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ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE**Thursday, August 14, 2014**

- 11:00 a.m. Marietta and Kennesaw Mountain
1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Trolley Tours
2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. Registration
4:00 p.m. Past National President Meeting
6:00 p.m. National Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Exemplification of Ritual & Opening
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration

Friday, August 15, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Memorial Service
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Joint Opening
10:00 a.m. Business Session
12:00 p.m. Recess for Club Lunches
1:30 p.m. Business Session
3:00 p.m. Patriotic Instructor Presentation
4:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. PNP & PCinC Banquet
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Campfire & Courtesy Hour

Saturday, August 16, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Presidents Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Business Session
11:30 a.m. Recess for Lunch
1:00 p.m. Business Session
3:00 p.m. Installation of Officers
5:00 p.m. Adjourn
6:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception
6:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet
9:00 p.m. Open House

Sunday, August 17, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Non-Denominational Service
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Old and New National Council Meeting
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. New National Officers Meeting
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kennesaw Mountain Tour
2:00 p.m. Allatoona Pass Battlefield
Monument Dedication
5:00 p.m. Reception at Stonewall Manor

FIRST SESSION
Friday, August 15, 2014
10:00 A.M.

Encampment Appointments

Parliamentarian	Beverly Graham, DP, CA/PAC
Guide.....	Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
Assistant Guide	Marilyn Rittel, PDP, IA
Color Guard #1	Judy Brown, OH
Color Guard #2	Barbara Lynch, OH
Inside Guard.....	Grace Richmond, WI
Outside Guard	Gloria Fischer, DP, NY
Escorts.....	Barbara Day, PDP, CHSPK
	Rosemary Martin, CA/PAC
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	Stephanie Hosking, MA
	Abigail Needleman, MA
	Emelia Campbell, CA & PAC

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Recommendations: Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT; Cynthia Fox, PNP, PA; Ellen Higgins, NJ

Resolutions: Heather Needleman, MA

Election: Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP, NJ; Wanda Langdon, AP, OH

Greetings to Sons of Union Veterans: Diane Mellor, NP, MA; Lori Yeager, DP, NJ; Sue Freshley, AP, OH

Greetings to Ladies of the GAR: Rachelle Campbell, NVP, CA-PAC; Linda Kronberg, PDP, MI; Veronica Mellor, AP, MA

Response to Sons: Anne Sosnowski, PNP, PA

Response to Ladies of the GAR: Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

Response to Patriotic Instructor Recipient: Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT

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Liaison to WRC: Cher Petrovic, AP, OH

Liaison to SUVCW: Anna Frail, PDP, RI

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Chaplain, you will open the Bible. Thank you.

It's not quite 10:00 o'clock but it looks like everybody's in and waiting very patiently so I'm going to go ahead and give it a start. Last evening, a lot of you couldn't make it to the Exemplification of the Ritual and the Opening due to tours and travel arrangements and other meetings. So, I will just go over the standard rules of conduct that I have asked for in the unwritten work of the ASUVCW.

When a Sister is addressed individually, no one but that Sister stands and salutes and waits for orders. Membership will only stand when signaled by three

raps and will sit on one; only Officers stand at two raps. You will stand at attention until parade rest is announced. Sisters unable to stand, please remain seated but follow the Rules of Order, saluting when needed and addressing the podium as needed. Sister Ramona, can you please demonstrate the correct salute and a parade rest? Everybody got it? Thank you.

All remarks are addressed to the National President, not to each other.

To leave or enter the room, and Sister Ramona, will you demonstrate? To leave or enter the room, you will first approach the altar and salute the National President. If, and only if, she does not return your salute, you will turn to the National Vice President and then upon her salute, you leave the room or enter.

All cell phones will be turned off or on vibrate. I'm asking that you have necessary common courtesy to our fellow Sisters and this should prevail at all times. Which reminds me, this should prevail whenever you enter the room. I don't want to look up and see people playing games on their phones. It's distracting to the other Sisters. Last year I noticed a lot of Sisters were having problems with this. This year, I want them out of sight. I realize people with young children and families have to stay in contact with them, but please don't carry on conversations and answer as quickly as possible. If it's going to be lengthy, get up, salute, and leave the room. Thank you. Fraternity, charity, and loyalty are to prevail at all times. Are there any questions?

Does anybody know if a Sister is missing that wanted to be here this morning? Yes, Gloria.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: Betty Baker, Past National Treasurer, Past National President, is unable to be here. She's having surgery on the 21st of this month and the doctor would not allow her to travel.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Our prayers have been with Betty all year long and we continue to pray for her. Anybody else know of somebody who should be in the room that hasn't made it back yet from the bathroom or something? No? Then we'll start the meeting. How's that?

I now declare the 128th National Encampment in session. I would like welcome all present and hope that you will find the meeting interesting and constructive. Sister Chaplain, you will please open the Bible.

As we have just had the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem during the Exemplification of the Ritual and again this morning in the Joint Opening, we will proceed with the meeting.

Sister National Vice President, will you preside while I read my report? You may remain seated.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

I promised you last year that I would be open and honest and that you would know what was going on in this Organization. You will NOW know. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent our Organization this year. It has not been a pleasant year. Although there was no animosity shown to me at any Department Encampments that I attended, there was animosity all over the place. I was treated with courtesy and respect and felt that I had made many new friends this year and renewed old friendships. I hope that I have passed on the good works that all of you have done this year. I may not have made you proud but you have made me very proud of the way you remember the Boys in Blue.

This year started out with the sad news of the Golden Chain being broken with the passing of PNP Mary Jane Simpson on July 26, 2013. The loss of PC-in-C David R. Medert in October, cast a sorrow as well. We lost several Real Sons and Daughters and our badges remained draped, but the loss of our Sister Department President, Lucille Cole, from Pennsylvania, hit us the hardest. I had just had the privilege of attending her wedding which she managed to show all of us her true happiness. Sister Lucille was a wonderful, gentle, and patriotic Sister. She will be missed not only by the Department of Pennsylvania, but also by those of us who knew her personally. To those of you who lost loved ones this past year, may your tears of sadness soon turn to smiles of happy memories that you shared.

My year started out with a visit to Sandusky, Ohio to attend the dedication and opening of the LGAR museum in September. In October, I was back to Ohio at Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley's testimonial in Columbus. Back at home, I was surprised by the turn out of my own testimonial with Sisters and Brothers from across the country honoring me in Worcester, Massachusetts. November saw me in Gettysburg where I rode in the parade at the head of the Women's Organizations in a horse drawn wagon along with National President Judy Rock of the LGAR. It was cold but so many friendly faces along the parade route made it so much fun that the cold was forgotten. Laying the wreath at the Woolson Monument was exciting. Dancing at the SVR Ball on Saturday evening was exciting and breathtaking. I mean it really took my breath away. I was stretched between Commander-in-Chief Ken and Brother Dave Sosnowski. I could not breathe and I was stretched to the max. To my Gettysburg Committee headed by Past Department President, Ann McMillan, my thanks for a job well done. I think the biggest thrill was having my husband, Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, as my flag bearer.

Attending the event headed by MOLLUS and the SVR in Washington D.C. for the Lincoln birthday was awesome. The feeling that went through me as I approached with Perley by my side to lay the wreath, seeing that wonderful face looking down on me that cannot be described, I still get chills when I think of it and how beautiful it was. Then being caught in a snowstorm and had to stay two

extra days in the hotel, well that was like the frosting on the cake.

I've spent some lovely time with the National Presidents, Judy Rock of the Ladies of the GAR and Shirley Brandt of the Women's Relief Corps. Getting to know them and be with them at so many events has been one of the highlights of my year. I pray that our special friendship continues through the years.

In February, I also attended Union Defenders Day hosted by the Department of New Hampshire and the Lincoln brunch hosted by my home Department of Massachusetts.

In March I went to California for the Department Encampment. They really know how to have a good time out west. New England Regional Association meeting was the following weekend. Following that weekend, Perley and I enjoyed a lovely supper with Past National President, Anne and David Sosnowski, where I gave her the oath to become Council #3.

The end of March was spent in Iowa. What a great bunch of gals. We really had a good time. First time I've ever eaten in a Mexican restaurant and had something I could eat. And first time I went to a barbeque restaurant and had something I could eat. (Still not my two favorite restaurants.) I was able to explain the charitable deeds to them and explained that they had more than enough members to form two more Auxiliaries. I heard through the grapevine that one is in progress. You go, girls!

We didn't stop there. My own Department, the Maine Department Encampment, and Chesapeake Department were all held in April. They were close by, but I couldn't split myself in pieces. Although I would have loved to attend every Encampment. Again, I met some wonderful Sisters that I had not met before and renewed old friendships. Talking about the charitable deeds and teaching Sisters about our mission has been inspiring and I hope they will continue to ask me questions whenever they arise.

Springfield, Illinois is always a joy to visit and placing the wreath this year at the tomb was no less thrilling as the one in February. This year, I purchased a new wreath for us there and the DUV is storing it for us until next year only because Cher's basement is being redone. This also enabled me to take part in the wreath service held at the Stevenson Monument. When they get the bricks laid out and the paths done, it will be a beautiful place. A shout out to the Sisters of Illinois for doing a wonderful job with this worthy remembrance. They're selling bricks to help lay a path, so talk to them about their worthy project.

Connecticut started the month of May with their Department Encampment. It was a funny feeling sitting at the head table. I usually help them out with their floor work. New England is also getting a small turnout, making it hard to do our ritualistic work.

Then it was off to visit the minions of Michigan, minion madness. You cannot help but laugh until your heart bursts. Thanks for proving you have the best donuts. I may not like your Vernor's Ginger Ale, but I love you.

Before heading to Washington D.C. for Memorial Day Services, I drove to Vermont to attend the funeral of Past Department Commander, Tuffy Doyle, a very, very dear friend.

Okay, if you don't do anything else, you must attend Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery. There are no words to describe it. Hot, sweaty, long, beautiful, friendly, humbling, nerve racking, joyous, uplifting, prestigious, very special. I just prayed I would not fall on my face in front of all those people. Perley and I were lucky enough to be able to use points we earned while traveling to stay at a nice hotel and stay the entire week in D.C. On Friday, the 30th, we again attended the renaming of the old amphitheater at Arlington National and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier. A banquet was held afterwards at the Officers' Club at Ft. Myers. Arrangements were handled by the Lincoln Cushing Camp. And I cannot end this session without a big thank you to our Washington D.C. Representative, Millie Ames. She made sure that the wreaths were where they were supposed to be, when they were supposed to be there. Millie is retiring this year. But she has picked her own replacement and she hopes that you will vote for her, her newest Sister in her Department, Sister Anne Lewis, who is already an asset to the Department of Chesapeake. It was a wonderful week.

June brought me once again to Ohio for their Encampment in Columbus. I always enjoy attending your Encampments and seeing old friends.

June also brought a lot of testing at the hospital. The stress was getting to me along with the weight gain. But it did not keep me from attending the last Department Encampment of the year, Pennsylvania. There was a lot of nervous tension for me as I had been informed of things that were going to happen. Facing nine PNP's who were "out to get me" was not a pleasant thing to look forward to and the stress made me very ill. However, the Sisters of Pennsylvania treated me with respect in their meetings. They did not "confront" me. Sister PNP's Faye Carlisle, Mary Jo Long, and Cynthia Fox welcomed me to their rooms for steamed hot dogs Thursday evening and friendly reminiscing on Saturday evening.

The annual election of Officers from New England Regional Association was held at Weirs Beach on Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, New Hampshire in July, which I also attended. Although I was able to attend many events, there were several that I was not. Sister Ellen was kind enough to represent the Auxiliary at New Jersey. Thank you, Sister Ellen. However, I could not get representatives for some of the other Encampments, being turned down immediately or getting notices at the last minute that they would not represent the Auxiliary. My year of travel as your National President ended with a few days of time-sharing in Georgia and the trip here to Marietta. It was preceded by my attending the installation of the National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans, 1861-1865, our own Sister, Ellen Higgins, in Gettysburg. Congratulations Sister

Ellen once again. You will make a great National President and my wish is for a fantastic year. I hope our friendship will also continue.

This year, the National Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Cummings of Michigan. Nicole is the granddaughter of Sister Judy and Brother Tom Jenkins of the Department of Michigan. She plans on attending Ohio University in hopes of becoming an elementary teacher.

I had the pleasure of installing the Sarah Bay Lou Auxiliary #3 in Rhode Island. An Auxiliary in Washington was also installed during my term. We will also be getting a new Auxiliary in Arizona on Saturday the 23rd. Thank you, Tricia, Rachelle, and Anna for your efforts to get these Auxiliaries instituted. Welcome, new Sisters.

General Orders and Correspondence

We are still having problems in this area. It seems that some Sisters do not understand the difference between a General Order and a newsletter. A General Order is one item addressed in a General Order and contains an order from the National President. A newsletter is an informative publishing that informs the members of what is happening across the nation.

There has been a lot of discussion and recommendations on this issue at all Department Encampments. The Sisters at National have voted that all General Orders be published on the National website. The Sisters have also voted that the newsletter be published on the website as well. I have issued five General Orders, three newsletters, and six special orders. The General Orders and special orders have been posted immediately upon receipt. These have been posted before the dates posted in the job description. So, I have done my job.

The Sisters are also going to appoint a newsletter editor to put out the three newsletters. Yes, these were late due to illness of our editor. I'm sorry, but I refused to fire a volunteer who is unable to get her job done to the demands of a few. There is no written rule on what is to be included in the newsletter. All General Orders and special orders were included in the newsletter when it was published.

Sisters have complained that there were no list of Officers and committee appointees printed in the newsletter. You want contact information. Well, once again, you, the Sisters who attended National, voted you did not want your information on the website. By the way, there were two lists, one with the minimum info and one available to the Officers with complete info on the webpage. And all you had to do was contact Sister Rachelle, our National Vice President, and she would've sent you a copy of the roster.

It was voted on at National that in order to save money, the newsletter and any other information would be put on our National website. By the way, I think Sister Ellen has done a great job this year getting items posted quickly. It was further voted that all Sisters with an email address would receive the newsletter,

now called *The Auxiliary Voice*, online. However, we have Departments that have refused to supply email addresses or have stated that they want everyone in their Department to receive a paper copy. Sisters, our newsletter is costing us close to \$1,000.00 each time to publish and mail. That is \$3,000.00 per year! You, the Sisters, passed this to save money. We are sending it to Sisters who could be receiving it “free?” And some of those told us they want it on computer but their Departments have said no. Why are these Departments and Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries refusing to print and mail to the Sisters without emails? Instead of National paying hundreds to be printed and mailed, an Auxiliary only has to print a couple at the cost of less than \$0.50. Quite a savings, I’d say! A question that was asked at several Department Encampments was, “What do we get for our per capita from National?” A very simple answer, ladies. Look at the budget! Figure out how much is actually coming in from our two money Officers and for our per capita. And then compare it to our expenditures. It’s very expensive to run an Organization. Look at other organizations. Our per capita is one of the lowest across the United States. And I think our Sister Officers have done a wonderful job keeping expenses down. So we need our Sister Members to help out. A better question to ask is, “What does your Department and Auxiliaries give you for your dues?” Listening to the treasury of some of these Departments and Auxiliaries, they had more than what is needed to meet their expenses. Remember Sisters, we are a NON-profit, which means we do NOT build up our treasury but use it for the good of our Sisters and to “remember the Boys in Blue.”

Food costs, hotel, travel have all increased more than 35% in the last quarter alone, yet we have not increased our stipend to our National President since 2008. This year, when adding up my expenses for attending the four events asked of the National President, I found that I spent \$2,929.13 for hotel and gas. This does not include food, tolls, or event expenses. It also does not include the lunches that we packed or the points from all the hotel stays that we used whenever possible. The National President stipend was gone before 2014 even started. Therefore, I make the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: The National Budget for the National President be increased by \$2,000.00 to help cover travel expenses.

Recommendation #2: That the expenses of the National President, which include postage, supplies, travel, National President’s testimonial (which is really an illegal Love Token given at the end of the year) be all rolled into one lump sum listed as National President expenses; to be distributed three times per year; to be used at her discretion for the good of the Order. Receipts required to be turned in three times per year.

Recommendation #3: That the expenses of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, which includes postage and supplies, be all rolled into one lump sum, each to be listed as National Secretary expenses and National Treasurer expenses, to be distributed three times per year to be used for the good of the Order. Receipts required to be turned in three times per year.

After a few months, I was not informed of much or kept up-to-date. Instead of calling or emailing me, most Sisters were contacting the National Vice President and/or the National Secretary. I would like my Sisters to remember that the National President should be kept in the loop and not left in the dark. I also found that I was “cut off” the unofficial Facebook site as were most of those close to me. This site only sent me what they wanted me to see. We cannot do anything official about the site. However,

Recommendation #4: I recommend that the National Auxiliary stop all official postings to the Facebook site known as Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans and only post to the official site located on our webpage.

To my Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley, it has been a very pleasant experience to work with you this year. Your support of the Auxiliary, especially me, was greatly appreciated. Being in the company of both you and your wife, Sue, was always a joyous adventure. I wish you a harmonious and successful Encampment.

To the National Presidents of the Allied Orders, it’s been an honor and a privilege to be in your company this year. Sister Shirley Graham of the Woman’s Relief Corps; Judy Rock, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Carol Morton and Ellen Higgins, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, your friendship and support was sent from heaven. I wish you a successful Encampment and may our friendships grow in the coming years.

Report suspended.

GRACE RICHMOND, INSIDE GUARD, WI: Sister President, we have the National President and Past National President of the Ladies of the GAR, along with the Chaplain of the Sons, waiting outside.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Please ask them to wait. Okay? I’m going to let Chaplain Jerry have the mic for a moment. He has asked that he could speak a few words here today since most of you were missing yesterday and I have granted him that privilege. Sister... Chaplain Jerry, sorry, please approach the mic. Oh, you don’t need a mic. You’re loud!

JEROME W. KOWALSKI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, SUVCW: I consider it a great honor to have been called “Sister.” (*laughter*) Which reminds me, when my father passed away, I went to a meeting and there was a cemetery and it had something that Francis of Assisi had written many years ago, Brother Moon and Sister Death. Death does not come like a terrible specter in the night but rather as a welcoming sister. And if you’ve got a sister that really loved you and took care of you, that’s what death is like coming to get you and to take you home. That’s not why I came here. I asked permission to come here from your President and from my Commander-in-Chief on my own initiative. And I’ve been the National Chaplain for the Sons for ten years. During that time, my duties have been to keep the necrology, the final muster, and to do whatever the Commander-in-Chief tells me to do. Number one, he says don’t do anything to get us in trouble. (*laughter*)

I’ve tried very hard not to get us in trouble. But the other thing that I’ve done is pray for the members of the Allied Orders. Now, what does it mean to pray for the members of the Allied Orders? I have prayed for your health. I’ve prayed for the health of your families. I’ve prayed for your success in business and in life. I’ve prayed for your marriages. I’ve prayed for your children, your health, and your prosperity, and everything else. For not just you, but all of the Allied Orders. And I am here today to tell you that my prayers continue. They continue that this be a harmonious, faith-filled reunion, Encampment, meeting of you ladies. It is so important to me and to the man I represent, the Lord God Almighty, that you Sisters not fight. In the ten years that I have been National Chaplain, because I am trained and ordained, I have baptized, buried, and married lots of people. I stopped counting after about twenty-five or thirty. You just lose track of stuff. But every one of those couples that I’ve renewed the vows with and married are still married. Let me sink that in again. Ten years of marrying people, renewing wedding vows, and all of them are still together. Because they’re being prayed for. And because they have the secret to a happy marriage, which is communication. They talk to one another. When something is broken, like the plumbing in my house (*laughter*), I don’t throw the house away. But I have it fixed. I go to somebody who knows how to fix it. And they fix it for me. There is no one party that’s responsible for things going wrong. It’s always a combination of things. But healing takes place when people communicate. Healing takes place when you put the third person in the room, Jesus Christ, and I hope you have a spot for Him in this room, and that you follow His commands to love one another. Be kind to one another. Take care of one another. If you agree with me, say amen. (*Amen*)

I’ve got to get back to my meeting and I hope yours is blessed as ours is expected to be. And I’m thanking God for the solution He has already worked out to the problems that you here in the Auxiliary here have. I’m praising and thanking God for the solution that He has worked out to your problems. If you

agree with me, say amen. (*Amen*)

Thank you for your time, ladies. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Guides and Color Guards, please retire and bring our guests in.

The Guides, Color Guards and Escort presented the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: National President Judy Rock and Past National President Lynne Bury.

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: Good morning, Sister Diane.

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: Good morning ladies. I hope you are having a productive meeting so far? I like to stand while I'm talking, after all, I am the President you know! (*laughter*)

I hope everything's going well for you this morning. We seem to be moving right along and it's my pleasure to come and give greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army. And Sister Diane we've had so much fun together this year.

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: And last...

