable to me in helping me organize and put together the G.O. and for the past two years. So my special thanks to her. Again, Sisters, thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year. I am going to try that G.O. one more time. I swear I'm going to get that thing put together and done it right. I'd love to see an editor. Thank you again, Sisters, very much.

Tricia Bures CA-PAC
National Secretary

Announcements were made regarding Club Luncheons.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Betty, are you ready with your reports?

HONOR ROLL

Lorraine Orton PDP WRC NY	Linda Murray PDP NH.....	\$ 10.00
	Marian Combs PNP NJ.....	25.00
Dorothy Bianco PDP CT	Connecticut Department.....	25.00
	Auxiliary #20 CT	<u>25.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$85.00

PERMANENT FUND

Balance August 1, 2012	\$48,186.69
Honor Roll	85.00
Life Members	1,250.00
Cindy Eddy	\$250.00
Shirley Van Burn.....	free
Anna Colburn	free
Margaret Joy	free
Margaret Frantz	\$300.00
Mary Frantz Yones	\$300.00
Audrey Long.....	\$200.00
Mable Ogg	free
Anna Fenn	\$200.00
Interest	24.44
Total Permanent Fund August 1, 2013	\$49,546.13

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of August 1, 2012.....	\$11,229.13
Receipts:	
Supplies	\$1,599.92

Per Capita Tax	5,898.00	
Publicity Fund	430.00	
Late fees	80.00	
Chief of Staff.....	760.00	
Patriotic Instructor.....	1,587.00	
Donation to PI Fund 2011-2012.....	233.00	
Donation to Chief of Staff 2011-2012.....	238.00	
Voided check to CA hotel	457.58	
Charter fees	100.00	
Closed Charter treasury funds	31.00	
Jane's Teapot Fund.....	616.50	
Registration 2012	70.00	
Pre-registration for 2013	460.00	
Total Receipts as of July 31, 2013.....	12,561.00	+12,561.00
Total		\$23,790.13

Disbursements

Postage.....	\$ 728.19	
Travel.....	2,000.00	
Office Expense	850.00	
Supplies	1,863.99	
Wreaths: Gettysburg	35.00	
Washington DC	85.00	
Unknown Soldier.....	87.00	
Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	
Printing	945.60	
Scholarship	0.00	
Site Committee	550.00	
Life Membership dues	60.00	
Lincoln Birthday Commemorative Committee	40.00	
Bond	100.00	
Voided check reissued	457.60	
Total Disbursements.....	\$7,827.38	-7,827.38
Total Balance in Community Bank Checking Account		\$15,962.75

Total all funds August 1, 2013 **\$65,580.88**

BUDGET 2013-2014

Receipts

Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
Per Capita	6,804.00
Late Fees.....	50.00

Publicity Fund (\$5 per new member) hope for 30.....	150.00
Chief of Staff	2,500.00
Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00
Registration (2014) Based on 50 attendees	500.00
Miscellaneous	120.00
Total Receipts.....	\$14,624.00
Any shortage take from Chief of Staff or Patriotic Instructor	

Disbursements

Office Expense	\$ 100.00
Postage.....	1,400.00
National President, Secretary, Treasurer (3x4x\$47.00)	
Supply Officer \$300, not needed every year	
General Order #1, #2, #3 (3x\$170.00)	
Travel.....	2,000.00
Officer Expenses (used to be Good Will)	850.00
National President \$150, Secretary \$350, Treasurer \$350	
Supplies	1,200.00
National President Badge \$600	
Unexpected supplies \$600	
Wreaths.....	350.00
Lincoln Memorial (Washington, DC)	
Lincoln Tomb (Springfield, IL)	
Unknown Soldier	
Unexpected wreaths	
Cathedral of the Pines.....	25.00
Lincoln Birthday Commemorative Dues.....	40.00
Printing	3,550.00
Proceeding	
General Order #1, #2, #3 (3 x \$945.00)	
Publicity.....	149.00
Scholarship	400.00
Life Membership Dues (\$6 x 10).....	60.00
Bond	100.00
Web Page (every three years) due this year.....	320.00
Site Committee (2014).....	550.00
Encampment 2014	
Room (2014) two officers – Nat. Sec. & Nat. Treas.....	900.00
Board.....	150.00
National President, Secretary, Treasurer (3 x \$50)	
Chaplain Allowance.....	25.00

Gratuities.....	25.00
Mileage (2014) Nat. Pres, Nat. Sec. & Nat. Treas.	1,000.00
Musician.....	30.00
National President Testimonial	200.00
National Sons Love Token.....	250.00
Patriotic Instructor Memorial.....	350.00
Patriotic Instructor GAR Hall	100.00
Stenographer	250.00
Supply Officer Expenses (used to be Love Token changed wording).....	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$14,624.00

You've all got the Budget in your packet. Any questions, I'll answer.

To the membership assembled here today, I have done much soul searching and praying on this past year's situation as what to do.

I am here today for two reasons. First, to respect sixteen Past National Presidents, a few National Officers, and many Sisters that have supported me with telephone calls, letters, and much begging for me not to give up. Second, to defend my name and my performance as your National Treasurer. I thought last year when I proved my innocence to the Ohio Attorney General's Office it would put an end to this petty nonsense and harassment.

Many of you know, and there are many of you that don't know, that the standards of the National Treasurer's Office and my ability to be your National Treasurer has been under attack all year.

I have been accused of not presenting a proper budget, causing for a special meeting; using improper spreadsheets; using lines to represent items that would cause the National to be fined or possibly get our Charter pulled; using terminology that would keep the National from getting a 501(C)(3); not supplying monthly reports, just to mention a few.

I have never done anything wrong as a National Treasurer or any other office of this National that I have held. And some of them I have held several times.

Last year, my budget and financial standings of this Auxiliary was approved and given to every attendee at National. My books were audited twice and signed and approved by the Council members. The second time by both old and new, as its always been done for the last seven years.

I do not use any spreadsheets or bookkeeping methods that are against the I.R.S. guidelines or that would cause National to be fined or their Charter pulled.

I have not caused National Auxiliary or kept anyone from trying to get a 501(C)(3). I have documentation with me to show that it is not feasible to apply at this time for that status. We have been a 501(C)(4) since 1941 and I feel that is the way we should remain at the present time.

I was accused of going against the C.R. and R. by not supplying the National

President and the Council members a monthly statement. I have done monthly statements; sent copies to all four Sisters.

I joined this Organization to honor my Civil War ancestor, educate people on the Civil War, and promote patriotism. I have always thought of this Organization with love, respect, and all members as Sisters.

I know there can be differences of opinions in any group. But the small group that is trying to destroy our Organization has taken me just about to my limit and I find it hard to think of them as Sisters. When their only goal is to harass and degrade and bully, then something needs to be done. I quote from one of the certified letters that I received. "I am not seeking the degradation of this officer and it will be the National Council that will replace her." I was that National Officer. To me, that is a threatening statement, unjust, and uncalled for.

I was elected by the majority and if I am taken out of this office, it will be my choosing or the majority here today asking me to step down. I have worked hard for this Organization. I don't deserve to be demanded to do something. I should be simply asked.

I don't deserve to be told I'm incompetent to keep books; that I use the wrong spreadsheets; that I don't use the proper terminology and numerous other complaints lodged against me. When contacted, the I.R.S. and the Ohio Attorney General's Office saw no problems with my books or my bookkeeping methods. I also asked for documentation of changes to read to see if I am doing anything wrong, as I know rules of the I.R.S. change daily. I try very hard to keep up on the latest changes.

I would never intentionally do anything as a National Treasurer to cause the National Auxiliary a problem. If I did make a mistake, I would make it right. The website called FASAV for accounting standards show the same spreadsheets that thousands of government agencies use and they are the same as I use.

I truly wish that the amount of energy that has been spent on trying to get me out of office was spent on getting new members, spreading patriotism, and working for the good of our Order. We could be further ahead today.

Peace and harmony has got to be brought back to this Organization or we are not going to survive.

To the sixteen PNPs that support me, God bless you.

Betty J. Baker PNP NY
National Treasurer

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Rachelle, is your report rather short? We only have about ten more minutes until lunch recess.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

It has been my honor to be elected the National Chaplain by the 126th Annual

Encampment in Los Angeles, California. During my term as National Chaplain, I have participated in many activities. They are too numerous to read here but I am going to give you the total distance that I did travel in my term. I traveled 16,271 miles as your National Chaplain to spread the word of our Sisters and give devotional at meetings when asked upon. When advised by our membership, I sent cards of sympathy and encouragement to the Sisters in distress; provided names of deceased Sisters to the National Secretary for inclusion in the General Orders; coordinated with the Sons' National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, for the devotional activities during the 2012 - 2013 National Encampment. At the request of the National President, performed the duties of Chaplain during the Installation of Officers at the Department of Pennsylvania, which was one of my highlights because I do not get to come to many Department Encampments.

As of July 15, 2013, I received reports from all Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large with the exception of the Edward Wallace Auxiliary-at-Large #2 in South Carolina. Using the reports received, the following summary of the activities were reported by the Department Chaplains.

Number of members present on Memorial Day	290
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service	152
Number of deaths which have occurred	20
Number of funeral occasions where the burial service of the Order was used	5
Amount expended in floral and grave decorations including donations.....	\$2,416.00
How many times the Committee appointed to confer with the Sons	137
Number of children assisting the Auxiliary on Memorial Day	228

Recommendation #1: The annual National Encampment Host Committee is often unaware of the existence of the National Chaplain's trunk, containing the devotional items necessary for the annual Memorial Service at the National Encampment. This often leads to the host committee purchasing duplicate items for the ceremony and the National Chaplain's trunk needlessly being shipped or transported to each National Encampment, frequently resulting in additional costs to the National Order. It is therefore my recommendation that either a) The National Encampment Site Committee add the instructional packets supplied to the National Encampment Host Committee information about the existence of the National trunk; or b) That the National Chaplain's trunk be retired and responsibility of providing the devotional items to the annual National Encampment Memorial Ceremony be permanently transferred to the Annual National Encampment Host Committee.

It has been my pleasure serving as your National Chaplain during the past

year.

Rachelle M. Campbell PDP CA-PAC
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. And all of these recommendations will be turned over to my Committee on Officers' Reports, which consists of Nancy Hilton, Anne Sosnowski, and Karen Hamann.

Sister Personal Aide, three of my elected Officers were not present at the time that you presented gifts. Would you give them to Danielle, Anne Michaels, and Allison Graff? Thanks, Joyce. Thank you very much for serving.

I do have one announcement. At the close of this session, my Personal Aide will be at the door. Those Sisters of you that are present that were not called up to receive any gifts, she has one for you at the door. And Sisters, with your permission, I would like us all to stand and sing *Happy Birthday* to Sister Sandy Bates, Department of Massachusetts (*so done*)

Sisters, while we are standing, Sister Chaplain, will you please close the Bible? Sisters, we are recessed until the sound of the gavel at 1:30. Please be prompt because we have several things happening at 1:30.

SECOND SESSION
Friday, August 9, 2013
1:30 P.M.

The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT JANE: At this time, I would like to ask the Presidents or the representatives of the four new Auxiliaries from Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Wisconsin to leave the room.

Sister Diane Mellor, if you will escort the Indianapolis Sister; Sister Kathy Anderson, if you will escort the Wisconsin Sister; Sister Nancy Hilton, will you escort the Ohio Sister; and Sister Judy Trepanier, will you escort the Sister from Missouri, please?

PRESIDENT JANE: Guides Color Guards and Escorts, you will escort these distinguished members into the meeting room.

All were escorted to the altar.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, what a sight to behold and what a warming of our hearts this is. For this year, we have been privileged to have the institution of

four beautiful new Auxiliaries, some of which are even sporting Junior members. That especially touches our heart. At this time, our National Secretary is going to present you with these charters. Some of you have been waiting a long time.

Charters were presented to Eliza E. George, Indiana; Sister Anthony O'Connell, Ohio; Julia Dent Grant, Missouri; and Old Abe, Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT JANE: Ladies, this is a most memorable minute in our Organization. If you would turn around so that the Sisters in the back can see who just received the new charters that Sister Cher Petrovic designed.

ENCAMPMENT: *(applause and cheers)*

PRESIDENT JANE: Will the Guides and Color Guards please seat these new Sisters? *(so done)*

We are supposed to have a delegation from the Sons at this point. Was that your timing too, Diane?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Yes, ma'am.

PRESIDENT JANE: He was going to visit the Ladies of the GAR first and he might have got stuck over at the Ladies, too.

Did everyone have a good lunch despite the fact that they swallowed it whole?

ENCAMPMENT: No!

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. I am looking for something so that we won't get caught in the middle of when our guest from the Sons arrives.

Sister Anne Sosnowski, would you like to give a report on the beautiful job that you and your committee did for the bench?

SPRINGFIELD BENCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Raising funds for this project started at the testimonial of Department President Lucille Coe of Pennsylvania and again at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. The total raised for the repair of our Auxiliary Bench was \$157.00. Three companies in Springfield, Illinois were contacted. We received a quote of \$3,700.00 from one company. Mr. Rich Lawrence of the Siciliano Incorporated Company contacted us to let us know his company fixed the bench gratis for our Auxiliary. We then sent an Irish scone to the Siciliano Company to thank them, which cost \$12.95. We invited Mr. Rich Lawrence to the Lincoln Death Day luncheon and he gladly accepted. The ticket was \$29.00. We ordered a plaque for the company with Mr. Lawrence's name and the Siciliano's company name

on it to thank them and that was \$55.00. With the money left, we sent two \$30.00 gift cards for Bennigan's Restaurant, one for Mr. Lawrence and one for Jason, the Mason. We thanked Sister National President, Jane Graham, for the honor of working on this committee.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP PA
Barbara Indan, PDP PA
Lucille Coe DP PA

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: And I might say, we did see the bench when we were in Springfield. It looks beautiful and the gentleman was most appreciative of the gifts that they sent. And thank you Sister Anne and your committee.

Bev Graham, do you have a short Girl Scout Committee Report?

GIRL SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

Sister President, I would like to thank you for appointing me as chair of this committee mid-term to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of the previous chair.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Lowe gathered eighteen girls in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia and swore them in as Girl Guides, later as Girl Scouts in the United States.

On May 5, 2012, Girl Scouts of Northern California hosted over twenty thousand Girl Scouts from thirty-eight states and five countries: Brazil, Canada, China, South Korea, and Spain. We celebrated Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary at One Hundred Fun Hundred at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California. The event took two years of planning and 2,000 volunteers to run the event. 6,000 square foot exhibit halls were transformed into a museum and shop, archery ranges, BB gun ranges and hands-on science museums, a giant corral that would hold an 85 foot-long replica of the Golden Gate bridge, a front lawn area that would become "Girl Topia" with zip lines, a Radio Disney sound state, a huge field that would become Camp S'more (complete with llamas and a huge craft project involving the creation of 12 beautiful mosaics depicting outdoor life), a courtyard that would house a temporary swimming pool for scuba lessons, a parking lot that would feature four rock climbing walls and U.S. Tennis Association tennis courts, and an amphitheater that would host celebrations for girls who earned Girl Scout's highest honors this past year – Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards – and lots of entertainment, including a girl-planned 2 hour closing ceremony and a walnut grove campground that would be home to 4,000 campers. There was a disability awareness section, a health and fitness section and many vendors offering activities.

Saturday, June 9, 2012, over 250,000 Girl Scouts, friends, family, and alumni, gathered on the National Mall in Washington D.C. for the Girl Scouts' Rock the

Mall event. The 100th Anniversary, same thing.

For many years, our local Auxiliary, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52, wanted to honor the Girls Scouts, who earned the Gold Award, which is the highest award in Girl Scouting. This past year, this became a reality. I have, in co-operation of the Girl Scouts of Northern California, who provided me with the names of the girls and offered to do the mailing. The Council mailed cover letters and certificates to all the girls who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. And attached, I have a breakdown of the costs. But before I do that, I'd like to read my recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That the attached sample certificate be approved as the official Girl Scout Certificate to be presented by the ASUVCW to Gold Award applicants.

The per unit cost breakdown for this program is attached to assist Auxiliaries in budgeting for implementation.

Recommendation #2: That we continue the same committee during the next term.

Now, in your packet, you have a breakdown of costs. I wish to amend that breakdown. This was what the cost would have been if you sent out the certificates in the manner in which we do. I would like to pass around three samples of the certificate so you can see how we mail them out. This is not the way they have to be mailed out. Every Girl Scout Council sends out a packet to the Girl Scout Gold Award girls. They either send it out by mail or they have a ceremony where they present it. In our area, they're trying to get together, instead of mailing these. What they are trying to do is get the different regions to put together a ceremony for the girls. We now go, unfortunately for us, we now go from Gilroy, California all the way up to the Oregon border. So it's impossible for us to get all the girls together. However, in the different regions, this is what we're trying to accomplish at this time. So I'd like to hand these out so you can see what the sample looks like.

Okay, I have revised the breakdown of costs. At first, it was \$2.51 and this included the folder and include the cover letter and certificate. However, I am fortunate enough to have Northern California mail out all the certificates to the Gold Awardees. Each Council, as I said, puts a packet together. There is no reason that the cover letter and the certificate can't go in that packet. So I'm going to give you a new breakdown of what it would cost each group to send these out. The certificates cost approximately \$.16. This is based on two hundred Gold Awards. What you have to do is factor in how many Gold Award girls are in your particular area. In our area, we're going to go from two hundred to four hundred Gold Awards each year. Okay? We have quite a few. Now

again, remember the distance in California. Okay, so the certificates cost approximately \$.16 apiece; the cover letter, \$.03; the mailing is going to cost you two stamps cause you have to put the letter and the certificate into a white folder to mail it off. So, now we're talking about \$1.09. Okay? So, the cost is not that much. I would hope that the National Organization accepts this. We're not ready to tell you how we're going to go about this yet because we need approval from the Committee first before we go ahead and make some other decisions. But, the cost is way down compared to the \$2.51 you have in your packet. It's not \$2.51. Okay, so the cover letter and the certificate can go to the Council. I've already talked to a group in Texas and in fact, she's on the committee and she's really excited. She's waiting to find out what we're going to do today and whether we're going to accept this to go further.

Bev Graham PAP CA-PAC
Hope Parker AP NY
Valencia Reyes AP TX
Peggy Frantz PDP PA

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski PNP PA

That the Girl Scout Committee continue for another year, assess the work done this past year, and see what, if any, changes may need to be made.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much, Bev. I thought the Sons would be here by now.

Sister Margaret, is your Ritual Report a short one?

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We were appointed by the National President to review the ritual that has not been changed since 1984. The three members of the Committee approached the task in the following way.

We each reviewed a specific number of pages, making suggestions, discussing them via email and mail, and then coming to an agreed upon conclusion as to any changes that were necessary. This portion of the task took approximately two months or so of constant communication.

We deleted ceremonies and instructions that had fallen into disuse and added ceremonies that had been approved in recent years, such as the initiation of Junior members and a more comprehensive procedure to hold a shall meeting in a home. We added charges for National Officers who have been added to our roster in recent years so the individual installing National Officers does not have to make up charges. We added the words of the songs used at a funeral service. Our focus was to try to make the ritual understandable to current membership.

We were assisted in this effort by Grace Gilbert, the 14 year old great granddaughter of the Chairperson who took the ritual home and keyed every page into a Word program. It was then put in our computer and changes were made to the wording as the committee approved them. The granddaughter of the Chair, Jennifer Gilbert, then assisted in lining up the pages in the computer and leaving blank pages for the descriptions of floor work.

After several proof readings and setting up a new index, the file was sent to PNP Virginia Twist, who works for a printing company. Her company was copying the nine floor work pages to insert in the narrative sent to them.

Changes in the Ritual

To assist anyone checking on the proposed changes to the Ritual, I have listed the main areas in which we have suggested changes.

One change that appears throughout is that we changed “anteroom” to “waiting area” as we no longer have an outer door and inner door to meetings, having to use whatever space outside the room is available.

There are 10 pages with outlines as to how to walk around the room during certain rituals in the original ritual. The one explaining the balloting has been deleted, making 9 diagrams now available.

When we refer to a page number, we are still using the page numbers in the old ritual. With deletions and additions, the pages will change in the new ones:

Pages 4,5,6 – some deletions and changes

Pages 21, 22, 23, 24 deleted

Added short form of Auxiliary meeting approved at National several years ago.
Pages 29, 30 - Made some changes to Guide’s instructions in Initiation Ceremony.

After Initiation Ceremony, added Initiation of a Junior Member.

Bottom of 42 – On Auxiliary Installation, added to note on directions to page # for Department Installation, directions to page # for National Installation.

On Department Installation, deleted Inspecting Officer.

Added to the National Installation – all National Officers following the Auxiliary Chaplain. Had to make up charges for National offices added since the old ritual was printed. Took portions of the charges from the CR&R. (Did this to make it easier for person installing National Officers, they will only have to look at the Auxiliary officers through Chaplain, then switch to page on National officers

instead of going three different places.)

Deleted page on Inspections.

Deleted page on ceremony when held in a home. The one we put in has more details.

Included Memorial Ceremony suggesting it could be used by Chaplains in local Auxiliaries.

Index not completed until wording all finalized.

Added to the funeral services the wording of the two hymns sung during the service.

Index updated.

A few very minor changes may not be noted above.

As decided at last year's Encampment, 500 books will be printed and the entire text will be put on our website, accessible only to members. Half of the books will be hole-punched for use in a binder and half will be bound.

The committee wishes to express their gratitude to Jennifer and Grace Gilbert for all the hours of work they donated to help us complete this project, also to PNP Ginnie Twist for her assistance with the printing.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP, PA, Chair

Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT

Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP, NY

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA, RITUAL COMMITTEE: Been working on this since January. And my committee has been wonderful. My granddaughter and my great-granddaughter have been an immense help to me. And I would like to thank them all. And I would like to make a motion that this ritual be accepted. If it is, I have one little "t" that I have to change to an "r." And this will go to Virginia next week. Virginia, perhaps you can give us an idea of the cost.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY, RITUAL COMMITTEE: I haven't gotten a written quote on it yet. But according to what was voted one will be a three-ring binder and the other one would be wire bound. The difference in the costs between the two is nothing. So we will get the five hundred printed. They will be 5 ½ x 8 ½ so they fit into the normal size three-ring binders. They will have the yellow color that we have. It won't be the exact same paper that we have

now because that paper is no longer available. But it will be the same color and actually, the one that we chose to use is a little bit heavier so it will be a nice book. The cost, I'm not really sure. Once we get the final copy, it will only take us about two weeks to get them out.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA, RITUAL COMMITTEE: Sister Bea Greenwalt, who could not be here, was a third member. We've been on the phone with her constantly. Judy and I have done this by email. And we've become fast friends for the past six months.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK
That we accept the ritual and it be printed in two forms.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. It's been moved by Sister Margaret Atkinson, Past National President, and seconded by Past National President, Jan Harding, that we accept this ritual and have it printed in the two forms. Are there any questions? Were all of you able to hear what Virginia said?

ENCAMPMENT: No.

PRESIDENT JANE: Virginia, would you go back to the microphone and tell them about the two different ways that the ritual will be printed? Sorry, Virginia.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY, RITUAL COMMITTEE: This is the three-ring binder that I was talking about. The old CR&R's that we used to get are this size. They fit in here perfectly. So, 250 books will be drilled. They'll still have the covers just like the old ones. But they will be drilled to be able to be put in a binder like this. The other ones I don't know if you all have a chance to see the samples that Margaret had with her. That's not exactly the same type of rings we use. We use a metal ring that is closed so it lasts longer than a plastic ring does for opening and closing them. And as I said, there is no difference between the cost of drilling them and putting the wire binding in them. But they will be this size.

PRESIDENT JANE: And I would say you...am I correct in saying that it will be on our website when they are available for purchase?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY, RITUAL COMMITTEE: I would say, no. I think that needs to be brought up for a vote because our rituals are supposed to be

confidential.

PRESIDENT JANE: No, I don't mean the ritual itself will be printed on the website but that when the printed copies are ready, that information will be put on the website.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA, RITUAL COMMITTEE: Yes, we will let Trish know. And I will give them to the Supply Officer and she'll have them to send out to whoever needs them. And as I said, once we get the final copy, it will take two weeks to get them printed and out.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you so much. Are there any questions? Are you ready for the vote? All those in favor of the rituals as has been explained to you, give the usual voting sign of the Order. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you both, or all of you very, very much, and Sister Ginny, I appreciate you with all the work you've done. You know I told you in my report I can't talk computers and so forth and how they do this. But she has spent many hours getting this ready to be printed even for these samples that you have seen. And we do appreciate it. Thank you very much, Ginny.

And Sister Margaret, if you will give your granddaughters our thanks, I would appreciate it very much. Sister Secretary, could you write a letter of thanks to Sister Margaret's granddaughters thanking them?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA, RITUAL COMMITTEE: I brought their addresses.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay, if you will give them to Sister Trish, please. Maybe the Sons don't love us anymore.

CHARITABLE DEEDS REPORT

I am very, very, very proud of this Organization. When you hear these figures, I'm sure you will be too. I'm not going to read off each individual Department and Auxiliary that sent me the reports. I will give you a grand total overall. I didn't receive reports from three Departments: California, Ohio and Vermont.

Number of pints of blood donated throughout the year.....	62½
Number of miles	111,521
Volunteer hours	68,554½
Grand total of cash, mileage, volunteer hours and	

material donations.....\$430,056.90

You ladies did a lot of hard work. And I'd like to mention there is one group that adopts veterans, disabled veterans, to go get their food, groceries, medical, taking them to back and forth to doctors. We have several that volunteer at food pantries. We have several ladies that make lap robes for veterans' hospitals. And knit caps for preemie babies. We have all kinds of different volunteer work and they're all in that package from all the different Departments.

Virginia Twist PNP NY
Barbara Day PDP CHSPK
Anna Frail PDP RI

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you, Ginny, and all of you Sisters that have given her the privilege of giving this good report. Thank you.

Sister Janice, would you like to give your M.A.L. Report.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity. It's short and not so sweet, because the attrition that we've had is unbelievable. I was elected at our Encampment at Virginia. I received the bank statement and check in mid-October. I opened an account and deposited the check.

It was just before Christmas that I discovered the per capita reports. I was shocked at the attrition. These reports were stuffed into a bag that had been at National that held the stands for the flags we use in our Department meetings. I happened to move the bag and a small corner of paper popped up. I removed it and found it was the per capita reports put there by I have no idea whom. Don't ask me how they got there. It wasn't me. Had no one that remembers doing it. But finally, I had them. And that showed me that our group was at one point 83 strong when Cynthia Brown and I worked together. When I was Vice-President and she was M.A.L. Coordinator, I think we brought in almost 100 women. And it was noted at that time. Sadly, we've lost most of them. Mary, who is sitting back here, went from a M.A.L. member to a Department, as did several other women, which I was very happy about. There were those who had transferred out and there were those who wanted to transfer in. Mary Firth, wherever she is, transferred in. I didn't get many results from my letter. I wrote a letter with Ann Blackburn helping me to all eighty-three women, asking them would some of them reconsider. I did get some positive results. I also got some who said that they hadn't heard from the Auxiliary in a long time. Which shows me probably, somewhere along the line, they drifted away. And that's understandable. But when it was all finished, I had 24 women. And then it went to 26. And I was trying again to figure out how I can make this grow. Now we are at 31. So it's

growing slowly, but it's like pulling teeth. I've sent out two National letters besides that to the women who are involved. But I'm happy to report that the \$1,146.00 and some odd cents which Sister Jane sent to me in October has now grown to \$1,887.00 and some odd cents. So we're happy that is by women who signed up, I think almost a year and half now. We've had money. But we have four who are waiting to become an Auxiliary in Arizona.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I want to jump in and interrupt you. I have an appointment in fifteen days in Arizona to meet with these ladies and to meet with the Sons' Camp that is there that is very interested in actually making this happen. The Sons' Camp is very excited and none of these women belong, for lack of a better term, to the gentlemen that I have talked to. These are not the spouses; these are other women.