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: And last year, yes. This ribbon and coin are just tokens from me and the Ladies of the Grand Army.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Oh, the coin.

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: The coin, yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very good. Thank you. And I have a little something for you. A bag of goodies.

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: Oh! Thank you. I wish you a very successful and harmonious Encampment.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Lynne, you wanted to say something?

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: Yes. Thank you. First of all, congratulations and I hope you had a really good year.

Okay. All right. I don't know if you all realize but one year ago this month, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic finally opened a National headquarters at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. And we had a lovely grand opening and your National President came all the way from

Massachusetts to represent your Organization, along with her husband and a number of others. We were most pleased and excited that so many people took the time to join us on that momentous occasion. Next weekend, of course, will be our first anniversary. And in celebration of that, we are hosting, doing the same living history events that they had, it's become an annual event, we're hosting a formal Victorian tea on Saturday at 1:00 o'clock. And I have an official invitation for your President.

And along with that, we extend the same invitation to any and all of you who can join us. It will be in the upper hallway where our museum room is in the official museum, the military museum, which was the original administration building. And I know that you ladies have been investigating the possibility of storing some of your history in that same building. And it's a wonderful facility. I can't say enough about it. They have been so generous and kind to us in allowing us to put our things there for free. And I'm sure it would be the same arrangement with you. So, we hope that at least a few of you can come and join us. We would be most happy to see you again. And on behalf of myself and the Ladies Convention, we hope that you do have a successful convention this year, I know we will. I have to add one possible announcement. We have not officially voted on this yet, but I foresee it coming so I may as well tell you now. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will not be meeting in Richmond, Virginia with you next year. And then following that, we will see what develops, so... But we will still be Sisters. We will still meet you and greet you whenever we can, especially at all the National events. We plan to stay in touch for certain. We will see you there.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Guides and Color Guards, please escort our Sisters out.

The Sisters were escorted from the room.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And I know I goofed. We should've had a response from one of our PNP's to our guests and I forgot. So, as I said, don't be afraid. We all make mistakes. On with my report.

National President's Report - Continued

To the Officers, both elected and appointed, who have stuck by me this year, I give you a heartfelt thank you.

Vice President, Rachelle Campbell, a true Sister in so many ways. You have worked tirelessly for this Organization and have not been truly appreciated by some. No one can realize what you do for this Organization out of love. You kept me on the right paths, gave me encouragement when needed, and advice only when asked for. There are no words to thank you enough. Just, I love you.

And I will stand beside you wherever and whenever you need me.

Council member Past National President, Jane Graham, even though she's not here today, she's in our hearts and our prayers. Thank you for your advice, friendship, and support this year. You lead the Council with courage to stand up for what you believe in gracefully.

To Council member Allison Graff, thank you.

To Council member PNP Anne Sosnowski, thank you for stepping in when needed.

To my Sister members, it is important that you remember who does their jobs in a timely manner. You should know who listens to others and who cannot make their own decisions on what is best for the good of our Order. A "two against one" ratio has caused unfair results in decision-making. Council should be a support system for the National President, not a means of "getting what others want."

Recommendation #5: That Council is changed to five members, using a rotation system.

Secretary Tricia Bures, your job is probably one of the hardest in the Organization. And your hard work towards keeping us informed and moving forward in a timely manner has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Treasurer Mary Flynn, your willingness to take over the finances of an Organization of our size has been duly noted and appreciated. And you got kudos from the Council members last night for such a great job.

PNP Betty Baker Past National Treasurer, we truly thank you for your many faithful years as our Treasurer. We hope that you will gain your health and strength back soon.

Patriotic Instructor Joyce Norman, despite not having a computer, you have managed to raise the funds that National has asked for, plus some. We thank you for your hard work. I also thank your technical assistant.

Chaplain Kathy Anderson, there has been very little interaction between us this year. But I am sure that you did your job well as I heard no complaints. This is allowed me not to worry or have to take any action. And for that, I thank you.

Press Correspondent and Facebook Manager Anne Michaels, you have done a marvelous job with our Facebook page. Every time I open the page, I find something new and beautiful on it. It is truly a wonderful advertisement for our Organization. Thank you for taking on this extra task this year for me. I really appreciate it.

Washington D.C. Representative Millie Ames, thank you so much for the beautiful wreaths. You did a wonderful job of making sure that they were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. We will miss you as our representative but know we will see your smiling face whenever we visit the

D.C. area.

Membership-at-Large Coordinator and Past National President Janice Harding, you were tasked with staying in touch with our Sisters-at-Large across the nation. You were also tasked with writing the bylaws for the MAL and keeping an accounting of monies received and expensed. I cannot thank you for doing this as I am unaware of any correspondence. I know that there were no bylaws presented to me. I have asked, rather than ordered, that the materials and books for the MAL be present at National. As I write this, I am not aware as to whether this has been done. I received many reports that checks were not cashed and no follow-up to applications once forwarded to you were taken care of.

Historian PNP Diane Michaels, when last we talked you said that our historical items had not been turned over to you from our past Historian, Beatrice Greenwalt. I asked that you follow this through and let me know what the outcome was. I had never heard whether the Auxiliary history is in your possession. I must therefore assume that it is not. You also complained of having no room to store the Auxiliary's history if you received boxes in the mail. This is a burden that should have been thought of before taking on responsibility. I have changed the committee chairman for the archival storage. We will hear her report later and I hope our Sisters will listen carefully as she has done a fantastic job in a short period of time.

Co-counselor PNP Judy Trepanier, you have been my teacher, my mentor, my counselor, and my friend. This has caused you undue shunning by your peers and for that I am sorry. You have been my sounding board and my shoulder to lean on. You gave me great advice and shared your knowledge of the Organization willingly with me. I know you don't think I listened, but I did. And I always considered the other side of the story when making decisions. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing to be my friend through it all.

Co-counselor Perley Mellor, you have seen it all. You have heard the rants; wiped away tears; stood by me; given me advice of the Sons' ruling, and through it all, you were there for me and wouldn't let me quit. Thank you for your support.

Chief of Staff Anna Frail, I knew when I asked you to take on this monumental task of the Auxiliary that you would do a great job. And you did. You found new ways to raise funds to continue our fine work. Your kindness and friendship have meant the world to me. Thank you for your dedication.

Personal Aide Veronica Mellor, or as you like to say, personal slave, you have been my left hand (she's a lefty), you have done what was asked of you and went above and beyond in some cases. You reminded me of things that needed to be done and often did them for me. Your support and candid advice were not always wanted or needed, but sometime I needed to hear them. Veronica was sworn in as Personal Aide, but I received help and advice and support from my

daughters, Heather Needleman and Jennifer Hosking as well. They will be in later today.

The next section in a National President's report is labeled "Appreciation." That's the wrong term here. But I will continue my report.

Appreciation

Past Department Presidents, those of you who served with me this year, I enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you and your Department Sisters better. What a great bunch you all are. Many of you thanked me for showing and teaching you things about this great Organization. It was my pleasure. I believe the need to bring the wisdom and knowledge of National to the Departments is one of our best accomplishments that any National Officer can do. Please keep up the good work of charitable deeds and remembering the veterans of yesterday and today.

I think I installed only one new Department President this year. But whether you're a new DP or a PDP, going forward my wish is for continued success and growth.

To all of the Sisters who accepted appointments during the year, thank you so much. It is Sisters like you who make this Organization what it is today. I will be forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Past National Presidents, you are the mentors of this Organization. You are supposed to teach by example and actions. This year, that was lost! Your gracious actions turned to hostility. Instead of teaching, you judged before questioning. Were you rude? Not in person, but behind the scenes, your schemings to, and I quote, "take back the Auxiliary and show these people how things are run," were dishonest and deceitful. Your vote of "no confidence" after a private email correcting a Sister who immediately ran to you did nothing but lose my respect for you. Going behind my back and trying to "put me on trial for conduct unbecoming an Officer" was downright dirty. You bought the SUVCW into our problems. The rules says "we follow the SUVCW C&R when we have no ruling on the problem," not that we run to them and make them take on our business. It does not say anything about bringing them into a mess. You did not even have the decency to let me know you were trying to do this. Not one of you asked me why I sent that email. Not one of the letters sent was signed by anyone. You told me, "If I showed the PNP's respect, I would receive it back." When have I been disrespectful to a PNP? Resigning positions because I asked you to follow the policies and procedures put into law by the Sisters at past National Encampments? Reminding you that you could no longer ignore the wishes of our Sisters? Being upset because I do not put you as chairman on committees? The committees need leadership, not someone who doesn't care whether things get done or not. We need to let others take the lead and be there to answer questions and guide them, not push them away and ignore them.

SHAME ON YOU! I will continue to show respect to those PNP's who have shown their morals and they have followed the rules. The rest of you will have to earn it back. Sisters, not every PNP was against the actions taken. Sister Judy Trepanier, Sister Jane Graham, Sister Nancy Hilton, Sister...I would like to include Anne Sosnowski in this but I don't want her to get hurt or in trouble. She was caught on the sidelines. They are not all bad PNP's. And they weren't in the past.

I will close this report with a reminder to my Sisters. When it is time to go to Election of Officers, remember what has happened this year. This is the year and the time to let your voices be heard. You are either for progress or you want to go back to the way things were.

When I complained to a fellow Sister that I prayed the bitterness in my heart would leave soon, she said it would. And I would look back on some of my more memorable times I have had this year, and reminded me of some of them. I am trying very hard to remember all the great things and laughter that most of you have given me this year. I will try to forgive those who trespassed against me.

The caterpillar is not beautiful. She is finding her way through this world. Our reaction is to crush her; stop her in her tracks. But she continues on to build herself a place, a cocoon, to hide and maybe to contemplate what the world really has to offer her. But her journey continues as she bursts forth in all her beauty to see and enjoy the wonders of the air, the wind, and sunshine. Let us be this butterfly. Let us progress so that we may enjoy and give remembrance to those we honor. Thank you.

Diane Mellor, MA
National President

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: There should be a motion to accept this report and all subsequent reports to the Committee on Officers Reports. May I have a motion to this?

MOVED by Ann McMillan PDP PA

The President's report and all subsequent reports of the Officers be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports and spread in full in the proceedings.

SECONDED by Unknown

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Secretary, is there any correspondence?

Correspondence read:

1. Thank you note from PC-in-C Perley Mellor for gifts given to him.
2. Referral letter for a National Scholarship applicant from Michigan

Department.

3. Announcement from Central Region Association of the Allied Orders on their October 4, 2014 meeting.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Trish. National Vice President's report.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Being your National Vice President has been a wonderful experience and has provided me with considerable knowledge and experience that will greatly assist me facing the challenges of the National Auxiliary as we move forward into the future. The opportunities to travel this year and represent our National President have both been a delight and a privilege. During my travels, I have met many Sisters and Brothers for the first time and have renewed old friendships along the way. It also gave me a chance to listen to concerns and suggestions from around the country.

I started on my year by attending our National President's testimonial in Worcester, Massachusetts. With the assistance of her family, I was able to keep my attendance a surprise until the last minute. It was a wonderful event, full of camaraderie, and enjoyed by all present.

Shortly after the testimonial, I found myself on the road again with my husband, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell, heading to Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We both had a wonderful time and enjoyed an adult weekend (*laughter*) since we were able to leave our five year old daughter, Emelia, at home with her grandmother. During the Remembrance Day parade, I had the honor of accompanying the National President's flag, which was carried by Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor.

I had the honor of representing the National President at the annual Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin in June. I again was blessed to be able to travel with Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief who attended the Son's Encampment on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief. The Sisters and Brothers of the Department of Wisconsin were wonderful hosts, in particular Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels and Past National President, Danielle Michaels, treated us like royalty while we were there.

Throughout the year, I have been very active within my own local Auxiliary and Department, participating in numerous events. I was on the planning committee for our Department Encampment in March and also worked with two local schools to organize educational events. I was fortunate to be able to keep active while maintaining the house, working, participating at Emelia's school.

I have assisted with the information of two new Auxiliaries, Washington and Rhode Island. These Auxiliaries have been successfully instituted, installed, and they will have their charters formally presented at National Encampment. Other

new Auxiliaries in Arizona are still in the final stages of formation and there are an additional six new Auxiliaries in the works. We should make every effort to remind our Brothers within the SUVCW that their family, their female relatives, and friends would be a most welcome addition to the Auxiliary.

One of the major projects which I have been occupied by this year, is a new ASUVCW National Roster. The National Roster has become outdated in both data and format. Working with Brother Kevin Martin, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Chesapeake, a new database has been designed using Microsoft Excel which will greatly streamline the process of maintaining the National roster. The new database will automate the functions in making, updating, and maintaining the roster, finding information, et cetera, much quicker and easier, especially for the National Secretary. Brother Kevin and I have spent over, and at the time I wrote the report it was about two hundred hours, close to four hundred hours on this project. But the result will be well worth the effort. It will be incumbent upon the local Auxiliaries and Departments to keep their information updated through the change of status forms, installation of Officers reports, and rosters.

While working on the National Roster project with Brother Kevin, his employer offered to donate a laptop and printer to the ASUVCW National Secretary. It is anticipated that this equipment will be presented here at the National Encampment. I have the order form. It is coming directly shipped from HP to our National Secretary. Once the Department of California and Pacific heard of this generous donation, the Department went and bought like equipment for the ASUVCW's National Treasurer. I would like to personally thank Sister Carole Morton, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, for her sizable, personal donation to make this happen. Sister Mary, your laptop will be coming from my personal company when I get back to California, because I wanted to send it shipped with insurance.

I hope the National Auxiliary will accept these wonderful donations. I hereby make the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Brother Kevin Martin for his many expertise volunteer hours designing the National Roster database.

Recommendation #2: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Brother Martin's employer for the generous donations of the company computer equipment for the use of the National Secretary.

Recommendation #3: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Sister Carole Morton for her generous personal contribution towards purchasing computer

equipment for use of the National Treasurer.

Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP, CA/PAC
National Vice President

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: And then, just to let you know, if any of you want to know what the new database looks like, I have it here on my computer. I will be willing to show it to any of you so you can see how it integrates with the forms that have come out this year. The other thing is I ran off what the rosters will look like and all the information that's contained in it. So that if a Department wants to just get theirs, to help them assist in their paperwork, or a National Officer or any Sister would like to get, it's very easy and available to now print off of the system. I also had him format so that when you go on the National site and you see the list of National Officers and the Department Officers, that automatically generates in the same format you see on the National website right now. It automatically generates that out so that you can print it. It will be very easy and accessible for me to send to anyone in the country. I made it so it's mainstream, easy, and accessible for us all. Thank you.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I would like to say four hundred hours times two people at a programmer's rate of \$20.00 plus per hour. We have been given a huge gift, a huge gift. And even at \$10.00 an hour, we've been given a huge gift. At \$8.00 an hour, we've been given a huge gift. And I just want to make sure that we acknowledge the work and the effort.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Rachelle, please convey our thanks to your husband as well. These two precious gifts will mean a lot to the Auxiliary in the future. Thank you. And this is what our volunteer does. She's marvelous.

National Council report. Sister Anne, do you have Jane's report?

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

It is indeed my extreme pleasure to be able to submit to you the following report of the National Council during this past year. Our duties began with the meeting of the old and new Council on Sunday morning following the closing of the National Encampment. The books of the National Treasurer were reviewed with all in agreement on our findings.

It was not long after we returned to our homes, that we were notified by our National President that it would be necessary for us to find a new Supply Officer due to the resignation of that Officer. A plea was put out on the internet and four of our Sisters applied for the position. Two of the Sisters were interviewed over the telephone and the others were interviewed personally in Massachusetts at the testimonial for our National President. Our report of the findings were sent to

members of the Council and after time for deliberation, a vote was taken and the position was given to Sister Darlene Alcorn of the Pennsylvania Department.

A short time later, Council was notified of the resignation of one of our Council members. Once again, the same procedure was followed to secure a replacement for this Officer and Sister Anne Sosnowski was elected to fill this position of Council Member #3.

They say that the third time is the charm and we were given that job once again with the resignation of our National Treasurer. The opening was announced over the internet once again and the same procedure was followed. We had certain guidelines that had to be followed that were outlined in the job description. And after a long search, Sister Mary Flynn, Past Department President of New Hampshire, was elected to fill the position. An audit was held in June by an outside company in New York prior to Sister Mary being installed and all books and properties pertaining to her office were transferred to her at that time. None of the elections held ended with a unanimous ballot.

The Council was called upon a fourth time to intervene in the paying of the newsletters that were printed and mailed to all members. Thank you, Sister Anne, for helping with this intervention.

Council was pleased to be of service to our Organization this year. And we have been kept very busy. We have two more duties to perform, both at the National Encampment. We will be called upon to review the books of our National Treasurer prior to the opening of the session. And I feel sure that we will find them in excellent condition. The second time will be once again be the Old and New Council to begin a new year in our Organizational history.

We wish for our National President a happy and prosperous Encampment. And our heartfelt thanks for a year of travel and service.

Jane A. Graham, PNP, OH, Council #1

Allison Graff, PDP, WI, Council #2

Anne Sosnowski, PDP, PA, Council #3

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, N/COUNCIL #3, PNP, PI: And as a side note, we did do the books on Thursday evening and everything was perfect. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: The Secretary's report.

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

It's been a good year. According to the per capita reports that have been turned in for 2014, we have sixty-five Auxiliaries and 978 members. We lost one Auxiliary but we gained two: a new one in Washington, Governor Isaac Stevens Auxiliary-at-Large and the Sarah Ballou Auxiliary in Rhode Island. And as has been mentioned with these, Arizona will be receiving their charter. John brought me more paperwork yesterday. Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1 will be receiving their

charter and installing their Officers next Saturday in Phoenix. And I know that we mentioned that Iowa is working it. And there's a couple more in process as well. We're beginning to grow and that's really exciting. The most exciting thing that happened to me, today, several of us sitting at the registration table, we have a new Sister. I'm going to embarrass her again. She filled out paperwork this morning. Her husband is a member of the Ruger Camp #1 in North Carolina. Sister Crabtree, where are you? There you are! Please stand. Brand new in North Carolina. Thank you. *(applause)*

No recommendations.

Tricia Bures, CA/PAC
National Secretary

PRESIDENT DIANE: We also have another Sister who was in the meeting at my invitation looking to join the Department of Massachusetts and that's Carol London over here. *(applause)*

Okay, Mary. Treasurer's report.

NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

I'm Mary Flynn. I'm now the Treasurer of this Organization. I'm pleased to accepted that position. And here is my report. So, first order of business for me is I don't... Betty Baker, our former Treasurer is not here. And she's ill. And my thoughts and prayers are with her. But I would want to recognize her and thank her for her tireless and tenacious efforts as the National Treasurer for the last eight years. And to wish her the very best in her retirement from this Office. Betty is a real jewel and continues to support our Organization with great dedication at the Department and local Auxiliary levels. It is an honor and a privilege to fill her shoes. And I appreciate all she did to make sure that I was well-prepared to do so. I applaud Betty in awe of her accomplishments.

Secondly, let me thank the National Officers collectively for all their efforts in ensuring that I have what I need to perform my duties. Now that I have been in the Office for short four months, I have found the job, although not seamless, one that requires complete accuracy, great attention to detail, and true understanding of standard accounting practices. This is what I bring to the table and I promise to do this job with the utmost respect and dignity for all Sisters until my term expires in August of 2015.

As I review and employ the financial activities that have been undertaken this past year, there appears to be no real changes in the practices of depositing money, dispersing checks, and maintaining the ledgers. As was done throughout the year, I continue to publish monthly reports to the National President and Council informing them of our financial position. Our checking and savings accounts are now held at the Bank of America and I have enjoyed the online banking access and many of the local branches that I frequent.

Later in this report, I will provide a detailed accounting of the funds held in this institution. As Betty has done, I now oversee the administration of the Honor Roll program and the maintenance of the Life Membership cards and records. This work is very rewarding as it continues to remind me of our members and their devotion and appreciation for the cause and each other.