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: Hallelujah! This is a good thing. Well, what we have four already and one of them has a sister, I'm sure, to help make it the five we need. Or is it three now? I forget. Five, the five we need. So we're going to lose them to become an Auxiliary. That's what we're about. Membership-at-Large is having women receive attention and care and having opportunity for those to come into an Auxiliary and just like our Sisters did back here. So, all in all, there's positive on the financial aspect of it and we will be having those four ladies coming up for renewal. Okay? So when you go out there, maybe you want to get their \$15.00 for renewal.

We're happy that we can donate to you four women who will make an Auxiliary. Thank you all very much.

Janice Harding, PNP, CHSPK
Membership-at-Large Coordinator

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much.

In February, our National Historian Sister Bea Greenwalt had to resign. I'm sure many of you know, she was hospitalized and has had a very rough time. I talked with her daughter, Sister Betty, last night, I believe it was, and she said she is still very weak. But anyways, Sister Bea has been our Historian for a number of years. And at that point, I appointed Sister Nancy Hilton to fill the end of Bea's term until our National Encampment. And Sister Nancy, you have a short Historian report, as well as the one that Sister Bea put in the packet?

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

This is what Sister Bea, my mom, my other mother, would have given you. I

have labeled it and it is also in the packet. It says from the archives, if you're hunting for it. These are some of the things that she has always done when she comes to National, to give you a little history of what's going on. Those of you that were at Joint Opening got to hear some of this.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

It is my pleasure to present to you a bit of history concerning National Encampments held in the Badger State.

Our first visit to Milwaukee was September 4-6, 1923, where Minnie Groth served as National President. Anyone recognize that name? (*several answered "yes"*)

In September of 1937, we traveled to Madison where Ida B. Lewis presided. It should be noted that many times the National President presided in her own home Department in the early days of our Organization. Either you ran when you knew you were going to be at home, or they made it and they took it home for you because the girls always had too much more than the men do to haul around.

In 1943, we made our third visit to Wisconsin, this time returning again to Milwaukee and Sister Mary Stapleton of Utica, New York presided. At that time, our beloved Order had 491 Auxiliaries and 17,213 members and twenty-four Departments and three Provisional Auxiliaries. Almost two hundred delegates, it was 194 to be exact, attended that Encampment, even though travel was restricted and gasoline was rationed. Double rooms cost \$3.75 and included a bath.

Multiple donations were made from our National Organization to assist in the war effort, which included the blood banks and the Victory Fund. A committee on National Defense urged each Sister to do her part during the year. A speaker from the American Red Cross explained the new procedure of removing plasma from the blood in an effort to save even more lives and its continued importance of our blood donations. Many of the reports given spoke of the war effort and what our Organization could and would do to aid in that victory.

The next National President from Wisconsin did not come until Eleanor Conrad Johnson was elected to serve with U.S. Grant III in 1955, followed in 2004 by the election of our own Sister Danielle Michaels.

Our Badger Sisters have a rich history of service. And continue to serve our Organization well on all levels. And down at the bottom of your report, I put a little note because I thought you would be interested about that \$3.75 room. For your information, in 1943, the Encampment headquarters was held at the Hotel Wisconsin. Unlike most downtown structures that have been torn down in the name of progress, this building still stands proudly at 720 North Old World Third Street. It was built in 1913 with 183 rooms and ten floors and was considered the first skyscraper in Milwaukee. Although the lobby has not changed much at all,

the building has been reconfigured into luxury apartments that rent from \$1,005.00 to \$2,650.00 per month, and it doesn't include parking.

I hope you have enjoyed my little trip down memory lane.

Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
National Historian

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

As your Site Chairperson for this Encampment, I wish to report that I was most graciously accepted by the Chair of the Wisconsin Host Committee, Brother Steve Michaels, who had provided me with a tour of the facilities during our trip to Wisconsin this winter. Any and all questions I had were answered, even including the amount of stalls in the ladies' bathroom and the proximity to the meeting rooms.

The hotel also provided me with a representative that I could speak to on the questions we had on a daily basis. His quick responses to any concerns have been gratefully appreciated. Thank you for permitting me to serve as your Site Chairperson.

Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
Site Committee Chair

Reports were suspended in order to receive Richard Orr, PCinC SUVCW.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will retire and escort Brother Richard Orr into the room. (*Delegates sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and clapped. He was escorted to the altar and introduced.*)

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard, we thank you so very much for coming. Would you like to come up here or would you like a seat on the floor?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I actually have a hard time getting up the steps and I don't want to get between you and the Bible. (*He was escorted to a seat on the floor.*)

National President, Sisters, I understand that the reason you've asked me to come over here is to explain what the process is that the Sons have gone through, or are still going through, to convert from a 501(C)(4) to a 501(C)(3) and associated costs. The application is really pretty straightforward. There's one simple form for the I.R.S. And so far, I've had three interrogatories with the I.R.S. of forty pages of questions. And we're still working on it. The basic fee is a \$800.00 application. There's a \$2,500.00 fee if you want a group exemption letter so that it covers the Departments and it covers the local Auxiliaries. That's the least costs associated with it. When you become a 501(C)(3), there are thirty-

nine states and the District of Columbia where you are required to register with their Bureau of Charitable Organizations. That, so far, has cost us about \$12,000.00. It will be an ongoing minimum of \$7,500.00 a year because you have to pay fees to the state. And to be perfectly honest, we hired an attorney to do it for us because each state's law is different. In addition to that, there's the cost for the attorney to shepherd the application through the I.R.S. because our Congressional charter contains five of the thirty plus buzzwords that the I.R.S. was flagging as being conservative organizations. And that's where we're stuck in the I.R.S. right now. Our attorney's actually given up dealing with the I.R.S. agents and he's now dealing directly with an attorney in the General Counsel's Office of the I.R.S. Trying to make them understand that the five words that they flagged on our application are all in our mission statement, which is contained in our Congressional charter, which is an act of Congress. And trying to tell the I.R.S. we can't change what Congress did. In addition to that, every one of those thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia require you to have an outside annual audit. Our audit this year is going to cost us \$6,500.00. So when you add it up, the total cost each year is going to be, and the cost of the audit I can tell you on average goes up about \$250.00 a year, at least \$14,000.00 in order to be in compliance with the states. That's attorney's fees plus registration fees plus the costs of the audit. And that's just the expenses. The process is lengthy, but it's not complicated to make the conversion. With the thirty-nine states, we've gotten approval from about half of them so far. We've been rejected by two. Michigan because we're still a 501(C)(4) where they specifically state in their law you have to be a 501(C)(3) to register with them. California rejected ours because we did not include an original copy of our charter. And again, dealing with an attorney in the Attorney General's Office in California, that our charter is a Congressional law. He can get up off his can; go to his law library and see what it says. They still wanted one with the signatures. And the original's in the National Archives. I did finally manage to get a photocopy from the National Archives which is in the hands of our attorney which will now be sent to California to re-apply. That's, in a nutshell, the short version. We've been working on this now for 2½ years. It's still an ongoing process. I suspect maybe by next year at the National Encampment, we will have the conversion completed or at least have a decision from the I.R.S. whether or not they are going to convert us from a (C)(4) to a (C)(3). I'd be glad to answer any questions that I can.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Brother Orr, thank you for taking the time, first of all. I have three questions. Why would the Sons need to do this now?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Okay.

We've, for years, had a ruling from the I.R.S., it was dated in June of 1941, under the old tax code, that said we were tax exempt and contributions to us were tax deductible. Two years ago this past March the Department of Texas was applying to the state of Texas for a grant. They had to be registered with the state of Texas as a charitable organization. Not necessarily 501(C)(3), but the I.R.S. had to say that donations made to them were tax deductible. They came to us. They wanted a current letter. They would not accept the 1941 letter that we had a copy of. I went to the I.R.S. I asked them for a current letter from the I.R.S. stating that contributions were tax deductible and they came back with a revised ruling saying that under the 1954 code, contributions to us were not tax deductible. So as it stands right now, anyone who makes a donation to the Sons cannot deduct it off their income taxes. Therefore, if we were a 501(C)(3), the costs for everyone that comes to this Encampment that is here as a delegate, they would be able to write it off their taxes as a contribution because it's a cost of doing the business of a non-profit organization. The travel, hotel, meals, the whole thing was deductible. Those that are in the SVR can deduct their uniforms and all their costs of doing re-enactments and everything else. That's all gone by the wayside. The Brothers can no longer deduct that under the current ruling per the I.R.S. So, our only option was to convert to a 501(C)(3) where it will be automatic that those contributions to us and expenses would be tax deductible to the members.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: My second question would be how are the Sons going to be able to fund this year after year?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: We are doing it out of our income from investments. We're doing it out of our income from our per capita. I realize our financial situation is much better than yours. To be perfectly honest, our net assets on the 30th of June just passed \$1,000,000.00.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: And we can't ride on your shirttail.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: As a separate corporation, unfortunately not.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Okay. There could not be anything named as the Allied Orders?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: That would take forming a corporation of which we would all be members and the Allied Orders then applying for 501(C)(3).

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: So, it's because we are chartered differently?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: You're incorporated in Ohio. We're incorporated under an act of Congress. The Ladies are incorporated under an act of Congress. I think the Daughters are as well. And the Woman's Relief Corps is incorporated I'm not sure where. We formed a foundation that was formed in order to create a 501(C)(3) because we had Camps and Departments in the National Organization that were applying for grants primarily for restoration of existing monuments that had deteriorated. I mean, 150 years old, some of them. Foundations, for the most part, have in their bylaws they will only fund 501(C)(3) organizations. So we formed a foundation for the purpose of funneling those applications through the foundation and the foundation then in turn forwarding the money and the money that they raised also to pay for monument restoration projects of the Camps and Departments.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: So you're not really saving any money by forming a foundation?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: We're not saving any money with the foundation. But it was actually a way to circumvent the requirements of other foundations to fund activities that our Camps and Departments were doing.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Brother Orr, how many members are in the Sons?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: About 6,700.

UNKNOWN: I have a question. Brother Orr, I'm asking you, this...does this work for us? Or are we okay the way we are? Maybe we can be that way?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I don't know what your situation is. If you're not looking to solicit donations and tell people that they're tax deductible when they give them to you or if your members aren't looking to deduct the costs of coming to National Encampment or going to a Department Encampment, then you need to seriously look at whether or not you need to change. On the other hand, if you're interested in going to foundations. If you're interested in soliciting donations from the public to support your project and I guess I should define solicit first. If somebody walks up and says they want to give you \$100,000.00, that's not a solicitation. You can take it. You just

have to take it. This isn't tax deductible. If you ask someone, such as I know in Pennsylvania, the Department Chief of Staff and I think one of the Vice, they have fundraisers. They sell things. Now, what they're doing is asking for a donation in exchange for whatever they're giving you. They are soliciting. And they need to tell people they're soliciting and it's not tax deductible. The reason we're registering in all thirty-nine states, even though we don't have Camps in there is because we have a website, just as you do. The tax courts have ruled, if you have a website and you ask for donations through that website, that means you have solicited in every state of the United States because it's accessible to everyone. You didn't pass to an individual but you put a general solicitation out there. And that's what the tax courts have held, which is why we're registering all thirty-nine states. If we convert, our Departments are going to need to register in whatever state they are soliciting. If they are in only one state, they're going to have to register with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations in that state. The Camps are going to have to register. And they're going to have to do their own reporting. What they're going to do about the requirement to have an outside audit, I don't know because most of our Camps I know cannot afford to have an outside audit done. So, it puts us pretty much at doing the solicitation at the National level.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: Well, it sounds to me this would require a lot of time; a lot of women volunteering; and a heck of a lot to go through to where we're really not going to gain much. Our site doesn't ask for money. It contains information about us and how you can join. I don't know that we would gain an advantage and it sounds complicated.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: It's a lot of work. I know you don't have outside audits done. You have an audit committee. One of the problems you will face, is that you haven't had outside audits done. Getting an audit firm that's even willing to audit your books is going to be very difficult because you don't have a record of outside audits. Probably the best you're going to do is get what they call a review for three to five years and then based on those reviews you may get an auditing firm say, "Okay, we'll do an audit."

UNKNOWN: Brother Orr, to the best of your ability, can you give us a ballpark figure of what it's going to cost each year?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Our ongoing cost is going to be about \$14,000.00 to \$15,000.00 a year.

UNKNOWN: Every year?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Every year. Our upfront costs to make the conversion by the time we're done paying all the attorney fees and everything, now granted, we didn't get the cheapest attorney. We hired an attorney who used to work for the Bureau of Charitable Organizations in Pennsylvania. He's part of a group in Philadelphia. His hourly rate is \$475.00 an hour. It's going to cost us about \$22,000.00 to make the conversion. Plus, every year after it's made, it's going to be an ongoing \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00.

UNKNOWN: We would have to have that much money every year. Maybe not quite that much depending upon what it is for us.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Right.

UNKNOWN: A pretty big, sizeable amount continually every year.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Yes. You're gonna have to have it every year.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, I might say we do have our Commander-in-Chief waiting at the door.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: He knew I was coming here.

PRESIDENT JANE: Brother Orr, would you like to stay while our Commander-in-Chief visits?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Sure, I can stay.

PRESIDENT JANE: And then stay if any of the ladies have questions afterwards? Are you needed back?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I can stay for a while. We're in the middle of debating changes to our Constitution and Regulations, so I can't stay too long.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. Is that agreeable with all of you ladies?

DELEGATES: Absolutely. Yes.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our Commander-in-Chief and his party into the room and to the altar. Also my two escorts along with Sister Barbara Indan, will you serve as the third escort please?

Delegates sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and clapped. Guides, Color Guards and Escorts brought Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor, Senior Vice Commander Ken Freshley and Junior Vice Commander Tad Campbell to the altar and they were introduced.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, can you believe it? We got all three of the big cheese.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, with me, salute. Will the Guides and Colors please present our guests to the podium?

ENCAMPMENT: (singing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and rhythmic clapping).

PRESIDENT JANE: Ladies, it is indeed my pleasure to introduce to you Brother Perley Mellor, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the Department of Massachusetts; Brother Ken Freshley, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, from the Department of Ohio; and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Tad Campbell, from the great state of California.

PRESIDENT JANE: Brother Perley, would you like to speak with us?

PERLEY E. MELLOR, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I would. It's an honor to be here with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and bring you my greetings as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to this fine group of ladies. It's been an honor working with Jane for this past year. I have known Jane for many years. Even though she didn't know she would make it this far, she has.

But it's been great, been a great year. We have enjoyed ourselves. We have enjoyed the Allied Orders. We have been working together very diligently with all five Allied Orders. Prior to this, I was at the DUV National Encampment last Wednesday and the WRC National Encampment last Saturday. I was just at the LGAR National Encampment today. Now I am here with the Auxiliary. That's all five Allied Orders together. That's what we're striving for, togetherness again, like it used to be years ago. A lot of us that have been around for a while remember those years where all five Allied Orders met together, worked

together, and sometimes played together.

It has been an honor working with you for this entire year. And to the ladies in Wisconsin, this is a great Encampment. I have enjoyed every bit of it, every single bit of it. Jane, here is a little token of my appreciation. It has been almost a year now.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much.

PERLEY E. MELLOR, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: So, I am looking forward to the rest of this Encampment. I'll wait for you sometime tomorrow, because I know it's going to happen. We went through this discussion last year and took almost two hours. And Rich is a great speaker; probably has a mic in front of him.

With that, I will turn it over to my Senior Vice.

PRESIDENT JANE: Brother Perley, indeed it has been a pleasure. And I thank you.

Brother Ken, would you like to speak?

KEN L. FRESHLEY, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, SUVCW: Sister President, fellow Sister from Ohio, we have done a lot of things together and we had a great year.

Sisters, I hope you had a good year. I hope you continue to have a good year and that you have a harmonious Encampment. And I hope that we have a good year next year. I look forward to it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. For those of you ladies that do not know, Brother Ken was also one of our officers in the Auxiliary this year. And Brother Ken, as our Counselor, we say thank you for the many good things that you have done for us. Brother Tad?

TAD B. CAMPBELL, JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, SUVCW: I recognize an awful lot of faces in here. I have a lot of friends in this room and anybody that knows Rachele knows how intertwined the Auxiliary is in my life. We are one big GAR family and we want to get back to that, echoing what Perley said. Years ago it was a family and it's still a family. Maybe we're dysfunctional at times, but we want to get back to where we are a loving family. We can all work together. We all have the same goals. And I'm very pleased to be here. Wisconsin is treating us very well. How about that weather? It's California weather!

It's been a real pleasure working with you; seeing you several times this past year, and I appreciate everything.

PERLEY E. MELLOR, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I do have one more thing. I always do. Being so far up on the front, I can still hear your singing. I do enjoy it and I know our mics interfere with you. We can't turn it down. Can't turn them up, so... we're stuck with them. That's what we got.

VIRGINIA TWIST PNP NY: Sister National President, through you to Brother Perley. We've known each other a long time. And I want you to know the dinner is in the Wisconsin Room #7 at 6:00 o'clock tonight. Can you let the other Past Commanders know that that's where it is going to be?

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Ginny, while you're still standing, would you do us the honor of responding to these gentlemen?

VIRGINIA TWIST PNP NY: We love having you guys come over. You are our backbone. You are our support. We hope that you are having a very good convention and we hope to see all of you again next year in Georgia. I'm driving, even though I lost my helper coming up here. I'll get her back before then.

Yes, we really love having you come in and visit us. And it's just a joy to see you men in general.

PERLEY E. MELLOR, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: We don't normally bring the senior staff to visit, but it's a good thing to start.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our Sons.

The Sons were escorted from the room. Guides, Color Guards and Escort were instructed to return to the altar with Ellen Higgins, DUVCW.

UNKNOWN: May I introduce to you Ellen Higgins, Senior Vice-President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War representing their National President, Carole Morton.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Ellen, we appreciate you giving of your time to come and visit with us at our National Encampment. For those of you that don't know, Sister Ellen is also an Auxiliary member in the Department of New Jersey.

Guides and Colors, you will escort Sister Ellen to the podium. *(so done)*

ELLEN HIGGINS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DUVCW: Greetings, everyone. I just wanted to introduce myself a little bit. I joined the Daughters of Union Veterans and there were no Daughters groups in New Jersey, so I had to

join the group in Pennsylvania. But along the line, I came across a nice group of ladies from the Auxiliary in New Jersey and I joined that group. So I'm here today as an Auxiliary member, also. However as most of you might be aware, I have been working my way up the chairs in the National Organization of the Daughters. I was scheduled, hopefully, to go in as President this year. However, I believe that our current National President, Carole Morton, was doing a fantastic job and she had a couple of projects she wanted to see to completion. So I stepped aside for one year so that she can continue on. We haven't had a double president in over one hundred years, so it was kind of quite out of the ordinary. She and I had talked about it exclusively over the past year. It was by far the hardest secret I ever had to keep. I couldn't tell it to anyone what we were planning on doing or hopefully doing. But I'm glad to see it and, God willing, I will be able to go in next year as National President. But in the meantime, Sister Carole has written a letter that she would like me to read to the assembly here. "Sister President, Sisters, and honored guests, I bring you greetings and salutations from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. I regret being unable to attend your National Encampment as I very much wanted to be present as a reaffirmation of the unity between our organizations. The Daughters wish you a very successful, enlightening, and harmonious Encampment. I applaud your service and contributions to the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders. We eagerly look forward to our continued joint participation at many patriotic events yet to come. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Carole Morton, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865." And so I would like to submit this to the report for you. Thank you.

And I would just like to add Carole is from California. I represented her quite well, I hope, on the eastern activities this year. So, I had a tremendous time with Jane and the other Allied Order Presidents as I assume that I will be continuing along this year, representing the Daughters at the National events up and down the east coast. I look forward to working with the Auxiliary again in the upcoming year.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Margaret Atkinson, would you like to respond to the Daughters?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister Ellen, this is the most energetic young woman I have ever met in my life. She will volunteer to do anything for anyone. So, we're so pleased you're here representing the Auxiliary in the state of New Jersey. We certainly wish you well in your service to the Daughters.

She's going to set up a website for the Pennsylvania Department and she's already set up a website for a New Jersey Auxiliary. And somehow she managed to do six other things, too, at the same time. I really, really admire you. Thank

you very much.

ELLEN HIGGINS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DUVCW: Thank you.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room.

PRESIDENT JANE: Now, is there any other Sister that has a question of Brother Rich? I believe, Linda, you were up.

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: I have two questions. One is you're spending quite a bit of money each year and you anticipate doing this year after year. Do you anticipate actually soliciting donations to offset that amount? And two, would be Departments and individual Camps be able to opt out if they can't afford to actually do this on their own?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: The first question, yes. We actually last year formed a committee. It's a Fund Development Committee. Their purpose while we were going through this process, is to develop a program whereby we will be out soliciting funds from corporations, from foundations, from individuals. One of the first things they worked on is getting one of the members of the committee who has a nephew, I believe it is, who is an attorney, to look over some of the legal aspects of the wording that we need in each state so that people can put it into their wills, basically saying that they bequest X percentage or X amount of money to the Sons. We also are looking at a number of foundations we will approach for funding. We know a couple of them. In fact, we know one that would be willing to totally underwrite the cost of a National Encampment, until they find out we were not a 501(C)(3). As for the second part, there's no opting out. What they simply do is not solicit funds. If they don't solicit, they don't need to register.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: I want to ask you if I understood correctly. Does National Organization have the option of itself seeking a 501(C)(3)?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Yes.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Would that not be a lot cheaper?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: No, same costs.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: It's \$800.00 to file, correct?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Okay, you would save the \$2,500.00 for group exemption letter. I'm not sure now if you have a group exemption letter as a 501(C)(4). Does anyone know if you have? It would be GEN number. Our group exemption number is 0429. You would have a four digit GEN number. If you don't have it, every Department and every local Auxiliary has to apply for the 501(C)(4) designation by the I.R.S. So if you have a group exemption number and everyone's already covered, I'm not sure what the consequences are of only converting National because it may mean that every Department and every local Auxiliary's going have to file paperwork, which is a \$500.00 application to become a recognized 501(C)(4) on their own. I believe you are on a (C)(4) right now, which is a Fraternal Organization. If the Departments and the Auxiliaries are covered under a group exemption letter, meaning the National Organization filed and every Department and Auxiliary was automatically covered, and you convert National, I don't know what happens to those others because we've never even considered that because this was driven by the Camps and the Departments. They wanted to change to 501(C)(4). It may very well mean that every Department and every local Auxiliary will have to complete a form 1023 and apply to be a 501(C)(4) on their own.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Therefore, we would need to check with an attorney to be certain.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Yes, you're gonna need to either check with the I.R.S., you can ask them, which of course, their normal standard is anything our agents tell you is not binding. *(laughter)* Or you're gonna need to talk to a tax attorney.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: This is the last. If the National Organization does not solicit on our website, then we do not need to register in thirty-nine states. Did I understand that correctly?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: If you don't solicit on the website, and you remain a 501(C)(4), you don't need to register. If you do not solicit on the website and you convert to a 501 (C)(3), you will need to register to those states where you do solicit funds.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: When you say solicit funds, are you talking about the individuals raising funds or are you...

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: ...On behalf

of the Organization, yes.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Okay. That doesn't necessarily then mean a website.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: No.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Okay, thank you.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Let me give you a "for instance." I'm sure you don't have Auxiliaries in all thirty-nine of those states. I don't think you have one in Alaska or Hawaii so we can use those as an example. So you wouldn't need to register there. However, if you're looking at the... I'll just run through a couple of them I know, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, then you have...your...let's take this just to the National level. Your Chief of Staff is going to events there and soliciting donations for her fund and whatever your other fundraising offices are, they're soliciting funds within those states. If you are 501(C)(3), you would need to register in those states. You wouldn't need to register any place that you don't solicit funds. The other thing is if you apply to a foundation for funding. Let's say you come up with a major project that you want to undertake and it's going to cost you couple hundred thousand dollars and you file applications with a foundation. You must register in the state where the foundation is legally domiciled. So if you apply for a foundation that's in Georgia, even though you may not have an Auxiliary in Georgia, you would have to register in Georgia. Well, fortunately, Georgia is one of the easiest ones to register in. That's why I like to use that as an example. So, it would mean wherever you're soliciting, you would have to register, if you just convert National. I don't, like I said, I don't know the consequences for the Departments and the local Auxiliaries if you only convert National.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Richard, is each state a different registration fee? Is that a fee you have pay annually? And what do you get for the registration fee? Just the registration? Do you have to do a tax return with that?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: You don't have to do a state tax return. You have to register with the state in order to solicit funds. For example, Pennsylvania. You're somewhat familiar with that. We have to register with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations which is under the Pennsylvania Department of State. For that, we get a number and we get a certificate and we get the right to ask for donations within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We need to file with them a copy of our 990 tax return

and a copy of our annual audit. And we have to pay, Pennsylvania I believe, is a \$250.00 a year fee. What that does, you then also have required language that you have to put on any printed material you're using to solicit and it includes the 800 phone number for the Bureau of Charitable Organizations so that somebody can call them up; ask for your financial record which is your audit and your income tax return because they are then considered public documents, an income tax return as a non-profit is a public document anyway, and check that you are registered. The down side is if you are not registered, I can tell you in Pennsylvania, if you actively solicit and if you solicit \$1.00 and you're not registered and somebody complains, the Bureau of Charitable Organizations, the minimum fine is \$10,000.00. It runs from \$10,000.00 to \$500,000.00, depending on how much you have raised. So, it's a big gamble to not register and solicit funds. As far as the individual states, the registration fees run from \$5.00 to the worse being Massachusetts because Massachusetts has a sliding scale. It depends on how much you bring in each year. It runs from \$350.00 to something like \$25,000.00. The big break, if you hit \$100,000.00, the price goes up very quickly in Massachusetts for the cost. One of the other things you get involved with, for example in Ohio, you must report every donor on a report to Ohio that's due every year. You must report every donor and how much they contributed for everyone who resides in Ohio that makes a donation to you. There's one other state that does that. I believe it's West Virginia. But those two in particular, the reporting requirements are very cumbersome and those are the reasons why we went with an attorney. And that's why we're paying him annually. His annual charge for his time is \$7,500.00 minimum and if that goes over a certain number of hours, it's going to cost us more.

PRESIDENT JANE: Are there any other questions at this time?

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: I'd like to thank you for spending your time explaining this to us.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Oh, you're quite welcome.

JOYCE NORMAN, PDP, CT: I have one "for instance." Our Auxiliary, we sell baked goods and things like that. We're not asking for donations. We sell things. This is in Connecticut.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Are you collecting sales tax? Are you paying the sales tax to the state? Then you are taking donations.

JOYCE NORMAN, PDP, CT: Oh.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: If you're selling anything you have to have a mercantile license...pay the cost for a mercantile license, then you're in business. You're selling food. That now means that either the local health department or the state department of agriculture's going to inspect you. The exception in most states, is charitable organizations can do things like bake sales, as long as you're not selling custard pies and things which are considered highly hazardous for people getting food borne illnesses because of having to be refrigerated. I worked for the health department in Allegheny County, that's why I know all that.

The assumption is you give me \$5.00 and I'll give you a pie. The difference between what that pie costs and how much they give you is actually deductible to them as a charitable contribution. So, you are soliciting donations.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Brother Orr, of course being Perley's wife, I've watched a lot of this go down. My concern is this, if I remember correctly, because Perley doesn't share everything with me, is that you have to make some bookkeeping adjustments and that you are fined in areas. Is this correct?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: No. We did have some penalties from the I.R.S. They were not for that reason. The previous National Treasurer made an error in filing our 990. We used to have what I refer to as "unaccounted for expense accounts" for the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster because their out of pocket expenses we knew was more than what we were giving them. And Diane, you know its cost to Perley this year and I still owe him \$1,000.00, by the way. Remind him to get it off me.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Oh, I will. Don't worry. I will.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Yeah, I...you saw the checks I brought down. I'll get another check and get it taken care of.

We give the Commander-in-Chief \$10,000.00 a year. And I can guarantee you he spent much more than that in all the traveling that he did. So we knew that. But the I.R.S. came back and said if you haven't demanded receipts, well, you can't do that. You can't just say we're giving it to you even though we know you're going to spend more than that. So they turned around and said that we should've been withholding social security taxes on that. We really weren't fined. What they did was they went back five years or seven years. That was as

far as they could go back legally. Calculated out how much social security tax should have been withheld and made us pay the social security tax on the part that the employer would pay. So it really wasn't a fine. But it's still not a delight to let \$1,000.00 go unpaid to the I.R.S. That had nothing to do with the conversion. Now we do require that those officers submit receipts with the exception of the Commander-in-Chief because we know what the travel expenses are. We do give him advances. And then the other officers, they only get their money after they've spent it and submit their receipts and they're reimbursed. That was a change in our accounting procedures in that we had to start requiring receipts to be submitted by those officers.

PRESIDENT JANE: Anyone else? And we have to let Brother Rich get back.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: With that, am I correct that along with receipts there is a expense form that they have to fill out?

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Yes. We do have an expense form depending on who is submitting it. Let me make sure I get this right. The Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and National Quartermaster submit it to myself and I can approve them. Mine has to be approved by one of the Assistant National Treasurers. They have to write the check for any of my expenses. Any other Officer or committee chairman, there's a different form they have to submit and it has to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief before they are paid. If you want copies of those forms, they are on our website under forms, documents, and something else. Feel free to steal them.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. We certainly thank you Brother Rich for all the information you've given us. You are a wealth of information and we appreciate it.

RICHARD L. ORR, PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I'm glad to help. I know there were some concerns and a lot of questions among the Sisters. If you have anymore, as long as I've got time and Perley will let me out, I'll come back and answer them.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much.

Brother Orr left the room.

PRESIDENT JANE: We want to thank Brother Orr and I want to thank all you

Sisters that participated in this discussion. I think it has been very worthwhile for all of us.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I was asked if we have a GEN number like he asked about. We do have.

And every Auxiliary or Department that has gotten their EIN number to me, is on a lengthy list that I file every time with the I.R.S. with all your numbers on it. So you're all under that and covered. But you still have to do your own 990's. I am not allowed to do that. I can only do the National one. But you have to give me the numbers so that you can be listed under the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. And this is what I have said for years and I'm saying it again. If I don't have your number, I cannot list you, so you need to get it in.

PRESIDENT JANE: I'm sorry. Did you have a question, Sister Diane?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: I do. I'm a little confused. I thought that the number we needed to provide to Sister Betty was our EIN number.

PRESIDENT JANE: That's right.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Is it the same as the GED number?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: He asked if National themselves had a general number. We do.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: All right.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: That's not your EIN number.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: You're saying that we have to provide you with the number that you file. Is that our EIN number?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Yes. The I.R.S. sends me like this, every year, several pages long. It lists every Department and every Auxiliary we have under our jurisdiction, under National's jurisdiction. Our number is different than yours. Every Auxiliary and Department has their own EIN number. National is the parent organization. I record each EIN number, Auxiliary name and contact name. That has to go in to the I.R.S. through National.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: One of the problems that

we're fighting with the EIN numbers in the local Auxiliary is that the contact person for that number is not kept updated. You need to be aware that, and this is where the problem's coming in, their sending notices to this non-existent person. This person's moved or deceased or whatever. You need to make sure that you keep the contact name and number for that EIN number current. That's been the biggest hang up in all of this. And it's really a pain. It really is.

PRESIDENT JANE: To continue with this discussion, Sister Nancy, will you give your EIN Liaison report?

EIN LIAISON REPORT

Sister National President, and as Brother Rich says, working with the I.R.S., you gotta get somebody that has some clout. I have someone. They have asked me not to place their name in here so we'll say an "Unknown Source." I dealt with them as late as Tuesday, August 6th. I was appointed last year by our National President to serve as our Organization's EIN Liaison to coordinate our efforts with the Internal Revenue Service. My first day, I was on the phone five hours, at one time. It has been my pleasure to assist numerous Auxiliaries throughout the country in compliance with federal laws and filing their 990N forms. Unfortunately, this monumental task is not completed and we still have, and this is a quote from my I.R.S. representative that I deal with, "paperwork backup." As many are aware, the I.R.S. is under investigation for less than legal practices with organizations falling under the charities code. And we have not escaped the internal problems either. We have some Auxiliaries that have already paid a fine and are still awaiting recertification of their status. We have Auxiliaries that are trying to file and are being told they don't even exist. Don't think that I have not tried. There are ladies sitting in this room who have called me saying, "I have been online and it's not on there." My own local Auxiliary could not print their forms so ours wasn't in on time. We filed. And it said that we had to wait ninety days before I could print the form. Oh, by the way, it was turned in July 15th.

Although we must conform to all federal regulations, the following suggestions were made by my person at the I.R.S. These were just suggestions.

1. That we pick a date to file each year. Sister Betty files her list. We need to pick a day. We have a lot of girls that, "Oh, gosh I forgot to file my taxes." And we're doing it bing...bing...bing... whenever we want. It is causing red flags. I'm being nice. We're coming up with red flags. Pick a day and use it. If it's May 1st, everybody uses it.
2. And this girl made the suggestion, and I said girl so you know now it's a female, that for right now 'til they get their internal mess straightened around, that we pick one person and get this straightened out. We have got Auxiliaries all over the country and it falls back to what Trish and

Betty are saying, that are not keeping up with our contact person. It's a simple thing to fix. But if you don't know how to fix it, oh Lord.

We were also suggested, which I did not put in this report, that we pick one password and use it. And not have somebody using their dog's name, and somebody using their aunt's name, and somebody using something else because if that person dies during the year, we got a problem. They're trying to help us solve some of our issues. They are hoping, and these were her words again, to "provide some continuity" and would cause us no further concerns at the National level.

3. That we make one complete listing of all the EIN numbers, which Betty has, that are secured under our National Charter, which Betty has, and new Auxiliaries would automatically file with this Sister. This Sister would also be able to assist if the new Auxiliary needed help in this process in any way. I offer one suggestion. I am going to be very nice. I know two women that do more than their job descriptions.
4. This was my suggestion, and that's suggestion number four. These are not recommendations. That this task not be assigned to the two ladies that sit at the ends of that head table. Our National Secretary and our National Treasurer have enough to do. Their job descriptions keep them busy multiple hours.
5. It is further suggested, and this came from the I.R.S., that we have one Sister who handles, right now, all the phone calls. Because they're hearing from people. And some of ya'll, no offense, I don't know who it is, don't know what you're talking about. I went to an Auxiliary with our National President. Our National President was told by them, we don't have computers. By the way, all 990N's have to be filed on the computer. We had to take a dirt road to this Auxiliary meeting. Okay? When the GPS says turn at the left tree, you know you made it.

By the way, it was an Ohio Auxiliary. They were ready to turn in their charter. They've already paid their \$100.00 fine. Their check was cashed December 28, 2012. They are still on hold and they do not know when the I.R.S. will get to their paperwork as of Tuesday when I called to make sure before we came in here. What we are finding out is that some of our well-thinking, sweet Sisters are helping some of them recertify and someone in their infinite wisdom told them to file as 501(C)(4)'s, which is fine. Some of them are not telling them to file as (C)(4)'s. They told them to mark the box that said (C)(3). And immediately, it's kicked out. I have been living this. Sister Jane knows that. This person knows me when I call. "What's the problem now? Who do you need to talk about?" First of all, we've fixed a lot of them without having to pay the \$100.00 fine. There are people in this room, I won't embarrass you, that we fixed by changing a middle initial. Thank you for the support. I see a head shaking. It didn't cost that Auxiliary the \$100.00. As of August 1st, it's not

\$100.00 anymore. It's \$450.00 if you don't have one. I'm not being mean. Betty is doing the best she can. She can't change your EIN list. And how many of you Auxiliaries, this isn't in here but I wanted to speak on it because it bothers me. How many of you Auxiliaries change Secretaries like you change your underwear? Think about it. Every year we change officers. If you don't change your I.R.S. person, they don't know who to talk to. And it's, "No offense," they said. "It's not our fault that you don't do your job." They were very nice about it.

6. It is further suggested that we have one Sister who volunteers, who would take care of all the phone calls so that we have no further confusion at the I.R.S. especially in light of their own unsettling situation.

I do appreciate this appointment. I, whoever that comes to next year, will be glad to give you some of my contacts. I have eleven Auxiliaries right now that I am in the midst of working with that are here, there, and everywhere. It has to come to the floor. But you need to know that has to be done. And they're suggesting that right now, we pick somebody and make it work for a little while. And they have their own problems internally. And they would like us to maybe help out, and get that done so we can get everybody back on track. And none of our Auxiliaries can afford \$450.00 right now.

Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
EIN Liaison

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you.

NANCY HILTON, EIN LIAISON, PNP, OH: Those were all suggestions.

PRESIDENT JANE: Right. That will be up to our incoming President.

At this point I would like to entertain, I think I am right on this. We did not vote on the budget this morning. We voted on the Officer's report but we did not vote on the budget. So at this point, Sister Betty, would you like to present the budget or answer any questions that anyone has?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I mentioned this morning that I had the budget and if anybody had any questions. Otherwise, I assumed it went down, accepted with my other financial statements. Do you have questions on the budget? Then I am assuming that you approved it when you approved all the rest of my report.

PRESIDENT JANE: Just for the sake of clarification and so that it goes in to the proceedings properly, do I hear a motion that we accept the budget?

MOVED by Virginia Twist PNP NY

SECONDED by Joyce Norman PDP CT

That we accept the budget and put it in the proceedings.

DISCUSSION:

ANNA FRAIL, PDP, RI: What's the budget for this past year? Do we have a budget for the coming year?

UNKNOWN: We're talking the budget for the coming year.

UNKNOWN: Actually, is this just a proposed budget?

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes. All budgets are proposed.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: As Parliamentarian, I'm going to ask, first of all, in our ritual it says that in order to ask Sister President a question, you stand. If you are going to make a motion or if you are going to second it, you stand. You do not shout out or talk until when you are recognized. Otherwise, we have three or four people talking. And that recorder just takes all the sound in and nothing is heard, really. So, for the benefit of the recorder getting the right person and for us to understand what's going on, we take turns and be recognized by either the President; if the President is busy then it's recognition by the Vice President. And you all must go to the microphone and identify yourselves and say what state you're from.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Sister Jane, I'm not sure but the definition of budget is just an idea of what might be spent. It's not written in stone. I just wanted to make that clear.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay, at this point, I'm sorry, the budget was passed. Anyone care to make any remarks, statements on it? I know Sister Betty works very hard getting the budget ready. We're dealing with a lot of things. Brother Orr came in and talked to us about the 501(C)(3). Betty is trying to clarify all this other. Anyone have anything?

HELEN GRANGER, MI: The State of Michigan decided at its State Encampment that we would refrain and abstain from making a vote regarding anything financial. We've been having and hearing some conflicting information from various individuals and we at this point need additional information. We now have some additional information which has come through to us and we would like to refrain from making any further comment until we get to the part

where we're talking about recommendations and the formal request that was made to the National. We are not finding any fault with our National Treasurer. We find no fault with our National President or anyone else in this organization. But we do reserve further comment, if we could please, until we get to that area of our discussion. If we could, please.

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes. Appreciate that very much. All right then. Let us go on. As you all know, the contract for our website comes due this year. Brother Ken, going in as Commander-in-Chief, has already sent us a letter saying that he cannot fulfill the duty of our Webmaster this next year. We have had a person come forward and say that they would be willing to do it for us, but I believe they have to get, if I am correct, I believe they have to get a little bit more information on who the server is and some of that information. Am I correct?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Sister President, if you're willing and if the incoming President would like, I would be willing to take over the duties of Webmaster. I did talk to Brother Ken last night and gathered quite a bit of information. He has told me the platform that he used. I am somewhat familiar with it. I just need to do just a little more research but I believe temporarily I'll be able to take care of it and to learn the platform that it's on. And so, that's where I stand right now. I know he used the hosting company, Go Daddy. I won't use them. I will use One on One. The price would probably remain about the same and there will be the same set of features. I will not change what's up there. I just need to learn the platform on how to post things on there which I believe I should be able to learn how to do.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. Sister Betty, can you go back in years and tell us what we paid Brother Ken?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Okay. And I spoke to Brother Ken when he was here and this is what concerns me. A Webmaster or Webmistress means nothing. You're just maintaining the site. What interests me is what the cost is going to be to purchase our domain name and to purchase where you're going to go to. Now, his last year...three years ago was \$319.79. That's why the budget says \$320.00. I rounded everything up, assuming that he was going to be about the same. Are we going to receive a bill if you take this over, Eileen? Is he still billing us or are you billing us or just what is happening?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: The websites that I do maintain, I have an Auxiliary in New Jersey site and I have an Auxiliary in Pennsylvania site. And what I do with those two is it goes on my credit card and then I get reimbursed.

The Go Daddy and the One and One, but they are the hosting companies.

And my experience with One and One is about the same, could be a little bit less. They got deals going on all the time. I don't know if it will be yearly cost or a three year cost.

The New Jersey one, I get them mixed up now, but one of those two was a three year deal I got and one was a yearly cost. There's two costs involved. There's costs for to register the domain name each year and a cost for hosting.

Hosting usually is charged quarterly although it could be charged yearly or every three years. But the domain, you have to pay for every year.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Correct.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: They're about, not...my experience is no more than \$20.00 a year to register the domain name. The hosting vary depending on if you have a Facebook or Twitter link on it or all these other things, which I don't do any of that. The site would stay the same as it is. It's just a matter of uploading different PDF's from different people, changing Officer's names.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: But you're not sure of the actual cost will go any higher than the \$320.00 that we paid for a three year contract. That's about \$100.00 a year.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I don't believe it will be any more than that at all. No.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. Thank you. Sisters, you have heard the proposal by Sister Eileen to become our Webmistress. What are your wishes?

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Virginia Twist PNP NY

That we accept the proposal offered by Sister Eileen Higgins of New Jersey to become Webmistress.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Squirrel, I think you got a job. And I want to tell you, we had somebody come in the hotel the other night late when we were coming back from dinner and they said, "I can't believe it. There's somebody out there in the parking lot with a license plate 'squirrel.'" We said, "We don't know who she is." (*laughter*)

Okay. If you remember correctly, at our 2012 National Encampment, a committee was designed to put in a packet of new job descriptions for our National Officers. You have all received a copy of those job descriptions. Some of the National Officers have discussed the job descriptions.

UNKNOWN: No, I don't think we did.

PRESIDENT JANE: I was just told that some of you may not have that packet of job descriptions. I might say this committee worked hours and hours and there were a group of us last night that met and read them. They have done a tremendous job. And that group found two mistakes, not the committee's fault. That is because we are moving our Remembrance Day Celebration from one hotel to another. The new hotel will not let us set up the fund raiser tables. So, in that job description where it says the National Chief of Staff and the National Patriotic Instructor will set up a table at Gettysburg in November, those words in there "at the Remembrance Day and Gettysburg", those must be deleted. Other than that, the job descriptions are beautiful. If anyone has any questions about them.

PRESIDENT JANE: And this was one...I will say, this was one that the Council was to work on and I just got mine like the day before I left to come here.

CHER PETROVIC, LIAISON TO WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS: What if we had enough people that wanted to sell and the cost wasn't too much? We could ask them what they would charge.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Let me read from the minutes of last year's National Encampment, Sister. Jobs descriptions will be referred back to committee for needed revisions and clarifications. The incoming President, in this case Sister Jane, will be allowed to make changes to committee membership but must include some of the current members. The committee will have six months to make their changes. The incoming President and incoming Council, the ladies you see sitting here, la da da da, will prove the final draft which will then be posted on the Auxiliary...National Auxiliary website for all Sisters to review prior to the 2012 National Encampment voting. They have not been posted. We didn't get them fast enough to Ken to get them up. Jane is sharing the two little changes that were discussed in the meeting. That's where we stand from last year's vote at Encampment. The decision was to be made this year on those job descriptions. It's a huge packet. It'll be a big expense but if we want to get them copied, I'll go get them copied like last year.

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: No.

UNKNOWN: Can this be put off until tomorrow? And maybe we could get some copies and have them at the table and whoever wants to read them, read it and leave the copy there.

PRESIDENT JANE: We know that at this point we cannot give each one. If we have some people sharing rooms, maybe they could share copies. I know that doesn't sound nice but I know last year cost us like \$175.00.

UNKNOWN: \$300.

PRESIDENT JANE: Oh! Wow! That's even more. She says it was \$300.00 and some to have these packet...or these job descriptions printed.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Sister National President, I'm not sure that I'm doing Robert's Rules of Order but I wanted to address Sister Margaret's comments about possibly renting a room and charging people per head. Last year at Gettysburg was not what I would call a stellar year for those who had tables set up.

UNKNOWN: No, it wasn't.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: And if you are going to do this and charge people, then you are going to need to support those people. I know Sister Allison did not get a good response and I can't say that the \$320.00 that I made was what I would call a good response. I had one person participate in the Chinese auction. I made \$21.00 on the fifty-fifty. So that is something that you need to take into consideration. Thank you.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Tricia, how much was printing total last year?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: It was \$300.00 and something that was done in California prior to the National Encampment. And then we did almost another \$200.00 at the National Encampment. I just want the Sisters to be aware right now, as of date we've spent \$368.00 on the printing of the packets that you currently have. And another \$200.00 that has been done here in the hotel free of charge because I brought my personal printer from my parents' home and Trish has been spending time in her room printing feverishly. I can tell you, it's going to be another \$200.00 if we print these packets out anymore to put them out. It's one of these situations we either hold them or put it on the site and everyone look at them and we revisit them next year at the National Encampment. And that was one of the reasons why the vote was put on the floor last year to put it in the President's hand and the Council's hands so that we could go forward this year with the work that was being done by that committee. It up to the body but I would say that at this point financially when do we stop making printing paper here? That's my only question.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: In fairness to all the members, I think we should be able to read this. I'm suggesting that it at least go online because by reading just the first one with the National President, I think there is discrepancy of what the General Orders really are. It's submit articles for the General Orders in time for publication. It is treating that as if the General Orders is a newsletter called *The General Orders* like the men's newspaper's called *The Banner*. General Orders are separate. They are specific things coming from the National President and they are to be followed. It could be appointment of committees. It could be saying that the ribbon needs to be covered in black because of a deceased member. It could be many different things, so that's what General Orders are. The other things coming from the Auxiliaries, you know, the stories of what our Sisters do, that's more or less the newspaper type things. So, I see a discrepancy even in that. you know, as to the understanding for everybody. And I think we need time to fine tune these certain words or terms so that the general public understands them. You know, there's a question maybe we ought to, you know, we ought to name the newspaper something else and General Orders be the information that coming from the President. That is understandable. And then you would have an editor that could take these stories of all the wonderful Sisters that are here. I'm sure you've done many, many things and that's the time to toot your horn and maybe give us the spirit of, "Oh, you're doing that. Maybe we could be trying that back in our Departments." So, I think there needs to be a discussion and it's not going to happen next fifteen minutes.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Danielle, just for clarification, I have the old General Orders and the old job descriptions in front of me right here. And it is worded exactly the same as how it is in that new revision we have here. It says, "First order to include" and then it says, "B, Second General Order should be mailed in February." It's referring to it as General Orders.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Okay. That is because it was until the year before I was President that General Orders were just general orders. The year before I became President, during that year, it was stated that we would like to expand it to include stories about various Auxiliaries and Departments. The next year when I became President, to make the difference between the two, I called it *The National Anthem*, of which during my year, it was shot down. A lot of them weren't there to vote on that and they didn't understand that, you know, it was going to be a bigger publication. So, because of that, we're talking from 2003-2004, nothing really has been changed in our paperwork, you know, our books to really bring us up to speed because

look, ten years later we're talking about this. This stuff is not inclusive. It's because a lot of people haven't been around those last ten years to know that there was a separation.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: And I'm not disputing that with you. What I'm just saying is that in the original job descriptions that the committee was provided to make revisions and update to, that's how it was worded. Trish and I have been discussing on and off that maybe the newsletter needs to have its own identity and its own name so that it gives the freedom back to the President to issue General Orders and have put out to the organization.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Well, the President always has the responsibility of printing her work.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Correct. It's just unfortunate what's happened in the last few years is that the General Orders has become confused with being a newsletter, versus being orders that are coming from the National headquarters and the National President.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: You are correct.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: So, that's why the committee wrote it in the same way as the original form of the job descriptions that were written.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, CA-PAC

That we accept the job descriptions as written, they are to be posted on the site and any revisions be made within the next year.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: If I am understanding this right, your motion is to pass it right now. Keep a committee on board for next year? To still go over it and then make any changes again next year?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Yes. Basically, it is. I also made the motion so that all discussion is now legal.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Okay.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: What I really want to do is mention that we did find a discrepancy right off the bat as Danielle said. I think her idea, Rachele's idea, Trisha's, we've all discussed it amongst ourselves, of course, that the newsletter and the GO does need to be separated. However, I think the way it's written for now is fine to pass. And then we go back and we make a motion to do a separate newsletter and that the GO goes back to being a General Order. Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Like I said, there was one item that I saw as I'm going through. And if our Council has not seen that and our membership has not seen that, I don't see how we can vote on something that's being blank, you know, voting on something that's blind faith that, you know, everything is according to the way we all see it. We all come with different thoughts so I think that it'd be more correct that we are given a chance to digest it. Discuss it. Maybe change it. And then we have a good work that's going to last us another ten years, like the past.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: I understand the need to digest all of this because it is extremely important. I was one of the ones who that wanted to postpone it a year. I truly hate to see it postponed another year and yet, I understand the need to assimilate all this new information. It's an observation and a comment and that's all.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: One of the reasons that we ask for extension on the vote for the financial is because we are also concerned that we do not want to make an uninformed decision regarding anything that goes on in this organization. As an Auxiliary, as a State Auxiliary, we agree with our Sister from Wisconsin. We would like to wait. And we would like to be able to get the information ahead of time so that we can make an informed and educated decision. And we do respectfully request that you continue and that this membership consider that if you agree to something without first having a chance to review it, to look at it and to understand it, that you can put yourself into a situation that you do not want. And I am speaking on behalf of our Auxiliary, our Michigan Department Auxiliary. I am requesting that membership consider again before they make a decision to agree to something that they have not had time to review. They have not had time to talk about and they have not decided upon. So, I thank you.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: I totally agree with you, Sister. I also want to just to reiterate the need for this. But also that we have a whole

body of Sisters for at least this upcoming year, that if you're so worried that this isn't done right, right now, we have a whole body of Sisters that are more than willing to explain the job description to you for the time being. It's not a problem for now. But I would definitely like to look this over or the next incoming Council Members at least to help out and what not. This is important and as my "Sister Mother" said, it is very important to get this right. And of course there's always going to be additions. There's always going to be, you know reincorporation. But I'd like to see this through and to get done fairly correctly the first time rather than jumping in to it and just saying, "Oh, I hope that's right. Everybody else read it over," instead "Oh, could've had that or take this out." What have you. Please, do take the time and look it over. This is very important because this is what we are. This is what's making us a traditional family.

KATHY ANDERSON, DP, WI: I believe it was the Department of Wisconsin that put the recommendation up in Kansas City or Louisville because there was confusion about job descriptions. I'm running for Chaplain. I want to make sure I know what I am running for. I think I know what I am running for. After working with Rachelle this year, I found out a little more.

And I agree with Danielle, Sister Danielle. I think we should suspend this committee, if that's the proper term, until next year and give copies out. We all need to see this.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Just a quick clarification. There are already job descriptions out there. This is just fine-tuning it. So, if the Sisters are fearful that, "Gee, there are no job descriptions out there," there are already. This is updating.

KATHY ANDERSON, DP, WI: Yes, so they need to update them. And I'd like to see how they were updated. Thank you.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: At this point, I am withdrawing my motion. It did what I wanted. It got discussion started. Is my second also withdrawn?

BEVERLY GRAHAM, CA-PAC: Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes. You have heard the rescinding of the motion that we go ahead with the Officer's job descriptions as they were presented. All those in favor of rescinding that motion. All those opposed. Motion is carried.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Betty J. Baker PNP NY

That these fine job descriptions be set aside for one year; be posted on the National website for all Sisters to consider; and then contact the committee and the committee to stay in place for one more year.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Those on the committee are Beverly Graham, CA-PAC; Anna Frail, RI; and Linda Kronberg, MI.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Bonnie, do you have your report?

PERSONAL AIDE

Jane, it has been my pleasure to serve you in whatever capacity I did this year as Personal Aide. But my prime responsibility was to put together an album or albums of your activities this year. And I have three here; red, white, and blue. How patriotic is that? And a box of dimensional things that wouldn't go in an album. And I want to give thanks to Sister Ramona for supporting me in all this because I guess she travelled with you and took all the pictures. But I have a question. So many of these events are filed in chronological order. So many of them begin and end with pictures of cake. What's with that? I have cake with flowers. I have teapot cakes. The pictures are all in here. And Ramona, I need to add an apology to you because I altered some of the pictures. I cut out the rusty tank cars on the railroad tracks in Alliance, Ohio.

Jane, I want to present this to you. It is an honor.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you, Sisters. Nice presentation.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I would just like to ask the two fund raisers if you have anything you'd like to turn in, I will stay in the room for a little bit before I leave for my room. And I will appreciate any money you give me.

KATHY ANDERSON, DP, WI: I'd like to remind everybody that there is a sales room in Lobby 2 that has another table for the Patriotic Instructor. Visit it if you can, please.

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes. I, too, want to remind you that the Sisters in the back have tables and Sister Gloria over here has the chances. Sisters I know that some of you are not aware, but we had a Sister that had registered to come to National and she called me herself on Sunday night. When I arrived here on Wednesday, I was told that she would not be able to attend. As our Chaplain is ready to go to the altar, can we stand for a moment of silent prayer hoping that Sister Nancy

Newman from the Department of Michigan receive good word from her heart surgery.

The Chaplain attended the altar to close the Bible.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, this 127th National Encampment is at recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Don't forget the campfire tonight at 7:00 o'clock. And also, my Department Presidents, I'll meet you in the restaurant for breakfast at 7:00 o'clock. I hope we get served.

Third Session
August 10, 2013
9:00 AM

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Chaplain, you will open the Bible. (*so done*)

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister National President, would you allow me to go to the mic and address the Encampment?

PRESIDENT JANE: You certainly may. Do you need a chair to sit down on Margaret?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: If I stand, I'll be shorter.