Finally, it is also my responsibility to present next year's annual budget, for which not many changes will be revealed. I hope that the membership will support its presentation and will agree to allocate resources appropriately in order to fulfill our mission. Let's have a productive and harmonious Encampment and keep true to our passions for service of the Sons to the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mary Flynn, PDP, MA
National Treasurer

HONOR ROLL

Irene Wortman	C.K. Pier Badger Aux. #4, WI	\$ 15.00
Lorraine Roth Orton	Jerry Orton	25.00
Carolyn Allen	Linda Murray, PDP, NH	10.00
Merlin "Tuffy" Doyle	Linda Murray, PDP, NH	10.00
Ellsworth W. Brown	Linda Murray, PDP, NH	10.00
Margaret Atkinson, PNP	Anna M. Ross Aux. #1, PA	50.00
TOTAL		\$120.00

PERMANENT FUND

Balance August 2013	\$49,548.23
Honor Roll	120.00
Life Members	0.00
Interest	21.53
Total Permanent Fund August 9, 2014	\$49,689.76

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of August 10, 2013	\$15,452.45
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Receipts:

Supplies	\$2,845.50	
Per Capita Tax	10,757.00	
Publicity Fund	180.00	
Late fees	25.00	
Chief of Staff	2432.55	
Patriotic Instructor	2,257.00	
Registration 2014	530.00	
Miscellaneous (note)	286.04	
Total Receipts	19,313.09	+19,313.09

Disbursements

Postage	\$ 1,784.87	
Travel	2,000.00	
Office Expense.....	98.31	
Supplies.....	606.47	
Officer Expenses.....	850.00	
Wreaths	248.94	
Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	
Printing	4,175.59	
Scholarship.....	0.00	
Site Committee	550.00	
Life Membership dues	60.00	
Lincoln Birthday Commemorative Committee	50.00	
Bond.....	100.00	
Per Capita.....	20.00	
Chief of Staff Fundraiser	266.44	
Total Disbursements	10,835.62	<u>-10,835.62</u>
Total Balance in Community Bank Checking Account		\$23,929.92

SUMMARY

Checking	Bank of America #3762	\$23,929.92
Savings	Bank of America #0962	+49,689.76
Total all funds August 9, 2014		\$73,619.68

PRESIDENT DIANE: Go ahead and read your financial report. Danielle?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Sister, I was wondering rather than reading each line, if you just have a sheet out here for us to see. It would save time.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Okay, I could do that. I can summarize this quickly and then if you'd like to take the business of the budget after lunch that would be fine. Will that work?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, that would be great. This is a learning year. And everybody learns here.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Okay, so we have two accounts I mentioned at Bank of America is our financial institution. At this point, when the treasury was turned over to me, we had a savings account and a checking account. Sometimes the savings account is referred to as the Permanent Fund, so that is interchangeable. But we do not have any other monies in any other CD's

at this time. All our money is in savings or checking. And we currently hold in our savings near \$50,000.00 and our checking account right now is in excess of \$20,000.00. These numbers will be provided. We do have some outstanding requisitions to cover the expenses that are here at the Encampment today. So after the Encampment is through, it would be reduced, not significant but perhaps by number of thousands of dollars. So it looks, as a Treasurer, we are in good standing. We have good funds and we should think... I'm not recommending, I'm just indicating that as we move forward, that as we talk about the budget we should think about what we want to do with these funds for our future. The banks are not providing anything worth even talking about in terms of interest and receipts. In fact, these days you can make more money spending money. *(laughter)*

Okay, so that's a summary of the accounts. We took in for receipts this year \$19,000.00 at this point. And we dispersed a little over \$10,000.00. So budgeting usually...when you're proposing it, you take in and you spend what you take in if you are non-profit. So this is something for our consideration as we move forward. We want to look at these funds and we want to do our best to serve our Order; serve our cause and remain solid, which we are. So, thank you and I'll be back.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: On behalf of Betty Baker, who couldn't be here today, I would like to thank you for your kind words to her. And on her behalf, extend to you compliments on an excellent job.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, N/COUNCIL #3, PNP, PA: We're talking about Sister Betty. I have passed a card around for people to sign as a get well card for her. I don't know where it is now, but hopefully people are signing it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Anne. Patriotic Instructor, do you want to give the first part of your report?

Ladies, when an Officer gets up from one of the floor chairs, someone else must sit in it. So please help out. Just slide into it. That's all you have to do. Okay? Thank you.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

1. Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries	1,741
2. Number of patriotic entertainments given	151
3. Number of National Anniversaries observed	159
4. Number of patriotic papers read in Auxiliary	160
5. Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary	

have united in patriotic meetings	202
6. Amount expended for patriotic work	\$2,516.05
7. Amount of Cash or Monetary Donations for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund	\$1,599.00
7. How many members fly the flag on Memorial Day?	146

Special mention: Historical Society Civil War Sesquicentennial events, CW Reenactments and Living History programs; educational talks about CW and American history; Remembrance Day and the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Battle at Gettysburg; cleaned/made repairs at Gettysburg National Park; Wreaths Across America programs at schools and State Veterans Cemeteries and placed wreaths on graves; joined the Sons in many re-enactments and events; Memorial Day; Veteran's Day; Arlington National Cemetery; St. Patrick's Day parades/festivities; services at Soldiers/Sailors Monument and GAR church; distribution of 4,000; Flag Day was observed with Scout flag retirement ceremonies; assisted Boy Scout/Girl Scout patriotic history projects; assisted with grave flaggings/decorating; monument/headstone dedications and identifying and preserving graves; collected socks, underwear, clothing, and household items for VA veterans; patriotic programs on Allied Orders of the GAR, met with them on special events; volunteered time at the VA hospital Women's Wing; adopted two service women (World War II and Korea) at a nursing home; Presidential honors received for patriotic displays at Historical Museum and Library; Hands for Freedom "Heroes Gala"; Veteran's "Welcome Home" Program and presentation from "Quilts of Valor"; Operation Christmas Care and visits to VA hospitals; Camp and Auxiliary membership accepted by Veterans Association; awarded students for patriotic work and Civil War programs; Historical Society Sesquicentennial presentation on town CW veterans and discovery of a veteran's "Daily Diary" and on music played during the war, not battlefield songs. Report says it was wonderful.

The reports were interesting and wonderful. Thanks again for all your contributions to keep alive the memory of our ancestors who provided the freedoms we enjoy today. Continue to fight your fights to honor all veterans, past, present, and future. (*applause*)

Joyce Norman, PDP, CT
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT DIANE: National Chaplain. You can use the mic right here if you like.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Number of members present on Memorial Day 260

Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service	167
Number of Children assisting the Auxiliary on Memorial Day	127
Number of deaths which have occurred	18
Number of funeral occasions where the burial service of the Order was used	7
Amount expended in floral and grave decorations including donations	\$1,864.97
Amount of Cash or Monetary Donations	615.00
Number of cards and well wishes sent to the Sisters of the Order	34
Amount expended for cards and postage.....	47.80

It was a pleasure serving as National Chaplain this past year. My heart was filled with sadness as Sympathy Cards were sent and again filled with hope as Get Well cards were mailed. This position has reminded me how fragile our lives are, has made me count my blessings and it has greatly humbled me.

Although not asked by our Sister President to reside at any National events, I did take the opportunity at the spur of the moment to represent the National Organization at the Headstone Rededication Ceremony for sever Civil War Medal of Honor recipients at Woods National Cemetery at the Milwaukee VA.

I would like to thank Linda Perkins Murray for her donation of cards and postage. There are still cards remaining and the Wisconsin Department has donated an additional twenty cards. There's also a book of 20 Flag Forever stamps in the case for the next Chaplain.

Forty cards in total were sent out this year.

Sympathy Cards to Sisters' families: 10

Get Well Cards to Sisters: 17

Sympathy/Get Well Cards for the family members of Sisters: 6

Sympathy/Get Well Cards for Sons: 7

We lost 22 Sisters this year. Unfortunately, I was not made aware of all our Sisters who passed. Some names of deceased Sisters were retrieved from the Department Chaplain Reports. This is the reason for my first recommendation.

Recommendation #1: PLEASE inform your National Chaplain as soon as possible when a Sister from your Department has passed on. This will enable National Chaplain to send her thoughts and prayers and respects to the family as soon as possible. I personally did not feel comfortable sending Sympathy Cards to family members six months following the death of their family member.

Recommendation #2: Reports A06, D06 and N08 must be updated regarding Item #8. These reports should be made consistent for ease in summarization at year end.

- Auxiliary Report (A06) Item #8 reads: Number (#) of times Auxiliary Chaplain conferred with Sons' Camp Chaplain
- Department Report (D06) Item #8 reads: Number (#) of times Department Chaplain conferred with Sons' Camp Chaplain
- National Report (N06) Item #8 reads: Number of cards and well wishes sent to the Sisters of the Order

Recommendation #3: Remove birthdate from the National Chaplain Worksheet #2. This information is unavailable to the National Chaplain and sometimes, Department Chaplains. If used at a later date by the National Secretary or some other reason, it can remain, but is not required on the Worksheet.

Recommendation #4: Review the contents of the Chaplain's suitcase. The National President or National Encampment Committee should be responsible for some of these items. The suitcase is extremely heavy. The load needs to be lightened and should not be an additional expense of traveling by air.

For example, the Altar Cloth and Bible do not reside with the Chaplain. The black Charter Drapes should remain with the previous items. The wooden cross should be given to the President, and heavy vases should be replaced by a single bud vase supplied by the National Encampment Committee, in addition to the candles and candlesticks. The heavy vases could be sold by the Patriotic Instructor. There are no matches in the suitcase due to fire hazard. The candle snuffers could remain with the President.

Recommendation #5: Add a budget item for the Chaplain to cover cards and postage.

I spent close to \$47.98 sending out cards with the increase of postage.

Kathy Anderson, WI
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Kathy. I'm going to answer a couple of those things right now. You may sit, please, we don't want you getting sick. Stay healthy. We voted last year on the Chaplain's case. Unfortunately, it was voted that we would turn it over to people who really don't need it and don't want it in their possession. So, you ended up taking it back. We do need to find a way of getting some of these things. We also voted that the bud vases, candlesticks, candles, any of that stuff used in the Memorial service, would be...hopefully will be, provided by the Encampment Committee. We actually drafted a letter informing the Encampment Committee that we'd like this.

Your budget amount of \$25.00. A budget amount is a suggested amount we had put aside for your usage. You may put in receipts for any cards and postage that you have. Sister Mary will bring them on the floor for a vote to reimburse

you. We do reimburse for postage and things like that. We don't want any of our volunteers to be in a tight position. We help wherever we can by sending extra cards that we have around the house to our Chaplain and extra postage when you're buying a sheet of postage. If you pick up an extra sheet, send it to her. That would be very nice. Thank you, Kathy.

National Press Correspondent. Anne.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Created shortly after the 2013 Encampment by using very similar if not the same wording from the National website, it is an Organization page. What does this mean? Only the Administrator can post photos, status, or make changes. So, that makes me the information poster. Anything that you ladies have to give me, I will post it on there for you. But otherwise, if it was open to the public, anybody, not just us, but the public in general, can post on that page. And that's what we were trying to prevent in the first place. If anything needs to be added, changed, send it through a message to the Administrator on the page including photos or send the Administrator an email. I have received a few emails and I'm not sure if that's an issue within the Auxiliaries. I received not too many. But when I did, I did post them. So I appreciate the correspondence that way.

Anyone can "like" a photo. And that is showing your support, like "I agree with this." You can comment on it to show your support that way as well. So you are here and there allowed to interact with the page itself. Although the comments are monitored, of course, by me as the Administrator. Considering the Facebook page is the membership newsletter, it should be filled with short articles, photos, and/or videos of what you're doing locally; what you're doing within your state. This is everything I was going to say. (*laughter*)

And then anything that I can add to it is to think of it as "toot your own horn" kind of page. You know, it's not immodest or unladylike to say, "Hey, this is what my people are doing where I'm from." This should be a very proud page of what we're putting out in the public, showing the world, not just your state, not just your city, not just your country even, but the world. This is what we're doing as an Organization. This is what makes us who we are, a sisterhood. It's a fantastic thing.

I wish, if anything, that I would've had more correspondence as far as what the Auxiliary had been doing with the Sons. That is how we get our name in *The Banner*. I mean, I love the stories that you're sending me. But unfortunately, *The Banner* is the Sons' thing. And I mean, as lovely as they are, they're not going to give us a whole page just to us without involving them. So, any of those stories that you're saying, "Hey, this is what the Auxiliary and the Sons together are doing as a team effort," they're more than happy to give us space.

But again, it's been a very marvelous year. It's like I said, brand new from last year, and I think it had a great kick start. And I've seen a lot information. I

am right smack dab in the middle of the country and so hearing from both sides, here and there, it's a great thing to hear what everyone is doing. And like I said, I would be more than happy to post it so that everyone may know. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, if you're not visiting our webpage at least once a week, you are doing yourself a disservice. This is where all the information is going. And you need to keep up with your Sisters around the country. See what they're doing. Get ideas from them on how you can honor the Boys in Blue or your own veterans of today and tomorrow and yesterday. Thank you, Anne. I love the webpage. The Facebook page is wonderful. The webpage is great. Ellen and Anne are working together and have done a fantastic job getting our name out there with this. One of the best things I think our Sisters have ever voted in is to form our own Facebook page for publicity reasons. Thank you.

National Chief of Staff Anna Frail, from Rhode Island. Are you ready with your...not your financial report, but your other one?

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Sisters, it is my pleasure to be here with you at 128th National Encampment. When I left Wisconsin last August, I was honored to be Diane's Chief of Staff and was looking forward to a great year. However, after receiving a very discouraging and hurtful unsigned letter from one of my Sisters, I questioned how many Sisters really believed in our mission. Do they really know what Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty means? I questioned my reasons for being in this Organization. After many conversations with several Sisters, my son, and my husband, I picked myself up, brushed myself off, and said to myself, "They don't allow bullying in the school yard, and I'm not going to be bullied either." It was time to get work.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend many Encampments due to other things going on in my family. However, I did get great support from the Sons in Rhode Island, my co-workers at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Miriam Hospital, and my mom, who made all the stops for me. I would also like to thank all the Sisters, Auxiliaries, and Departments for their donations. Without you, I would never be able to make my goal.

Anna L. Frail, PDP, RI
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Anna. (*applause*)
National Personal Aide, Veronica.

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE REPORT

This year I had the honor to be selected to be the Personal Aide to National President, Diane Mellor. It was a great pleasure to serve her in any capacity that

she needed. To this effect, I have made and wrapped gifts for her. Made sure she did not go to events without having the things she would need when she needed them. Reminded her of events when she would triple book herself because you can't be in three places at once. (*laughter*)

I had ultimate clothing choices and...cause I do live with her and she has no choice. She has no choice and my closet is right there. And my clothes just sort of disappeared.

She had me message and look up computer things for her. To be available when she called...she always did. Most of all, I was there for her to talk to, to give her encouragement when times got rough, to hold her hand, and dry her tears, to give her a hug, and say everything is going to be all right.

Unfortunately I was only able to attend some events with her in an official capacity. The New England Regional in October, 2013 and the MA Department Encampment in April, 2014, as well as the National Encampment in Georgia, 2014.

Sister National President, thank you for the opportunity to serve you at a National level.

Veronica Mellor, MA
National Personal Aide

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Veronica. (*applause*)
How about a Counselor report?

NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT

Our National President, Diane Mellor, appointed me as her Co-Counselor for the term 2013-2014. I did give some advice and guidance. However, our National President was able to make most of her own decisions after conferring with some other National Officers. She did keep me apprised of decisions that she rendered throughout the year.

This has been a difficult year for all of us and hopefully, we can move forward with the camaraderie of our Sisters and our thoughts.

Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT
National Co-Counselor

NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT

Sister National President, it has been an honor to have served as your National Co-Counselor for the past year. Now is the time to go back to being just your husband. There have been several occasions during this administration that have required me to offer my opinion on several items not covered by the Auxiliary and Constitution Rules and Regulations. As always, my opinion was offered and received. These opinions were necessary due to the adverse situations that occurred during this administration.

Perley Mellor, PC-in-C, SUVCW
National Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. I'm just going to give one little piece of advice. And then I'll recess you so you can go to the bathroom before you have lunch.

Kathy, you said you gave National Greetings for me. Thank you. Sisters, when you are asked to give National Greetings or when you are participating in an event, and you are a Sister, if you have any rank at all, you should represent National if there is no National officer there. Someone should say, "I bring you the greetings of National." We, as National Presidents, cannot be aware of every event that is going on. But we always want to send our greetings and our best wishes for a happy event. So please don't hesitate to step forward and do these things for National. You represent National. You're representing your Department. You're representing your Auxiliary. It's fine to step forward and take some initiative. Just make sure there's nobody higher ranked than you, trying to do it first. Okay? I just want you to know that's something you can do as Sister members. Okay? Any questions? Then I am going to recess. Sister Chaplain.

The Chaplain attended the altar and the meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m.

Second Session
Friday, August 15, 2014
1:30 p.m.

The Chaplain attended the altar and opened the Bible.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, my goal today is to have all of the reports done. National Recruiter and Organizer of New Auxiliaries, Rachelle Campbell.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, N/RECRUITER, PDP, CA/PAC: To save you time I'm going to do both of my reports that are similar on the same subject, because you forgot Membership.

NEW AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

This will serve as the final report of the National New Auxiliary Committee for 2013-2014 term. Two new Auxiliaries were instituted this year, one in Washington and one in Rhode Island. One new Auxiliary is currently forming in Arizona and six additional new Auxiliaries are currently in the planning stages. And with that, I followed up with all these potential six before I left California to come here with the secondary email to see where they are in their statuses. And

to let them know that once I come home from this Encampment, that I will be contacting them again to give them the name of the new person who will be taking over that position, so that they can proceed into the next year and continue to move along.

One item of concern is that new Auxiliaries are sometimes formed without notification to the Committee or the National Vice President. Additional efforts by all parties involved would be required to help resolve the communication issues. Therefore, the Committee would like to make the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That the newly revised N13 (Application to Form a New Auxiliary) and N14 (Application for Auxiliary Charter) be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

And I am providing examples of these for the consideration of everyone to look over.

Recommendation #2: That the newly revised document entitled “Instructions for Forming a New Auxiliary” be approved and made available as soon as possible.

And I also attached and provided that as well.

Recommendation #3: That the newly created documents entitled “Local Auxiliary Guidelines” and “Auxiliary Meeting Script,” that's not so tied to the Ritual but allows them to use their Ritual to help them give a guideline of how to go through it, be approved as soon as possible.

Many people have told me this year that they didn't really know where to go and what to do. And these are attached as well.

Recommendation #4: That the National New Auxiliary Committee shall have continuity. Membership shall consist of four members, the National President shall appoint in 2015 one Sister to serve for two years and one Sister to serve for one year and appointing in subsequent years one Sister to serve for two years. The third and fourth members of the Committee shall be the sitting National Vice President and the National Secretary, who shall have a one year term.

Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP, CA/PAC
Chair, New Auxiliaries Committee

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: And I'm turning over all of the attachments that I was talking about for the Committee's consideration to look over. And I will answer any questions and concerns on these. This one's a little longer.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

As National Vice President, I am the automatic Chair of the National Membership Committee. This will serve as my final report of said Committee for the term 2013-2014. The Committee established a procedure to streamline processing of new members' applications. When an application is received, an email to the applicant based on standard template to inform the applicant that their application has been received and viewed and is complete and meets the requirements is sent. The applicant is also advised to which Auxiliary or Department their application is being forwarded and is provided the contact information for the same. The application is then scanned and digitally sent to the Auxiliary/Department to expedite process prior to forwarding the physical paperwork and check via the mail. Applicants for membership are being recorded on a standardized tracking sheet and can be passed along to the next National Vice President.

The Committee is pleased to report that all Departments and all Auxiliaries-at-Large have submitted their Vice President's report. The following membership can be gleaned from said reports.

	Members	New	Junior	Total
Picacho Peak #1, Arizona	15	1	1	17
California and Pacific Dept.	52	4	2	58
Chesapeake Dept.	33	1	2	36
Connecticut Dept.	27	1	0	28
Mary Logan #20, Illinois	14	0	1	15
Elizabeth E. George #356, Indiana	11	0	0	11
Iowa Dept.	15	1	0	16
Maine Dept.	34	1	1	36
Massachusetts Dept.	33	2	3	38
Michigan Dept.	44	4	1	49
Julia Dent Grant #68, Missouri	7	1	1	9
Louisa Volker #215, Missouri	11	0	0	11
#326, Missouri	7	0	0	7
New Hampshire Dept.	52	4	0	56
New Jersey Dept.	69	2	1	72
New York Dept.	49	2	0	51
Ohio Dept.	54	3	3	60
Rachel Cormany #2, Oklahoma	10	0	0	10
Pennsylvania Dept.	192	11	0	203
Rhode Island Dept.	7	6	1	14
Edward Wallace #2, South Carolina	17	0	0	17
Sarah Emma Seelye #1, Texas	17	1	0	18
Vermont Dept.	11	1	0	12
Gov. Isaac Stevens #1, Washington	0	6	0	6

Wisconsin Dept.	44	7	0	51
Membership-at-Large	30	2	0	32

This brings our total membership to 860 Regular Members, 14 Associate, 40 Life Members, 14 Junior Members, 27 Dual Members for a grand total of 928 voting members. Now, of the totals that I gave you from the entire country, I am still missing three Auxiliary rosters. Once those come in, the number will increase. And I believe it will come in over a thousand Sisters for our total membership. But I'm waiting on three Auxiliaries currently.

Twenty-seven applications for memberships were processed through the National Vice President and forwarded to the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator or the appropriate Department or Auxiliary-at-Large placement. All of said applicants have been accepted into membership.