Sisters, the National Auxiliary has been very, very much on my mind the last three or four months. As you all realize, I am a member for sixty-nine years. My great grandmother was a charter member of Auxiliary #1 in Philadelphia, which has been in continuous existence since 1887. I attended my first Memorial Day service in the arms of my grandfather when I was thirteen months old. The Auxiliary runs in my blood. And my husband Bud and his family belonged to Camp and Auxiliary #1, and that's why we got together. So this has been very much on my mind and I am very, very concerned for the future of the Auxiliary. I'm not here to lecture you. I'm just asking you to think very carefully today. You're going to get many, many recommendations. And I want you to all to put your egos and your priorities and your whatever out the front door. Look around this room. The overwhelming majority of the people in this room are probably over the age of fifty. Decisions that we make here affect our younger members who cannot come out. I could not come out for years. My husband was a volunteer fireman with shift work and having to work a second job to enable us to raise three children. I understand why the young people cannot come out to these conventions. But this is where we make the rules that they have to follow. So please, think very slowly, carefully, prayerfully if you need to, on any decision you make here today. Think about how it's going to affect these young

people who, if we don't do it right, we're not going to have an Auxiliary in the coming years. And so, I just ask you please, think before you vote on any item. And I'm not particularly focusing on any particular item that might come up today. But we have more things coming up today than I have ever seen and I'm not sure but I think this might be my twenty-eighth or twenty-ninth National Encampment. As I said, I'm not sure because of the health and mobility of my husband and I whether we'll be here next year. That's up to the good Lord. But I just want to ask God to bless this Auxiliary and bless every one of you in your deliberations.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: May I speak, Sister President?

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes, you may.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Good morning. Before the President gets into her busy schedule today, I would like to make a motion. Yesterday, you heard her report where she spent money for wreaths. She was also advised by the National Council to be paid but she chose not to. I therefore would like to make the motion that our National President be reimbursed for the expenses of \$105.00 for wreaths purchased out of her pocket.

MOVED by BETTY J. Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Gloria Fisher DP NY

That the National President be reimbursed \$105.00 for the wreaths that she purchased out of her pocket.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: I know we kind of stepped ahead. And I, Sister Margaret, I appreciate your words. More than you will ever know. And Sister Wanda Langdon, I don't know whether all of you are aware or not, Sister Wanda is an ordained minister. And I would ask Sister Wanda if you would go to the microphone and pray this morning that this session be in the hands of God.

WANDA LANGDON, N/CHAPLAIN, AP, OH: Lord, we come before you this morning as your children. We look to you, Lord, for guidance, for wisdom. Each lady here, her heart is dedicated to this organization and to the Boys in Blue, Lord, and to everything the Boys did and in the name of the Country. And in your will also Lord. Each person here, examine their hearts Lord, and search for what you will speak into it. And Lord, speak into their hearts. Give them the will and the strength to be brave, to be true, to look to you, Lord, for guidance because we know that you are the true motivator, the Creator. You love us all. Let us love each other, Lord, as you love us. We thank you for each lady here.

We thank you for the lives and the families they represent. Lord, unite us now in peace, in harmony, and in a common bond for a common cause. In your Son's precious name we pray, Amen.

ENCAMPMENT: *Amen.*

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you, Sister Wanda.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Supply Officer, unless I made a mistake, I went through my paperwork yesterday, and I did not see your report. Do you have a report for us?

MICHELLE LANGLEY, N/SUPPLY OFFICER, PNP, NY: No, I don't. All I have is the inventory sheet. I've had a busy year and I did not get anything but the inventory done. Sorry. I can get that to you.

PRESIDENT JANE: That's fine or you can give it to our Secretary. Just so that we have it on record in the proceedings that you did.

Guides, Color Guards and Escorts, you will retire and escort the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the GAR to the altar. (*so done*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, with me, salute. Will the Guides and Color Guards please present our guests to the podium? (*so done*)

I would like to present Sister Judy Rock, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Past National President, Lynne Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army. Sister Judy, would you like to speak to us?

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: I bring greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army and I am so glad to see so many of you here. I wish our room looked like this. It's our pleasure to be here. I have had a wonderful year with your President, Sister Jane. We've formed a great friendship and we've had loads of fun, so I hope you are having a wonderful convention and achieving everything you want to achieve this weekend.

The 24th of this month, the Ladies of the Grand Army, after a hundred years or so, is finally opening a National Headquarters in Sandusky, Ohio. And you're all invited to attend. The more the merrier. We're really looking forward to it. There's been a lot of work that's been done to it. It is in what was the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Sandusky that the Ladies were instrumental in getting built. And our part of it is going to be in the museum and this lady, her daughter, and several other people have put in many, many, many hours setting this up and getting it ready to be put to use. So, if you can join us, please do.

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: I, too, present my greetings to the Auxiliary members. I know a lot of you in here because I guess I've been around long time now. And actually, I probably know Jane and Nancy and Ramona for the longest time, because we're all Ohio people. And Jane's just lucky I didn't present her a broom. I thought about it, I really thought about it. But I restrained myself. So, instead of the broom, this is a little token of our esteem. And I must say, I just love your room decorations. I knew what you were doing ahead of time because Nancy had divulged it but... (laughing). It's just really cute, it's refreshing and different, and it's outstanding. I hope you are having a really good year. I know you've done a lot of traveling and hopefully had a real good year. And it's about time.

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes, thank you.

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: I would especially like to say hi to the ladies from Michigan.

LINDA KRONBERG, DP, MI: Sister President, could I approach Sister Judy? I want to stick her!

Judy is our latest member of the Auxiliary in Michigan and we initiated her real well with frogs and other things. So, we have her badge and we thought this would be a good time to do it, if that's okay. (*A membership badge was pinned on Sister Judy Rock.*)

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: Thank you, it's a pleasure.

When it's time to vote in here, call me. I'll adjourn my meeting for a few minutes!

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Lynne and Sister Judy, it has been a pleasure traveling and knowing both of you. And I...you've heard this...the story from Sister Judy that we had met several times during the year after we had traveled many miles. And what happened in those states...

PRESIDENT JANE, JUDY ROCK AND LYNNE BURY: ...stays in those states!

LINDA KRONBERG, DP, MI: Especially Michigan!

PRESIDENT JANE: And Sister Lynne, we too have been in one another's company many years. We can't say almost fifty because neither one of us are fifty yet. But anyway, I have appreciated the friendship of both of you. Thank you so much. And we are looking forward to coming to your National

Headquarters opening.

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: You're the first one that responded.

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: Yes, it's going to be fun.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you so very much. Yes.

Sister Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our Sisters to the door. *(So done to the singing of The Battle Hymn of the Republic and rhythmic clapping.)*

PRESIDENT JANE: I do want to say that there are some new faces in the room this morning. I want to welcome you; say thank you for coming to this 127th National Encampment. It's a joy to see you all and I appreciate it very, very much. And I love seeing this white line. It's beautiful.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Sister President, as National Press Correspondent, I have a report that is in our packet. However, I also have something I'd like to present to you. May I do that now?

PRESIDENT JANE: You may.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Thank you. Sister President, I'd just like to thank all the people who sent me articles throughout the year and I hope you enjoy reading them when you have some spare time.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you so much for serving in this office.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: I would like you to know that we are very excited to have a very new member; freshly initiated and the future of this organization; very energetic young lady; fourteen years old. Grace, will you please stand? She wasn't with us yesterday. She is a member of Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5 in Wisconsin and she's a go-getter; our future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Ladies, doesn't it do your hearts good just to see these young people?

Sister Margaret, I think some are listening to you already. May I ask Sister Anne, do you mind coming up to my station? Sorry to hold you up just a moment. But the committee was not given one sheet of paper.

Sister Trish, while we're waiting, will you read the correspondence?

Thank you letter read from the Cathedral of the Pines.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much. And I do want to thank Sister Linda Murray once again for representing me at the Cathedral of the Pines.

While we are waiting on a minute, Grace, our new member, I had fully intended to ask you to be a page for me as you arrived yesterday. Well, I would more than like to have you be that page for me again and I am going to ask you and my Personal Aide, if you will come around and empty this end of this stage of all these gifts, because there's no room for anybody to walk up here.

Thank you very much, ladies.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Sister President, two things I'd like to bring forward. I was wondering if you could ask the National Secretary to draft a letter addressed to Ken Freshley officially appointing me as Webmaster, if that'd be the desire of this organization. And two, have him release to me the passwords for the website and all pertinent information. I would just like to go on record to make it official.

MOVED by Ellen Higgins NJ

SECONDED by Denise Oman WI and Helen Granger MI

That we draft a letter to Brother Ken Freshley asking him to release the access codes and information on our website to Sister Ellen, who was elected to be our new Webmaster for this next year.

MOTION CARRIED

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: And Sister President, one more thing I'd like to address the assembly here today. After Brother Richard Orr's conversations yesterday, I know there's a lot of probably confusion and dollar signs running through everyone's mind at the present time. I just would like to give some personal insight into this. It is a very expensive endeavor to do this. However, I want to pick up where Sister Margaret left off. And we need to think of the future of this organization. If for some reason this group needs to buy a home or purchase something and you're looking for grants and foundation money, we're going to need to be the 501(C)(3). And I know there's people in this organization that write things off on their tax returns, their mileage. As a member of the Auxiliary at the present time, you cannot do that. There are people that travel a great deal, that this will be an advantage to them to be able to write these things off on their tax return. And if in the future we need to solicit donations, I just... It's a great expense, granted. But I want the committee that's on the I.R.S. to really think ahead to the future and where this designation of a 501(C)(3) will take this organization. I just want them all to carefully deliberate over the future of the organization and the impacts that the I.R.S. situation will have on the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much. Sister Bonnie.

BONNIE MEYERS, PDP, NJ: Good morning, Sister President. I am holding a letter from our oldest Past National President, Marion Combs. She asked me to read it. May I do that now?

PRESIDENT JANE: You may.

BONNIE MEYERS, PDP, NJ: Memorandum to those present at the Milwaukee Encampment from Past National President Marion E. Combs. It is dated July 31st. "I joined the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War several years after I married Fred H. Combs, Jr. who later became Commander-in-Chief of the Sons. There may be a few present who remember when Civil War Veterans attended our Encampment. That was before I became active on the National level. But I loved to hear Past National Presidents, Edna Lambert and Anne Clayton talk about it. As long as the veterans came, the President of the United States sent the United States Marine Band to provide the music for our Encampment events. I did have a close encounter with a Civil War Veteran in 1941 or '42 when Fred and I were courting. Fred told the Lincoln Banquet Committee at this Camp that he was going to pick me up in Lawrenceville, this is in New Jersey, for a banquet. And he would also pick up Conrad Peter Von Kirk, who lived about a mile from my home. His daughter helped him into the car. The streets were very icy that night. I prayed all the way to Trenton and back that we would get that irreplaceable treasure home safely.

We should remember in our prayers the men and women of our Armed Forces who are fighting our battles for us. We should fly our flags to show our appreciation for their bravery and sacrifices. And also to show our pride in our country. I personally think that our flag is the most beautiful flag of all the countries of the world. In 1978, I was number twenty-seven on the list of Past Living National Presidents. Now I'm number one on the list. This is a position I never really aspired to be in because it meant that twenty-six Past National Presidents who have served ahead of me had to die so that I could move up. Nevertheless, I am proud to be number one. And I thank God for the longevity that has made it possible. I'm also proud to be life member number one."

I was first another time. Fred was editor of *The Banner*. We were at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. for the Lincoln birthday ceremony. Fred was getting the facts and I was to take pictures for him. A Secret Service agent examined my purse and camera case and told me to stand over there with the Associated Press, UPI, and TV news cameramen. There was I among all those professionals with my little Kodak camera.

As we waited for the President of the United States to arrive, a little bird flew into the Memorial and sat on Abraham Lincoln's head. I snapped the picture.

The others looked around to see why my bulb had flashed. I pointed at the little bird and they all began to take pictures of it. That night on the 6:00 o'clock news in our motel room, I saw the little bird again and I thought, "I was first."

Our members are very important to our organization. But the Officers are really the backbone of any organization, especially the secretary and treasurer. We have been fortunate for over a century to have diligent and dedicated members serve in all of our offices. We owe them a debt of gratitude. We must continue to give much serious thought to the selection of our Officers in the future. Electing those willing to work tirelessly for the good of the Organization and will be capable of keeping order and harmony within. At almost ninety-three years of age, I've forgotten the name the American patriot who said, 'United we stand. Divided we fall.' His words are very true today. Thanks for the wonderful memories and special thanks to those who have kept in touch these many years. I cherish your friendship. God bless the Allied Orders and God bless America."

Marion Combs, Past National President
New Jersey Department.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much.

Are you ready at this time, Sister Anne?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PDP, PA: Yes, I am, Sister President.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

Sister National President, Jane Graham. The committee would like to thank you for your year in office as our National President. You brought humor, history, and knowledge to your office. You were responsible for initiating four new Auxiliaries. We would like to say you are our "cup of tea." We thank you for your service.

Recommendation #1: That we give at this Encampment to the Sons of Union Veterans our usual donation. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That the Auxiliary make a donation to the Sons committee for the Springfield, Illinois wreaths to either purchase some new wreaths or have some cosmetic work done on the old ones. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY CONCURRED, WITH THE DISCRETION OF THE UPCOMING PRESIDENT.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH
SECONDED by Virginia Twist PNP NY
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That the incoming National President work with the Sons' D.C. Representative in purchasing floral pieces and we discontinue electing someone to the Office of Washington D.C. Representative. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

MOVED by Virginia Twist PNP NY
SECONDED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That this National body present to Sister Cher Petrovic a life membership for her untiring efforts on our behalf which is no way would pay what she would receive from others. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY CONCURRED.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI
SECONDED by BETTY J. Baker PNP NY
That the committee not be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: In no way do I not say that I'm grateful for her to do that. But this is a volunteer organization. There are many, many, many Sisters that do great works for this organization. And if we are going to start paying them off, our budget's going to be empty very soon. And who are we going to give a life membership to and who not? Somebody's going to feel slighted. This is setting a precedent. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't give our gratitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't think of some other small way of showing our appreciation. But a life membership, that I think is very expensive. And I'd like to see her active, too, in the organization.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: About ten years back, we had a Sister that worked very diligently on making the charters that was in existence before this one was designed. And I just feel that she had many tiring hours too. And I have no regrets of saying that we should give something to Cher but I

don't feel that it should be a life membership at this point. And that lady was out of Pennsylvania. And she did a marvelous job. And she worked for tiring hours and printed a lot of things at the print shop on her own expense.

MOTION CARRIED

National Vice President, Diane Mellor, you never seem to tire doing something for the Auxiliary. Your recruiting skills are phenomenal as evident by your personally bringing in seventeen new members and three juniors. Your organizational skills are appreciated and evident with all the work you have done on obtaining a National roster. Our CR&R has a guardian angel in you. We thank you for your service.

Recommendation #1: That a committee be formed at the National level to do a junior program outline for Departments to follow in coming up with ideas to keep our juniors busy and interested in our history and organization. This committee will be responsible for running the program from the National level and to aid the Departments and Auxiliaries with ideas and programs. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED, IF THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED.

MOVED by Grace Richmond WI

SECONDED by Lisa Smith MI

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Wait a second. Grace, I appreciate it, but were you sworn in?

UNKNOWN: Yes.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: She was?

UNKNOWN: She was.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Okay. That's the only thing I questioned. Nothing against you doing that. But I've got to make it legal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. That's why you got a Parliamentarian.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: Currently our rules and regulations state that a guest is permitted to attend one meeting as a guest before having to join. The question has been brought to me about how many times guests from the other Allied Orders may attend Auxiliary meetings before being required to join. To bring this into discussion, I recommend the following: that members of the Allied Orders be allowed to attend Auxiliary meetings but cannot participate in discussion or debates unless requested and voted on by the entire body present at the meeting. THE COMMITTEE WAS SPLIT ON THIS AND PREFER TO PLACE IT WITH THE VOTING DELEGATES HERE.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH

That members of the Allied Orders be allowed to attend our Auxiliary meetings but cannot participate in discussions or debates unless requested and voted on by the entire body present at that meeting.

DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: When Frances Murray was Secretary and I was President, we voted that anyone could attend two meetings before we required them to join. We aren't talking about members of the Allied Orders. We've been talking about anyone.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: I'd like to address the Vice President because I'm a little confused as to why this is being brought up. Could you clarify because I see no reason for bringing an Allied Order member to a meeting to plan something in the area.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: The reason I am bringing this up on the floor is it's been brought to me by some Allied Order Sisters. They belong to more than one of our groups. They are very interested in the Auxiliary. They attend a lot of functions along with the Sons. They participate in a lot of the reenacting, presentations, and they're interested. Unfortunately, they don't seem to have the money to be able to join another organization at this time. Other Sisters have said that they shouldn't be there. So I'm asking the membership for clarification. Does guest actually mean one of our own Sisters from another Allied Order? Did I clear that up?

GLORIA FISHER, DP, NY: I've been a member of New York Department for over twenty-five years. When I came in to the Department, there were not many

Ladies of the GAR, there were no more Woman's Relief Corps in New York State. The Sons, they didn't get along. They couldn't work together for the common goal that we were supposed to have. And like Sister Diane said, they are our Sisters. We have the same goal. We may go about it differently. We may have a different agenda. But there's no reason that we can't work together and to do what we need to do because we're all at the memorial services. We're all at monument dedications. We're all in the parades. We are Allied Orders, that means together.

DARLENE ALCORN, PA: I understand what Diane is saying. But also when you attend another organization's meeting, you have a tendency to pick up on what they are doing and carrying it outside. Or you do not leave your hat at the door and you try to put in to them what you are doing. And I say that because I am a member of three organizations. And will soon be a member of a fourth. But each time I go to a meeting, my other hat is left at the door. And I feel if you really want to be in that organization, then you should become a member. The dues aren't that much. And that way when you come, say I come into this, I am strictly Auxiliary. If I go into the LGAR, I'm strictly there. Or if I go to a Daughters' meeting, I am strictly there. You have to learn to leave your hat at the door. And if you cannot do that, then you should not be attending other Allied Orders' meetings. And what is happening is these people are not leaving their hats at the door. As a matter of fact, they are using that to gain their membership.

Because I have been to a meeting where there was another organization and they were trying to get other members from that organization to join theirs. So, yes, you can do things together. But I do not believe that you should be privy to that information in their meeting unless you yourself are a member.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: What is the definition of allied? Allies; united; for a common cause. I am of the ilk that if we are Allied Orders of the GAR, then we all have the same interests. And last I knew, this was a free country where people were free to make their own decisions about where they wanted to be; what group they wanted to belong with; who they wanted to follow or not follow. And somebody comes in and talks about their organization or another organization and other individuals come in and say that, "Oh, well, you know, maybe I should go and check that organization out." More than welcome to do it. If we are a member of an Allied Order and we are attending another Allied Orders' meeting, I feel that we should just allow that free flow of conversation, that free flow of ideas. And we should all be working together. We need to come together as an organization instead of starting, you know... I've seen so much division since I started coming into this organization. And people being upset with other individuals. And people being upset with this particular office

or this particular idea. And we're not the Divisive Orders. We're the Allied Orders. And if we don't start working together, if we don't start approaching each other in that fraternity, charity, and loyalty that we're supposed to have, we are going to fail. And the organization's eventually going to be so small that nobody's going to be able to get anything done. So, I'm looking at it that the more individuals that we can have from the other Allied Orders coming in, talking to the other groups and the more Sons, the Daughters, the LGAR, the Woman's Relief Corps, the better. As long as we communicate and put everything on the table and everybody is talking. If we can't get along, we're going to end up splintering and splintering and splintering. And pretty soon what are we even having meetings for? What are we collecting money for? What are we doing? We're supporting each other. We're communicating with each other. So, I'm all for having the Allied Orders come in and they can talk and do whatever they want. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. Sisters before we go to the next, I want...do have to tell you that we are going to have to limit the amount of time that you're speaking. My Parliamentarian and Counsel up here does have an egg timer. She is using it. And we will stop you, if we must. Sister Allison Graff of the Department of Wisconsin.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: I just want to say, first of all, we have two Auxiliaries very close to each other, Brookfield and Milwaukee. What's going to stop someone from going to Milwaukee after their done with one meeting there and going to Brookfield and going to that meeting. And then a meeting up north somewhere. And then somewhere else. I don't see why we need a rule for that. Second of all...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: For the other Allied Orders.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: I understand that. But if they go to one meeting, say they come to my meeting for one meeting, and they don't want to join there because, you know, they just don't want to join, they can go to another meeting somewhere else and go to that meeting. And then they can go somewhere else and go to that meeting. They can just keep going around. But the second point is, we're all adults here. Well, we're almost all adults here. If we don't trust someone in our meeting, we can use tact and ask them to leave. There's nothing saying that we can't kick them out of our meeting. And I don't understand why we need to make a rule about it. Like, if I don't trust someone, I will ask them to leave my meeting, no matter if we're voted on something or if I just don't want them to know something. Ask them to

leave.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Thank you Sister. You saved me from saying that. I want to give an example of working together and how sometimes it takes a bit of time to have it happen. Over ten years ago, Helen Geppi and myself formed the Allied Orders for the portion of the parade. And at first it was just two of us. The following year, it was the President, Shirley Boris, of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and PNP Cynthia Brown. And as the years passed down, more wanted to become part of it. So that we got to the point where there was full cooperation between the Allied Orders. And if you look at that parade today, you see an example of cooperation. And that's one of the things that Helen and I are most proud of. That we formed it. And we worked. We had some opposition from some of the other organizations. And then we melted their hearts. And they all joined together with us. And we are still working together. And so you kinda do things together with the other Allied Orders and learn how to work well. Thank you.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I just have one question. Now, I do belong to others, but if I was not a member of the Ladies or the Daughters, are they going to reciprocate and let me sit in on their meetings even though I am not a member?

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I wanted to give you an example, only just the opposite. I'm also a member of the Daughters. I'm actually a comrade member of the Daughters. LuAnn, who is our new President for our new Auxiliary for the Department of Wisconsin, I met her at a Daughters function. And she told me she was interested in the Auxiliary. And I actually recruited her as a member of our Auxiliary and she became the President of our new Department, our new Auxiliary in Wisconsin. So, it's just the opposite. There's a lot of benefit to be able to invite people to meetings whether they're one Allied Order or another a person in a different group of Allied Orders. So, if we are able to do that as the Auxiliary and invite someone that is a Daughter into the Auxiliary and they become a President of a new Auxiliary and actually form a new Auxiliary, isn't that a great thing? I think it is. And I thank you for letting me speak my piece.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I just would like to comment on Margaret's question. Somebody has to set the example and if we can set the example, let's do it. And hopefully the other organizations will reciprocate. We right now have a seated National President of the Ladies GAR who is a member of our Auxiliary. Am I going to toss her experience and her wisdom and her years out of my meeting? No. So, thank you.

UNKNOWN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT JANE: The question has been called. I'm sorry ladies.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Yes, I'm just going to make one point and then call the question. I believe you have gotten away from what Diane has previously stated. If they are not a member but they are an Allied Sister, they should be allowed to stay in the meetings. And that's what you got to be thinking about, not whether they're already a member or you're going to get them as a member. If they can't afford to join you, fine.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That the Auxiliary go back to installing their new officers on Sunday morning in conjunction with the Sons followed immediately by Council meetings. This will allow us to attend each other's installation without interfering with the meetings. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation 1A: That the position of Vice President be split into two offices, Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President. THE COMMITTEE ABSTAINED FROM THE DECISION AND DEFERRED TO PLACE IT WITH THE VOTING DELEGATES HERE.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

That we do not split the office of National Vice President.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: As National Vice President, I have worked very diligently this year on membership. Last year or the year before, we passed a ruling about policies and procedures. We're trying to put that together which I feel the membership voted for and it's a very, very important thing. It should also be in the hands of the Vice President. It's too much for the Secretary to handle. She's got enough on her plate right now. She needs somebody behind her to make sure that they are doing this. And I feel that the policies and procedures to be added to the Vice President's job description is

a little too much along with the membership rosters that we're going to try and keep up. This recommendation from the Department and the National Vice President goes along with some of the others that the Department of Massachusetts has put in. And that being that the membership be totally turned over to the Vice President. It's getting too confusing so we're kind of out of order here. I'd almost like to ask that this be put on the back burner until we've brought some of the other things and see how the membership votes on those before we take a step on this one. If they're not going to do some these others, then it's unnecessary to split it. But if it's not split now, it won't, you know... If it's too much, then we need to split it. If it's not going to pass, then we don't need to split it.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: The other recommendations that were brought up by the National Vice President had to do with splitting the office so they were redundant, depending on this.

National Council Members Anne Sosnowski, Melanie Caines, Anne Michaels, you were called on several times this year and gave just and honest opinions. We feel you have served to the best of your abilities. We thank you for your service. No recommendations.

Sister National Secretary Tricia Bures, you have done another year of excellent paper and computer work. Your ardent desire to see us in this century of technology is truly appreciated. Your organizational and scouting motto "Be Prepared" is evident in all you do. We thank you for your service.

Recommendation #2: We must make a change in our Constitution before our members no longer make it possible to do so. I am referring to the very first page inside cover of the recommendations from the CR&R Committee, which is as follows: Article IX, Amendment - All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the National President upon prior approval by some Department not later than forty days preceding the meeting of the National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And such proposed amendments shall be published in special orders preceding such meeting. Such proposed amendment shall be adopted by 2/3 vote of the members present and entitled to vote at the stated meeting of the National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It shall be effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments in good standing and proclaimed in special order. Whereas they shall be and become a part of this Constitution. THE COMMITTEE FELT WE

NEEDED MORE CLARIFICATION OF THIS FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: My concern is the number of Departments that we now have, that is dwindling. If we lock ourselves into an absolute number of ten Departments, we're going to be in trouble real soon because we have ten and some of those are not legal. To have a legal Auxiliary, you must have five members to establish an Auxiliary. You must have three legal Auxiliaries to be a legal Department. We have Departments that have not been legal for quite some time that we have been turning a blind eye to. We are not legal. We need to change this to 50% of whatever Departments that we have and not the number ten. That's basically the bottom line on this. The rest of it doesn't change. You know, there's a lot of verbiage there. What needs to be changed is the number "ten Departments" to "50% of the Departments in good standing." Is that clear? Does everyone understand what I'm after? That's really the change that I'm after. To change it from the required ten Departments to approve something to 50% of the Departments in good standing.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: Yes, I'm not disputing changing the Departments to 50%. I agree with that. But your statement about Departments not being legal because they do not have three Auxiliaries is not correct. We had more than that when we were formed and the three Auxiliary rule is for the formation of a Department. A Department's status is not removed when you lose an Auxiliary. Connecticut, at the present time, has two Auxiliaries and we are still a Department.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Sister President, may I ask Sister Tricia a question?

Trish, all you're really asking is to change from the ten to 50% of what we are at the present time.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Yes. Perfect.

MOVED by BETTY J. Baker PNP NY

SECONDED by Anne Michaels PDP WI

That we change "ten (10) Departments" to "50% of the Departments."

DISCUSSION:

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: I just have a question for Trish. I was wondering why 50%? Why not 75%? I don't understand the 50%.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Because I like that number. I was trying to get something. Okay. When we have a Department or National Encampment, do you think we're going to get 60% or 75% of the Departments here? I'm looking at numbers realistically. I figured fifty was as low as we could go to remain legal and would last us for a while. It's the bare minimum number.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Besides 50% means that it's brought to the floor. Whoever attends, that gives the delegates a chance to work on it.

MOTION CARRIED

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Thank you, Sisters.

Recommendation #2: I would suggest that the delegates' packet that is prepared annually be made available in electronic form for both our visually impaired Sisters and to enable it to be uploaded to the National website for everyone to see. This is quite possible to do as reports, recommendations, et. cetera are due to the National Secretary by July 10. It would enable a wider, faster distribution of the annual information to the entire organization. Yes, there are a number of reports, especially those of the sitting National Officers that are truly not available until just before the opening of the Encampment. But those could be uploaded as they are received. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

MOVED by Virginia Twist PNP NY

SECONDED by Denise Oman PDP WI

That the committee be sustained and add "that they are password protected."

DISCUSSION:

UNKNOWN: I just have a question. We want to put these online? Where online are we going to put them? Is everyone going to be able to read all of our reports whoever goes to our site?

UNKNOWN: I am a big fan of moving ahead and I am learning the computer. But I am not a big fan of all of our stuff going out over the internet. Now, I have heard password protect. I have heard this and we were supposed to password protect our rituals, our by-laws and now by-laws and everything is out there for everybody to pick up on. And Facebook can pick up on. We need a better protection if you're going to call it password protect. Please.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: By-laws have to be public

for State of Ohio and definitely for the State of California.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: I have a question. Also for like the Encampment Committee who prepares the packages, will we still be spending the money on preparing the packets at Encampment?

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Trish, can you answer that?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: My intent was to throw everything out as quickly as it's received. Yes, we would still have to produce the packet in hand at registration because not everybody has a computer. And you've seen my piles of paper. You know I live on the computer.

My intent was for those Sisters that cannot read paper. You know my husband is blind so you know the angle I'm coming at. He has several sisters with the same physical condition he has, everything is all the same color, a blur of gray. This will enable them to see it. But it will also enable our Sisters that can't attend to feel more a part of this organization. To be able to read this, to contact people that are going and say, "Hey, this is what I think." A lot of this stuff is already open onto the website. To me, there's no secrets here. This is out for discussion. This is stuff to be discussed. This is not final decision stuff. That's not on there.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: In the form of a game, *Let's Make a Deal*, I need two safety pins. I just lost the elastic in my skirt. So, all of you Sisters, dig in your purses.

UNKNOWN: ...Ramona. Ramona...

PRESIDENT JANE: ...Oh, bless you. **Thank you.** Please put that in bold letters in the proceeding! Oh, Personal Aide, get up here.

UNKNOWN: Sister President, I move we take a ten-minute break.

PRESIDENT JANE: No more than ten. Sister Chaplain, will you close the Bible?

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS - CONTINUED

Recommendation #3: I would suggest that very serious consideration be given to the way we collect our per capita. I feel that it would be more useful to our

operating funds and to the work required by each Auxiliary and Department Secretary that we structure our procedures to resemble those of our Brothers in the Sons. I know that we tried to implement an annual payment but it was not fully detailed and thought out before it was tried which resulted in a very dismal failure and much hysteria. Auxiliaries can pay their per capita all at one time now as long as it is by the first trimester payment date with adjustments being made as new members join during the year. By setting everyone up to do this as the Sons do on a once a year plan, it will decrease greatly the workload and stress of each Secretary in our Organization, most especially those with a large number of Auxiliaries. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION NEEDS CONSIDERATION AND WE CONCUR.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH

SECONDED by Diane Mellor PDP MA

That we pay per capita once a year starting with January 1, 2014. It is due by the end of April, 2014. Should you get new members during the year, you pay the Secretary who forwards it to the Treasurer for that one person.

DISCUSSION:

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Can I have some clarification? Are you saying they have to go annually or they have the choice to go annually? How does it read?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Do you want the whole thing?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I just want clarification. Does it say that you're making all departments' go annually?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Auxiliaries can pay the per capita all at one time now, as long as it is in by the first trimester payment date, with adjustments being made as new members join during the year. By setting everyone out to do this as the Sons do on a once a year plan, it will decrease greatly that workload and stress of each Secretary in our organization, most especially those with large numbers of Auxiliaries.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: You said the word "may," did you not?

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: She said "can."

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Can pay?

UNKNOWN: Yes.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I want to model it like the Sons do. They pay all the per capita once a year. We did try this. It was not totally thought out. I remember the discussion. I would like to model the Sons and follow their format which means everybody would be due the first of the year by April. Yes, because that's, you know, good ol' April 15th, everyone's favorite day. Let everyone do it. It requires everybody. Large Departments have massive amounts of paperwork that they have to do and to have to do it three or four times a year is incredibly stressful. It's bad enough when you have to do it three times a year, you know. Get it over with once a year. Yes, there's dollars involved.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Yes, I'm speaking on behalf of dollars involved. And I'm speaking on behalf of Pennsylvania. Oh, I'll speak on New York first. New York has funds. We could probably do that. Not that I want to do it. But Pennsylvania may not have funds or another Department may not have funds and they have to take the time to get their per capita tax in from their subordinate Auxiliaries. And I think you're putting a large burden on them. It would work in time, but I don't think it will work this time.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: I understand that switching can create a problem. However, you have three months. You can pay it January 1st if you can get your group together to do that. You have until April to get it done. That's three months. And yes, first time's a struggle. You got from now until April to get your girls in line. They know this is coming to get it done. I would hope and pray that we could do it in that amount of time. So yes, time is a factor. However we got this. And I know someone's going to say, "I'm on a fixed income and I can't do that." I'm on a fixed income also. I did not get any cost-of-living increases. In fact, I got a reduction in my retirement. I had increases in medical expenses that I have to pay out-of-pocket, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. And I have a mortgage on my home so I understand tight money. I also understand that if I take so much out of each pay and set it aside, the money is there. That's what I have to say.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: We have two Auxiliaries in our Department that are living on skin and bones. They collect their per capita tax. They send it in tri-annually. They're okay. You make them do it all at once at the beginning of the year, they're not going to have that money because they don't get it all at once from their members. Their members pay their dues on time and if their per capita tax is due tri-annually, they can get the money together. But if you force them to do it all at once, we're going to lose some of these little Auxiliaries that are older

because they don't have the money.

ANNA FRAIL, PDP, RI: On this subject, I know that it's been an on again off again thing every year. I personally think we need to try it for more than one year and then not vote against it the next year. I think if we were to go and say, "Okay, let's try this and see if we can come up with a viable solution for a five year period to see if everybody can get into formation to do it yearly," it would work better than okay if we vote yes this year and then next year somebody comes up and says, "Well, no, we can't do this anymore" and it gets voted down again. I just think we need to try it for more than one year to see if it can really work.

KAREN HAMANN, MI: Department of Michigan adopted doing this after the first time we changed it to once a year and we absolutely love it. Your per capita should be coming out of as part of your dues. We have \$6.00 a person for per capita per year. We have \$5.00 state dues per person per year which means \$11.00. We charge \$15.00 dues. It's due the 1st of January. We have all our dues paid by the 1st of January. Your per capita is right in there. All you have to do is fill out your form because you have everybody accounted for and paid. And you send that per capita tax to your Department. And it's all done. It is very easy. We love it.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: I have a few questions for some of the Treasurers. I've not been a Treasurer yet. How long do you let people not pay the dues before you drop them from your membership? We have fifty members in Philadelphia. They're not all active. Sometimes we have to pull it out of them. So, it we had to pay for fifty members in January that might not be members in February after we send them another letter and ask them to please consider, you know, rejoining. Help me, Margaret.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I'm Secretary/Treasurer for Auxiliary #1. I have never received their dues until May or June. I do not drop. I think this might take two years to get them acclimated into paying their dues on time. Because if I drop them, we're going to lose a member. If I allow them to stay in, past the "expiration point," we keep them. And so we have, I think at the moment, we have forty-nine members. Pennsylvania has fourteen Auxiliaries. I have not been able to get over to them in one year. I'm sorry. And we have a couple brand new ones. And they just started. They don't have any backup funds.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: I think some of the problem was that we did the once a year but it should have been paid at the

beginning of that year and not waited until the following year. The National Order took a hit for a whole year. That was the issue, so it went back. Now, when it went back, it was not explained that you actually could forgo going back and pay the entire year up front. You still have to do your Treasurer's Report but you still could have that all paid for if you're rich enough to do that. I mean, I know how Wisconsin works. You know, we had it January 1st. And you get all their money. It's sitting in our account. We can pay the entire thing for the whole year and be done with it because we have that money from them. But I think this is an information time that we're discussing that, yes, you can if you're viable to do that, do it. Those that can't, right now this allows them to pay so that we can keep them as members because they are unlimited. So, if we do nothing, we're not hurting anybody. We're helping everybody. Right. So, if we sustain it, then everybody has to pay at the beginning. If we continue what we were doing before, then everybody may pay. But everybody that can't, can pay as their income allows.

PRESIDENT JANE: And I am going to have to say that we have recess 11:30. We got to get through this. Sister Sue Freshley, Department of Ohio.

SUE FRESHLEY, PAP, OH: Good morning, ladies. I say to you I know change is difficult. It's always difficult. But from a Treasurer's standpoint, having your money all in one month is more effective to be able to disperse funds. It is more effective to be able to budget for say a five year plan instead of just a one year. We need to start thinking about our future. We need to start thinking about a five-year plan. Here's another thing. We're resisting change. But while we resist change, we're also turning off our younger members. Our younger members do not want to do this. They want to do it wham, bam, thank you ma'am. One time. That's all they have time for. My daughter doesn't just do one charity. My daughter does eight different charities. She doesn't have time for nonsense. And she doesn't want nonsense. She wants a streamlined business-like approach. And while fraternity is very, very important, because you can't get anything done without a sense of camaraderie, we also have to learn to streamline. And by streamlining, we're also going to economize. It's better for us in the long run. I know it's painful. Our little Auxiliary, we charge \$25.00 a year. We've made sure we did that because we knew that eventually we're going to have to go to this one-year plan Nationally. And we just said, "Well, we're just going to try and build up our little bank book. It's only \$5.00 a year." A cup of coffee? Go to Starbucks, a cup of coffee is \$3.00 bucks. And I understand fixed income. I'm retired. You know, I was self-employed for many years. I'm now retired so I understand you don't have the money coming in. You really don't want to put it out. But you also have to understand what's good for our Organization as a whole. Thanks.

LINDA KRONBERG, DP, MI: Our little Auxiliary had carried two women for years. That got a little bit ridiculous. So we only send three letters. We call them the last time. Then we drop them. Because if they're not interested, they're not interested, you know?

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: Wisconsin would like to see this paid once a year. It's much easier. We were thrilled when it was brought up three or four years ago. Once a year is much easier. We collect the money, as Danielle said, up front. We've got the monies in our treasury. And Trish, I believe the first payment is not due until April 28th.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: April. The end of April is my plan. That it become effective at the end of this fiscal year, so we have two more trimesters this year. Okay? It would be effective as of January 1 and be due by the end of April. I'm not talking pay me the day after. It's eight months.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: As you know, I'm Membership-at-Large Coordinator. So I made a decision. Once a year. So our ladies are paying once a year. And my per capita is prepaid by that. We have four members who probably will be leaving us to become an Auxiliary in Arizona. Sister National Secretary's working with them now. We probably have another Auxiliary in Arizona probably pretty quick. So we will lose four, but were very happy with that as I think I stated the other day. But when I took over, I said once a year. And we're sticking to that. And it's working well. So I mean, we're a small little thing in a big puddle. I think it's workable. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED

Sister National Treasurer, Betty Baker, Past National President, the committee would like to thank you for keeping the Auxiliary compliant with the I.R.S. Your monthly reports to Council and the National President are evident of all your hard work. Your dedication to our Auxiliary is apparent by your knowledge and love of our traditions. We thank you for your service. We will continue to support you in any way possible.
No recommendations.

Sister National Chaplain, Rachele Campbell. Your Memorial Service was beautiful and spiritual. The zeal you display by carrying out your responsibility was evident at every turn. We thank you for your service.

Recommendation #1: That the annual National Encampment Host Committee

is often unaware of the existence of the National Chaplain's trunk containing devotional items necessary for the annual Memorial Service at the National Encampment. This often leads to the host committee purchasing duplicate items for the ceremony and the National Chaplain's trunk being needlessly shipped or transported to each National Encampment, frequently resulting in additional cost to the National Order. It is therefore recommended that either

A. The National Encampment Site Committee add to the instructional packets supplied to the National Encampment Host Committee information about the existence of a National trunk.

OR

B. The National Chaplain's trunk be retired and the responsibility of providing the devotional items for the annual National Encampment Memorial Ceremony be permanently transferred to the annual National Encampment Host Committee. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

UNKNOWN: Which one? A or B?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Oh. I believe it was B? Whichever the delegates decide.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Unknown

That the National Chaplain's trunk be retired and the responsibility of providing the devotional items for the annual National Encampment Memorial Ceremony be permanently transferred to the annual National Encampment Host Committee along with being added to the instructional packet for the National Host Committee.

UNKNOWN: I didn't understand the second part of that motion.

PRESIDENT JANE: Will you read it again, Sister Diane?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Yes. I'm basically putting them together. Okay? As having been on a Host Committee, it's very confusing because we weren't getting all the instructions. The instructions need to be in the instruction booklet. So what I've done is roll it into the second one, part B. The National Chaplain's trunk be retired and the responsibility of providing the devotional items for the annual National Encampment Memorial Ceremony be permanently transferred to the annual National Encampment Host Committee along with instructions to the National Encampment's Site Committee that these items have been added to their list.

PRESIDENT JANE: Now, if we should do this, are you saying to us that the things that were used for the Memorial Service this year be given to the site committee from Georgia at the close of this session?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Sister, that would be up to the membership. It will be a separate motion. All we want to do is retire the case and take it out of the Chaplain's hands so that if she can't make it, it's still there. The host committee will be responsible, as they are for the flags.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: I can tell you when I was Chaplain, I received a Tupperware piece that was so big, it didn't fit in my eight passenger van.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Okay. It's seconded. You know, that Tupperware, it was filled with flowers that, I swear, were twenty years old. It was filled with odds and ends. There are three Allied Orders that participate. I would like to have that changed a little bit, fine tune that there is that cross. There are vases for the flowers. Get rid of any fake flowers. Put it in a small container. Give it to the host and have them pass that on. And as for instruction, that comes from the three Chaplains. So, it changes yearly.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: As your National Chaplain, the reason I brought this is that the Chaplain's trunk is sitting right over there. It's a piece of luggage. The reason why I brought this is last year I was on the Host Committee when we were in L.A. I had no knowledge of what was in the Chaplain's trunk. I knew that there was a Chaplain's trunk, but I did not know what was contained in the Chaplain's trunk because I was the National PI. On the National Department Host Committee, I have been to National on a regular basis so I know primarily what was needed for the Memorial Service. So when I was contacted by Jerome, the Son's Chaplain, as to what his plans were for the Memorial Service, he informed me that he would like to do a, b and c. I knew that we needed vases. I knew that we needed flowers. I knew that we needed candleholders. The Department California and Pacific went out and purchased those and had them available for the National Chaplain if they so choose to use them. Then, being elected in California as your National Chaplain, Allison proceeded to hand me the Chaplain's trunk. I did not open it because I was not going to necessarily be using the trunk all year because I am not centrally located to be going to events. So the trunk sat all year in my shed. I pulled it out two weeks before leaving to come to my parents. I opened it up to inventory it and to sign off the inventory sheet inside. When doing so, I opened it up and there were at that time, four lead crystal vases, three lead crystal

candlesticks, a cross, and three silver candle-snuffers. That is all that's left in the Chaplain's trunk. After receiving it from Allison and my doing inventory and reopening and rewrapping everything, we lost one crystal vase and one crystal candleholder shipping it by the airlines last year from Wisconsin to California. I redid the inside of the trunk with foam and repackaged everything. And by the grace of God, all of that made it from California back to Wisconsin this year. The reason I'm asking to do this, and maybe my recommendation should not have been as an A and a B, is I am basically asking that we retire the items in this trunk and put it on the Department Host Committee to purchase said items, whatever the Chaplains would like for their Memorial Service and that it be described in what is given to a Department from the National Host Committee, as descriptions of what need to be purchased pending on what the three Chaplains decide for their Memorial Service. Am I making this a little bit clearer for everyone? So, there's no flowers. There's none of that in there. That's all the items in there. I made a very detailed list. And I also detailed out what was broken in my retention of the trunk.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: Having served on the Host Committee for the Memorial Service, I was in contact with Rachelle. And I agree with Rachelle because, you know, she said things got broken in transit. So yes, Wisconsin went out and bought three vases and three candlesticks and three candles. We didn't need them. All I really needed to have was the roses which were taken care of. Anyway, my question is, through my ignorance, what happens to the Bible and the altar cloth?

PRESIDENT JANE: They go in the National President's trunk.

PRESIDENT JANE: Just a moment please. We have Sisters waiting. And Sisters, I want to warn you, we do recess at 11:30 a.m., if you read your schedule. Due to be back for 1:00 o'clock so we must finish this.

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN, MA: Just a quick question. What other time of the year are you getting into the Chaplain's trunk? Is there any other time during the year that you actually need the things in it? Or do we actually use it?

PRESIDENT JANE: No, don't use it at any other time.

GLORIA FISHER, DP, NY: I would like some clarification from Rachelle. What happens to what is in there now if the host Department goes out and buys new stuff?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: The problem is it's

glass items. So you're asking to still continue shipping it from area to area to area, which they're going to get broken. I think that if we want to keep them, they need to be turned in over to the Historian or we don't use them. Because most Departments have these items in their possession. It's three candleholders and three vases. But these are like crystal and they weight a ton. It cost me \$25.00 by the airlines to put it in the suitcase and bring it here.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. All right. Our last, Danielle will be our last.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Here's a point. We, of course, have hosted National. At that National, someone Asks, "Can I use my great-great Grandmother's Bible?" Okay? And we say, "Yes." Now, we understand that in the National President's trunk, as I remember, there was a Bible and some other items. Is that still so?

PRESIDENT JANE: That is correct.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Okay. So you bring the Bible with you as National President and I think, the altar cloth, if I remember correctly. Each Department has a service at their Department meeting and has a vase, or whatever you use, and it could augment that. I don't see the need for, as she said, for the expense and for the possibility of destroying something. We have the Bible. We have the cloth. And let the Department that's the Host Committee use their things that they normally use. And that makes them more special. They used it at National. That's my recommendation. Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Candlesnuffers probably could go in the President's trunk. They're small enough. As for the vases and that, if we're going to retire them, just give them to the Host Committee. If they break them, oh well, they can replace it. Realize, not every convention has an Auxiliary helping to host it. So, it's on the gentlemen, you know. Supply a list with what's required. Give Georgia the vases with our blessing. If they break them, they break them. If they can use them for the next twenty years, that's okay. But not just say, "Well, it's over with," you know. "We'll leave it here." Just give it to them so they know. Give them a description of what needs to be done. And the snuffers, you know, let us have the metal snuffers and be done with it. I was the last one to be... Sorry.

UNKNOWN: I'd rather have them for our museum.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: What museum?

UNKNOWN: The one we will build some day.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: No. They're just vases. They're just vases and candle holders. They're not a hundred years old.

PRESIDENT JANE: There is a question Sister Rachelle. Is the wooden cross still in there?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Yes. My question though is, are we talking the National Host Committee or the Department Host Committee to turn the items over to? Because at some point, we still have to confer with the National Host Committee of the Sons so that they put down the information in their booklet that they give to the Departments when they start talking to them to host a National Encampment that these items will be coming to your possession to be used. So, that's where the clarification needs to be. Are we giving it to National or to the Department at this point?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: National.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Okay. Then it would go to Bob Petrovic at the end of this Encampment and we will be giving it to him for him to then disperse to the upcoming Department Encampment's Site Committee.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Yes.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: May I ask, Sister Anne, how many more do we have because we are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and I know that some of the Departments are having luncheons.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Six, but there's only one that has recommendations. I can talk fast if you want me to.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay, please.

Sister National Patriotic Instructor, Allison Graff, we thank you for taking on this very difficult task. Your enthusiasm and dedication is evident in all you do. You even wore two hats by being on the Host Committee. We thank you for your service.

No recommendations.

D.C. Rep. Sister Millie Ames, you kept us apprised of the happenings in and around Washington D.C. and stand ready to answer any questions Congress may have. Thank you for ordering the wreaths required for the various ceremonies in the D.C. area. We are happy you are on the mend. We thank you for your service.

No recommendations.

Sister Chief of Staff, Ramona Greenwalt, we thank you for taking on this monumental task. We hear you only missed one trip with our National President. We thank you for your dedication and devotion, especially since you were “abused” (*laughter*). Thank you for all your amazing efforts and we thank you for your service.

No recommendations.

Sister Press Correspondent Barb Indan, you go above and beyond your job so joyfully. We know you did your best to get the word out about the Auxiliary and various publications. You are always ready with a beautiful smile and a helping hand to any Sister. We thank you for your service.

Recommendation #1: That the National Press Correspondent be advised no later than October 1st of the year she is elected as to how much money she may spend on advertisements for that year. Her budget should be a portion of and directly related to how many members were gained in the previous year of her office. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Betty, may I ask a clarification question of you. Would you please tell them how we gain the money for publicity?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Publicity fund is from taking in new members; you charge them \$5.00. So of that, \$5.00 gets set aside for the Press Correspondent to use for publicity work or any place that they denote goes for publicity work. So you get \$5.00 for every new member every year.

MOTION CARRIED

Sister National Historian, Beatrice Greenwalt, you always make your report so

interesting and informative. We truly appreciate your many years of service for our Order. We miss seeing your smiling face. We thank you for your service. No recommendations.

Sister Personal Aide, Bonnie Meyers, your attention and love was put into the three albums you have prepared for our National President. Your care and kindness was evident during our meeting. Sister Jane will enjoy her memories for many years. We thank you for your service. No recommendations.

National Counselors Sister Danielle Michaels and Brother Ken Freshley, your just and wise counsel was greatly appreciated by our National President. Sister Jane will always remember the great comfort your advice had given her. We thank you for your service. Sister Danielle, you even wore two hats as Host Committee. No recommendations.

Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Sister Janice Harding, your love and devotion to our Order is apparent in everything you do. You have kept our Members-At-Large apprised of all our happenings. By contacting the Sisters as you have, you certainly bring them sister love. We thank you for your service. No recommendations.

Sister Supply Officer, Michelle Langley, we did not receive an official report. However, we know from the Treasurer's Report, your activities were quite apparent. Thank you for being a true sister to Sister Betty. We thank you for your service. No recommendations.

To Sister Linda Murray, National Web Liaison, we thank you for your service to our Organization and your valiant efforts to keep our site updated. Because of your experience, many Sisters are informed of our National Auxiliary business.

Recommendation #1: That the Liaison to the Webmaster be listed on the National website, perhaps along with other appointed officers and all Sisters be conveniently informed to whom and how to submit materials for posting. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

MOVED by Virginia Twist PNP NY
SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK
That the committee be sustained.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Which Officer does this come out of?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: This came out of the Liaison National Auxiliary Webmistress.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: No, that's not an elected office. It needs to come out on the floor.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Okay, I'll give it back. Then, thankfully, my report is done.

ENCAMPMENT: (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you so much.

Yes. Sister Rachelle, you will close the Bible and we will recess until 1:00 p.m.

The Chaplain attended the altar to close the Bible for the noon recess.

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PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Chaplain, you will attend the altar and open the Bible. (*so done*)

All right, attention, ladies. Guides, Color Guards and Sister Allison, you will escort our guest to the altar.

ENCAMPMENT: (*Singing The Battle Hymn of the Republic and clapping.*)

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: Sister President, I would like to introduce First Lieutenant Greg Chernob here from the Civil Air Patrol. He's going to receive the donation from the Patriotic Instructor.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, with me, salute. Guides and Colors, you will present our guest and his escort to the podium.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: Greg doesn't talk much. No, he does. But I wanted to explain to you why I chose this organization. Honestly, I grew up, literally grew up, in the program. Both my parents are Lieutenant Colonels in this program. And my Aunt Denise over there

was in the program. My other two aunts were in the program. It's just an awesome thing to do.

I learned a lot. I joined when I was sixteen and I'm still a member. I went from being a little cadet to being in charge of thirty-four cadets now. And right here this man is invaluable to our Organization. Honestly, he does everything. If you need a car towed, he'll do it. If you need a tire fixed, he'll do it. If you need a different sized hat, he'll find it. He does everything. And I don't know what we would do without him. Honestly...

So you can't leave us, ever. But to explain what the program is. Civil Air Patrol is the Auxiliary to the Air Force. We are all volunteers. Some of us are veterans; some are not. There is a cadet side to it, which is anyone who's under the age of twenty-one. And then senior members, they're not really that senior. I'm one of them. Anyone who's twenty-one and over, doesn't matter your age. So, we oversee the cadets. And we teach the cadets anything from how to fly an airplane to anything about rocketry. We lean towards the Air Force because...obviously. And we also teach them emergency services, which is search and rescue. We actually go out and look for missing people. We teach our cadets to go out and look for missing people and airplanes. And we do this on a regular basis. We meet every single week to go over training. And lastly is the cadet program is itself. We teach leadership. We teach them how to wear their uniform properly. We teach them respect, which includes pulling out chairs for ladies and holding doors; and when to salute the flag; when to fly the flag; how to fly the flag. In fact, we have a color guard.

I'm not going to talk about it today. But, we do have a color guard that just went to the National competition which is the first time our squadron has ever done that, which is just amazing. They are very good. I don't want to call them kids, because they're really young adults. But I will give the floor to Lieutenant Chernov.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GREG CHERNO, CIVIL AIR PATROL: Thank you, Allison. The majority of this is going to be used for our cadet program which as Allison said is from age twelve to twenty-one. We do leadership training, moral leadership, physical training as well as she said emergency services. So this will go a long way in helping our cadets for a scholarship for National activities as well as squadron activities. Thank you so much, Allison.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Danielle Michaels, will you respond?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Greg, it's a tradition that after an award, someone from the Order responds to the comments

made and I'm honored with that because I worked with you pretty much on a daily basis. I know all the work that you put into it. And you're just one shining example of what Civil Air Patrol is. And I thank you for your efforts. And being the Treasurer, I know where that's going in the next couple of minutes. Good job. Thank you for coming down.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room to singing and clapping.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay. Sisters, as you remember, just prior to our lunch recess, we had some recommendations on the floor that were not done by elected Officers. So at this time I would like to present them to you. These are presented by Sister Linda Murray who is the Liaison to the Webmaster from our Auxiliary.

Recommendation #1: That the Liaison to the Webmaster be listed on the National website, perhaps along with other appointed officers for all Sisters to conveniently find to whom and how to submit materials for posting. Do I hear a motion to accept that recommendation?

MOVED by Virginia Twist PNP NY
SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA
That this recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Since we just passed the office of the new Webmistress and she'll be taking over our website, I'd like to know if the position of Liaison is really going to be necessary before we go any further.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: I'd like to hear that probably from the Webmistress.

LINDA MURRAY, LIAISON TO WEBMASTER, PDP, NH: I would like to rescind that seeing as how we have our own Webmaster now. I'm not sure that's going to be a necessary position any longer.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. Sister Ellen Higgins, I would like you to speak on that, if you will please.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: As the newly appointed, I assume (chuckling), Webmistress/Webmaster, however we're to call me, my past experience of working in other organizations and being webmaster is that anything posted on the website would need the approval of the President. So my experience I would be listed as the Webmaster. Any Sister who wants something posted on the website, it would come to me and I would ask approval of the President to post it, if that in an acceptable procedure.

PRESIDENT JANE: Yes, if that's the way you would like to work it. All right. Sister Virginia, may I ask if you would rescind the motion?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Yes, I would.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Barbara, would you rescind your second?

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Yes, ma'am.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay. All right.