This committee makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the standard membership application be revised and corrected, as needed; and that a single standard membership application be established, which would be used both in print and online, and these tasks be assigned to the incoming National Committee on Forms and Documents, to be completed as soon as possible.

Recommendation #2: The ASUVCW National Constitution currently forbids those who are not United States citizens from becoming members of the ASUVCW. There does not seem to be a valid reason for this exclusion, which denies a great number of genuinely patriotic ladies of good moral character from joining our ranks. There are many citizens of other countries living in the United States and elsewhere, whose ancestors served honorably in the Union forces during the Civil War and who might want to join the Auxiliary but are precluded by this clause. I therefore recommend that a resolution be passed by some Department calling for the following sentence in Article 4 of the ASUVCW National Constitution be stricken, to wit: "All applicants must be American or naturalized citizens of the United States before being accepted in the Auxiliary." And further that such a resolution be voted upon by the delegates to the 2015 National Encampment and if acted upon favorably, then be followed to the Departments for ratification.

Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP, CA/PAC
Chair National Membership Committee

PRESIDENT DIANE: Wonderful, Rachelle. For those of you who have said that the changes and things that have come about through National have decreased our membership, I think this pretty much shows that they are wrong.

Supply Officer, Dar Alcorn, are you ready with your report?

NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER REPORT

December 1, 2013, to July 31, 2014

Income		Expenses	
Sales	\$1,965.00	Postage	\$184.10
Postage	241.50	Supplies	41.26
Total income	\$2,206.50	Total Expenses	\$225.36
Left from \$300.00 expense check: \$74.64			

Darlene Alcorn, PA
National Supply Officer

PRESIDENT DIANE: Darlene, I would like you to bring your receipts and bookkeeping to our National Council, and our Treasurer, after the meeting this afternoon, if possible.

DARLENE ALCORN, NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER, PA: Okay.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, and from now on, any money officers need to report to the Council on Thursday evening for financial review and then again on Sunday morning for financial review.

Thank you, Sister Dar, that was wonderful. Anybody have any questions for the Supply Officer? Okay.

Copies of the Budget Report were distributed to the delegates.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, I'm asking that the Budget Report be done at this time because what we need to do is you need to think about what Mary has put in here; what she's budgeting out for certain things. You can take it with you and study it later. But tomorrow, when you come in to vote, you can be informed of whether we can do the money items. Okay? Sister Mary.

BUDGET 2014-2015**Receipts**

Supplies.....	\$ 2,500.00
Per Capita.....	9,000.00
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)	500.00
Miscellaneous	120.00
Total Receipts.....	\$16,820.00

Disbursements

Office Expense.....	\$ 100.00
Postage.....	1,400.00
National President, Secretary, Treasurer (3x4x\$50.00)	
Supply Officer \$300, not needed every year	
General Order #1, #2, #3 (3x\$170.00)	
Travel.....	2,000.00
Officer Expenses.....	850.00
National President \$150, Secretary \$350, Treasurer \$350	
Supplies.....	1,200.00
PNP Badge \$600	
Unexpected supplies \$600	
Wreaths.....	350.00
Gettysburg	
Lincoln Memorial (Washington, DC)	
Lincoln Tomb (Springfield, IL)	
Unknown Soldier	
Unexpected wreaths	
Cathedral of the Pines.....	25.00
Lincoln Birthday Commemorative Dues.....	50.00
Printing.....	3,000.00
Convention \$500.00	
Newsletters 3 @ \$750.00	
Transcription \$250.00	
Proceedings.....	2,000.00
Past Presidents 4 @ \$500.00	
Publicity.....	145.00
Scholarship.....	500.00
Life Membership Dues (\$6 x 10).....	60.00
Bond.....	100.00
Web Page (new software).....	45.00
Site Committee.....	550.00
Encampment 2015	
Room two officers – Nat. Sec. & Nat. Treas.....	900.00
Board.....	150.00
National President, Secretary, Treasurer (3 x \$50)	
Chaplain Allowance.....	25.00
Chief of Staff Allowance.....	50.00
Gratuities.....	25.00
Mileage Nat. Pres \$900, Nat. Sec. \$900 & Nat. Treas, \$200.....	2,000.00
National President Testimonial.....	200.00
SUVCW Gift.....	250.00

Patriotic Instructor Memorial	350.00
Patriotic Instructor GAR Hall	100.00
Supply Officer Expenses	100.00
Miscellaneous	295.00
Total Disbursements	\$16,820.00

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I actually have from the printers we're currently using the quote for the proceedings. I took them in two previous years that were different size so we look at different page widths. He was going to try to have that quote for me for the convention. Unfortunately, he didn't; so once I receive the quote, I'll definitely send it to you. But I think you're ballpark for the required number that we need to print. Then we can decide to do printing for those who want to purchase their own after that. That's where we'll have to determine how to break down costs per unit. But he's going to give me a per unit cost versus an overall total.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: So, if you were talking about those that are purchasing, then that seems to be an even proposition. So the cost to the National for what we make available, I want to allocate that and it is expected that those will be done within this year for the end of the year. So, I want to make sure that we account for that.

We are up a couple thousand from last year. But we are taking in a couple more thousand dollars in our membership. So, that's kind of what I have. I don't think there's a lot of changes, you know. Basically, what I've reported this morning, our financial situation, that I think members, you know, should look at this and really think about... And I will put out the report for you a little later where you can see some of the real numbers. But we do have savings. We do have checking account balance and...this, to me, this is not a significant change nor is it, you know, a big plus here that we're looking for. Any questions?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Mary, may I? About three years ago, we formed a committee. The people who used to put it on, MOLLUS and the SVR and those people, they decided that the expenses were getting out of hand for the birthday celebration. So, they started charging everybody who attends the celebration at Lincoln Tomb. They started charging dues. I questioned this the first year it showed up in the Budget. And that is what was explained to me. And again this year, I talked to them about it again. We were told that it covers the expenses at the Tomb, setting up of chairs, the band, the security, the wreaths. Well, the wreaths are ours. But all of that stuff.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: At the Lincoln Memorial?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes. The one in Washington D.C.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: There wasn't a fee before.

PRESIDENT DIANE: There is now.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Okay, so again, this is what we've had already paid for this year and already dispersed that money. I don't know if we're going to pass or not. This is all up to you folks, you know, in terms of your support.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Question. Regarding the Lincoln Birthday Commemorative dues, I think that that is a contribution to go along with the men. But necessities? Maybe the word "dues" is kind of not the right word there.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: As I said, it probably is labeling. I'm very open to making the labels more appropriate.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: My next question is the National President gets a certain amount...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Danielle, I am going to call you on this. I want you guys to take this budget back tonight and ask the questions of Mary on the side. And then come back with your questions tomorrow when we actually vote on it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I still need to know right now, we say that we give the National President X amount of money. And we're talking about you made the suggestion of adding an extra \$2,000.00. I want to know with that amount, does that include the mileage? Does that include the items that are listed here?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yeah, we lump them all together.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Yeah, basically, I heard the testimonial figure would be added together with the other office supply and postage allocations, so that she would like it to read as one amount of money going to the President. That's exclusive of the mileage. The mileage is in the CR&R at \$.15. I personally think that, you know, there ought to be a cap on mileage. With today, we have airplane flights. And we have other modes of transportation that given the amount of mileage you could go higher and lower. So I mean, I'm just saying that a personal feeling, but I am going based on CR&R

and where the folks are coming from.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And that's only for convention.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Yes, that's mileage only.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I want you to know that that's mileage only to convention, to and from convention. I get paid no mileage this year except what I put in for my National expenses. And I don't record mileage. I put it to gas.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Well, you were allocated \$2,000.00.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes. Okay? Sister Mary, that was wonderful. You can ask more questions tomorrow.

She's doing a great job, isn't she, for just having four months under her belt?
(*applause*)

National Membership-at-Large, Jan Harding.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: In 2011, I was voted into this position. I was waiting to receive things that I needed in order to do my job. I was told that I would have my check for the Member-at-Large by the end of August. The check came. The check was written September 29th and received by me in mid-October. To that point, I had nothing. I waited for things to come to me. Nothing came. When I prepared to go to the Remembrance Day, I picked up a red bag that I always put the stands in for the flags. And when I picked that up, a roll came out. In that roll was a per capita report and a list of Members-at-Large, which was not backed up with any evidence of who was a Member-at-Large. And I pondered on this, and I went through the paperwork that I had. And I said, "This is not everything. There must be more." So when I sent my letter out, I contacted Anne Blackburn, the Department President, I wrote the letter and she and I sat and addressed them to every Member-at-Large that we had listed. My letter, I felt, was a wonderful letter. Responses I got were, "This is a great letter." And I'm going to share it with you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Jan, I'm sorry, hon. I want a report for 2013-2014.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I'm laying a basis for what I had to do.

PRESIDENT DIANE: No, I'm sorry. We don't need a basis. Those were used

before. Please go to your report for 2013-2014.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE REPORT

After doing my list of current MAL members, I have a list of twenty-six women. The reason that we have twenty-six women is that very wonderfully, we were able to place five in new Auxiliaries, one being Auxiliary in Arizona and one being the Auxiliary in Washington State. And we had a transfer to MAL of Mary Fritz. Coming due this year are some of the Sisters who pay for two years. The number of people who left and did not rejoin and the names are: Eddington, Anderson, Henden, Rose, Pierson...

PRESIDENT DIANE: We don't need the names.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Those were the names of the women who did not rejoin. In fact, one of them kind of got to me because Eddington was in Arizona. And she wrote she didn't want to rejoin because there's no activity there. And I thought that I heard her make mention as one who would be a prospective, but I never heard anything further. So I don't know what happened there.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: She is in the Arizona Auxiliary.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: And didn't inform me of such. Okay. I understand.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I think she's confused. She thought it was two Auxiliaries.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: It's possible. So, we'll let that one fly but I'm happy to hear that because she was very interested.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Sister Jan? Was she up to date on her per capita?

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: No, she had to pay it and she didn't. She wrote to me. She wasn't going to.

PRESIDENT DIANE: At that point, she was up to date when she resigned? So she was a Sister in good standing?

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: She resigned last year and she did not owe you any per capita at that time.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Well, very good. Thank you.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: You know, as far as I'm concerned, we're on our way financially. I was very happy. I said it was up. It was \$1,146.00 when I got the first check. Bearing in mind that we lost members, we worked our tails off in communication with our Sisters. I can report to you, that as of right now, the balance in our account is \$2,092.09. And that is with \$5.00 a month going to the bank. So I think we did very well by the Sisters. We did very well by the Organization. And we're \$1,000.00 ahead of last year. And we don't need that money. Okay. That money can go back to National. A thousand dollars of that can go back to National. And the decision was made several years back that MAL would return funds as they went over the necessity. I have all of the receipts and a letter from the bank.

There's something else and it's going to slip my mind because I'm a little upset here because I think I did a very good job. I'm very proud of what I did. And, you know, I put before you and before the Sisters, that I have loved helping women who had not been a member prior. I loved dealing with them. My letters were always to the point. And...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jan...

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I need to defend a bit here, Sister.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I need your report only.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: You have my report.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Fine.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK:
Twenty-six members. Two thousand ninety-two dollars and nine cents.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Correct.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sisters, in the past, we have voted that all money officers will come in and be part of the financial review at National. These are monies that need to be accounted for. And we need to do the checks and balances, just as we do with our National Treasurer. We also need to do it with our Supply Officer and our MAL. And that is one of the things that I have asked for this year.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Sister, may I finish?

PRESIDENT DIANE: You said...

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: We drove twenty-seven hours to get here so that I would be here to have this report. Unfortunately, we didn't get here until 12 o'clock last night. And today is the only opportunity I've had to deal with this.

PRESIDENT DIANE: That's fine, Sister Jan. Can you take your financial information and give it to the Council and the National Treasurer?

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Absolutely.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I am not accusing anyone of doing anything wrong. We just need an accounting.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK:

Well, I feel as though I've done a wonderful job. And you very much hurt my feelings this morning.

PRESIDENT DIANE: With our Auxiliary-at-Large, they have to make reports, pay per capita, and run their treasuries. As a National MAL, Membership-at-Large, it has to go through National. That is why Jan needs to do that. We asked five years ago that everyone bring up to date their bylaws. And right now, I do not have any bylaws for MAL.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Because there's no change. Nothing has changed.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Every five years, we have to do some new bylaws. Thank you.

Washington D.C. Representative, Millie Ames. Did she send in a report,

Sister Tricia?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: No, she did not.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Historian, Danielle Michaels.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT

Last fall, I was asked to see if anything mentioned a letter written in 1939 by the National President of the Auxiliary asking the Order's membership to boycott the movie *Gone with the Wind*. Recently, an author found this letter and wanted to use it in his current book about the movie. He wrote to our National President asking permission to use it. Unfortunately, in my findings, I found the note of this boycott in the small archives that I received. In 1939, the National President asked for a boycott of the movie *Gone with the Wind* because she felt that the movie romanticized the southern way of life before the Civil War and depicted their fathers, our fathers, and grandfathers as butchers cause they had to talk about Sherman's March. Remember, at that time, many of the Civil War veterans were still living and too old to defend their deeds of the war. As was then and it is still now, people generalize and believe movies to be true. Even though it was written as a romantic novel, many walk away after viewing, and not knowing their history, believing the scenes to be historical facts. The critics in 1939 also criticized the movie for historical revisionism and glorification of slavery. The author, Margaret Mitchell, is a lifetime resident nearby here in Atlanta, Georgia. Her Irish grandmother played a key role in her writing the novel. She often took Margaret around town, showing her the many mansions from the war and lamented over the grand scale of life that was back in the days before the war. The book was first published in 1936, earning the Pulitzer Prize. It was made into a movie debuting in 1939 starring Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Leslie Howard as Ashley, Olivia de Havilland as Melanie, and Hattie McDaniel as Mammy. Even at the Academy Awards, the attendees were segregated. The author died August 16, 1949. This is the 75th anniversary of that story. As we meet, take note of the Southern Life. See how much or how little has changed since the war 149 years ago and since the movie seventy-five years ago. So that is our history of coming to Atlanta, Georgia.

I was voted in as the Historian last year and in October, I received a small box of materials that had only the proceedings. A smaller box came in the mail a day later having a few old charters. When I asked as to what happened to our history, I was told Nancy Hilton, Past National President, was given the items to take to the Ohio Historical Society because after all, our Organization started in Ohio. Never did I say that I didn't have enough housing for the materials. I own a home. I have plenty of room now that the kids are gone. *(laughter)*

As for the Order, never before this year has there been so many National Officers that have stepped down from the elected or appointed positions. Never before...

PRESIDENT DIANE: I call the report Out of Order at this time.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: No you are not. This is history.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You will sit down Danielle.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Based on what?

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm calling it out of order.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: No, you can't. This is a report. Parliamentary. You know, I was asked for a report...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Continue.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: And I have the mic.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Continue.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Never before has there been so many discourteous letters, emails, name-calling, threats, accusations. This misconduct needs to stop before it becomes a trend. These deeds do not showcase our Organization at its best. What we hear through rumors is that or worse. Rather, should we not be helping one other? Teaching one another? Appreciating the many gifts and skills that each brings? Rather than tearing one another apart, should we not be working together towards the principles of this Order? The principles of this Order are what make us unique. These principles created by our ancestors are just as pertinent today to these times as they were back then, rather than re-create the wheel, eliminate tradition, putting your own spin on relevancy. Spend your time on carrying out the principles. We should all be proud of our Auxiliary's history. May I ask you, what legacy will you leave behind for the Good of the Order or for yourself?

Recommendation #1: That the Historian provide an article of our Auxiliary history in each newsletter depicting our heritage.

Recommendation #2: A session of servant leadership be provided to the

members at the National convention and be included on either the webpage or newsletter. Characteristics of servant leadership center on the following topics: listening skills, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to growth, and building community. All these skills would benefit the Auxiliary, making our Auxiliary stronger, allowing each to communicate with one another, at an earnestly sincere level. Many businesses have adopted this because frankly, my dears, I give a damn.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Danielle, I will apologize to you. That was a very good report. I wish I had read it before I talked. My apologies. Hopefully you will accept it.

Charitable Deeds, Marilyn.

CHARITABLE DEEDS REPORT

Reports were received from the following Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large: California-Pacific, Chesapeake, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, Mary Logan #20 Illinois, Elizabeth E. George #356 Indiana, Louisa Volker #215 Missouri, Julia Dent Grant #66 Missouri, Sara Emma Seelye #1 Texas

Blood donations:		140 pints
Hours Volunteered:	21,413.5 @ \$7.25/hr	\$155,247.63
Material Donations:		\$169,604.83
Cash Donations:		\$41,532.62
Mileage:	125,875 @ \$.14/mile	\$17,622.50

Special Projects: Adopt a Position; Albert Woolson Monument; assist at fundraisers for community, cultural and church; assist students with research on Civil War Era topic; assist with church fundraising for kids' church camp; Autism Speaks; book markers for naturalized citizens; cancer centers; canning, cards for wounded military at Ft. Sam Houston; challenge baseball, children and family service; churches, Civil War talks at local schools, Girl Scout groups, community college, schools; clean up at Governor Sprague Mansion; college funds; DMARC food pantry; donation of two framed prints for SVR raffle; DTE heat and warmth fund; entertainment at VA hospital; flag retirement; food preparation for special dinner; Girl Scout Gold Award; Goodwill; headstone dedications; help and donations of time for Goodwill; help disabled veteran with daily life; help the homeless; help with the other Allied Orders; Helping Hands for Freedom; Heroes Gala; Holiday for Heroes Comedy Show; host foreign students; human services, Legion; Linus Project; Make a Difference Day; March of Dimes; Meals from the Heartland; Meals on Wheels; member of community

choir; Memorial Day Services, Miracle of the Bell; packages for US Troops; parades; pillow cases; programs for libraries & schools; projects for maternal/infant health; quilt, Red Cross; Relay for Life; Salvation Army; served on Memorial Day committee; sewing colostomy bags for VA; Special Olympics; Department Encampments; Stuart, IA food pantry; treats for Veterans at VA; used stamps to St. Jude's Children's Hospital; VA hospitals; Veterans Home; Vicksburg, MS Iowa Memorial rededication; volunteer at homeless shelter; volunteered at school and children's theatre events; volunteering at VA hospital; volunteer at historical museum; Waves; work with MD Food Bank through our local churches in the distribution of food; work with the Girl Scouts; workshop for annual Refugee League; Wreaths Across America; writing and casting "Evening at Ford's Theatre" by a Sister in PA

There's a lot of very nice things that our Auxiliary Sisters have done nationwide. Thank you.

Marilyn Rittel, IA
Charitable Deeds Committee

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. (*applause*) Sister Marilyn, can I ask you if you would take your page of items that people have done and forward it to our publicity person or Anne, if she's staying in as publicity or as Press Correspondent or Facebook page person? Let's put that list on our Facebook.

MARILYN RITTEL, CHARITABLE DEEDS COMMITTEE, DP, IA:
Absolutely.

PRESIDENT DIANE: It would give other Auxiliaries and Departments a chance to see. I'm always being asked, "What else can we do?" or "What can we do?" I think this is wonderful and if we print it out on the webpage, then our other Sisters can see this. Thank you, Sister Marilyn. That was beautiful. (*applause*)

Ladies, this report is yours. This is the hard work that you have done all year broken down into a monetary sum, into hours donated. I think you deserve a better round of applause for all you. (*applause*)

Girl Scout Award Committee, Beverly Graham.

NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT

In August 2013, the delegates to the National Encampment approved a Gold Award letter and certificate to be presented by the ASUVCW to Gold Award recipients, which is the highest award that Girl Scouts can earn.

During the past year, more than 200 letters and certificates for Gold Award recipients were sent to Girl Scouts in Northern California by the Department of California and Pacific. I had the cooperation of Girl Scouts of Northern California, who provided me with the names of the girls and offered to do the

mailing. These letters and certificates were included in a packet of commendations sent by the President of United States, Senators, and House of Representatives, state officials and local mayors. It has been seven long years since our Council had had a Gold Award ceremony. This year our alumni association organization took on the challenge of organizing and implementing a beautiful ceremony. The packets of accommodations were handed out at this event.

We were also asked to make a personal presentation from the ASUVCW to one of our local recipients of the Gold Award. This was quite an honor to represent our Organization. This was a great opportunity for the public to learn more about the ASUVCW and the great works we do in honoring our Boys in Blue.

The Department of California and Pacific is going to donate 100 letters, 100 certificates, and 100 folders to the Supply Officer. The ASUVCW cover letter and certificate will also be available on the ASUVCW National website.

Attached to my report is a breakdown of cost with the letters, certificates, and folders. Also attached to this report is an instruction sheet on what type of supplies are to be used when Auxiliaries or Departments plan to print their own letters and certificates. The following are recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the Departments of the ASUVCW notify their Auxiliaries that there are some cover letters and certificates for Girl Scout Gold Award recipients available through our National Supply Officer.

Recommendation #2: That the cover letter and certificate be posted on the ASUVCW website.

Recommendation #3: That the instructions for printing the cover letter and certificate be posted on ASUVCW National website.

Recommendation #4: That the committee recommend that the packet be sold on the National site for \$2.00 each.

Recommendation #5: That this committee be continued to answer questions that may arise.

Beverly Graham, DP, CA/PAC, Chair
Peggy Franz, PDP, PA
Valencia Reyes, AP, TX

PRESIDENT DIANE: Another donation. I think this is wonderful and I think she deserves a round of applause. (*applause*)

Thank you Bev. That was a wonderful presentation. CR&R Committee, Linda Kronberg.

LINDA KRONBERG, PDP, MI: I thought you wanted that tomorrow.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Revision of Forms and Documents Committee.

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Blanks Committee was changed in 2012 to be the Forms and Documents Committee and instructed at that time to thoroughly evaluate every single form and document that we had. And that's what we did for last two years. We ran out of time last year so we really didn't get a chance to present our report. What we were going to say then was this, that the process began nearly two years ago and it was to revise the forms. And at that time, at the end of last year, nearly all of the revisions had been completed and the new forms had been approved by the President and Council as had been mandated during the encampment of Past National President, Anne Sosnowski. And they were scheduled to be effective as of January 1, 2014. The Sisters sitting in session in Wisconsin were informed of the new forms even though the report was not given and they were to begin using them as soon as they were made available.

The new forms were placed on the National website beginning in the late fall. Email notifications were sent out to all Department Presidents and Secretaries and to all Auxiliary-at-Large Presidents and Secretaries. Those that I did not have an email address for received a hard copy. Feedback was requested and has been received. Overall reception of the new forms has been very favorable in spite of the learning curve that's always associated with new paperwork. This past year has seen no new forms, just tweaking of what was already done, based upon questions, comments and suggestions that have been received regarding them. In most instances, it has been a matter of clarification of who gets sent what form and when, usually in respect to Auxiliaries-at-Large.

The next form that we feel must be visited is our Membership Application Form. An application form for the President's Scholarship has also been requested, even though the scholarship is given at the sole discretion of sitting National President. If anyone has a suggestion for a new form, please contact me and let's talk about it!

Tricia Bures, N/Secretary, CA/PAC, Chair
Jane Graham, PNP, OH
Allison Graff, N/Chaplain, PDP, WI
Linda Murray, PDP, NH

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very nice report.

KATHY ANDERSON, N/CHAPLAIN, DP, WI: I would like to commend the Forms Committee for the work they did. I found them very, very easy to use. And after being a Department Secretary/Treasurer for four years, God bless you. You're wonderful. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jan.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK:

Earlier, in your initial report, you referred to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans' website. And I believe I heard you say that you had been removed from it. As of July 31st, everything that you've written remains on it. And you are still a member. I don't know where you got the idea that you had been removed. I think it really...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jan, we will address that together later.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Well, I think you owe me an apology. You made me feel that I did terrible things today.

PRESIDENT DIANE: No. I'm not saying who is not letting my messages not seem to go through. Okay? I'm not receiving everything that is put on that site.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Well, that's not my problem. You go there and you look at it. It is there for everyone who is a member to see.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I can't get into it. I can't get into it.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Well, I can.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We will discuss this later, Sister Jan.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Yes, we will. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. How about Publicity Committee? Anne, did you roll that all into one? Or do you want to give another report?

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, PDP, WI: Rolled it all into one.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Love it. The Newsletter Editor. Tricia?

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

In Los Angeles in 2012, there were several comments and recommendations made concerning the newsletter and it went to Committee. The suggestions and recommendations went to Committee and PNP Danielle Michaels came back and said, “We need a Newsletter Editor,” which I jumped up and down for joy with. The history of the newsletter has been that it is the newsletter and communication format for the National President. It was done for many, many, many years by the National President and somehow or another, I do not know because it was before my time, the Secretary wound up with it. That’s a lot of work to put on the Secretary. And I deeply appreciated the thought of an editor. So for two years, we’ve had editors, they have both been very challenged. It is not as easy as you might think it would be to put out a National newsletter. There’s certain specific things that must go in certain specific issues. The first one is really difficult, which is the fall. We just got all the names and addresses and contact information and it has to be correct. It’s pages of detail. We’ve had challenges last year and the previous year. I had challenges the year before that when it was my first year and I was learning the ropes. So for three years, we’ve had struggles with the newsletter. It is now back in my lap. I am seriously open to suggestions of people that would really like to take on this responsibility. Meanwhile, it is mine. It is back in my lap. The first one for this fall is this close to going to print. I just need a few names and offices. And it’s going to be rolled out. Please, dear God, don’t strike me down for saying that because last time that’s what happened. Bear with us. It seems to be one of our challenges in this Organization. And not due to any one person, but a combination of all sorts of things. And it’s really been a sticking point this past year for a number of people. We’re going to keep trying. That’s about all I can say.

Trisha Bures, NS, PAP, CA-PAC
Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Trish.

Are we ready for our guests? Ladies, our song, if you want to sing something, I had hoped to have my iPod up here so we’ll sing it, is Marching through Georgia. Surprise! I don’t sing well, but Jan does. We’ll see if we can get Miss Jan to lead us when we start.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Would you like one verse? Or two? Or three? Or four? Because, this is Georgia, and we’re marching through it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Exactly. Whatever it takes to get them in. *(laughter)*

Guides and Color Guards escorted Frances Brooks of Quilts of Valor, the recipient of the National Patriotic Instructor's gift in memory of the GAR, and Brian Pierson, SUVCW to the altar. They were then escorted to the President's station to clapping and the singing of Marching Through Georgia.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Come on up, Sister Joyce. And Brian Pierson, Brother Brian, welcome. Sister Frances, welcome. I turn it over to you, Joyce.

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: Okay, I have here with me on the podium Frances Brooks. She's the Georgia State Coordinator of Quilts of Valor. Maybe some of you don't know. Maybe some of you have seen the different programs where they make presentations to retiring veterans. So, I am going to turn the microphone over to her. Thank you.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: Thank you, Joyce. My name is Frances Brooks and I am the Georgia State Coordinator for Quilts of Valor. What is Quilts of Valor? We are a grass-roots group all across America that makes quilts to cover combat service members and veterans who have been touched by war with quilts to comfort, honor, and say thank you for their sacrifice and service. This organization was founded by Catherine Roberts in 2003, while her son was deployed to Iraq. We have been privileged to award quilts to many combat service members and wartime veterans from World War II all the way to Afghanistan. Quilts are given to the wounded as they disembark from Kandahar in Afghanistan or in Germany, from the hospital's last stop before returning home to America. I would like you to know that these quilts bring a three-part message. First, we honor them for their service; for their willingness to leave all they hold dear and to stand in harm's way in times of crises for all of us. Second, we know that freedom is never free. And our quilts are meant to say thank you for their many sacrifices. For those of us who have never seen combat or been in a war zone, the experience is beyond our capacity to understand. But, for all of them that have endured, on behalf of all of us, we say thank you. These quilts are for comfort. A young man left home to fight in the Civil War. Most of them took a quilt made by family members. They were called comfort quilts. It was all these young men had for warmth and for the comfort that memories of home can bring. Quilts still have the ability to offer a source of both comfort and warmth. And we hope that the soldiers we wrap them with, when they experience dark memories or need the warmth of a hug, they will let this quilt wrap itself around them. These are not meant to be displayed on the wall. They are meant to be used and to comfort. And today, I am honored to present a Quilt of Valor to both Brian Pierson, who was in the Air Force and has been in Panama; the Gulf War; Kosovo, Iraq; and Afghanistan. And he has

accepted a quilt for Lieutenant Colonel Harry Bennett, an Army officer just returned from Afghanistan. And I have quilts for both of these gentlemen. *(applause)*

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: Okay, now I'd like to make my presentation to Frances in memory of the GAR. Then she can make her presentations and we can show one of the quilts. Maybe Brian can show you his.

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: I would be happy to.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: While he's unveiling the quilt, I am honored to accept this from your group on behalf of the National Foundation for Quilts for Valor. *(applause, cheering and whistling)*

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: And it comes with a letter.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: The quilter is from Trenton, Georgia, which is near the Chickamauga Battlefield.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know our quilters among us are going crazy. *(laughter)*

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: I'm going crazy! This is truly outstanding. I am very humbled and honored to receive this. Let me tell you why I am accepting on behalf of Perry Bennett. If you are aware of the despicable attack in Afghanistan recently that killed General Harold Greene, Combined Security Transition Command in Afghanistan, that was Perry's direct commander. Therefore, Perry's return to the U.S. was delayed and he is en route now to Fort Bliss in El Paso for his mandatory decompression. That is why he is not able to be here to accept this. I've been to Afghanistan. I've been all over Afghanistan. I know the conditions that our men and women are fighting live in. So, I know that he will appreciate this. And we're honored that you think so much of it to appreciate that.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: We're honored to be able to say thank you for your service.

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: So, I have one or two things. I want to present you one of our Department of Georgia and South Carolina Sesqui-centennial coins. It has a Union kepi. You ladies, I'm sure, have seen it at the registration desk upstairs. With the SUVCW emblem here on this side. So please accept that, as well as our commemorative medal from the Encampment

here.

So, thank you very much. That's the least we could do for this wonderful, wonderful expression of your patriotism. It's incredible.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: Oh, thank you so much!

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: And ladies, thank you for sponsoring her to come in and recognize our folks. I'm a "twilight" in the Air Force, on my final approach to my final landing. *(applause)*

So, I had a wonderful send off, then followed by a week of paperwork. You know, there's more paperwork to get out than to get in. But this is the best sendoff I could have after twenty-eight years in the Air Force. So thank you so very much.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: You're welcome.

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: So, Diane, I've got two more things to say. To the fellow ladies from South Carolina, well I'm not a lady, but... *(laughter)* It is so awesome to see a South Carolina delegation besides myself at these. So, I'm honored. And it's wonderful that you're here. And Marching through Georgia on the way in was a blast. Thank you for that. *(laughter and applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister PNP Judy Trepanier, would you please respond?

JUDY TREPANIER, CO-COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: Thank you. I have a grandson in Afghanistan right now and last weekend he was out on patrol. The sergeant of another group that was with his hit an IUD. He's lost both legs. And when you have something like this. This is wonderful.

FRANCES BROOKS, QUILTS OF VALOR: He will go home with one.

JUDY TREPANIER, CO-COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: And it's just so wonderful that these things are being done for our veterans. We want to thank you very, very much. And Sister Joyce, you did an excellent job on picking someone to give your Patriotic Instructor gift to. *(applause)*

BRIAN PIERSON, SUVCW, PDC, SC: Well, Sister Judy, I appreciate that very much. I tell you, my son is on his first combat deployment right now, and he's flying combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan as well. So, my last tour in Iraq was with the Army so I know the Boots on the Ground Air Force Appreciation Tour. *(laughter)*

I'm used to carrying bags up my airplane steps, not humping a forty pound rock over ten miles. But I know what he's going through, you know. When I was with the Army, I was one of those guys, putting warheads on foreheads of the bad guys. So, I know what he's going through. I'll keep him in my prayers.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: May I something special here? Please? My husband was a disabled United States Navy veteran and I do all that I do in his memory. And here is a little bit of a song I'd like to sing to you. *(singing)* "Sons and daughters of this nation, you must tell of triumphs won. When all of our work is ended, and the veteran claims his own. You must all cherish Old Glory and its teachings pass along. You must tell the world the story when the Boys in Blue are gone. To that flag our their nation's emblem, you must pledge allegiance too. To the flag, our nation's emblem, may your hearts be ever true. Let the nation be protected against injustice and all wrong. You must tell the world the story when the Boys in Blue are gone. You will keep your country's honor, from each stripe withhold all stain. You must take the Veteran's places and repeat the roll of fame. You must keep your country's honor, and our flag above all wrong. Then we'll trust you with the story, when the Boys in Blue are gone." *(applause)*

Comments were made in appreciation of military service and their family members in the military.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know there's a lot of military wives and mothers in our audience. And this is beautiful. But we must cut it short. Sister Kathy, I'll let you end this with prayer. Maybe? And whatever you have to say.

KATHY ANDERSON, N/CHAPLAIN, PDP, WI: What I have to say, ladies, this is why I joined the Auxiliary.

God bless all our soldiers and all our sailors and all those in harm's way. And may God bring them home to us safely. Amen. *(Amen)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Carol, I know it's hard for you to stand. You don't have to stand. Anybody's who got a difficulty standing, please stay seated. Please.

CAROL LONDON, GUEST, MA: There are some things that it's important to stand for. *(applause)*

*Guides and Color Guards escorted the guests from the room to clapping and singing of Marching through Georgia.
Another guest was escorted to the altar and David Moore from the National Memorial Day Association of Marietta, GA was introduced,*

then escorted to the President's station.

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: Okay, David has been introduced and he's with the Brooklyn Foundation and also the Judge and Municipal Cemetery Association. And he's in charge of Memorial Day functions and the Avenue of Flags, so he's going to talk about that a little bit for you.

DAVID MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION: Thank you so much. I had the pleasure of sitting back there and watching the presentation and I was almost brought to tears. It's a wonderful organization you all are. I am truly, truly honored to be here. This is coming from a fifth generation "Atlantan" whose great-grandfather's mills stood on Eastern Creek when that guy named Sherman came through... (*laughter*)... but that's okay because we understand what would have happened if Atlanta hadn't fallen, what sort of society we'd be living in. This is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Battle of Atlanta. We're celebrating that and remembering that at Oakland Cemetery in downtown Atlanta where I'm the executive director, director of the foundation that keeps, preserves, stores, enhances and shares Atlanta's first cemetery, which of course, has the history of Atlanta buried there. But I also belong to a group that brings together various civic organizations within the city to remember the Civil War and how far we've come. It is not a worn-out phrase to say "from Civil War to civil rights." And with the opening of the Atlanta Civil Human Rights Museum downtown, I think is an anchor to and a testament to what we've all learned as a society over these years since that great conflict, that terrible "waa" as we call it down here, occurred.

But I am genuinely honored to be here. And I'm here primarily to accept a kind donation that you've offered to another organization that I belong to and that's the National Memorial Day Association of Marietta. This is an organization that has been in existence since 1946. And the specific objective and purpose of the National Memorial Day Association and Avenue of Flags is to plan for, organize, support, and conduct annually the Memorial Day ceremony and the Avenue of Flags at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia, here just around the corner. And I think some of you will or have gone on a tour of the cemetery. There's someone who knows more about the history of that cemetery, Researcher Brad Quinlin. I don't know if you've met Brad yet or not. But actually, I asked him if he'd be here today as he knows the history better than I do. But since I'm accepting on behalf of the Memorial Day Association, I did want to tell you about how honored this small group of folks, which consists of individuals, veterans organizations, and other patriotic groups, local military bases, and the staff of the National Marietta Cemetery, local scouts, high schools, JROTC's, Sea Cadet Units, and several interested companies, local police, and

the city and county officials, also Marietta and Cobb Counties, is to put this ceremony on. And it's one of the best opportunities for all of us to express our gratitude to those who have served our country and to honor the sacrifices. So the officers, directors, and members of the National Memorial Day Association encourages as many as possible to share in this patriotic ceremony and with your gift, we're able to help defray the expenses that it takes to put that on. I just had a small meeting yesterday with our board, looking ahead to May. We're different, I think, from a lot of ceremonies that go on in Atlanta that may be a little bit bigger than ours. We celebrate our veterans and we honor them. But Memorial Day is to honor those who have fallen and given the ultimate sacrifice. And that's what we concentrate on. And we always have a wonderful speaker and patriotic music. I will tell you I was almost brought to tears just to tell you the story.

We always have an honoree group that we honor at the ceremony. Last year, it was the Gold Star Mothers. This is an organization across the country who have lost sons or daughters in conflict. And we had three or four of them. They are who we presented the medal to. And I hugged one of them and thought I was going to get a quick hug. And that woman did not want to let go of me. That's how moved she was. It was an honor. And so, again, thank you for all you do and we do to honor our veterans from the great "waa"...wish there were no more "waa." I'll worry about that tomorrow. *(laughter)*

Thank you so very much.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Judy, would you respond?

JUDY TREPANIER, CO-COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: Yes. We'd like to thank you for coming and accepting this gift. I'm sure that you will be putting it to a very good use and I hope that it continues in the future.

DAVID MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION: Thank you. Thank you so much again. Thank you, Judy. Appreciate it. I get to tell my wife I spent the entire afternoon, part of the afternoon with a hundred beautiful women. *(laughter and applause)*

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, it is twenty past 3:00 p.m. I will allow you a ten-minute break. I'm starting at exactly 3:30 p.m. Grab a candy. Grab a water. But before we do, we'll close the Bible.

*The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.
Happy Birthday was sang to Allison Graff, N/Council #2.*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, we're going to continue with Committee reports. My goal this afternoon is get the Committee reports out of the way, so that the Committees can work tonight on their reports for tomorrow so, we can go right into voting.

I'm going to deviate from my schedule a bit. Is there any Committee member that I have not called on that has recommendations on their report?

NATIONAL SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee exchanged several emails with the National Encampment Host Committee from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and had a projected one-on-one conversation with Host Committee Chairman, Brian Pierson, at Gettysburg in November. The Host Committee has been provided with detailed information as to the needs of the Auxiliary and a number of other helpful tips based on prior Encampments.

The Committee also provided updated information to the Chair of the SUVCW National Encampment Site Committee so that Departments wishing to host future National Encampments will have the information necessary to see to the needs of all the Allied Orders. Items included detailed diagrams of both the Auxiliary and the LGAR meeting room layouts, based on the rituals of both Organizations.

The Committee makes the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That the National Encampment Site Committee shall have a continuity of membership. The Committee shall consist of three members, with the National President appointing one Sister to hold the office for three years. It is suggested, but not mandatory, that the appointment be made from a Department already slated to host a National Encampment within the appointee's three-year term.

Recommendation #2: That the members of the National Encampment Site Committee shall be in frequent communication and work closely with the Department's National Host Committees to ensure that the needs of the ASUVCW are being addressed.

Rachelle M. Campbell, NVP, CA/PAC
Veronica Mellor, MA

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: I would also like to further thank the Department of Georgia and South Carolina for their wonderful, gracious hospitality and this absolutely stunning hotel when we drove up. I don't think we have been to a grander hotel in all the years that I have been coming to National. Besides the accommodations, did you guys notice we got awesome weather for this?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very nice, Rachelle.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: That's the first one. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Like I said, people don't know all that Rachelle does behind the scenes as well as all the Committees that she takes on. And she always gets her work done.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: I am not going to read all of this. And I have to say a very special thank you to Sister PNP Cynthia Brown for this. I have had this Committee for two years. And last year, I wracked my head about how to do it. This year, it was the one thing I dreaded doing the most. And I kept putting it off, putting it off, and putting it off. And then I got a letter from her. Bless her heart. That, "What's going on?" It got a fire lit under me and then...bless her heart; she had twenty-nine pages of paperwork. *(laughter)* What the Policy and Procedure Committee is basically about is finding where we have housekeeping issues. So I'm not going to read you all twenty-nine pages. We're going to submit those to the individual Committees and where they need to go for them to work on in the corresponding year to keep us and do our housekeeping.

NATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Officer, members and guests of 128th National Encampment to the Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I as Chair, would like to submit the following final report of the National Committee on Policy and Procedure. The Committee has been extremely busy compiling information from the past thirteen years of the National Encampment proceedings in an effort to determine the motions that have been passed by each National Encampment and what actions, if any, have been taken to implement and maintain such mandates. Those results of the efforts are here represented. I would like to thank the Sisters on my Committee for their time, dedication, and hard work. Veronica Mellor, National Aide; Nancy Hilton, PNP; and the other Past National Presidents. I would also like to say a thank you to Cynthia Brown for taking it upon herself to read and distribute the Committee's preliminary work to the Past National Presidents. And I'd also like to go just a little bit further. I want to thank Veronica. She spent endless hours reading through thirteen years of proceedings and sending the excerpts so that I could continue to keep compiling this report. The Committee makes the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That the items noted in this report as not having been acted upon or status of which is unknown either be implemented immediately or

referred to the appropriate committees for action.

Recommendation #2: That the National Committee on Policy and Procedures shall have the continuity of membership. The committee shall consist of the five members with the National President appointing each year two Sisters to hold the office for two years, and the immediate Past National President shall be a member and hold the office for one year. That is so that the Past National President going out of office can ensure that the items that were taken in her Encampment are acted upon, and followed up, and taken care of.

Recommendation #3: That any current unwritten policies be presented to the National Committee on Policy and Procedure during the upcoming term and the Committee return recommendations regarding the same to the 129th Annual Encampment.