Recommendation #2 Number two, that all Department Officers have addresses listed along with their names, which are particularly important for those who have no phone number or email address listed. This is to be posted on the website that all Department Officers have their addresses and names along with phone numbers.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I personally do not like to see addresses on websites. I think with what's going on in today's society, it's not something that needs to be out there. I understand we need contacts. I'm not saying we don't. But I would like to see a Sister's name, her office, and maybe the hometown she's from. An address and a phone number, I don't think is necessary. I'm sorry I missed this conversation this morning about the password protected site so let me back track just a second. We could put password-protected link on the site. Well, actually we can do a username and a password. But it will be the same for everyone in the Organization that would be transmitted through the National President to the Department Presidents orally. A password is never to be written anywhere unless you have a little book at home you write them in. But you never email password to anybody. You orally give it. That's the idea of a password. On a password-protected site, we could list some names and addresses on there, and no disrespect to Ken or whoever put them out there, but I don't think all those names and addresses should be. I kind of get alarmed when I see the addresses up there and phone numbers. Just too open to the world. And we can list a roster. We

could do some things on a password-protected site. But it would be one password because to have everyone have their own password, that's just too much. And it would be a huge undertaking to do that. We could do it; we could try it for a year and see if it works. However, these are just my ideas.

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: Here is how I feel about it. In this world, there are too many people who would look at that and go, "Oh, there's a National on such a date. Well, all of these women are going to be there." It makes you a target. But, your email address is perfectly acceptable, the one that you use within, you know, your own circle. That would be fine. Even though they're listed, lots of times they don't even go through. I know I've had Patriotic Instructor emails sent twice before it went through. So, my thought is, it would be your personal email address as a way to contact you. Well, that would be my suggestion. Do you agree with that?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Yeah.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Yeah, that would be my suggestion and that be put in the form of a motion.

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: I know that our PNP Danielle was in a conversation. A group of us were and we're making conversation prior to it being made a motion and it should not be discussed until then.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much. Do I hear a motion that...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: I could ask a clarification.

MOVED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK

SECONDED by Beverly Graham CA-PAC

That the only thing referred to personally for the Officers are their particular email addresses as Officers, but as any other of us who have our name associated with the National website, just have our personal email. No further information.

DISCUSSION:

UNKNOWN: What about the National Officers?

ALLISON GRAFF, N/NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: Okay. Well as you saw, I belong to another Organization. And, how do I put this? I don't think putting our email addresses on a website made available to everyone

in the world is a good idea because I get spam mail from another site that someone put my address on. They sell lists of email addresses to spam your account and I don't appreciate that. So I'm wondering if there is a different way we can do this because I personally do not want my email address out there.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: There is an easy way around this. You do not have to use personal email. As our Officers are listed in the National website, it says National President and there is dummy emails that are then linked to your home email. And that gets changed every year by the Webmistress behind the scenes. You can do the same thing for Department, where you list out dummy Department email addresses that are part of what's part of our website and then those get linked to your personal email. That's how we have set it up the California one. None of us use our personal emails. It's our Department Officers have a dummy email and then it's linked to your home and that is because my husband is the webmaster there. He goes back after all of the election of Officers and changes behind the scene where it goes to the corresponding email. So you could do the exact same thing for all of our Departments. So it'd be Department President Connecticut blah blah blah; Department of Maine President blah blah blah. And you can do that for all of the Departments. But you wouldn't be able to Department President, Department Secretary or Department Treasurer. We'd have to decide on just doing the Department President and they have to then confer the rest of the information on to their Departments or you just do the Department's Secretary as a form of contact for the Departments. Otherwise you're going to have hundreds and hundreds of dummy emails at the end of this.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Would you put that in the form of an amendment?

PRESIDENT JANE: Would be easier to rescind it. Then it goes off the floor.

Prior motion was rescinded.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Rachelle, will you put that in the form of a motion?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Okay, well, considering this will be the first motion I've ever done in all the years that I've gone, here we go.

MOVED by Rachelle Campbell N/Chap CA-PAC

SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK

That for Department Presidents and Department Secretaries, we utilize dummy

emails that are linked to personal emails behind the scenes and that are standing emails on our National site going forward.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That the Past National Presidents' biographies from past proceedings be used to fill in the information on the website.

MOVED by Rachelle Campbell NChap CA-PAC

SECONDED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK

That the Past National Presidents' biographies from their proceedings be used to fill in the information on their history of their term on the website of the Past National Presidents listings.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT JANE: On the website this was started a little while ago. The Past National Presidents' biographies were being put on the website. Some of them have been written by members of the family as was requested from them at that time. There are some of our Past Nationals that we have nothing about because there's no family members left and so forth. And what they are asking, can we take any old proceedings that we have any information about those Past National Presidents? Did I understand that? And is that as you wish, Sister Linda?

LINDA MURRAY, LIAISON TO WEBMASTER, NH: That is correct.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Just clarification. Are they already written or someone needs to write them?

PRESIDENT JANE: They're written. Someone will give them to you with the pictures.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That where it is very time consuming to seek out photographs of events held around the country; that Sisters could send their photographs of events directly to the webmistress.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Beverly Graham CA-PAC

That where it is very time consuming to seek out photographs of events held around the country; that Sisters could send their photographs of events directly to the webmistress, pending investigation of what we have available on our website.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Is this so we don't have a newsletter or is this in addition to a newsletter? Besides the President's General Orders?

LINDA MURRAY, LIAISON TO WEBMASTER, NH: Sister Danielle, I was attempting to get photographs of different events around the country. Many are posted on Facebook or wherever and I would ask permission from the person that posted if I could snag a copy of it. And then I would send it off to Brother Ken for posting. He was going to set up a whole photo page, if you will, of events from the Auxiliary. That never happened. So I would say it would be in addition to our newsletter.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Photos take up a lot of space. I don't know what the capability or capacity is of this site that we have. So, I until I talk to Brother Ken more, it might be an additional expense to get a program that can hold those photos. I don't know. So if it is something that can be done without any expense, it's not a problem. But I just don't know what the capabilities are of this site. You're limited because your hosting company limits how much capacity they can host. And if you jump it up, then it charges more money.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #5: That wording of our Facebook page link be changed to an appropriate wording due to that link not being a National Organization Facebook but rather a group started by Past National President, Janice Harding. Would you please clarify, Sister Linda?

LINDA MURRAY, LIAISON TO WEBMASTER, NH: Brother Ken noted on the website that we have a Facebook page when in fact it is actually Jan Harding's group on Facebook. It is not an official Auxiliary website. And I don't believe that that link shouldn't make it seem that's an official National Facebook group.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Months ago, I realized that we had no real vehicle to communicate with each other. So, I, and I think Linda, were the first ones to come on with me and because of Facebook, you can only have one administrator, so she's kind of the silent administrator with me. And it had been miraculous the number of women that came on. But it has been wonderful. I

mean, the Sisters are communicating from California to Maine; from Maine to Florida; and all over the place. And it has been a wonderful vehicle. They can talk to each other around the country. There has been some controversy as to whether things that are controversial should be mentioned there. That is, I guess, is open to interpretation in that things that are directed out to everybody certainly are done because they're informative may not be what everybody wants to hear concerning some things that the gals say. But 90% of it is interactive. Trish had a vehicle to post many things when she needed to get them out. We have Sisters, as I say, every day coming on, just to see who are on. And we do the best we can, to keep it within our framework. Nobody gets on there that is not a Sister. Some of the men have loved it so much, like our dear Mark Day, that they now are on our Facebook. So, it's becoming a vehicle for them, too. I think all in all, it's a wonderful positive thing. And it's allowed us to communicate. And that's what is important.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: There is another option. We have a closed Facebook page, which is what Janice is talking about. So any Tom, Dick, and Harry that clicks on our website and it says go see our Facebook page, they get to. No, you can't. We can set up a public one which is what we've been talking about, that is informational and educational. Okay, take a look at our fourteen year old. Her head's going to fall off nodding so hard.

We have it set up in California. We have our private page where we discuss the upcoming Encampment to our heart's content. And then we have the public page that shows these are the things that we do. This is our goal. This is our mission. And it periodically gets some history, you know, like did you know on this day in..., so the people know. It gets us out there.

This would be a second official Facebook page. Is it hard to set up? Heck, no! Linda could do it in about what, five minutes?

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: Would it be linked to our National website?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Personally, I think the Facebook link should be taken off the website. It's not an official proceeding.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: ...It wasn't meant to be...

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: It wasn't meant to be on there? Okay. Well, I think it should be taken off the link that says Facebook page. Click on it. And you're right, I'm not a Facebook person. I just clicked on it and couldn't get in. I'm not in your group.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: So it works.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Yes, I couldn't get in your group. Facebook is a valuable tool. I agree. I'm not on it. I hear lots of people are on it and communicate well. It's a valuable tool I don't think that should be part of the Webmaster duties though. If these ladies are wanting to take on monitoring the Facebook, that's...

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: If you want to do what was said in regards to a page that's educational, I think that should be OK.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Ladies, I know we're in the middle of discussion, but let me explain something to you. When you want to be recognized, you can walk up the sides. You can come to mic if you're on this side without saluting me. Okay? Or the President. The idea is not to cross in front of the Bible.

It's not the President you're saluting. It's not really me, even though we are acknowledging your salute. It's actually our Bible. You are basically saying, "Do I have permission to pass? Thank you very much." Okay? So, just some information to keep you from having to go like this. If you're on the side of the room, you can come to the mic without mine or Jane's permission. If you're on this side of the room, you need to come to the mic. You need to stop. You need to acknowledge the President first. If she is busy, cause she will be talking, she'll do this. You are acknowledged. If she does not, you do an about face, salute me, and go up to the mic. Thank you, Sister President.

KAREN HAMANN, MI: Just a little clarification. This may help. I have a home-based business with a company similar to Tupperware, Avon, et. cetera. I'm required, if I want to put anything on Facebook, to have a closed page, which is like Jan's. Okay? I'm also required to have a disclaimer as the very first rule that this is a private group page. Opinions expressed here are in no way associated with National Organization or the parent company. Okay, so if someone gets into a political discussion on the page, it's right in the top that these are not the opinions of the National Organization. These are just opinions being expressed on this private group. And I think that's the part that needs to be added to Jan's page, if it's not there already because I'm not sure. But if it's not...

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Well, first of all, it's not commercial.

Secondly, we have a mission statement. Thirdly, we have a protection in that no one gets on there unless Linda or I or a Sister that is a member adds.

KAREN HAMANN, MI: Right. But it's all same regulations even though it's

not a commercial company. It just has to have a little blurb at the top that says, "This this page is not the National Organization's page. It is a privately set-up page." You know, so any opinions expressed on here are not those of the National Organization.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: If you look, you will see it says "Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." It does not say "National." That is the difference.

KAREN HAMANN, MI: Right. Right. But you know, it still doesn't hurt to say, "Hey, this is a private page. This is not, you know, linked to the National..." The National can have their own and put all their mission statements and stuff up there and say, "This is the official page for the National Organization," or something like that.

ANNA FRAIL, PDP, RI: I'm a little confused. Are we trying to say that we want to have a National Facebook page along with what Jan has?

PRESIDENT JANE: That would make it a separate issue too.

UNKNOWN: So that the National Facebook page, if the Auxiliary had a Facebook page, would click on it. Go to the Facebook page and everybody could see what we're all about, which is a fantastic tool of communication to young and old, whoever is on Facebook. What Jan has, and I'm part of that, it's a group and we chat amongst each other if anybody has a question. I don't think that there's a reason why we can't have both.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: Thank you, Sister President. Being slightly tech savvy as a young person, I just wanna, Janice can explain to you all you want. I have it right here in front of me. It's at the top of the page. It says, "Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." It's a closed group. Says so on top. And has a mission statement. It says, "This site was created for the Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was done with the hope that it would be a place to chat and get to know each other across the country. It certainly has fulfilled its mission as members from Maine to California are actively using it. Topics concerning Auxiliary activities, pictures of events are all welcome. Enjoy." It's all it is. And it's a place for us all to interact. It's a quick thing. I obviously use it on a daily basis. It doesn't have to be, you know, what were all talking about our personal information out there. Nothing like that. It's a place for all of us to interact, because obviously we don't get to see each other as often as we would like to.

MOVED by Tricia Bures NS CA-PAC

SECONDED by Anna Frail PDP RI

That we create a second Facebook page that is an open, public Facebook page. That is what the link is to, that is only for informational and educational purposes. Not for chitchat. Not for commentary. Definitely not for any discussions. And that the link that exists on the National website be disconnected.

DISCUSSION:

UNKNOWN: It takes you there.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: The web people know what I'm talking about.

UNKNOWN: No, we've been discussing something that's not on the floor yet.

UNKNOWN: We had a question time before.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. We had the question, but Sister Danielle, I am completely illiterate on this stuff. Will you present that and then I can handle the vote?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: It has to be what Trish has said because here it says that the wording of our Facebook page link to be appropriate wording due to the link not being a National. I do believe that what Anne had read, already states that it is not a National thing. So there was nothing to vote on. So then, Trish came up saying that we would create a Facebook page that would be educational, informational to the public, that does not have our interpersonal communications.

That it would be another media for us to get the information out that we exist. Am I right? You cannot talk on that one. It is purely for information.

MOTION CARRIED

UNKNOWN: I do have one thing to bring up that if you create a Facebook page, you have to have an administrator. And I don't know who you want that to be because the Web mistress is going to be busy.

MOVED by Janice Harding PNP CHSPK

SECONDED by Unknown, only if Linda accepts

That Linda Murray be made the administrator for the Facebook page of the

National site.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: We can have a motion and a second and then we can discuss. I'm okay with that. Otherwise I'll...cause you did have a motion so you need a second.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT JANE: Wait a minute. Linda Murray, will you accept that position if voted?

LINDA MURRAY, LIAISON TO WEBMASTER, PDP, NH: I would respectively decline.

ENCAMPMENT: (*moans and sighs*)

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: I believe that this should be an appointed position and should be done by the next National President.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. You, Sister Jan, will you amend your motion to say that the next administrator of the National Facebook page being created, be appointed by the incoming National President?

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: I mean, there may be someone else who would like to do it right here now.

PRESIDENT JANE: No. She said that it be appointed by the next National President.

UNKNOWN: I believe committees are appointed by the National President at her discretion. If we vote to do that, isn't it going to be a standing committee rather than committee that we can run as a special committee? And then if we decide it's working, make it a standing committee later on? I'd like to see the whole thing just come off the floor for now.

UNKNOWN: I thought the motion on the floor was that the incoming National President will pick someone to work on the newly created Facebook page. Is that not correct?

UNKNOWN: That's correct.

UNKNOWN: And that's been seconded and we're asking for questions for

clarification. I guess the Webmistress, the new one, has questions but I don't see the problem.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: My question is Jan made a motion Linda Murray be appointed Liaison and it was seconded on the condition she accepts. Linda declined.

UNKNOWN: That's where I thought we were.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: So now, are we entertaining another motion or what do we do?

UNKNOWN: Diane did.

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: I'm not making a motion. I'm making just a point that most committees are set up, especially special committees, are set up by the National President. She is allowed to set up her committees. And as a special committee to try it for a year or two and it gets somebody to be our Facebook person which Linda has already declined. But let me work on her.

ENCAMPMENT: *(laughter)*

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: You know, but to me that should be the next National President whoever it may be. That should be her decision, whether to set that committee up and who it should be on that committee.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Then I'm going to make a motion.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by almost everyone in the room

That since there has been a positive acceptance by the Sisters wanting this, that we allow the next President to seek who she wants for setting up the National Facebook and that we allow her get it done during her year.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I just need some clarification. We have our website. We're going to take off the Facebook link.

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: No.

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: Yes.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: No. No. I'm trying to get the whole picture here. Okay? The whole picture. We have a website. We're going to remove the Facebook link. We have Jan's Facebook out there that's private. And then you want the creation of another Facebook page by another administrator or the same one, however it works out, to do another one that's informational only. Is that correct?

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: Yes.

UNKNOWN: That will be linked.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Okay. Now, my...

UNKNOWN: (Indistinguishable) website...

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Say again?

UNKNOWN: That one will be...

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Oh, you want that one. Now, my interpretation of, if what I am hearing everyone, it's informational, and I understand there's website people and there's Facebook people, and the more we have out there the better. But it is appearing to me that the website and this newly created Facebook are going to be, informationally wise, the same.

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: No.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Oh. Then what is the purpose of an informational Facebook page? I'm not a Facebook person. I'm a website person so I'm a little lost.

UNKNOWN: It's a different audience.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: Okay. What we want to do is on Facebook, like if you click, there's Pinterest. There's other companies who set up informational pages on Facebook. And you can click on those links and it takes you to a page that talks about... I know that our DUV in California has one. So, you click on the homepage of Facebook, and it brings up the motto, what DUV or the motto is, and their motto statement of what they believe in. And it gives you that type of information. It's like if you were to go on to our National website and you go under history and those tabs, that's what would be on the Facebook page. Just that information. So if you get an

individual who's doing a search for the Auxiliary or hits off the Sons where we get a ping from them and you go to our website, there would still be the Facebook image. They can click that and it would take them to the informational page on Facebook about our Organization. Or if you have someone who's in Facebook because of informational pages are like ads to Facebook and they come up on the side tool so it would get us more hits. So as people hit on that informational page, it brings us in the side tools and then it links us to other organizations that are hereditary and educational. It's basically free marketing to us. That's why we want to do this Facebook page and then link it to our website. So that we get one we're paying for this information out there and one that's free information about us.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: And you can get to it from the website or from Facebook? Okay.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: Again, being a young person, I am on Facebook on a daily basis.

UNKNOWN: Hourly.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: We'll see about that. But what I am trying to get at is if you are looking for our organization, you have to put that in the search bar to get to our website. Facebook, I am part of Jan's group. Say Allison was not. She's just a friend of mine, whatever. She can see that I'm part of that group and she's like, "Oh, that sounds interesting. Maybe I'll check it out." You click on that. It's information. "Oh, maybe I want to join. Now I want to learn a little bit more." Granted, if my friends don't know I'm in this group already, then they're no friends of mine. But I'm just saying, again as Rachelle said, it's free marketing. It's reaching out to the little corners that, you know, you didn't think about before because you just...you didn't think to elaborate on it with that particular person. Again, it's just saying, you know, people can see that you're part of that group. They get interested and they click on it and learn more. Maybe they want to join. It's just another, as she said, a vehicle to our organization. Because honestly, when I look for information on the Auxiliary, I kind of go to the Facebook page now first because people talk on there. I can see current things on there whereas on the website, it's stagnant. It's basic information, if that makes sense. So again, it's just a little bit more up to date.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Okay, I'll be the final comment. You hear the difference. You hear Rachelle saying on the National site, you may wind up with things all along the side that say commercial type things that lead you to

other things. On our chat page, let's put it that way, there is no advertising. And if somebody slips in because they're a Son and they have somebody that they think they can sell something, we had that happen once. We were really livid because it is in effect an amateur situation. No commercials, no professionalism. So there is going to be a difference between our chat page and our National educational page. We do not allow any of that kind of stuff on the chat page.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: We're not chatting on the National site.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: At this point, I would like to send my Greetings Committees.

Greetings Committees were sent to the Ladies of the GAR and to the SUVCW.

PRESIDENT JANE: Okay, Sister Allison Graff, are you ready with your report? Would you like to come up here so it'll be easier if you to lay it out?

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Number of flags distributed by the Auxiliary.....	4,476
Number of patriotic entertainments given.....	137
Number of National anniversaries observed.....	279
Number of patriotic papers read in Auxiliary.....	162
Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in patriotic meetings.....	252
Amount expended for patriotic work.....	\$6,441.00
How many members fly the flag on Memorial Day.....	609

Special Mention:

In the past year as the National Patriotic Instructor to the ASUVCW, I have found myself quite preoccupied in honoring our Boys in Blue.

In August of 2012, I was elected to this office at the National Encampment in Los Angeles, California. My task of fundraising for our Order commenced immediately as I had received armfuls of donations and items to sell at my table from the Sisters and Brothers.

In October, I participated in a living history event in Greenville, Wisconsin, called Trimborn Farms. The Sisters from Auxiliary #4 in Milwaukee and Auxiliary #5 in Waukesha sold patriotic items and baked dishes to share with the

public from recipes straight from our own cookbook. That's not a plug, but you can buy one for \$10.00. (*laughter*)

In November, I marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Milwaukee. Thousands of people were in attendance to honor our military's veterans. And as always, it's a beautiful display of red, white, and blue. I personally, was unable to attend Gettysburg this year due to my forever busy schedule. I want to thank the Sisters from the Auxiliary that assisted my in selling at my table in my absence.

On February 2nd, my fellow Sisters and Brothers assisted me in fundraising by selling items at the annual patriotic luncheon that follows the Department of Wisconsin's midwinter meeting. National President Jane Graham, National Commander Pearly Mellor, Vice President Diane Mellor, Chief of Staff Ramona Greenwalt and Nancy Hilton, PNP, were in attendance. I was unable to acquire the day off from work, but I did manage to join the group for a fish fry at dinner at Serb Hall's Restaurant.

The Wisconsin Department meeting was held in Boscobel, Wisconsin this June in conjunction with the SUVCW Department meeting. The Wisconsin Sons were kind enough to think of me when they passed a hat for donations for my fund, where they came up with a large sum for my fundraising. The Memorial Service was held at a local cemetery. After our business sessions, we took personal tours of the local GAR Hall, the only GAR Hall in the state.

A few weeks ago, I led our Auxiliary floor members in providing an Auxiliary memorial service at the funeral of Sister Irene Workman. Our Sisters and Brothers offered her roses on her casket, and a final salute as a thank you for her pure patriotism she showed by becoming a member of our Organization. We'll miss her greatly.

As a member of the National Encampment Host Committee, my Brothers and Sisters spent tireless hours throughout the past year working towards our goal of a successful Encampment for 2013. It took plenty of planning and hard work, dedication and commitment from these ladies and gentlemen to create such a wonderful event this year. I would've liked to attended more events, services, and activities this year but due to my ever-changing work schedule and school, I was unable to do so. I would like to thank every Sister and Brother that represented our Order at every headstone dedication, memorial service, parade, or other patriotic event. It is through love and pride in your country that allows our Organization to thrive.

Allison Graff, DP, WI
National Patriotic Instructor

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FINANCIAL REPORT

I have the breakdown of my stuff. I handed Betty most of my money. I still

have to shake down the future Commander-in-Chief for some money and a couple of other ladies. So, I'm just going to read you the basic stuff cause I can go on forever.

Sales in general and the massages that were offered	\$414.50
Silent auction	\$308.00
Miscellaneous donations.....	\$50.00
Clubs.....	\$95.00
National collection.....	\$113.50
Personal donations	\$362.50
Donations from the Departments and individual Auxiliaries	\$1,151.50

Bringing my total to \$2,494.50.

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause*)

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you so very much, Allison.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Sister Allison, you did pretty good. It was \$2,505.00.

ENCAMPMENT: (*laughter*)

PRESIDENT JANE: And that goes on record too. Doesn't it?

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I make a motion that we give her a standing ovation.

UNKNOWN: I second it.

ENCAMPMENT: (*applause, laughter, and chatter*)

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: There's more coming in though.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Jan, do you have a Legislative Committee report for us?

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: Yes, it's lost at the moment.

PRESIDENT JANE: Oh, okay. All right. Sister Ramona, are you ready with your report?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: May I make a comment. Can everybody hear me? All right. I would like everybody to stand up and salute and say, "I second that." I want to see everybody doing it. Only one or two people are seconding things. Everybody, if you understand what's going on and you don't want all of us "has-beens" doing it – the ones that have been here a long time! I want to see new faces standing up and saying I second that.

UNKNOWN: You beat us...you beat us to it.

ENCAMPMENT: (*laughter and chatter*)

PRESIDENT JANE: I do have a point of order though. You guys didn't let me bring the question. (*laughter*)

PRESIDENT JANE: I think I had sixty-five seventy seconds. (*laughter*)

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: I was going to do this very short, quick. But now I feel badly. (*laughter*)

Sister Allison has talked about personal donations, et. cetera. Everyone has been most kind and gracious. And I thank them all for everything they've done for me. I cannot thank the Sisters of the Michigan Department enough for manning my table. And Sister Karen in particular for taking on helping me figure out what amounts of money that I have.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

As anyone who has had to raise money can tell you, it isn't an easy thing to do and given our country's economic situation for the past several years, it has become more daunting. With the help of Sisters, auxiliaries and Departments, the task can be lighter. I decided to try a new strategy this year by offering items less gender specific and with what I thought was a wider age appeal. I bought a Nook Tablet for the first prize in the raffle. I also bought books and other items for Chinese auctions. Of course the ever popular 50/50 was made available. I bought space at a craft show where I sold homemade candy, fudge, cookies and canned foods. My mother baked fruit cake and made Christmas pickles for me. As required, I had a table set up at Gettysburg where I sold some of the same items and added muffins to the choices. I have a table here as well. In the first General Order was a request for each Department President to name one Sister from each Auxiliary to act as National Aide. I received one response from the Auxiliary in Texas. The aide sold raffle tickets for me. Her help was greatly appreciated. My information for the second General Order did not get printed

through no fault of the National President or the National Secretary or anyone else. It was just one of those things that happens sometimes.

From January through June, I traveled extensively with the National President and always had my raffle tickets available for anyone who wanted to purchase them. I was allowed by the Department of Massachusetts to set up a table at their Encampment and I am most grateful to them for their generosity. Traveling with the National President enabled me to visit in Wisconsin, Washington D.C., Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Indiana, Springfield (Illinois), New York city, Michigan, and Missouri. It was most enjoyable seeing my Sisters and how they do things. Everyone was most kind to me. I had the privilege of assisting in instituting three new Auxiliaries including one in Cincinnati, Ohio. These travels enabled me to visit places I had never been before and to learn from members of the Allied Orders. I am thankful for the opportunities. I did my best to aid the National President during her travels and hope that my picture taking ability has improved with the practice.

This position is a great responsibility and no one can do it alone. I wish to thank my mother and my brother for their help. My brother drove me to Gettysburg and helped set up my table, manned the table for a while and pack things to go home. He also assisted with set up for the craft show. Brothers Thomas Graham and Greg Hilton helped at Gettysburg manning my tables so that I could have a little free time for lunch and to attend the tea. Sisters from the Michigan Department are covering my table now so that I may serve on the floor. I feel very blessed to have had so much help from family and friends.

To all Sisters, Auxiliaries, Departments and Clubs that have made donations to the Chief of Staff Fund, my most sincere “thank you.”

It has been my privilege to serve the Organization in the capacity of Chief of Staff. I thank the National President for the opportunity to serve.

Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
National Chief of Staff

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF FINANCIAL REPORT

Personal Donations

PNP Virginia Twist NY.....	\$ 20.00
Perley Mellor, CinC, SUVCVW	5.00
PNP Beatrice Greenwalt NY	20.00
Sandra Prosak PDP OH	10.00
Linda Murray PDP NH.....	10.00
Margaret Atkinson PNP PA	25.00
Janice Harding PNP CHSPK.....	25.00
Judy Morgan PDP OH.....	10.00
Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton PNP OH	50.00

Judy Trepanier PNP CT.....	10.00
Joyce Norman DP CT.....	5.00
Jane NP and Tom PDC Graham OH	50.00
Linda Kronberg PDP MI	25.00
Marilyn Rittel PDP IA.....	2.50
Barbara Day PDP CHSPK.....	5.00
Anne Sosnowski PNP PA.....	5.00
Total.....	\$277.50

Club Donations

Mary Jo’s Muffins	\$ 20.00
Minnie’s Whalers	5.00
Danielle’s Belles.....	5.00
Judy’s Gems	5.00
Eileen’s Golden Pages.....	5.00
Agnes’ Blue Hen Chicks	5.00
Mary’s Mademoiselles	10.00
Betty’s Blue Birds	5.00
Fran’s Fans	5.00
Michelle’s Mouseketeers.....	5.00
Anne’s Angels	12.50
Judy’s American Beauties	10.00
Jan’s Yankee Doodles	10.00
Nancy’s Victorian Ladies	5.00
Jane’s Teacups.....	6.00
Total.....	\$113.50

Department Donations

California-Pacific.....	\$ 25.00
Chesapeake	50.00
Connecticut.....	25.00
Iowa	25.00
Maine	40.00
Massachusetts	25.00
Michigan	50.00
Michigan Sons and Auxiliary	300.00
New Hampshire	25.00
New Jersey.....	15.00
New York	10.00
Ohio	100.00
Pennsylvania.....	25.00
Vermont	25.00
Wisconsin	15.00
Total.....	\$755.00

Auxiliary Donations

Auxiliary #20 CT.....	\$ 15.00
Willie Grant Auxiliary #25, MA	10.00
W. Gilman E. Sleeper Auxiliary #25, NH	25.00
Cornelia Hancock Auxiliary #10, NJ.....	10.00
Alliance Auxiliary #91, OH.....	100.00
Frost Auxiliary #108, OH.....	25.00
Sister Anthony O’Connell Auxiliary #10, OH	25.00
Unionport Auxiliary #45, OH.....	15.00
Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1, PA.....	25.00
Jennie Wade Auxiliary #27	15.00
Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary #43, PA.....	15.00
Carlisle Auxiliary #50, PA	25.00
Chelsea Auxiliary #15, VT	25.00
Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, TX	25.00
Auxiliary #50, PA.....	15.00
Total.....	\$370.00

Camp Donations

McClellan Camp #91, OH	\$25.00
Total.....	\$25.00

Tickets

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, TX	\$40.00
Diane Mellor.....	20.00
Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting.....	55.00
National Encampment	70.00
Total.....	\$185.00
Merchandise, fifty-fifty raffle, et. cetera	\$1,562.35
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$2,858.35

PRESIDENT JANE: There was a motion made by all members present and seconded by one or two people that we give Ramona a rising vote of thanks. And Ramona, we do say thank you very much for all for your efforts. *(so done)*

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: Can I bring a short thing up?

PRESIDENT JANE: Sure. Yeah, I’m waiting to go into election is as soon as my ladies come back.

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: It has come to my attention that there is something missing from the

guidelines of the Membership-at-Large Coordinator. And that is something that should be in here which states that the Membership-at-Large will give \$25.00 to the PI and \$25.00 to the Chief of Staff that apparently goes back a few years and has just kind of fallen by the wayside. And I was telling Betty at lunch, "Gee, I'd like to do that." And she said, "Oh, no. No. That is part of what we do." So I would like that to be reinstated. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. Sister Diane, do you have a report on your visit to the Sons?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: Fantastic! *(laughter)* I got to kiss the Commander one last time.

PRESIDENT JANE: That is on the record, please. *(laughter)*

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: We were very well greeted. Very nicely done, as usual. Our Sons have said that we need to continue our fraternal relationship and to make it grow. And they are very, very happy with us. They love working with us, that we're the best.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you. Okay.

Ladies, I'm going to put it to you and I don't mean this harshly. We have one hour only to get through our Department recommendations. Okay? So please help me out. Yes, the session ends at 5:00 o'clock. We must have election and installation and closing before 5:00 o'clock. All right? Sister Trish, are you ready?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: In alphabetical order by Department:

CALIFORNIA

Recommendation #1: Whereas the application fee charged by the National Organization to new members is currently \$5.00, and whereas increasing the application fee would assist in generating additional revenue for the National Organization which could be used for publicity, recruiting, and other essential functions, 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 Organization raise application fees charged to new members to \$20.00.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: This program was started in my

administration in 1995. And I understand that \$5.00 does not go anywhere anymore. However, I think raising it \$20.00 in one fell swoop is just too much. I would like to make a motion that we raise it to \$10.00.

MOVED by Margaret Atkinson PNP PA

SECONDED by Marilyn Riddle IA, Veronica Mellor MA, Wanda Langdon OH
That the National Organization raise the application fee to \$10.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: Whereas the registration fee for each National Encampment is currently set at \$10.00; whereas this fee does not adequately cover the costs of the Encampment including but not limited to photocopying, transcription of the proceedings, lodging for certain National Officers, and seed money provided to the Encampment Host Committee; therefore be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of California and Pacific here assembled at Annual Encampment hereby request that the registration fee for each National Encampment be raised to \$20.00.

MOVED by Melinie Caines DP CA-PAC

SECONDED by Unknown

That the recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: A lot of us already spend a lot. What it's saying is that for the privilege of coming out here to vote, we're the ones that are taxed again. If we're representing the majority, why are we the ones that are carrying the burden? We are making that for the rich to be able to attend and not the people that we want to vote for us.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I believe that the hindrance in attending is not the amount of the registration fee. It is the amount that it costs to get here. Most of our Encampments are east of the Mississippi people. Those of us on the West Coast spend a ginormous hunk of change. The \$10 or the \$20 is almost immaterial to the cost of transportation, room and board.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: All the things that was listed that that \$10.00 was supposed to pay for, I thought that some of that cost comes out of the money that our Chief of Staff makes. So the room and board doesn't come out of that \$10.00. It comes out of the Chief of Staff's fund. Am I right, Betty? That not all that comes out of just the \$10.00 that we pay for registration. It comes out of the checking account. So I don't see why we need to raise it that high. Because not

all those things come out of that \$10.00. Ten dollars registers us and gives us a copy of the proceedings. That's all that's supposed to come out that.

ALLISON GRAFF, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI:

Thank you, Sister. I would like everyone... well, I don't want everyone to know my financial situation, but I will share it with you. *(laughter)*

Actually, I have to budget to come here because I am the only one supporting my family. And I go to school too. So I work. I go to school. My husband cannot work; he's disabled. So I actually had to budget to come thirty minutes away. And I'm not even paying for a room here. So to raise the fee another \$10.00, it actually really does hurt me.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: What I wanted to say was, I understand budgeting. Yes, I do. We are going to have to make some decisions. We don't want to raise per capita tax. We don't want to raise registration fees. We don't want to pay for this. We don't want to pay for that. But we want this. And we want that. And we want something else. If you want services, unfortunately, you have to pay for them. So we are going to have to choose and decide what we individually and as an Organization want to do. Yes, we're all on limited incomes. And I fully comprehend that. We want to see things printed. There's tremendous expense and to place the entire responsibility for the financial well-being of this Organization on the shoulders of two people is unrealistic. So somebody somewhere needs to find a resolution to the problem.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #3: Whereas the per capita dues for National Organization are currently \$6.00; whereas this amount is not enough to cover the current operating expenses of the National Organization causing the National Organization to operate at a deficit, 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 Organization raise the annual per capita dues to \$12.00.

MOVED by Melinie Caines DP CA-PAC

SECONDED by Diane Mellor PDP MA

That per capita tax be raised from \$6.00 to \$12.00.

DENISE OMAN, PDP, WI: I have heard that we ran it at a deficit. How much of a deficit?

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I was just going to say, I don't

know where we got a deficit. Our total receipts, and this does not include what the girls have brought in extra, plus extra registration, we had \$12,561.00 brought in this year. We only spent \$7,827.00 and then we had the Encampment expenses which will probably amount to about \$4,000.00, so you're going to be about equal by time you're done. We haven't ran into a deficit for several years.

DENISE OMAN, PDP, WI: That's what I was thinking.

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: At the present time, I pay for six dues. If it is doubled, I will be dropping three and paying for three. So out of me you will be getting no more money.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: Sister National President. Pennsylvania is second to Florida in the nation for people who are on low incomes and senior citizens. Sister Judy, some of them do that. Maybe they pay for themselves and a daughter or sister or something. They're going to start dropping the other person. You're not going to wind up getting more. A small increase, yes, I have no objection to a small increase, but I think this is much too high.

PRESIDENT JANE: Oh. I'm going to let my Treasurer make a comment here, please.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: We just took in four new Auxiliaries, ladies. And that's new members and that's more per capita coming in. I don't think we need to really worry about our finances at this point and tax our membership.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, CA-PAC: This resolution came out of California after being at the meeting held in Gettysburg where we were talking about per capita tax and if we have enough money to operate. The starting amount that we put in this was a starting fund. We were figuring go in high. Hope that we get anything. Okay? We're not saying it has to be \$12.00. Similar to how we did on the application fee. We started with \$20.00. Hoped we got something. Okay. It's not like California is coming out to play hardball and say we all have to do that. We understand people being on limited incomes and all that. I'm going to be the first to stand up and admit every penny I have right now is being saved for this Organization, either for me coming down the road or for what's going on next door in the room next to you so we can cover our bills to make this happen. It's just realistically when I sat down and did the numbers before our Department Encampment and we talked about this, I was looking at if you take X number of Sisters by X amount that we take in per capita and put it up against the small bills that I was seeing on the report from the Treasurer at this time: hotels, covering the supplies, all of that, when it factored out just using the

per capita, not the other income from your Chief of Staff and your PI to operate, we were at about a \$.36 deficit per Sister. That's where our numbers were coming from. If we feel that running with the thousand dollars in our savings or checking account every single year is comfortable for us and we don't want to have more than that, then great, we don't need to raise our per capita and we can stay where we're at. But if we feel that they're worthwhile projects we would like to do on a National level down the road, then yes, we need to look at trying to build our coffers up even higher. That's just how we were looking at it.

ANNA FRAIL, PDP, RI: I kind of do agree with Rachelle. Doubling what we pay now per capita I think would be a little bit too much on some Auxiliaries. But perhaps if we tried to compromise and maybe did \$9.00, where it would be going up \$3.00. I personally think it does need to go up a little bit. Look into the future and what is going to happen, and modern technology and any projects that we want to do. I think we realistically need to look at other organizations and how they function. We do need to have some added income.

HOPE PARKER, PAP, NY: I think I'm kind of in agreement with the other two ladies that came before me. If we agree to maybe increase the per capita a little bit this year, it doesn't mean that we can't come back and revisit it later on down the road if our expenses do increase. It's not an issue that has to be settled and set in stone today and this is what it's going to be forever and ever and ever. It's something that we can bring up year after year to see if financially, we do need an increase.

MELINIE CAINES, DP, CA-PAC: Sister President, after listening to the Sisters in the room, I'd like to amend my motion to raise the per capita to \$9.00.

Motion was amended by the Seconds, also.

PRESIDENT JANE: It has been moved and seconded that we raise per capita tax to \$9.00 per member. Are you ready for the question?

ENCAMPMENT: Question.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: Regarding the proposed amendment to Article 4, the eligibility of membership. We'd like to add to the list that is currently there the "legally adopted daughters of members with lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War."

MOVED by Nancy Hilton PNP OH

SECONDED by Beverly Graham CA-PAC

That “legally adopted daughters of members with lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War” be added, that would bring ours in line with what the Sons have.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT JANE: This, if I understand this correctly, means that anyone of our single ladies that have eligibility, that adopt a daughter, that daughter becomes legally eligible for membership. And we have had requests.

LINDA MURRAY PDP NH: I would like to know if can amend that to expand it because I do not have adopted daughters, but I do have an adopted grand-daughter that I hope one day will join.

PRESIDENT JANE: It says granddaughters also in here, Linda.

MOTION CARRIED

MICHIGAN

“May 4, 2013. To all National, Auxiliary Officers, staff and membership. On this date, May 4, 2013, I, Karen Hamann, President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, have been directed by the Auxiliary, Department of Michigan Auxiliaries and its membership, to make a formal request of the National Officers and staff. The Department of Michigan at the 2013 Department of Michigan convention ordered a letter of formal request be sent to the National Officers concerning:

Whereas the ASUVCW, the Department of Michigan, is required to be accountable to the National Officers, staff, and membership, that the ASUVCW National extend the same courtesy by being accountable to the ASUVCW Department of Michigan, Officers, staff, and membership. Whereas the ASUVCW Department of Michigan is required to be financially accountable to the ASUVCW National Officers, staff, and membership, that the Auxiliary National extend the same courtesy by being financially accountable to the Auxiliary Department of Michigan Officers, staff, and membership. The Auxiliary Department of Michigan, Officers, staff, and membership is requesting that the Auxiliary National Officers provide an annual budget that more closely resembles the Sons’ financial statement. Income and expenses should accurately reflect what income and expenses are. For example, publicity and/or advertising is never considered and income is in income but is considered an expense. We

are also formally and respectfully requesting that a detailed annual financial statement that more closely resembles the SUVCW financial statement. As a Department of the National ASUVCW respectfully request that we also receive the past eight years of financial statements for proposed and actual budgets of the National ASUVCW. Sincerely, ASUVCW Department of Michigan President, Karen Hamann.”

PRESIDENT JANE: And that is in the form of a recommendation. Am I correct? You have heard the recommendation from the Department of Michigan. Do I hear a motion to that effect? Please go to the mic, Sister Helen.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: This is our letter of request, not a recommendation. It is a letter of request, a formal letter of request from the Department of Michigan to our National Officers and to request a budget and an income and expense sheet which thank you very much, we received wonderful one here for August 2012-2013 which can help us do our planning for next year. And also our budget. Thank you very much for that also. It's very detailed and we have had some questions answered since we requested this back in May. Now all we need from you is a couple of questions answered. So we are making a formal request, not a recommendation. We are requesting that we also receive a balance sheet showing all funds for all accounts and you close your books on July 31st, is that what you said Madame Treasurer? Thank you. Again, we have no problem with our current Treasurer. We have no problem with our President. We have no problem with any Departments. And we have no problem with any of the ladies here. We have business people who are requesting additional information so that when we leave here, we have a budget for next year in hand. We have information as to what was received last year and what came in and what we spent. And then, having a balance sheet which basically tells us what things we have in our funds; what our balance was at the end of the year; and what we actually spent. So that's all we're asking because we have to plan. We have to be able to know and get some idea. And for an example, the twelve thousand...please excuse me while I flip pages. We brought in last year \$12,561.00 and we expended or in this case dispersed \$7,827.38. There was \$4,733.00 and some odd cents left over. All we are asking is that where is that \$4,733.00?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Sister, I truly believe that you could've picked that up by talking directly to the Treasurer and not bring this on the floor because quite honestly we're running short of time for voting. There is an annual report that is given out every year at the National convention so you would find that in the proceedings for previous years.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: All we are asking is for a balance sheet along with our

wonderful report as of July 31st. We would like to have a balance sheet and we are very pleased with our budget. And we are very pleased with the receipts and disbursements. All we are asking for is a balance sheet to be distributed, a paper copy distributed to us at the National Encampment. And we would like to get some idea for the past eight years. And so therefore, that's why we are requesting this information.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Again, I refer you to the National proceedings for that. Every Department gets National proceedings from each President. So you would find that in there. It is in print already. So, my recommendation is that you could've had that in your hands by going to your Department Secretary for all the proceedings from previous years.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Thank you.

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: I would just like to make a clarification on their request. It was stated that an example was given that regarding receipts and disbursements of publicity funds. I took the time before coming to Encampment to go through all of the proceedings that I have. I don't have the last three years. The last one is not published on our website. And the two prior to that are actually summaries so they had no financial reports. But for the five previous years, there were records of receipts and disbursements for publicity. And I have the figures if anyone would like to see them.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you, Sister Linda. Is there anything else then? Yes, we did have a letter from the Department of New York, and I believe we dealt with 501(C)(3) issue yesterday. Is everyone in agreement with that and you are satisfied?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Yes.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. Move on, please.

OHIO

Recommendation #1: Whereas it is an easy method of advertising, therefore we incorporate in writing that we be allowed to wear our membership badges in public.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Ramona Greenwalt PDP OH

That we be allowed to wear our membership badges in public.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: Where does it say that we can't? We wear them when we go out in public to events when we speak, representing the Order.

UNKNOWN: Do you remember where?

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: No, I have to find it. It's in our rituals. It's not in our CR&R. So perhaps that's the difference? I don't know.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Sister National President, it says in the ritual that you are to wear the badge over your heart at meetings. The ritual is part of the C.R.&R. There us a statement near the back of the C.R.&R. that says the ritual is covered as part of the Rules and Regulations.

I was the one to bring it to our Auxiliary and to the Ohio Department and I heard Sister Jan say the same thing. I know there are people who disagree, but it does bring recognition. People ask you "what is that?" and "what does it stand for?" I'm not saying put it on and wear it every day. But if you're going someplace and doing something and you've got it on, why do I have to take it off to go into a restaurant? And that's what happened. We forgot. And we went into a restaurant. We had our badges on. Someone stopped us and said, "What is your organization? What is the badge for?" It's instant cheap advertising.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: I think this is up to interpretation. Because it says you have to wear your badge at meetings. It does not say you can't wear your badge anyplace else. But they want to make sure you have it on at the meeting. So I wore my badge all over the place forever.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: I guess I've become an echo in the room. But I mean Rachelle has worn hers. I've worn mine. We've all worn them. It has been a recruiting mechanism. When someone asks you, "Oh, what is that?" And you're at Gettysburg. And they say, "Well wait a minute. I have a great-great grandfather who fought in the war." You have a new member. If you keep it to, "Oh, it must only be worn here. Only we can see it." Does nothing. Nothing. So we use it as a vehicle for recruitment in the proper settings. Thank you very much.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: I feel it's very important to wear our badges in

public at whatever outings we participate in. I'd like to notate that when my sister, Sister Marianne Shallotte, and I went around and got all the coupons in your coupon package, we put on our uniform, our casual uniform, our blue pants, our blue vests, and our white blouses. And we put on every badge we had.

(laughter)

And that is what got us coupons. They were so excited to think that there were going to be three to four hundred people coming...possibly coming to their restaurants and wearing all those beautiful badges and what do they mean. So I wear it everywhere. Our entire Department and I think we should.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. We are having the thing read from the ritual and then I will take your question. Sister Allison.

BARBARA INDAN, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, PA: I think I need to rescind my motion because I've just been raised with it, you know. The ritual doesn't say that you can't. It's just from back in the day I think.

PRESIDENT JANE: It's one of those unwritten things.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: Sister National President, I would like it in writing because I had my butt chewed less than one week after joining the Auxiliary for wearing my badge to get into the car to go to another Auxiliary meeting.

UNKNOWN: Well, then they're in the wrong, not you.

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: That was a PNP. It doesn't matter. The fact is she had been brought up that way. We need to get it writing so that there's never another question about wearing it.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Vice President, would you take control of the meeting? I'd like to speak.

I am wondering if it would be feasible because there is a possibility that there are many Sisters throughout this country that have the same understanding as some of you here that you're not allowed to wear them, that we vote on this. Put it in the General Orders that you're allowed to wear them. And then there is no more question if it is a written rule. People are fighting unwritten rules. Thank you Sister Vice President. Are you ready for the question?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: The original motion had a second by Ramona. Barb tried to rescind. Ramona refused. You still have to deal with the original motion.

The second was rescinded.

MOVED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

SECONDED by Gloria Fisher DP NY

That membership badges may be worn in public and the next National President put that in her General Orders.

MOTION CARRIED

VERONICA MELLOR, MA: I make a motion that we also put it on our new informational Facebook as well as the General Orders.

PRESIDENT JANE: I think...truthfully, I think if it gets out, you know, and I'm sure the girls that are on the Jan Harding Facebook, whatever you want to call it, it will get out. But thank you Sister Veronica. I'm sorry I have to rush you ladies. We must go into Elections.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Recommendation #1: That the National Committee on Policies and Procedures be continued during the next term.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels PNP WI

SECONDED by Barbara Indan PDP PA

That the National Committee on Policies and Procedures be continued during the next term.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That the status of the National Committee on Policies and Procedures be changed from a Special Committee to a Standing Committee. The work of this committee will continue from year-to-year, to ensure timely updates are made.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski PNP PA

SECONDED by Denise Oman PDP WI

That we accept this committee's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: My apologies, Sisters, during registration my computer died. Yes, I lost one. Department of Massachusetts, my deepest apologies. Hopefully these will be fairly quick.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Recommendation #1: The office of Historian become an appointed position for three years. Perhaps this office should be considered an honor and whereas there is need of storage; and whereas there is a need to save postage; and whereas this office is up for re-election, I recommend to those here assembled at annual Encampment that the office of Historian become an appointed three year position.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Lisa Smith MI

That the recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: There's nothing higher. It's to be voted on by the membership. And to appoint them is not as high, so I don't know where that thinking is. I mean, being asked to do anything for National, of course, is a honor. But I still say that the appointment on the floor, you know, from the floor from the majority, is the highest honor you can give a Sister.

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: I agree with Danielle's statement which was one of the things I was to say. The other is I'm wondering is it legal for a National President to appoint an individual to a position for three years versus just their term.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #2:

That the office of Press Correspondent be eliminated. Whereas this office has become a duplicate of duties of both Personal Aide and the new Publicity Committee Chairwoman; and whereas it is expense to have two people making scrapbooks and not necessary; and whereas it is now the duty of the Publicity Committee to find ways of promoting the Organization; whereas there is no need to elect a Sister to this position; now therefore it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts that the office of Press Correspondent be eliminated.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Gloria Fisher DP NY

That the recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: The office of National Press Correspondent was never originally made that she simply was to make a scrapbook for the National President. She is to do publicity with the money that is in the account that's taken from the people who pay an application fee to join. If she wishes to make a scrapbook for the President, that's her prerogative. But that is not the intention. And somehow over the last, I don't know, five, six, ten years, whatever, it has been twisted around. When Bonnie Myers was doing it, several years ago, she got publicity out. She did the book but she got the publicity out. That's the main thrust of that. If the person wants to make a scrapbook, I think she has the right to do that. But it was not for that reason. It talks about the Publicity Committee. I saw that and I went through old papers. I went through the General Order that came out. I saw nothing about anyone appointed to a Publicity Committee. There's nothing wrong with the Press Correspondent being the Chairman of the Publicity Committee because more than one person can work on publicity.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: If you would look at the job description for the National Press Correspondent, it's quite clear that there are more duties involved than simply making a scrapbook. Everything from communicating with *The Banner*, chairing the National Publicity Committee, and compiling newspaper items. And I do not think that they are the same position. I think we should retain that position.

ANNA FRAIL, PDP, RI: As a former Press Correspondent, and maybe it was the fact that I didn't have the job description at the time of my office. I was unaware there was any funds available to me. I had no idea that I had funds available to do any publicity. I did receive articles from Sisters and I did compile things. I knew I could do publicity but to do it on my own was unrealistic.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: I understand that this is a little confusing now because we are compiling a job description, so there is a lack of communication until we do get this out. But again, I agree with Sister Kathy that they're not the same. Communicating with *The Banner* is amazing and that is nothing like what the other position does. It coincides with it, yes. But it is not the same.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I was a Press Correspondent once. And at that time, our duties were to get publicity in the state we were going in besides publicity all year long. I had a television station come and do our meeting. I mean, you may not get it now, but in the past, we have done other things than make a scrapbook.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #3: That the Council be expanded from three members to five with rotating years. Whereas this office will always have experienced Sisters on the Council to teach new Sisters; and whereas Council needs to be more active in the running of our Organization; and whereas it gives more Sisters a place to learn about how the ASUVCW runs before deciding on the proceeding up the National chain; and whereas it gives more Sisters a vote in how the ASUVCW proceeds; whereas we suggest Council be rotated in the following manner: one Sister will run for one year for term ending in 2014; one Sister running for a two year term ending in 2015; two Sisters running for three year term ending in 2016. The immediate Past National President will take the seat of Council #1, if she so desires, for one year. Should the PNP decide she does not wish to serve on Council, a second Sister would be elected for one year. Now therefore it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts who assembled at annual Encampment that the Council be expanded from three members to five with rotating years.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Anna Frail PDP RI

That the recommendation be accepted.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Two questions. You're going to rotate these so if this passes, that means with its institution, then everyone who runs in 2014 will...that position will be filled by someone who would be elected for a three year term. Is that what you're saying?

SEVERAL UNKNOWN: No.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So then, every year, you're going to have to nominate... No, mathematically, it's not going to work.

UNKNOWN: No, it is.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Okay. And then my second question is, if I may, I would like to hear... I assume this is being expanded because of the workload. I can't think of another reason. Well, I'd like to hear from the Council, some Council members now, cause they're in that position. Well, I don't quite understand the purpose of this. Do they feel that there's a need? If you would allow them to answer, do they feel there is a need to expand it?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: To address the terms and how they're elected. If this passes today, four Sisters would be elected. Sister Jane would be given the option of either becoming Chair #1 or passing. Okay? For the sake of argument, Sister Jane chooses to become Chair #1, which has been our tradition. We would elect we would elect four Sisters. One Sister would have a one-year term. One Sister would have a two-year term. Two Sisters would have a three-year term. So we would be electing somebody or two somebodies every year. So there would always be old people on the Council and there would be new incoming people to learn how this Organization operates and runs.

UNKNOWN: Right. Mathematically, all four...all five would be new.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: I hope you're not getting tired of seeing me. But I have a concern here. Thank you Sister for mentioning me. We have three sitting there. The first one is the Past National President. She would rotate down so that the next Past National President would take her seat? She would rotate down so the Council would be all Past Nationals?

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: No.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: So the one year served by the Past National President would be filled and they'd be gone. Is that what you're saying?

PRESIDENT JANE: That's right.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: That's what I wanted some clarification. Thank you.

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: I have a question and a comment, if I remember here. One is, it says increase the activity of the Council members. I would like clarification on how they would like to increase the activity of the members. I have no objection to that. I want clarification of what it would be. And I'm wondering if we really need to expand it to five members until we know whether or not three can handle those expanded activities.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: I guess, first of all, adding more people into the mix of being Council, that means more time on a certain subject to come to a conclusion. I mean, we are supposed to be there to help the President or any other Sister that has a question. To come to a quick conclusion or at least a logical and proper conclusion, the more people you add into that, the longer it's going to take to get there. Also as far as workload, I think we did a

pretty good job. (*laughter and applause*)

But... Thank you. I mean, I disagree. Honestly, you're taking out more people out of the, you know, sitting on the sides that can put their input in. You're just putting them onto another table. But that's just my opinion.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: I

fully agree with Sister Anne. I want to bring up the point that if you're going to lock Sisters into a three-year position in a seat, you're taking them away from further opportunities moving up. And honestly, I don't want to be stuck somewhere for three years if I'm running for that office. I want to move up. (*applause*)

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: I don't want you moving anyway. No, I actually do have a question. Maybe, you know, once you vote on this or...and it passes or what have you, is it up to the body saying yes you are deemed worthy of being in there for three years or you're only allowed to be in two? How would that voting process go? I believe if we run for Council, we're going to be in the number two spot. And that's, I mean, obviously, it's just a one year thing. But if you don't get the Council seat that you chose and you're obviously not allowed to run for another office and you miss out on that 1/5 of a spot, then you're kind of at a loss.

MOTION FAILED

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Secretary. One more. And we've got to do this quickly. I'm sorry. You're going to be missing the banquet tonight.

Recommendation #4: The office of D.C. Representative be eliminated at the end of our current representative's term, whereas most of the duties of this office are now done by either the National President, National Secretary, or National Treasurer.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Secretary, I'm sorry, but that was already voted down as one of mine.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: We have another one.

PRESIDENT JANE: We have one more?

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: We have the recommendation from the Department of Massachusetts on the proceedings to be published.

Would you like for me to read it?

PRESIDENT JANE: Please.