Recommendation #4: That a minimum requirement for applicants for the annual ASUVCW Scholarship be established in the incoming National Committee on Policy and Procedure and that the National Committee on Forms and Documents create an application form for the ASUVCW Scholarship to be accessible via print and online.

Rachelle M. Campbell, NVP, Chair
Nancy Hilton, PNP, OH
Veronica Mellor, NPA, MA
All PNP's

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's been a lot of work for these gals to try to get this together. These are things that have just been put into the proceedings and then forgotten about. Never acted on. Some of them have now been acted on that our Sisters have voted for the past.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Website Committee. Ellen? I believe you wanted to talk on this. Right?

NATIONAL WEBMASTER REPORT

Sister President, I regret I am unprepared for a written report at this time, but I can give an oral one. I took over the website from Brother Ken Freshley last year. I'm glad to help out. I enjoy doing the website immensely. And I've had a great year with it. However, my own personal laptop crashed. And Brother Ken had given me the software. The program's called *Dreamweaver* and he graciously gave it to me to use. However, once my own personal laptop crashed and I had to purchase a new one, the *Dreamweaver* would not come over cause it's a different version and wouldn't go with the new version. So anyway, I

looked into purchasing *Dreamweaver* and it is \$500.00 to purchase the new *Dreamweaver* that will be put on my laptop. Now the only thing, if I can indulge you, is that the *Dreamweaver* is a system where you make changes with the *Dreamweaver* then you have to upload them. Many websites out there are content management, where you just make the changes and then they automatically appear, making it real short and easy for everyone to understand. That would involve having a website developed. Now, Rachelle and I have spoken about this for some time. And there are lots of free programs out there. However, I feel in my limited knowledge, that most of those free ones are very limited. And I would anticipate our website for the Auxiliary to be much more extensive. We would need...like first of all, they limit you to five pages, on some of these free ones. So anyway, my recommendation is to have a developer develop a website for us that would be content management. I did get one estimate and it was only one. And it was \$1,000.00 to have a website developed for us. I think we can do something, maybe a little different, a little smaller. I don't know if any of you have looked at the Sons' website. I don't know what time it was, sometime in the spring. The Sons' website was drastically updated. And I know theirs is...well I can't be 100% but I'm almost positive, theirs is not one of those free ones cause it is so full of links and sites on there.

Recommendation 1: That the Committee explore options to purchase or have a developer develop a website that would be a content management system.

Anyone who would take over from me would have access to the site and not need software on their own personal computer cause it would be all in the cloud, out there, that you could work with.

Ellen Higgins, N/Webmaster, NJ

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very good. Sister Jan, remember we are going to talk about this more when the motion comes up...

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I'd like to do something, if I can.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You may.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Thank you. I have thought about the website a lot. And it's very clear that this is something that we need desperately in order to give every Sister an opportunity. So, I am going to donate to your website \$500.00. (*applause*)

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: May I respond?

PRESIDENT DIANE: You most certainly may.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Sister Janice, I appreciate that. That would help tremendously in getting one developed that we can all work with. I took on this website last year out of lack of someone else wanting to do it. I thoroughly, thoroughly enjoyed it, and those of you that know me, I have lots of little bags and lots of job and I can handle this. I feel I've not been pressured. On the way down here, I was thinking, "Oh geez, when I go home tomorrow, I now have to update all the Officers." Which I was like, "Okay, it's not a problem. I can do this." But yeah, it would help if we had the site... And it is...I don't mean to say that it's outdated cause I don't believe it is. But it is in some regards, if you compare to the site as it is now. So, I do think it needs a fresh look. Brother Ken, did an excellent job. And he gave me great instructions on how to work with it. And I enjoy it and I thank you allowing me to be the webmaster.

PRESIDENT DIANE: If it gets to be too much, you let us know.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: I will let you know.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And as National President, we don't want you to crash.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Cynthia. Can you put that on your list to bring up in your Committee?

Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Heather Needleman. She did this for me at the last minute. Heather, you got a report for me?

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES REPORT

On behalf of the National President, I went to the Cathedral of the Pines because Sister Linda Murray was unable to make it.

It was a beautiful day, as being an *A*. We walked first and it was very, very nice. They dedicated three new stones: an *R* for President Roosevelt, a *T* for some general, and a *G* for another famous person. As they were concluding, the skies opened up and poured on us. They just said that God was crying for our soldiers. It was lovely ceremony. And I am very blessed to have gone. I've never been before. And if you get the chance, if you're ever in New Hampshire, please visit. It's a beautiful location, with a monument that stands in the middle dedicated to the women who served in the military in different branches.

Heather Needleman, MA

Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm still teaching my girls, too. None of us is perfect.

We did have another committee this year. It was called the I.R.S. Dispute Liaison, who resigned, basically out of frustration. She had personal contact at the I.R.S. who was working on our behalf, to get our 990E situation straightened out. And unfortunately, people were calling in and saying they were the National President. I assured her it was not me. But here were so many other people coming in that she resigned in frustration. And rather than refill the job, I figured I'd just throw it on Rachelle's shoulders. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: She knew about it. Okay. So...

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: You have three committees left on your list – Constitution Rules and Regulations Committee, Rituals Committee, and Remembrance Day.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You're right. That's what I get for jumping around. Okay, the CR&R Committee is going to bring in their recommendations tomorrow.

The Remembrance Day Committee. That's Ann McMillan.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

As many of you know, I belong to the Jennie Wade Auxiliary in Gettysburg. I'm sort of the boots on the ground cause I'm always there to welcome you. Last year, we had a wonderful event. We had a few little hiccups with a new hotel. This year is presenting some challenges. The SVR is broadcasting a new marching order that is meeting some resistance within some of the ladies' groups. I've been in contact with them and some of the ladies are now refusing to march. Some of the ladies are refusing to even come. I keep coming back to the fact that we have to put differences aside because the Remembrance Day Parade is not about us. It's about the Boys in Blue. And if we try to take it personally, it causes problems. There was some discussion about the annual dinner that is hosted by the Pennsylvania Department. I'm not sure at this time if it's going to happen this year. There's been some scheduling conflicts and stuff with the new hotel. My husband assured me earlier that the crisis situation, has been resolved. But as of yet, I don't know what that is. But we always welcome you with open arms. We'll be there. I'll be there, whether I get to march this year or I'm just going to put you in order and say "Okay, go have fun." I'll be hopping in and out taking pictures of you again. You know, but I'll be doing it. My back is feeling much better this year, so I am hoping to actually get to march.

Ann McMillin, PDP, PA, Chair

PRESIDENT DIANE: Ann, that's a very, very nice report. Thank you.

(applause)

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I don't want to be a pest; I'm sorry. First of all, myself and Helen Geppi founded the Committee. We had for years been part of the Committee. We worked very hard with the other Allied Orders to get them to march; to put them where they wanted to be. We went through a lot of demands that would have separated apart. And we were afraid that one year, something would happen that would mess it all up. If I might ask you to share with me some of the concerns and I'll tell you how we address them and how it got order and happiness among the women of all the Allied Orders. Believe me, it was a challenge. So, I would like to get with you. You tell me what has happened and maybe I can give you some little hints or something. And I would very much like to be back on the Committee. After all, Helen and I founded it. Thanks a lot, kiddo.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know that even though Jan is not officially on the Committee for the parade, Jan and her little group go down every year and give our friend, Mr. Woolson, a bath.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Three times a year we got to do it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Three times a year they give him a bath. They wash him. They scrub and get all the green mold off of him and everything. And they do this out of the kindness of their heart and because they love the statue in Gettysburg. So, we appreciate them and their time. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Ritual Committee, Joyce. I'm using an old list, in case somebody doesn't know it. I didn't have anything to go by so I used Judy's and I missed some. Some things have been changed and new committees have been added. So my apologies. Go ahead.

NATIONAL RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ritual Committee report is short and sweet. And on behalf of the Committee, I report we have received no information or suggestions regarding changes or revisions to the ritual as printed last year. We agree there is nothing to offer at this time.

Joyce Norman, PDP, CT, Chair
Barbara Indan, PDP, PA
Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very good. Sister Ramona, National Antiquities Committee. Ladies, if you need some hard candy, just tell the ladies sitting at the tables pass it to you.

NATIONAL ANTIQUITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

I was asked to assume the chairmanship of the Antiquities Committee. Sister Judy Morgan had to resign due to the serious illness of her husband. She and her husband had been in prayers since January when he received his diagnosis. I would request that all Sisters pray for Sister Judy, her husband, and family.

The National President charged the Committee with the responsibility of finding a repository for the property of the National Organization. Since the National Organization is chartered in the state of Ohio and is my home state, I started with the Ohio Historical Society. I thought that they might be interested in our materials and might add them to their online documents. The only contact was for email. I contacted the curator of the Ohio Historical Society through the email medium. I answered their questions as to what it was that we wanted, what type of things we had. I answered the questions as well as possible. I have never had a response from them, so I'm assuming that they were not interested in our materials. It probably is for the best, since I have read their website more carefully and realized that they are only interested in donations. Therefore, we would have lost possession of our materials. However, if they had added them to their collection and digitized the material that lends itself to it, there would have been a permanent record of everything at no cost to us. I also contacted the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky, Ohio. This home started as a home for soldiers and sailors in the Civil War. The Auxiliary and this home have had a very long history and to the current date, the Ohio Department donates to the Sandusky Home. I called and was connected to one person who said I needed the curator for the military museum. And he would have the gentleman call me. I waited for quite some time for a response. I then called Lynne Bury, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army. I asked her about the curator and she told me that he had been quite ill and had just recently returned to work. I then called the curator. We had a very nice conversation in which I told him that we needed a room in which to place our materials. He said that we could have a room. I told him I would write a letter confirming our conversation and would need a letter from him stating the availability of the room. He said he would write the confirmation letter. I then wrote him my confirming letter. I followed up with another call to him, telling him when I would be leaving and once again requested a confirmation letter. He said that I would have the letter before my departure. I did not receive that letter prior to leaving to come to the Encampment. At this point in time, I would suggest a follow up by someone to ascertain if there has been a change in his decision. If I get home and find the letter, I will notify whoever's made responsible for continuing this process. I wish to thank

the National President for the opportunity to serve the National Organization.
Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH, Chair pro tem

PRESIDENT DIANE: Ramona's only been on this Committee a very short time to work on it. And she, I think, has done a lot of investigation. We're kind of stagnated there for a while and she just took off and ran with it. I'm very happy with the results and hopefully it will come to fruition and we'll have a permanent home for our historical items. Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: I would like to say that there's always room in Wisconsin's Historical Society. And I would know. I'm kind of an honorary member. I'm not eighteen but I work with a bunch of historical societies in the area. And I'm sure that if you contacted Wisconsin saying Grace Richmond, they'd probably find you a place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Grace. We'll look into it. In case anybody didn't recognize the name of the home, when Judy Rock was National President of the LGAR, that's the same place that they have opened up a museum. And we had been told last year that we could open a museum. But at that time, as National President, I didn't feel, and the committee didn't feel, that we could take on a museum as that is a big undertaking and almost means that somebody needs to go up there weekly and check on things. It will be a great idea some time but I explained to them we just need storage right now. And Ramona's been working with him on that. So, I'm very happy that she has gone forward with that. Anybody else I missed?

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I'm jumping up again. You're going to learn to love me. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: I love you.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: What do I need? When she says it's over for the afternoon, I'm going to be at that door with my hand out for your contribution to the website. Cause I think we can really get a couple more hundred dollars and then we're on our way to taking...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jan, I'm going to ask you to wait until tomorrow for that because we actually have to vote on whether we're going to do this. We don't want to collect money before we actually say it's okay.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I already gave the check. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Trish, please don't cash that check.

Okay, a couple of announcements. Tomorrow morning, before you come in the door, we will ask you if you come in to the tables in the back, we will ask you to leave again and come in with your membership cards. And if you have not turned in your delegate voting cards, you will need to turn them in at that time. All voting will start tomorrow morning. Any questions on that?

Secondly, I finally found out I can have my President's breakfast. So, my Department Officers, I mean my National Officers and my Department Presidents from this year, 2013-2014, if you have been involved with me at all in that capacity, you will meet in the room at the back of the restaurant, the big room. It starts at 7:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. It will be a cold buffet only. This is coming out of my pocket, so I couldn't afford \$15.00 each. And I have a limited number of thirty-six. Veronica, would you please start making a list of who can attend? If you cannot make it, don't approach Veronica. If you can make it, Veronica will take your name. And then I will know if I have room to invite anybody else. Okay. Any questions on that?

Okay. Before I recess, I'd like to remind all of you of the Campfire at...it's actually 6:30 p.m. It says 7:00 p.m. on your program. At 6:30 it is an actual campfire on the golf course, out back of the patio or veranda and at 7:00 p.m. in the Sons' room. Sister Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: Off the record, will there be marshmallows?
(laughter, applause, cheers)

PRESIDENT DIANE: I doubt it. I don't think our soldiers back then, our Boys in Blue, had marshmallows to roast.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: Just thought I'd ask.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Thank you very much. I love it.

That's followed by the Courtesy Hour. They've planned some great entertainment tonight, I understand, so please try and make it.

Also remember our fundraisers in the back of the room. They'll be selling until after lunch tomorrow and then they need to close their books.

Are there any other announcements?

*Announcements were made regarding the PNP/PCinC Dinner
and committee meetings.*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. I'm going to ask you to stay even after the Bible's closed for a few minutes. Sister Chaplain, would you please approach the Bible?

The Chaplain attended the altar and the Bible was closed.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Now we can have some unofficial business. Would my National Officers please come to the front of the room?

Sister Veronica, I believe you have gifts for these lovely ladies who have helped me out all year long.

NATIONAL OFFICERS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Veronica, would you now approach the Past National Presidents and hopefully they will accept this gift from me.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Sister President, after your report and the way you sat and talked about us, I respectfully do not accept.

Thanks were given by all those accepting gifts.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You're welcome. Unfortunately, I don't have enough gifts with me to give out to everybody here. I wish I did. So I will at this point, dismiss you for a nice supper, hopefully. And do whatever work you need to do. You will be back here tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. with your membership cards. And you must have turned in your credentials that will allow you to vote. Thank you and good night.

Third Session
Saturday, August 16, 2014
9:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have a couple pieces of business from yesterday to finish up on. I did miss one report. And she's not in the room. Okay. We'll get it later.

First, I would like to thank Chief of Staff Anna for the wonderful Courtesy Hour last night. I had a wonderful time. And I want to thank everybody for their lovely gifts. Although I haven't had a lot of time to really take a look at them, they were so beautiful and thoughtful and appreciated. Thank you for the thoughtful, useful gifts. I really appreciate it.

My breakfast was held this morning. Since I feel that the Presidents' Clubs are getting out of hand and that some people are feeling left out, I have decided not to have a club. I would ask that my fellow Officers and Department Presidents who have served under me this year, 2013-2014, would please remember me to our moneymaking Sisters, to our Chief of Staff, and our

National PI's during the future years as they make their personal donations. Put a little something in there for Diane's Butterflies. But we're not an official club. Okay? And I hope all of you who could make it this morning enjoyed the breakfast.

All right. We're going to start this morning out and we have a very busy schedule. We have a lot to cover today. Hopefully, we can go through it pretty fast. But I do like to add a little humor. And since Sister Heather is coming in, she hasn't had a chance to look over what she's got to do. Are you all set, Heather?

By the way, Heather and Veronica are to be thanked for helping making the gifts that you received last night.

As I said, we have a lot of business to get done. Heather, we need the Resolutions Committee, please.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: The Encampment Committee has worked diligently to make our stay at Marietta, Georgia most enjoyable, be it

RESOLVED the National Secretary send a letter to them expressing our appreciation for their hospitality and hard work.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: Hilton Atlanta/Marietta hotel and staff have been very cooperative and seen to have comfort in our Officers and members, be it

RESOLVED that the Department Secretary sends a letter of appreciation.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS: The Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor have worked very hard this past year to raise the funds to operate National and its program, be it

RESOLVED all present will rise, raise their right hand high, shout Hip! Hip! Hoorah! and say thank you very much five times. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS: The National Treasurer has done a fine job in such a short time with the budget, be it

RESOLVED all present will rise, say "Cheers" three times with arms lifted up and down. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS: The National Secretary has done her job efficiently, be it

RESOLVED all rise and give a round of applause, stomping both feet loudly while saying "Good job" three times. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS: The National President has faithfully fulfilled her duties as our President and has travelled across this nation many times to attend many functions, be it

RESOLVED that all present will rise, clap hands while turning around and saying, "Thank you," three times and ending with a forward bow. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #7

WHEREAS: The National Officers have fulfilled their duties of their offices faithfully and efficiently, be it

RESOLVED that all present will rise, say, "Bravo! Bravo!" while clicking their fingers. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #8

WHEREAS: Sisters have worked for the good of the Order on National Committees, be it

RESOLVED all present will rise, clap hands from side to side while saying, "Thank you," three times. *(so done)*

RESOLUTION #9

WHEREAS: Without all our hard working Sisters we would have no Organization, be it

RESOLVED that all rise, give yourself a pat on the back and give the Sisters around you a big hug. *(so done)*

We thank you, Sister President for the privilege of serving on this Committee.

Heather Needleman, MA
National Resolutions Committee

PRESIDENT DIANE: Bring it back to order. Okay, I hope that woke everybody up who were still asleep. *(laughter)*

This used to be done years ago. It was one of the traditions that faded into the past. And I saw it done in Ohio and I thought, "Oh my Lord. I have got to bring this back to National." So, there you go.

Is there anybody waiting outside? *(none reported)*

Okay, we have been ordered by our Commander-in-Chief, very nicely, to come up to the Sons' meeting room at 11:15 a.m. this morning. He would like us, and yes all of us. And I have told him that I would ask you ladies to please follow his order. But I can't make you do anything, so if somebody doesn't want to go, that's fine. But he would like us up there at 11:15 a.m. I'm waiting for a visitor in case you can't tell. Is Sister Danielle going to make it down here this morning?

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: I saw her in the elevator. She said she was coming.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. All right.

The Greetings Committee was sent to the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Guides and Color Guards escorted Cindy Zochowski, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, to the altar and then to the President's station with clapping and singing.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Welcome, Sister Cindy. It's been a while coming.
(*laughing*)

CINDY ZOCHOWSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS: It has. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to come and visit.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, this is the brand new elected National President of the Women's Relief Corps. (*applause*)

Cindy and I met in our travels two years ago. She has accompanied Past National President Shirley Grant on many, many trips and we have enjoyed each other's company immensely. She will enjoy her year, I'm sure, but she's never met a lot of her members. I know we have several in the room, so I'm going to ask the Sisters of the WRC, Woman's Relief Corps, to please stand. And I'm going to start on this side of the room with our Past National Presidents and let them introduce themselves. (*so done*)

Well, thank you Madame President, for the special introduction by the WRC ladies, in addition to your wonderful membership. And very nice to see some of the core ladies that I normally don't see at all. So, so thank you this morning, Madame President, and convention for allowing me to take a couple moments of your time to send greetings from National Woman's Relief Corps. It is certainly a beautiful venue here, the city of Marietta with all its rich history. It's a wonderful place to have convention. And I wish you success in all of your work between yesterday and today. Madame President, as you know, I think, and as all ladies in this room know, the Woman's Relief Corps in the early days, assisted the veterans of the Civil War and their families, much as the other Allied Orders did as well. So, that's no new news to you. And we continue that work today. And so as a gift from the WRC to you, we are making a donation to the Manchester Medical Center on your behalf and in your name, kind of recognizing the work that we all do. So, we hope that you appreciate that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Oh, I do. Thank you so much. (*applause*)

CINDY ZOCHOWSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS: So, the only remaining request I have, the WRC ladies, if you can be back here at a quarter 'til 1:00 p.m. this afternoon, I would love to have a group picture with the WRC ladies. Just right out there, maybe in front of those

pictures of all their...and do it real quick and get all your names down on a piece of paper because this is exciting to see some faces I have never seen before. So, thank you so much. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Judy.

JUDY TREPANIER, CO-COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: We're so happy that you were able to join us this morning and got to meet some of your WRC ladies. We appreciate your travelling all this distance to bring your greetings.

CINDY ZOCHOWSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS: I thank you very much for the opportunity to see all of you ladies and I'm very excited that we could all see each other instead of on the phone. So, thank you so much for having me. (*applause*)

*The Guides and Color Guards escorted the
WRC National President from the room to singing and clapping.*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Those of you who missed your exercise, I want you to remember that.