Recommendation #5: The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held at Marlborough, Massachusetts on March 30, 2013, that any proceedings not published as yet be given to a transcriptionist immediately for publication. Whereas we are behind several years on our proceedings; and whereas motions and recommendations need to be published on the web in a timely fashion; and whereas this will help our Sisters make more informed decisions; now therefore it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual Encampment any proceedings not published as yet be given to a transcriptionist immediately for publication.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Cynthia Eddy CA-PAC

That the recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

DENISE OMAN, PDP, WI: I'd like to know is this a budgeted expense? And if so... Okay.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: As Departments, we need to have the information that came out of the previous year so that we can plan our budgets; plan for our activities. And we would like to get that information in a timely manner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JANE: Thank you very much. Sisters, I will say this much and I'm not telling you how to vote. Up until last year, we used a stenographer to take all of the minutes for the National Organization that were to be put into the proceedings. It takes much longer for a stenographer to take all of that information and compile it and get it ready for the National President who presided at that National Encampment. Then she has to approve it. If there's any mistakes, blah, blah, blah. Then it goes to the printer. As of last year, our Secretary was able to come up with a new recording type thing that she can explain better than I. But it is much, much simpler. It's one of those technology things for you guys that are savvy. But it goes much faster. It's the last two that are going to take the time to get together.

I was told that last year's could not be published until the ones are that were not published. And here's our two Past National Presidents who have not seen

theirs and they were done by... Yes, Jan just got hers.

JANICE HARDING, MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, PNP, CHSPK: It takes a lot of time to put together those proceedings.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP, WI: We're still waiting for Jackie Johnson's, who was before me.

PRESIDENT JANE: All right. We were not aware that this was about to happen. And Sisters, if you are expecting this preceding in two weeks...

SEVERAL UNKNOWNs: Ain't happening.

PRESIDENT JANE: Cool your jets, because it won't happen. Thank you. We got to go girls. I'm sorry.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT JANE: Sister Secretary. One more. Read fast.

Recommendation #6: Whereas encampments are held in many places; and whereas our Sisters travel from near and far at great cost to some; and whereas our Sisters should be allowed to participate and give their opinions; and whereas every Sister should be entitled to vote for what they consider the best for our Organization; and whereas the membership is not as large as it once was; and whereas with so many Sisters having an automatic vote; and whereas the "delegate situation" has become out of control with many departments just putting names in; now therefore it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts that each attending Sister in good standing be allowed to vote at the National Encampments. Let it be further resolved that "delegate cards" be given to attendees by their Department showing that they are in good standing.

MOVED by Diane Mellor NVP MA

SECONDED by Marilyn Rittel IA

That the recommendation be accepted.

DISCUSSION:

ALLISON GRAFF, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DP, WI: Could everybody from Wisconsin stand up please? Everybody representing Wisconsin. Okay. This is a problem. Now every state that we go to every year, they're going to be dominated by that state. Is that fair?

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: No.

HOPE PARKER, NY: I'll talk fast. Voting rights, it goes back many, many years. I actually had the opportunity to look at how the delegates and the amount of delegates were selected. You earn the right to vote by being a PDP and a PNP, which is an absolute honor. Your trust has been given to you to run a Department or National so therefore you are given the right to vote. I know from New York, when we select delegates to come to National, it's not just who's going. It's who wants to represent our ideas at National. It's not just, "Oh, okay, you're going. You're it." It's who can make the best decision and carry our thoughts and ideas to the National connection.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: I will give you an example of what the Patriotic Instructor just said. I was on a National committee, Pennsylvania, maybe 1998 or something like that. It was in the center of Pennsylvania. We're the biggest Department. We had 110 delegates attend that Encampment from all over the state came and many would not normally go to National Encampment. Anything that was brought up for a vote, Pennsylvania would've dominated the other states.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: In looking at the delegate cards and the sign-ins for the last five years, because I have those records, generally speaking, everybody gets to vote because that's how much the lack of attendance allows. For what it's worth. Yes, there is the possibility that the larger Departments, if we had an Encampment there, they could actually finally get a bunch of people to finally show up. Something to consider.

MOTION FAILED

PRESIDENT JANE: At this point, I would like to appoint my Election Committee of Sister Beverly Graham, Sister Sandy Bates, and Sister Elizabeth Craig, if you will take positions up here.

Sister Secretary, how many voting members are present?

*National Secretary Tricia called credentials to determine those present.
62 voting delegates were reported - each received a paper ballot.*

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN, MA: I'd like to nominate Diane Mellor for the position of President.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: I'd like to place the name of Virginia Twist as National President.

PRESIDENT JANE: Sisters, if you will please ballot. Let's divide our paper up so that you have sufficient ballots. This is a secret ballot and there is more than one nomination.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: We do it by office so that if a Sister chooses to run for one office and she does not win that office, she may run for another office.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, PNP WI: May we have the two candidates please stand for all the Sisters to see.

PRESIDENT JANE: And Sisters, I guess I should ask. Should you be elected, are you willing to accept this office? Sister Diane? Thank you. All right. Sisters, if you'll start collecting ballots.

PRESIDENT JANE: While they are counting the ballots, I would like to take this opportunity as my year is fast drawing to a close, to thank all of the Officers, especially my appointed Officers. You have done a remarkable job and I am so very proud of all of you. Thank you. (*applause*)

To my elected Officers, I say thank you very much. Some of you have been many places this year. You have given much support and to those of you, I say thank you very much. Those of you that have not got to do any travel, I've had phone calls and emails. And they have been most appreciative and hearing that I say thank you. But most of all to those of you ladies that have had nothing to do this year (*laughter*) I say thank you, thank you, thank you. It does my heart so good to see this room filled. And then when Sister Danielle came to me yesterday and said, "Don't start until we've got enough chairs for everybody." You don't know what that does. And I say thank you so much for attending. Don't stay away. Always come back. We love seeing you. And maybe someday you will be in one of these positions and we would love to see that happen. Thank you very, very much. (*applause*)

At the close of our session, I would like to remind all the Officers do not wear your sashes out of this room. They must be inventoried into the National President's trunk. So please be sure that we have them all. And if the Officers will help us tear down. Another thing I would like to say, when we came in to Wisconsin, we did not have floor flags. I'm sure you can tell by the looks of the pots on the floor. They're not even flag stands. But we went out and we purchased some flags and we purchased some pots. And sometimes when we go to different Departments, there are Auxiliaries there that will bring their flags and

use them on the floor. Next year, ladies, we are not going to have an Auxiliary that will help us out in the Department of Georgia. So you can do whatever. If our incoming National President would like to use these flags again, they do belong to me. I will be more than happy to let you take them and use them. If you are from a Department that has your flags and you choose to use your own, that's fine too. But I just want you to know that they are available to be used.

JAN HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: The Department of the Chesapeake would love to share our flags with the Department of Georgia, where our next encampment is.

PRESIDENT JANE: That's up to the incoming National President.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: Allison, will you be able to make your GAR Hall donation tonight at the banquet? We are giving \$100 to the Boscobel GAR Hall in Wisconsin.

ENCAMPMENT: *(applause)*

The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes, Diane Mellor will be the National President.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

MELINIE CAINES, DP, CA-PAC: I have the great honor and privilege of nominating my Sister Rachelle Campbell for the office of National Vice President.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #1

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: Sisters of the National Organization, on behalf of the Department of Ohio and I served as their Department President last year and am their Senior Past National now, I would like to present to you the name of Sister Jane Graham to serve as your Chairman of Council, the first member for next year.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS #2 AND #3

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, CA/PAC: I have the great honor of reciprocating the fact that I would like to nominate my fellow Sister from California, Melanie Caines, for Chair #2 on the Council of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

SHARON PATTON, MI: I would like to nominate Linda Kronberg for Council.

ANNE MICHAELS, COUNCIL #3, PDP, WI: Ladies, I would love to nominate on behalf of the Department of Wisconsin and to pass my seat over to my sister, Allison Graff as one of your Council members for next year.

MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP, PA: As the head of the Department of Pennsylvania, I am very proud to nominate Barbara Indan for Council.

BETTY J. BAKER, N/TREASURER, PNP, NY: I saw an endorsement on the web and I'll be the one to nominate her, I guess, for the Department of New Hampshire, Linda Murray.

The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes, Council #2 is Allison Graff and Council #3 is Linda Murray.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP, CT: I would like to place the name of Joyce Norman. She's currently the Department President of Connecticut. She's also a Past Department President four times.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

MARY ANN SHALLOCK, WI: On behalf of the Department of Wisconsin, it is my honor and my privilege to nominate my sister, Kathy Anderson, as National Chaplain.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

RAMONA GREENWALT, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, OH: It is my privilege as the second oldest Past Department President from Ohio to place the name of Sister Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton for National Historian.

KATHY ANDERSON, WI: It is my great honor to nominate my mentor and hero, Danielle Michaels, Past National President.

The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes, National Historian is Danielle Michaels.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

MARY FRITZ, MAL: It is my privilege to place in nomination a young lady that I have seen grow and serve for many years. Anne Michaels, Department of Wisconsin.

When there was only one person nominated for an office, the National Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot.

PRESIDENT JANE: I will excuse the Tellers and the Election Committee. And I will ask the Sisters to please move over and quit guarding the door. Did you notice they were packing? I'm not sure it was M&M's or what.

Is there any further business to come before this 127th National Encampment? All right. Sister Diane, are you ready for installation?

DIANE MELLOR, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, MA: I am, but I would like to take a short recess.

PRESIDENT JANE: I will tell you this. It is 4:45 p.m. That means that some of you will not be able to change your clothes before the banquet.

The Chaplain closed the Bible for a short recess. During the recess the money officers drew their raffle tickets.

The Chaplain attended the altar.

National President-elect Diane Mellor chose PNP Danielle Michaels WI, as her Installing Officer.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, INSTALLING OFFICER: In accordance with Chapter 1, Article IX of the Regulations, having creditably and faithfully served a term as President, you are now entitled to and will occupy the seat of honor, the Past President's chair. Do we have the badge? Do we have the pin?

NANCY HILTON, PNP, OH: On behalf of the National Organization Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, it took you forty years to get up here. I get all the good stuff today. We'll never get our badges confused because the National Organization decided a long time ago to identify your name, where you presided, and the date that you earned it. I also traded Sister Virginia last year with... so that I would have the pleasure. Last year was President of the PNP so I said take care of Sister Anne. This time, I get to present you the one that you can wear whenever you want. And this is a gift from the Past Nationals. And this is the thank you. It's just a little one, so thank you for all the hard work you've done. I know. I've been on the road, too, and I love you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Guides, Sister Color Guards, please escort our Past National President Graham to the seat of honor.

Past National President Jane Graham is escorted around the room to clapping and the singing of Battle Hymn of the Republic

and seated in the Past National President's chair.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, 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 Diane Mellor MA
- Vice President..... Rachelle Campbell CA-PAC
- Council #1 Jane Graham OH
- Council #2 Allison Graff WI
- Council #3 Linda Murray NH
- Patriotic Instructor Joyce Norman CT
- Chaplain..... Kathy Anderson WI
- Historian Danielle Michaels WI
- Press Correspondent Anne Michaels WI
- Chief of Staff Anna Frail RI
- Counselor..... Judy Trepanier CT
- Personal Aide..... Veronica Mellor MA

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister Guide, please escort to this station the President of our National Order.

National President Diane Mellor was escorted to the National President's station.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sisters, I present our National President. *(applause)*

Sister President, your Officers are in their respective stations and I take pleasure in placing you in command of our National Order. I give into your charge our charter, prize it for the privilege it confers. I place in your care the Rituals for the safety of which you will personally be responsible. I present you with a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which I advise you study carefully that you may give prompt and just decisions.

Sisters, I present to you the Officers you have chosen to serve you for the coming year. Give them your loyal support by attending regularly the meetings of your Auxiliary and do all in our power to make this administration a success.

By the authority vested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Order of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers for our National Order, legally installed and qualified to enter upon the

discharge of their duties for the term ending next August 2014 or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Sister President, accept the gavel, the symbol of authority. Assume control of our National Order and preside with dignity, impartiality, and firmness.

Accept this badge of the National office of President.

*The National President's badge was pinned on by her daughter-in-law,
Veronica Mellor MA.*

DIANE MELLOR, NATIONAL PRESIDENT: *(After rapping one time to seat the delegates.)* Oh! I hadn't realized this little hammer had so much power. I am sorry. I want to sit you down quickly. I had a speech all prepared. But because of time, I'm going to just cut it short and say I am so very, very honored to be here as your chosen leader for the next year. I am surrounded by people whose advice and consult I will promise to seek out. Not knowing who was running for Patriotic Instructor this year, we have both of our money offices coming out of the states of New England. While we're good, I don't know if we're that good. So, for two money offices, so I hope that you will help them and open up your pocketbooks to them so that National can have its funds to run on the following year and this year. My thanks. My phone is always on, except when I'm sleeping. Even then it's on. My daughter calls me at 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are...it's on my speech what I'm supposed to do next. I'm sorry. I'm so nervous I forgot. Is there anything else for the good of the Order?

Congratulations were given by: Barbara Indan PDP PA; Rachele Campbell CA-PAC; Linda Murray NH; Marilyn Rittel IA; PCinC Perley Mellor; Michigan Department; Gloria Fisher NY; Jane Graham OH; Ohio Department; Anna Frail RI; Rhode Island Department; Sandy Bates MA; Amy Bower IN; Elizabeth E. George Auxiliary #356 IN; Janice Harding CHSPK; Carol Dyer IL; Mary Logan Auxiliary #20 IL.

Announcement made regarding the meeting of the Old and New Council tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 350.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DIANE: Is there anything else for the good of the Order? Sister Chaplain, would you please close the Bible?

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DIANE: I hereby declare the 127th Encampment of

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

**LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 127TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

California - Pacific

Rachelle Campbell
Patricia Bures
Rosemary Martin
Beverly Graham
Cynthia Eddy
Melinie Caines

Chesapeake

Barbara Day
Janice Harding, PNP

Connecticut

Judy Trepanier, PNP
Joyce Norman

Massachusetts

Sandra Bates
Diane Mellor
Samantha Hosking
Stephanie Hosking
Abigail Needleman
Heather Needleman
Veronica Mellor

Michigan

Joan Wazny
Karen Hamann
Sharon Patton
Linda Kronberg
Judy Jenkins
Helen Granger
Lisa Smith

New Hampshire

Linda Murray

New Jersey

Bonnie Meyer
Ellen Higgins

New York

Betty Wheeler
Janet Hilyer
Alethea Cratsley
Gloria Fisher
Diane Theetge
Hope Parker
Virginia Twist, PNP
Betty Baker, PNP
Michelle Langley, PNP

Ohio

Jane Graham, NP
Nancy Hilton, PNP
Susan Freshly
Becca Freshly
Wanda Langdon
Ramona Greenwalt
Barbara Lynch
Judy Brown

Pennsylvania

Barbara Indan
Darlene Alcorn
Anne Sosnowski, PNP
Margaret Atkinson, PNP

Rhode Island

Anna Frail

Grace Richmond

Wisconsin

Danielle Michaels, PNP
Kathy Heltemes
Arlene Rudebush
Margaret Grothe
Virginia Michaels
Denise Oman
Mary Ann Schallock
Kathy Anderson
Linda Brown
Susan Fallon
Lisa Avila
Antoinette Howard
Lucy M. Peters
Luann Williams
Elizabeth Craig
Anne Michaels
Allison Graff

Illinois: Mary Logan #20

Carol Dyer
Jennifer Dyer
Jo Ellen Kowalski
Jennifer Thompson

Indiana: Eliza E. George #356

Amy Bower

Iowa: Grenville M. Dodge #8

Marilyn Rittel

Missouri: Julia Dent Grant #68

Sandra Walters

Members at Large

Mary Fritz

REPORTS NOT READ DURING ENCAMPMENT

LIAISON TO CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES REPORT

I was pleased to be the Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire at their May 30, 2013 Memorial Day Service. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather to enjoy the glorious scenery.

Invitations to attend were distributed among the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and we were well represented by New Hampshire members. I noted at least eleven members from New Hampshire attended the Memorial Service. Four of the SUVCW members who also belong to the SVR, Sergeant Daniel Murray (NH-PDC), Corporal Gary Ward (NH-PDC), Pvt. Jim Sutherland (PCC) and Pvt. Tom Kiander (NH Council) formed a Color Guard and were invited back again next year.

The Rindge Veterans Association provided the primary Color Guard and a firing squad which fired a rifle volley, followed by "Taps."

Other attendees from NH SUVCW included Camp 10 Commander Creighton Hall, Camp 7 SVC Roger Iliff, and NH Department Secretary Peter Whelpton. Besides me, the NH Auxiliary members in attendance were Department Secretary/Treasurer Doris Glendinning, Department Chaplain Geraldine Iliff, and Department Chief of Staff Hillary Ward.

The Daughters of Union Veterans were represented by Elsie Bonney, President of the Maine Department, and Sally Sawyer, also of Maine.

There were many guest speakers, including remarks by Chairman Donald Upton of the Trustees of the Cathedral of the Pines, but the most outstanding was U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Bryan Palmer of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, who traveled to Cathedral of the Pines from Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. He spoke about specific members of the Marine Corps who had given their life for our country. It was a very moving tribute.

Musical selections included hymns, the National Anthem and God Bless America.

I spoke with Colonel Palmer after the Service and he informed me that he would be contacting the families of the Marines he spoke of to let them know that their relatives were remembered at Cathedral of the Pines.

I thank Sister President for allowing me this opportunity to represent the National Organization.

Linda Murray, PDP, NH
Liaison to Cathedral of the **Pines**

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I thank the National President for the opportunity to chair this important committee.

Activities:

The work is ongoing and the committee is currently working on the following projects:

1. Compiling a policy and procedure manual to clarify and guide members and officers in the current practices of the National Organization, to be used in support of the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations.
2. Compiling job descriptions for National Standing Committees.
3. Compiling an informational document for Auxiliary and Department officers, showing when forms and reports are due and to which officer they should be sent.
4. Compiling a list of annual events at which the National President would normally be expected to attend, expenditures normally incurred at such events, and who would normally cover such expenses.

In an effort to understand and codify current practices of the National Auxiliary, a letter requesting information on such practices was sent to each of the twenty-two (22) living Past National Presidents. Only six (6) responses were received.

Recommendations:

1. That the National Committee on Policies and Procedures be continued during the next term.
2. That the status of the National Committee on Policies and Procedures be changed from Special Committee to Standing Committee. The work of this committee should continue from year to year to ensure timely updates are made.
3. That future changes suggested by this committee be submitted to the National Council for review and recommendations, and then submitted to the National Encampment for final approval.

Rachelle Campbell, PDP, CA-PAC, Chair

Anne Michaels, PDP, WI

Veronica Mellor, MA

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS REPORTS

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, attending funerals, picnics, installations and round table 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 meetings, placed flags, and performed grave side 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 tables and cut out coupons. We have also made donations to the local soup kitchen and battered women's shelter of personal items, food and other items of possible use. We have visited Veterans in both homes and hospitals. We have set up and taught dancing from the Civil War period, explaining our Period dress and talking about our ancestors. We have participated in Girl Scouts as leaders and volunteers. We have helped those in nursing homes to do chores. Playing organs, pianos and singing in church choirs. We participate heavily in Autism Speaks, as organizers and fund raisers.

The Department of Massachusetts offers best wishes for a Harmonious and Successful 127th National Encampment and know that our officers will proceed to do what is right for the Organization.

I would like to add my personal thank you to NP Jane Graham and to all the National Officers, past and present, for all their advice and patience.

Diane Mellor, President
Department of Massachusetts

Michigan

This past year as Department President has been eventful, to say the least. At times it has been difficult, with my family enduring 8 funerals of friends, neighbors and family within the last 7 months, including my mother-in-law and Auxiliary Sister, Gloria Beach.

The rest of the year has been joyful, especially the Civil War-themed wedding of my son and the birth of my first grandchild.

I was able to join my Sisters and Brothers at many meetings, camp programs, and Sesquicentennial events; and enjoyed participating in education programs for schools and the general public, as well as patriotic and re-enacting events. Some of my favorite activities included family and friends, as we had opportunities to visit Arlington House and National Cemetery, the Stonewall Jackson Shrine,

Williamsburg, Atlanta, Andersonville Prison and National Cemetery, Ruby Falls in Look Out Mountain, and most recently, Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park in Springfield, Missouri.

Another highlight this year has been as a member of our new Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment Committee. This Committee is made up of members of all 5 Allied Orders of the GAR, for the purpose of being a Liaison between all the Orders, and supporting each Order in the planning and execution of our annual Department Encampment. It has been a truly wonderful experience to have all 5 Allied Orders working together for one common good.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to serve my Sisters and Brothers in so many capacities and I look forward to the continued opportunity to represent our Organization in any way I can.

Karen Hamann, President
Department of Michigan

Wisconsin

On my second term as Department President of Wisconsin, we have marched in the Kenosha Civic Parade in July. We missed out on the South Shore Frolics Parade because it was canceled due to lack of funds for the parade. Then there was our Camp and Auxiliary picnic. This year it was held at the Lafayette Church in East Troy. This is a church built in the 1800's. It is being refurbished and has a museum in the basement.

August was the National Encampment in California. I did not attend this because I am a big chicken and I wouldn't get on a plane. August is also the West Allis Settlers Weekend. This is one of our money making events. It's not very large, but it is friendly.

September is our third parade. The St. Francis Days parade. September is our Fall clean up at the Oak Hill Cemetery. It's a small cemetery but it has three Civil War soldiers buried in it. Trimming bushes, pulling weeds and planting flowers are a few things we do with the Boy Scouts in the small cemetery.

October is my favorite month. It's not a real bush month, but it has my favorite event – the Civil War Encampment at Trimborn Farms. This is one of our big money makers but this year they were revamping the event and it was cut down to one day. Of course it was one of the coldest and rainiest days. We did ok but we hope next year they go back to the whole weekend. They have a small skirmish, kid's games and drilling with the kids. They are included in the flag raising and lowering. The kids come back every year to do this.

November was the 49th Annual Veterans Day Parade. This year we did something different. Some of the Auxiliary members were near the end of the parade route handing out the words to The Battle Hymn of the Republic and when our group came by we had them sing. Some of the people did sing, but most of them just looked at us like we were nuts. We had a good time. This year

we were invited to attend a Positively0Patriotic Holiday Vendor Fair at the American Legion Post in Greendale. This was the first year they were trying it. I think it turned out ok, but I haven't heard anything about having it again. Also in November was our Department Leadership Conference. This is to help members learn the duties of the officers. It is open to Sons and Auxiliary members.

December is our Christmas Party. This is a good event. Good food, good people and good conversations. December also brings Wreaths Across America at the Woods National Cemetery. This year our Christmas gifts went to the Wisconsin We Care Program which sends care packages to our soldiers and The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. This is a place soldiers can go to after they come home to get food, clothes, and even furniture if they need it.

Now we are in 2013. February is our Department Mid-winter meeting and Patriotic Luncheon. I was so pleased and proud to have not one National Officer, but seven past and present National Officers attend my meeting (talk about pressure). March is the Civil War Expo at the Kenosha Civil War Museum. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was in April in Springfield, IL.

May is the spring clean-up at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Last year the Sons and Auxiliary helped put up a new flag pole, this year we put up a new sign at the entrance. May is also Memorial Day. It was a rainy Memorial Day, so our outdoor service had to be taken indoors. 1999 was the last time the service had to be inside. At least when the time came for the canon and rifle salute, the rain had stopped and everyone could go outside to see this. The Arch Bishop of Milwaukee and Lance Herdegan, an author who wrote several books on the Iron Brigade, both got a chance to fire off the canon.

June is the Department meeting in Boscobel and the end of my term as Department President. Beside our monthly meetings and quarterly staff meetings, we also had National Encampment meetings. So I hope everyone is having a nice at our National Encampment in Wisconsin.

Linda Brown, President
Department of Wisconsin

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
 1913 † Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY
 1914 † Miss Edna Bergwitz, Columbus, OH
 1915 † Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Indianapolis, IN
 1916 † Mrs. Libbie Meis, Overbrook, Philadelphia, PA
 1917 † Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, Rockford, IL
 1918 † Mrs. Mayme E. Dwyer, Long Island City, NY
 1919 † Mrs. Margaret Carney, Melrose, MA
 1920 † Miss Mary L. Tredo, Patterson, NJ
 1921 † Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, Keene, NH
 1922 † Mrs. Margaret Patterson Stephens, Columbus, OH
 1923 † Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, Baraboo, WI
 1924 † Mrs. Emma Stuart Finch, Bridgeport, IN
 1925 † Mrs. Ida Rokes Klein, Syracuse, NY (ME Dept.)
 1926 † Mrs. Mamie M. Deems, Los Angeles, CA
 1927 † Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, PA
 1928 † Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, Woburn, MA
 1929 † Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen, Weehawken, NJ
 1930 † Mrs. Ida B. Lange, Rutherford, NJ (NY Dept.)
 1931 † Mrs. Celeste D. Gentieu, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE Dept.)
 1932 † Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, Des Moines, IA
 1933 † Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL (OH Dept.)
 1934 † Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, Tacoma, WA (MA Dept.)
 1935 † Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Clearwater, FL (PA Dept.)
 1936 † Mrs. Stella B. Owen, Upper Montclair, NJ

- 1937 † Mrs. Ida B. Lewis, Milwaukee, WI
 1938 † Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, Albany, NY
 1939 † Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Steubenville, OH
 1940 † Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, Chicago, IL
 1941 † Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA
 1942 *† Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (NJ Dept.)
 1943 † Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, Albany, NY
 1944 † Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Brockton, MA
 1945 † Mrs. Edith B. Nile, Alliance, OH
 1946 † Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, Valparaiso, IN (IL Dept.)
 1947 † Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, Lithonia, GA (NJ Dept.)
 1948 † Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, Pittsburgh, PA
 1949 † Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, Santa Ana, CA
 1950 † Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, San Diego, CA (NH Dept.)
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 1952 † Mrs. Phyllis Dean, Westboro, MA
 1953 † Mrs. Lila A. Macey, Schenectady, NY
 1954 † Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, Springvale, ME
 1955 † Mrs. Ellinore K. Johnson, Madison, WI
 1956 † Mrs. Lenore D. Glass, San Jose, CA
 1957 † Mrs. Margaret McKinney, Somers Point, NJ (PA Dept.)
 1958 *† Miss Anne O. Clayton, Trenton, NJ
 1959 † Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, Springfield, MA
 1960 † Mrs. Beatrice S. Riggs, Las Vegas, NV (CA-PAC Dept.)
 1961 † Miss Edith M. Paulding, Parkway, NJ (NY Dept.)
 1962 *† Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard, Wilmington, DE (MD-DE Dept.)
 1963 † Mrs. Anna I. Stoudt, Reading, PA
 1964 † Mrs. Anita Selby, Mansfield, OH
 1965 † Mrs. Emma Wheeler, Milford, NH
 1966 † Mrs. Edith Snyder, West Palm Beach, FL (NY Dept.)
 1967 † Miss Flora D. Bates, Shrewsbury, MA
 1968 † Mrs. Hazel L. Moushey, St. Louis, MO
 1969 *† Mrs. Irene Stoudt, West Lawn, PA
 1970 † Mrs. Florence M. Jansson, Houston, TX (NJ Dept.)
 1971 † Mrs. Eileen Coombs, Warwick, RI (ME Dept.)
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- 1980 † Mrs. Nellie H. Hawley, Fort Dodge, IA
- 1981 † Mrs. Lelia M. Turner, Randolph, MA
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1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

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† Deceased

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No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 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
127th	2013	Aug. 8-11	Brookfield	WI

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