Sister Danielle, I missed your committee report. Are you prepared to give it this morning on the Minor's/Junior's Program?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Nothing more said than what the Sons did. They stopped all communications after they said that they need to be with a parent. Period.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. For those of you who did not get *The Banner* and are not aware of our Commander-in-Chief's order on the Juniors, what the Committee found out is that basically it's going to be in each individual Department's hands to find out what your state requires and to follow through. The Boy Scouts have a little program on the internet that they would like at least one person, they'd like us all to take it, but at least one person to take it about child molestation and how to handle things in the unit. And to always have a parent or guardian with the child. That means, as I had stated in my General Order #3, I think, that the child should be accompanied by their guardian or adult supervision at all times, to the bathrooms, to anywhere they go to. So, please, see that's followed through and continue getting your Junior members. Sister Denise.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: Is there some form that you need to make out to verify that we have done this?

PRESIDENT DIANE: At the present time, there is not. I would like to see it made. Let me ask our Secretary if we're getting them.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Switching hats, putting on my Boy Scout hat. I have been on a National Boy Scout Committee for seventeen, eighteen years. I've been a part of the committee that's written two pieces of training, one is leadership training; the other is child safety and development. We call it Youth Protection Training, YPT for short. It is a quick little internet course, fifteen minutes. There's actually two of them. And the reason I'm bringing that to your attention, one is for younger children. There is another one that is in the Venturing Program that I was associated with because yes, girls can be Boy Scouts. They used to be Explorers. We are now Venturing, that is the coed division from fourteen until you turn twenty-one. In the Venturing training, it guides you through items that are not necessarily pertinent to the little boys, online computer stuff specifically. Because that's where those kids are. It would be good to take both of them. If you're only going to take one, I would strongly encourage you to take the Venturing level because it covers everything. But it won't hurt you to take both. When you finish the course, which like I said is online, it will tell you whether you got it right or wrong. And it will tell you if you got it wrong, why you got it wrong so you have the right answer. You can print out a little certificate. What I would like to do is create a form that says I've taken this and just attach the form. I don't want a copy of it. We, Nationally, don't need a copy of it. But it should be something kept within your local Auxiliary because that's where they're going. And if they're coming to National, put it in your hip pocket and bring it with you just to cover your bases.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Excuse me. Wait until you're recognized please.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: She put her...

PRESIDENT DIANE: No, she does not have the right to do that. Okay Jan? You get your orders from the National President.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I am so sorry.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Denise, you had your hand up first.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: Yes, ma'am. Might I suggest that you also use what the teachers take across the states, the United States, because we go through

in-depth training about these things. Also, we must sign off and we do this every year. So, if that could be included because we're talking hours of training and how to report, who to report to, things like that.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Yeah, cause she invited me. And I'm very sorry I broke your rule. Tricia, for many years I was involved in scouting in the Exploring division, later commissioner, anything we would do to organize scouting. And we were very careful with our adult groups. Wherever the ladies went, who the Exploring ladies, I was with them. The men always had someone with them, with the young men. It was monitored very carefully. And there was no intermixing, which at that age, can happen. One of the most joyous thing beyond all the others, and Tricia knows this, she could be a Boy Scout, and so could I.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Veronica, would you go find a red shirt?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: My concern is not what training we take. The Sons have made a ruling by their General Order of what their policy is going to be on the subject. We need to decide what our policy is going to be. Whether we follow the Sons' General Order and their policy, we need to put that in our own Constitution and Regulations or a policy manual. It covers us legally, if we have minors or children. Anyone present at an Auxiliary, a Department, or National. I am a responsible parent. She does not run around without me. I trust the individual that I allow her to associate with here. But legally, we have to cover ourselves, including it in our rules. We also have to look at how we legally handle it on our application form. Do we need to have a rider at the bottom of our application form for the Junior members that states a parent must be present and the parent must sign at the bottom of the application form. These are the two things that we must address and take care of. It's great if we all take training on the internet and print off a certificate to have with you. But it does not cover your legalities of the National Organization. The other thing is we have Junior members and we initiate Juniors from the age of six to twelve. And in our organization at the age of twelve, they're a full member. And that is fine by our rule. But what we're talking about is minors goes from the age of six, when we initiate the Junior members to the time that they are eighteen. So, whether they are twelve and coming to a meeting, they still must have a parent until their eighteenth birthday when they are legally an adult. We cannot change that. Okay?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Rachelle. We could entertain a motion, if I am understanding this correctly, on the floor that we do up a form. I'd like to see our application form be redone addressing this issue as well.

There's a couple of changes we have coming on the floor. We could add them if they pass. Take them out if they don't. You know, do what we have to do. I could entertain a motion like that or we could entertain a motion to have a committee to bring this on the floor next year. And just follow the general rules that have been put out in General Order #3. Sister Danielle.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, N/Historian, PNP, WI

That we have a committee that will look into this because quite honestly with other organizations dealing with children, it's not just the parent. If the parents can sign off, but there are other rules that go along with it, like having two women present. Otherwise, we would not have wonderful people like the young lady there and our young lady, Grace. So, I think we need to look at this a little more, not be hasty and just put our hands up and say parents only.

SECONDED by Lisa Smith, MI

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Rachelle, as our new National President, will make that committee appointment.

Sister Danielle, are you ready with the Officers Reports Committee Report?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I am.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Ellen.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Sister President, I'm ready for my report on the Webmaster.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Sister Danielle, would you mind waiting a few moments.

NATIONAL WEBMASTER REPORT

I submit the following report of the National Webmaster for the year 2013-2014. In August of 2013, I gladly accepted the appointment of our National President as National Webmaster. I was charged with obtaining access to our National website and updating all information on the site, to bring it into compliance with the objectives of the Organization. At that time, I asked for a little latitude and patience from my Sisters as I went about learning the format of our current site. Shortly after our Encampment, I was in contact with Brother Ken Freshly, who was kind enough to spend over two hours on the phone in a conference call to teach me the ropes of the site. After a few days of being on my own and learning to navigate the site, I felt very comfortable to dive in on my own. All updates were made to various links on the site and new information

was posted. Throughout the year, with the directions of Sisters Diane, Rachelle, and Tricia, I posted and/or updated information promptly and without delay any and all requested items. Working under the direction of Sister Vice President Rachelle, end of December, all current reporting forms were taken down from the website. Sister Rachelle created a new format of our annual forms to be needed to be a fill-in format. As these new forms were created, they were posted on the site for the ease of our Sisters to complete online then either print or send via email attachment to their respective Senior Officers. I would also like to add that if the Sisters are unable to complete her reporting form online, it can be printed and filled in by pen. In the spring of this year, I added to the top of the home page a "What's New?" area. The idea of this area is to alert our Sisters to areas that had been recently updated, saving time as Sisters do not have to look over the entire site to see new items. After being appointed to this position as National Webmaster, I will continue to work with all Auxiliaries or Departments to guide them in establishing a website for their unit. I firmly believe that a great part of our sustainability relies in maintaining a strong link to technology. My experience in websites and working with the Allied Orders, the future increases in membership are going to be due in large part to maintaining a solid presence on the World Wide Web. I believe that it is time for this Organization to look at the possibility of updating our website. I would like to make the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1: That our National Organization budget for the upcoming year an amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of having a professional company develop a new site. After the development of the site, the National Webmaster would then be able to make additions, corrections, updates, et cetera as needed and directed by the National President.

I am well aware that there are many free sites available, but they are very limited in what you get for free. I believe that a site of our size would not fit into the free category. A site developed by a professional company would have the look and feel of professionalism and would be a site that all Sisters would be proud to direct current and prospective members to view. I'd like to thank all my Sisters who sent me corrections, including typos and spelling errors, and comments, good or bad. Even the bad ones are good. Remember this is your site. Please let me know how I can be of service to provide you with a site you can be proud. It is truly been an honor and a joy to be able to service this grand Organization on technology issues. As we all work together to bring this Organization deeper into the 21st century.

Ellen Higgins, NJ
National Webmaster

PRESIDENT DIANE: Very nice, Ellen. And you did get that recommendation to Sister Cynthia last night?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Yes, I did.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We'll be all set. Thank you very much.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: I just wanted to put recommendation in a formal way that the recommendation... If I may add, it's too lengthy to write in here. If the Committee or anyone would like to sit down and chat about what goes into this. I'd be more than happy to explain the amount that I've asked for in the budget.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Sister Ellen, please give that to Ramona.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Cynthia did not cover this last night with her committee.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay.

PRESIDENT DIANE: So, I am going to take care of this recommendation immediately. So, would you please read your recommendation again?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay. And I apologize that I did not formally do this as I was supposed to do. I'm kind of new, learning the ropes here.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Hold on, I am getting mixed signals.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Sister National President. I have a question for...

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's not up for discussion yet.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: No, it's a question about...that I need for understanding.

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's not up for discussion yet. Anybody else? Okay. Please read your recommendation again.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: And once again, I apologize for not doing this in proper format.

MOVED by Ellen Higgins, NJ

That the National Organization budget for the upcoming year an amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of having a professional company develop a new website.

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, DP, CA/PAC

DISCUSSION:

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Sister Ellen, the \$1,000.00 is for the initial creation of the program. How long will this program be good before it has to be updated or do you have any idea?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: As long as technology exists. Current site I believe is about eight years old. And I apologize. That question I don't really think has an answer. And I don't mean it disrespectfully but as technology changes, things on, you know, the World Wide Web change. I see the \$1,000.00 being, the site being functionable like forever, but updated, it depends on what is needed. I'd say five, eight years, ten years maybe. I don't know. And we still have our yearly cost of hosting. You have to pay that anyway for a website. You have to pay for your domain names and registry. We have three domain names. We have ASUVCW.net, .com, .org that we purchased so that no one else can buy them. We only use the .org. If you googled .net or .com, they would redirect it to the .org site. But we purchased those and we have to pay yearly fees for those to maintain those addresses so no one takes those from us.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I know technology constantly changes.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Yes.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I was just hoping we could get an estimate on the time.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Let's keep this down to questions and answers. No gibby-gabby. Ramona, thank you, we just need to get through our work today. Is there any more discussion? I'd like to remind our Sisters that we've already

had a very generous Sister donate towards this. If it passes, the Auxiliary itself would only have to put in another \$500.00. Sister Denise.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: So, I understand that we have a nice website. But what you're asking for is that you have to put everything in. And it'd take you a lot of time to do it in the format that we have. That this \$1,000.00 would be used to purchase a new program that would be quicker?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Yes, it would be quicker because it's called a contact management system that could basically be uploaded quickly. I don't have to do two steps to do it. Now, that's not what I am concerned with. It's that the site now will build on a format that is ten years old maybe...then the new format would be quicker and the site would be redone.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen, can I help out here? From a non-technical person. We're running out of room to put everything we'd like to get on our site. And this will allow us to put more on our site.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: Okay, so if I understand correctly, this would give us the ability to work faster, to put more things out there. It would allow us a variety of different things that could be put out there, that one click and we would be there.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Correct.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: And a new look as well, an updated fresh look.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: So this is taking us further into the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Any other...Sister Mary.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: So, although I understand and I was promoting yesterday that we have funds, I feel that we need a little bit more information about progressing forward. I feel like one year, if we meet again next year, I don't feel like we're going to be in any compromising situation and keeping the website as it is. I think what we need to do is promote folks to visit the website versus changing the website. And I think at this point, we're not really ready for change. I think that, I don't know, if we could perhaps understand better what changes you're talking about, and what look and feel we would be looking to, and we could actually visually see what you're talking

about, it might be a better approach. I also feel we need more backup to your position and more understanding about what you do. Because we probably could be as an organization at risk if something should happen that you're not able to fulfill your work. We don't have a backup-trained person that could step in. So I think we better need to understand the job that you do and the work that you do. If we are running out of space, that issue should be brought forward, not the idea that we spend another \$1,000.00 just to maintain the site. So, I think, ladies, that we should really give some consideration in the next year on what...where we want to go with the website and how it's maintained and what the benefits are to our \$1,000.00. I also, I know I'm rambling, but there was a \$500.00 issue about software that no longer works on your computer. Should we not do this \$1,000.00 program, what are our next steps in terms of that, utilizing the same software that we have used to date? So, we really have \$500.00 expenditure as I understand yesterday regardless. And we did have a donation and I don't know that that donation was for that purpose. So, that's kind of what I am talking about. So I am suggesting that we don't hastily go forward without more information. And we do have a lot of folks that are technology educated that could help us understand what we're talking on here today.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Gloria.

GLORIA FISHER, DP, NY: If you're going to create a committee to do this, why not have the committee look into the things that she's asking while they are doing this?

PRESIDENT DIANE: The motion is not to have a committee. It's to do the...

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: But if you...if there's a committee to...I'm sorry. Would you read the motion?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: The motion was that the National Organization allocate \$1,000.00 to develop a new website.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: If there's a committee to do look into this, it can answer all these questions and have the answers for next year. I have no computer. I've no idea. Even if she sat and told me, I'd have no idea. So, we need someone who works with computers, knows computers, to sit down and say, "Okay, these are the questions that Mary asked." And provide an answer that I can take back.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Viola. This will be our last person.

VIOLA LODER-SMITHCORS, PDP, DS/T, NJ: I work on our Community Hancock Auxiliary webpage. Being in the technology world, I work at Rowan University. I'm the computer technician there, one of them out of seven, in the library. The technology that our webpage is set up to be is, like Ellen was stating, an older technology. As the computer age keeps growing and progressing, it's the reason for the upgrade for the program. In our library system, we've upgraded the program every five years only because the computers that we used to have many years ago used and worked at lower pace or lower rate of loading pages. Today, as each person comes into the library, they are required to have a laptop. The laptops that are used today compared to eight years ago was a different technology than what it is today and they work at a higher pace and a higher pace of loading the pages. When you get into a system, if you have a webpage and you're in the old programming, what happens is if someone tries to go on to your webpage and you're using a faster machine, your page does not load properly. And I have had this happen in our library system. And I would hate to see people not being able to access our page with their newer programs that they're using in their computers and because the computers are working faster and our webpage is at a lower grade because it's on a different format. Each year or every five years, the computer systems change. And when they change, they upgrade the format that these pages are being written in. If you or anyone has a program, I'm trying to explain it to you so you understand. If you or anyone has a program that is older than what the worldwide is using, then your pages are going to load at a slower pace. And because of that, it makes it so that a lot of people, like if ten people were trying to access your page at one time, they will not get access to it because your page is outdated. So it's important that we upgrade our system so that it is working at the pace that multitudes of people or even ten people can look at the page at the same time. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Viola. I'm not taking any more discussion. I'm calling for the vote. Sister Ellen, you may sit. Thank you. We have a motion on the floor. Sister Trish, please read motion.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: That the National Organization allocate \$1,000.00 to develop a new website.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, Sister Danielle. That took more than a minute. (*chuckling*) I'm sorry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

First of all, I'd like to thank two Sisters that worked with me, Karen and Cynthia. We had a very good discussion over these questions. And these questions focus on our future.

National President Diane Mellor

Recommendation #1: That the budget for National President be increased by \$2,000.00 to help cover travel expenses. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. The Committee feels that \$750.00 increase is sufficient to cover the cost of living increase that this society now, with people out of work and that everybody needs to, including the President, needs to give of their time and effort. So we feel \$750.00 well covers the cost of living.

MOVED by Unknown

That the committee be sustained.

SECONDED by Anne Michaels, PDP, WI

PRESIDENT DIANE: Our Committees, because it's coming from a Committee, we don't need a second.

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, WI: Oh.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay? Thank you, Anne. Thank you. This is some new stuff. You all got packets. I hope you read them a little...sheet from our Parliamentarian. We have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? The motion is to raise the President's travel fund to \$750.00.

All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That National expenses for National President, which includes postage, supplies, travel for the testimonial, be all rolled into one lump sum listed as National President's expenses, to be distributed three times per year, to be used at her discretion for the good of the Order. Receipts required to be turned in three times a year. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE REQUIREMENT RECEIPTS BE TURNED IN PRIOR TO PAYMENT.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, we have a motion on the floor. I'm going to open

it for discussion. However, I, myself, have a question. Sister Danielle, does this mean that you agree with the rest of the statement?

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Yes, Sister.

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's just that you want to change it to before?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Yes, Sister. We believe that in order for the monies to be handed out, that actually there should be receipts in hand, and then a payment.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. I'm going to speak on my behalf and on future "behalfs" on this just for a moment. I won't keep it long. But our first stipend is handed to us tomorrow at the Council meeting. We don't have receipts. So, what we have done in the past, the normal, has been to turn them in later. Some people have turned them in to me at the end of the year; some have turned them in as they get them. So, that's my statement, that particular part I see as being hard. I'm hoping that the Committee may want to change at least the first payment. We have no receipts for the first payment which will be given to our National Officers on Sunday morning, Danielle. So...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: I understand that. I've been there. But the question is why would you need money at the very beginning, without any action? Nobody said that the funds couldn't be returned to you within the next, you know, within the first month.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Anyone more discussion? Wonderful. Okay. You have a motion on the floor as read by Danielle. Motion by Virginia. And Sister Grace, we're going to take a vote and then I will answer you. Okay? All those in favor, raise your hand. If you don't want this to pass, you keep it down. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, INSIDE GUARD, WI: Sister President, we have Brother Terry Dyer, Past Department Commander, Illinois representing the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Plaza here.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, CA/PAC: Sister President, when you sent your ladies over to visit the LGAR, they were not in session as they were upstairs greeting the Sons. We would take the opportunity at this time to leave ourselves from the room while you entertain this gentleman and go give greetings next door if you would like.

Report was suspended due to a visitor arriving and the Greetings Committee to the LGAR being sent.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Guides, would you please escort our guest in as soon as our committee for the LGAR leaves the room? I see we're having a bathroom rush. Anybody else? Sister Secretary, by all means.

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

PRESIDENT DIANE: Please take this opportunity. Make it quick. Anybody else? Grab your candy. Grab your water. Anybody need any?

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest to the altar and then to the President's station.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Brother Terry, welcome.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You have a very worthy cause and we'd love to hear about it.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Well, thank you, Sisters, for inviting me here. I have a project that I'm very passionate about. Four years ago, this was just a sketching on paper. But it's got to start somewhere. And then it was taken to an architect in Springfield, Illinois. And he put together what you see upstairs in our meeting room. The table's set up with the architect's drawing of about 3'x4' of what we hope to accomplish. If you've ever been to Petersburg, Dr. Stephenson's burial site, he has an excellent monument that was erected there in 1894. But the grounds around it are lacking. So, what we're proposing is a Memorial Plaza, which was designed after the Grand Army of the Republic's Memorial Plaza. The only thing that we're able to do now is have signature stones. They didn't have that. We have a company in Springfield who will do all of the engraving for us and they're very well-known and very highly respected. We have black polish granite benches with backs. I don't have a back anymore. (*chuckling*) We need backs when we sit down. And that makes a

ceremony a lot more comfortable and more enjoyable when you are yourself comfortable. So, the benches are available. The price for the benches include the engraving. What I would like to see is every Department in the Sons and all the Ladies' Auxiliaries and MOLLUS, all be represented there on that site with a bench. And the bricks are three different sizes, three different prices. They're all laser cut. We have a 12x12 up there that has the Sons' emblem on it. And it amazed me when I saw the kind of work that they can do and how they duplicated it. The engraving will be done on the back of the front. So you can't miss it when you come up, sit down. The idea is to put all of the ladies together in one place. The Departments, we can put them however we need them. That way everybody is represented.

We are starting Phase 1. We hope to do it in three phases. The idea is that we will have it (*chuckling*), like to have it finished by 2016. But, we will at least have enough where we can take people out there and have a ceremony as part of the 2016 National Encampment, which the Department of Illinois will be hosting in the Sesquicentennial year of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson's creating the Grand Army of the Republic. We owe him a lot. And this is something that we can do. We go there every year for a ceremony and it's hard to stand because the ground is uneven. And we would have a much better ceremony there if we had a beautiful plaza to have it on and a great way to honor his memory. Yes, ma'am.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: How big are the benches?

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: The benches are 4' wide. I can't remember the exact dimensions, but I would say the seat is probably about the height of the chair you're sitting on now. And the backs would probably be nearly the same height or maybe a little bit higher.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: So three of us could sit comfortably.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Yes. And they're contoured. They kind of dip so you kind of settle back into it and hopefully not go to sleep. (*laughter*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Terry.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Yes. You're welcome.

PRESIDENT DIANE: It was so nice. Terry, I believe you have a table set up?

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: I have a table set up in our meeting room. As you come in the doors, I'm on the opposite wall. The architect's rendering of

this is so large you can't miss it. We have got pamphlets. We've got three-fold brochures that you can take. And we have got order forms for the bricks and also where to send your money for the bench. Now, that is sent to Petersburg. It is sent to the City Hall. The mayor of Petersburg is both a mayor and a certified public accountant. He and the City Treasurer put together a post office box that only this money goes to. Why? Cause they have the 501(C)(3). We're not. So, all of this is tax deductible.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. We'll have our ladies go to your booth if they need more information.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: (*chuckling*) Okay. I can give you more information. And I can give you the order forms. Yes, ma'am.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: How much are these granite benches?

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Those are \$2,500.00. Now, that is quite a bit of money. But like I say, got them to include the engraving into that. If the engraving is too intricate, there might be a little bit more of a cost. But overall, that one price will take care of the entire cost of the bench.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Including the engraving?

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Including the engraving. Yeah.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And the emblem?

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Wonderful.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Yeah. So, come up and see me. Thank you all for inviting me.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Judy, will you respond to this?

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: We're very glad that you were able to come here this morning and tell us all about your project. And I am hoping that it will be very successful for you.

TERRY DYER, PDC, IL, SUVCW: Thank you very much. Thank you.

Guides and Color Guards escorted the guest from the room.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, I appreciate the work you're doing. But to honor our flags, I'm making them stand so please make your entrance back into the room as quickly as possible. Thank you.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Sister National President, may we have somebody substitute for Barb? She's very, very ill.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Most certainly.

Is there someone who would like to go to do the floor work? Sister Denise.

BARBARA LYNCH, OH: Thank you, ma'am.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Barbara, thank you. I hope you're feeling better by this evening. Sister Veronica, would you please escort her to her room?

Okay, Sister Danielle. Are you ready to continue?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS – CONT.

Recommendation #3: That the expenses for the National Secretary and Treasurer, which includes postage and supplies, be all rolled up into one lump sum, each to be listed as National Secretary Expense and National Treasurer's expense to be distributed three times per year, to be used for the Good of the Order. Receipts required to be turned in three times per year. WE CONCUR WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RECEIPTS TURNED IN PRIOR TO PAYMENT.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP, PA
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sisters, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That the Council change to five members using a rotating system. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. We feel we are tying our ladies up too long to move up to serve in the National positions.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion?

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT DIANE: I believe this is also been put through on the Recommendations Committee. Am I wrong?

It has been. Can I...Sister Ellen.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Would you repeat that one more time just so that I am understanding what's being said here?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: That the Council change to five members, using a rotating system. The Committee does not concur with that because we feel that too many are held back to be able to fill in other positions. And that the other thing is that this is not an entry-level position. This is...our Sisters should really know and be moving up. So we said at this time, the size of this group, three is enough.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: I feel that it is better to have five members than three. I think five members on a rotating system will be fine. A person can serve on Council without the desire to move up. And I see no reason to limit this number to three. There is wisdom in the counsel of many and I know when we work, when you have three students or three children almost always, it comes out to one, not always, but several times. If we have five, we have more opinions, more people voting.

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, WI: First point I'd like to make is that regardless of if you have three or five, it's still going to be, you know, a two to one vote, regardless. It's going to happen either way you look at it. And my second point I'd like to make is that we designate Council #1 as our outgoing National President for the coming year. So in five years, are we saying that the PNP's are going to be sitting at that table instead of over here? Because that's kind of what would happen in a timely manner here.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Helen.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I just have a couple of questions. Is the Council a stepping-stone to the Presidency?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: It should be.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Or should it be a honorable position or a stepping down position so that we have a consistency of people who have been in the office for three years who know the accounting, who know the treasury, as an honorable position. And perhaps then maybe a member from the general Auxiliary that can also sit. The reason I'm saying that is because, and please forgive me because I'm not a... I have not been in this position all year. I was not elected to it but I have served this weekend. And I came up with a few financial questions as a result of working with this Committee this weekend. I see it more as an honorary position for those individuals. Now, if somebody is looking to move to the Presidency, perhaps maybe we could have the two Past Presidents and then have somebody who's interested in moving toward the Presidency serve on the Committee. That's just an observance. I'm not saying that I want...I'm going to put my foot down and I want it that way. The other thing that I had a question is in order to continue with the continuity, for this particular position as Council, I'm a little concerned from the fact of people serving on the Council who have never served on the Council learning what it's like to serve on the Council. And that's just, you know, why I'm kind of wondering if maybe we should make this more of an honorary position for...to have the two Past Presidents and perhaps, you know, someone from...that's wanting to become President to serve. See what I'm saying? But anyway, that's just a suggestion. I'm not, you know, I'm not casting anything in stone. I'm just wondering.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ramona, hold on just a second. There is another motion that explains the rotation. When I wrote my recommendation, it was really to back the other one. Not realizing that it would go to Officer's Reports. It's already in, I believe it's Committees...or Recommendations. This explains the rotation. I can only give you two minutes.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: My first issue is going to be this motion is simply to establish five members on the Council in a rotation. It does not specify what the rotation is. Second is I've been a member forty-eight years. There was a time when Council was basically an honorary position. Council's very important now. It was never, to my knowledge, yes, you served a term on Council. It's not a requirement to be the National President. What you learn there is very valuable. But it's also of value to let others learn, who we want to assume that knowledge and can spread it around.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/COUNCIL MEMBER #2: I did serve all year this as Council Member #2. This is my first term on Council. And I can tell you, I served a couple of other positions on National, I have learned the most in this position. This made me decide whether or not I want to sit up there. It really

did. So, saying you only want Past Nationals in that seat I think is a shame, like, honestly. I say, maybe, one or two, three, whatever, but not all of them, that...on the side. The other thing is with the three versus five, like Anne said, no matter what, you're not going to have a consensus of all five people agree. It's going to be three, so two, four to one or two to one. No matter how you look at it, you're never going to get everyone to agree unless, you know, there's some miraculous reason everybody's from the same Department or whatever. (*laughter*)

So, no matter how you look at it, five or three, you're probably never going to get everyone to agree on the same thing. There's always going to be one side outvoting the other. That's all.

Oh, and the other point was for five people on Council, that's taking a lot out of the membership. We don't have as many people as the Sons do. We have...how many people did you say on our roster? Nine hundred...almost a thousand people. The Sons have way more people. That's why they have five people on Council. We don't have it. And it...the people that show up to National, I mean, this is the most I've seen ever. But the people who show up to National, we don't have the numbers to put in the seats. Thank you.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA/PAC: I would like to table this motion because it's on another motion that's going to come up at a later time.

Several UNKNOWNs: Motion's on the floor.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA/PAC: You don't need a second from the Committee. The motion can be tabled.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I have a motion on the floor to table...

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA/PAC: The motion goes away.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I have a vote. All those in favor.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Wait a second. Point of order. Sister, you cannot put another motion on top of a motion. What you can do, if you want to end this, is rescind your recommendation.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ginny, do you wish to rescind your motion so that we may find out the rotation basis at the later time?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: If you are rescinding your recommendation, then

I will rescind the motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Oh, I rescind it. *(laughter)* Sorry guys, we're all learning.

Recommendation #5: That the National Auxiliary stop all official postings to Facebook site known as Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans and only post to the official site located on our website. WE CONCUR BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE OTHER ONE WAS MEANT FOR CONVERSATIONS. SO, WE WOULD LIKE OUR OFFICIAL SITE TO HAVE OUR OFFICIAL POSTINGS.

MOVED by Heather Needleman, MA
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

ALLISON GRAFF, N/COUNCIL MEMBER #2, PDP, WI: What are we considering official? I mean, the announcements that we're posting. What are we considering official and not official?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Anything that we've been double posting this year. So anything from Tricia saying such and such, the GO's are on the website, the special orders are there to please look. We've been posting in both places. We'd like to just do it on...our official notifications on our own website rather than posting in two places. Sister Ginny.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: This does not mean that we can go to the second, well actually it was the first website, and chat? Talk about the other postings or anything like that. It just means that the postings for the official to go on the official website. But anybody can go to the second one and talk about it. That's still okay.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Just a clarification of what we're talking about here. There's a website and I am the Webmaster. There is Facebook, which is we have currently that I am aware of, we have two Facebook pages in our name. One is the Facebook that's the official, that we voted on last year to have the official Facebook page. And I'm not a Facebook person that's why I defer to...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is

the official Facebook page. The unofficial one is Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Oh, okay. So the official one is the one that's linked from the website that can only have postings on it by the Secretary and by Sister Anne.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Or with permission from the National President.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: And that's where we're going to put our activities, our fun things that we do, to let people know what we're about. I just wanted to clarify what a website was and what a Facebook page is.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You're right. It's our Facebook page on our website.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Am I understanding from the recommendation from the Committee, as to have the official web...Facebook page the only place that we're going to put communications on.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Official communications. Official.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Official communications.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Coming from National.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay. Gotcha.

ALLISON GRAFF, N/COUNCIL MEMBER #2, PDP, WI: Sister President, I only asked the official question because as of right now, Anne is the only administrator on that Facebook page. Now, who is to say that, say I don't go on Jan's site and say I'm officially announcing something for the Auxiliary. So, who has...like, who is official, is what I'm asking.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Well, one of the first postings will be to let them know from now...from this position on, only official announcements will go on our page...on the official one. However, there is nothing stopping you is as was said over here, anybody can chat about. So if you want to go on to Jan's site, as we have familiarly come to call it, if you want to go on to the other site and discuss what's been put on the other, there's nothing stopping you. Okay? I'm sure that stuff will get on it. It's just the double posting that Tricia and I doing all year is redundant. And we want to make it one site for our Sisters to go to for easier access, not have to go two or three different sites. Sister Trish. Oh, I'm sorry,

Sister Trish. Sister Jan was up first. My apologies. Sister Jan.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Yeah, I'd like to make comment, if I may.

When I set up my site, I purposely did not say National. I purposely shortened it to make it very clear this was not a National site. Women were crying for ability to speak somewhere. And since the site is developed, we've had many members generated from it. We've had Sisters come to chat and talk back and forth. We have postings about Sisters who have lost husbands, Sisters who have illnesses, and a place for Sisters to express their differing views. It was never intended to be "official." It was a place for the girls to chat and to share ideas, things that they took from National. If you have a National thing that you want on there, it's on there because somebody or you put it on there. No one has ever been refused membership. My basic problem is I get requests. When I get requests, it can be a list this long, requesting. I have to go to each one. Observe and see if they are a Sister. And if I can't do it that way, I send them a note. If you're not a member, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. So you have to do it individually each time to make sure that this closed site, you're the only guys that see it. Okay? Stays only with the girls. Then the men decided that they would like to join...*(laughter)*...so we now have men on the site. I think it's great. We can chat, talk. It's not a bad thing. It's a good thing. And I felt wonderful when I developed it and saw the response. And I've enjoyed having it and sharing it with everybody.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Jan.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: I just believe this is a positive thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Trish. Trish will be the last.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: As the guiltiest culprit for posting, my thinking, there's two reasons I have always posted on there. One, that has the widest access online other than the email addresses which I don't always have, as you well know. It gets news out faster than any other method I have ever found. When I posted something on there, it's been one of two things. "Hey guys, the newsletter's up. Hey guys, I'm really desperate. I'm trying to get this. Can somebody/anybody help me?" It is not what I consider official postings. It was started with the intent to get us to talking. And it has exploded and it's marvelous. It is a closed group. Our other page is official that anybody can look at. When I am desperate, I am not putting out on the National official page. It does not belong there. And believe me ladies, there are times I have

needed to put that call out for help because I had tried to get ahold of people to get things that I had needed for specific reasons and had been unable to. I put that out and within an hour, I am getting response. I don't consider that an official posting. So I think Allison has a very good question. What is official and what isn't? I personally don't see that I am doing anything official. Yes, we're double posting, but we're double posting for a reason, because we have many, many, many, many more Sisters and Brothers who are on there because their wives don't want to be. That's how we get word out. There are not that many on the other site. I would love it if we had everybody on this site, on this site as well. That's a problem there. My thoughts.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: I need some clarification. I'm not sure how to phrase it. You have two postings. You post it on each Facebook page. You're asking permission to only post officials on the official site. Why do you need permission? I mean, why did you need permission to place it on the other Facebook?

PRESIDENT DIANE: That's a very good question, Gloria.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Can I respond?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes.

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, WI: If I understand what you're asking, first of all, I have never done any kind of official announcement to be posted on the National. Which I would love. I am more than willing to post that up there as newsletter or whatever out. But, and correct me if I'm wrong, you need my permission to post on the official page so that I can filter everything because if it was to be a, "Hey, I need help," I could say, "Mm, maybe this is doesn't belong here." But if that was to automatically post, it's on there. Me as admin, I can delete it. But that would be rude, honestly. To be like naah, I'm going to block all of your comments and keep all these other ones. You might not understand why I deleted it. I could explain but, you know, it gets a little hairy in that case.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: I guess what I'm really asking is if they only want the official things to go on the official site, then why are they worried about the other site? Don't post it. Post only on the official sites, where they want them. And anything else, like Trish wants on that site. Why do you need permission?

PRESIDENT DIANE: I completely get you, Gloria. I wish I had you by my side when I was writing this up. I rescind.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: So ladies, we only had three recommendations from the National President.

National Vice President:

Recommendation #1: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Brother Kevin Martin for his many exhaustive volunteer hours in designing the National roster database. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Question.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Hold on. I will not take a question from the floor like was just done. The correct way is to stand in line and say, "I'd like to call the question." It becomes a motion within a motion. Since there is no discussion, I will call for a vote. Which is basically what Danielle just asked for. Okay? All those in favor of sending a letter to Kevin Martin, thanking him for all his time. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Brother Martin's employer for its generous donation of computer equipment for the use of the National Secretary. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, OH
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Sister Carole Morton for her generous personal contribution towards the purchase of computer equipment for the use of the National Treasurer. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Grace Richmond, WI
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: There's a motion on the floor to Carole Morton, Past National President of the DUV and an Auxiliary Sister, for her generous donation to the Auxiliary. Is there any discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Historian:

Recommendation #1: That the Historian provide an article on our Auxiliary history in each newsletter depicting our heritage. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Heather Needleman, MA
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That a session of servant leadership be provided to the members of the National convention and be included on either the webpage or newsletter. Characteristics of the servant leadership centers on the following topics: listening skills, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to growth, and building community. All these skills would benefit the Auxiliary, making our Auxiliary stronger and allowing each to communicate with one another at an earnestly sincere level. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP, PA
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Sister President, could I...I'm not real sure what this is.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm not either. Thank you, Sister Ellen. Could you explain servant leadership to us?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: I understand what that means. But what do you want on the website or the newsletter? What do you want it to say?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: On the website or in the newsletter would be an article discussing one aspect each, you know, every so often about how we as members can serve the Order; can serve

our principles. A short essay, more or less. At the Encampment, thirty minute sessions, posters. It can be handled many different ways. We can get different Sisters that have expertise in any of these. But I would volunteer, if this carries, I would volunteer to oversee it. Just in case you wanted to know. I have taught this and so has, for sure, Sister Else has taught this to other organizations to include U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Sister President...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen, you know you can only address twice. Right?

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: May I add to my question?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, you may.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: So, you're looking at in general, then to put an article out there. Where about...you going to talk about a certain Sister or...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: No. It's like a course, some kind of information as to what you could possibly do dealing with servitude, or growth, in the Auxiliary, or...

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: So it's addressed to the Sisters to improve them?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Yes. It's a...

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: But it's not for the public to tell what we are about. It's for us internally.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Grace, you'll be the last.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: I think that this is a really good idea because I know personally I do a lot of service back home and I think it will be cool to have different ways listed in the newsletter cause I read that pretty thoroughly. And I know at least I would read that. And I try to take what was said, I consider everyone in this room a very strong leader. And so I think that anyone in here

could write something like that. And we can all take and build off of each other's ideas. And I think that would be awesome to better ourselves as people, as Sisters, and honor our Boys in Blue. Thank you. *(applause)*

MOTION CARRIED

DANIELLE MICHAELS, OFFICERS' REPORTS COMMITTEE: Yes, Wisconsin's proud to consider Grace as one of our Sisters. Out of the mouth of babes. *(laughter)*

That concludes the recommendations from the National Officers.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Danielle. I'd like to thank you and your Committee for their hard work in putting this together and presenting it so quickly and nicely. Thank you. We will now go on to Committee Reports.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Could I make a comment?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: I'm seeing the same people stand to make these motions. Please, anybody can stand and make the motion to concur or not to concur with these suggestions. I want to see some new names on these. Please, somebody else do it. I'm getting tired of getting up and down. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Committee on Committee Reports is Cynthia Brown.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Now, we got together this morning at 8 o'clock because it was much too late and I was much too sleepy last night.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm going to interrupt for a second because were having the same trouble that you have. We need you to speak. I know you have a very gentle voice. Sister Cynthia, who don't you speak a little louder.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT **Girl Scout Committee:**

Recommendation #1: That the Departments of the Auxiliary notify their individual Auxiliaries that there are cover letters and certificates for Girl Scout Gold recipients available through the National Supply Officer. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Ann McMillan, PDP, PA
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have a motion on the floor to sustain the Committee. Past National Presidents, why don't you just stay seated and we'll make somebody else stand.

GRACE RICHMOND, INSIDE GUARD, WI: We are trying to help!

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know you are. You're trying to help me and I appreciate it. Okay, we have...is there any discussion? There was a very generous donation from the Department in California/Pacific to our Supply Officer for these items. So, may I have a show of hands? All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS: In the interest of time, may I read recommendations two, three, four, and five? And let you know that this Committee concurred with all of them.

PRESIDENT DIANE: No. Do them one at a time, so we can vote on them.

Recommendation #2: That the cover letter and certificate be posted on the Auxiliary's National website. I assume we're talking about officially. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Jennifer Hosking, MA
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That the instructions for printing the cover letter and certificate be posted on the Auxiliary's National website. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Heather Needleman, MA
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That the certificates be sold on the National site for \$2.00. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Jennifer Hosking, MA

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #5: That this Committee be continued to answer any questions that may arise. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Jan Davis, MI
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Forms and Documents Committee:

There was no actual recommendation. But our Committee would like to add all Auxiliary members are asked to monitor and make suggestions. WE DO CONCUR.

PRESIDENT DIANE: May I ask on what?

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS: All the membership is invited to monitor the application forms and make suggestions.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Did everybody understand that? Okay. She's asking, the Forms and Documents Committee, is asking that all our Sister members, if they see something or they don't like something on the forms, get in touch with them. That is the motion...that is the suggestion. Sister Linda Murray.

MOVED by Linda Murray, NH
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, INSIDE GUARD, WI: We have Jim Crane, the National Encampment Committee Chair from the Sons, waiting outside. *(laughter)*

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Don't shoot the messenger. *(laughter and applause, chatter)*.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA-PAC: They wanted to slow us down because we were ahead of them yesterday and they felt bad about it. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Well, when we get up there this morning, we're going to take our time. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Since we're going to break for lunch right afterwards. *(chuckling)* Okay. Sister Guide, please bring in our visitor.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: We need to get this all done on Thursdays. *(chatter and laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: You don't speak when you carry a flag, unless spoken to. And you don't say the Pledge of Allegiance. You don't sing *The National Anthem*.

All you say is the first word, I...or Oh and then you stand there with the flag. Just a little etiquette lesson.

Guides and Color Guards presented Jim Crane, National Encampment Committee Chair to the altar to clapping and singing of Marching Through Georgia.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI, INSIDE GUARD: Sister National President, I have the honor to present to you Brother Jim Crane, Chair of the National Encampment Committee.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jim.

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: There I go again. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: You walk in here and you automatically put on a white skirt! *(laughter)* Brother Jim, would you like to address us from the podium?

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: If I may, Madame President.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You most certainly may. Guides and Color Guards, please escort him to the podium.

(clapping and singing Marching through Georgia)

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: I enjoy listening to the ladies laugh in here because sometimes there's never any laughter upstairs. *(laughter)*

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: I enjoyed it. But, you know, I hope you all have enjoyed, you know, Atlanta down here in Marietta. And, you know, we had a couple little problems here and there. I hope you kind of forgive us for that, you know and we have been working on this pretty hard, the Host Committee for eight weeks. And it's been fun. I know that we gave a report upstairs that we're going to Richmond next year in 2015. And then we're going to Springfield, Illinois in 2016. We don't have anyone yet for 2017. But Michigan informed me upstairs they would like to put in a bid. So, we're going to meet with them this afternoon sometime between 4:00 and 7:00 o'clock. Second purpose I'm here is, I would like to see if we can get some comments from the ladies, good and bad, about the Encampment to help us to be able to do a better job of communication. And I'm open to a lot of different issues. And a lot of different things. I think the past history is kind of bad, you know, and you know, it's kind of like a new day. I was in the hotel business for thirty-two years. Sixty percent of my managers were women cause they do a better job than men. *(applause)*

But you know, seriously, we're here to do that. We talked to Rachelle yesterday a little bit. And you know, very receptive. Good talk. I've talked to ladies present. I talked to Diane. And I've listened to some... I've listed to kind of some of the comments. And you know, I take them to heart. They're not left out in the trash per se. You know, you're an integral part of the Sons and again the last couple years I've been involved in doing the hotel work, and someone else is on the Committee done part of the other work, but I guess now we'll be doing both. But you know, we would like to work with the ladies. Get input. And hopefully at some point, sit down at least maybe seven, eight months before an Encampment and find out what you need; what you want and work with you on it. You know, what we're going to be doing at the next Encampment. It's yours also. It's just not ours. And that's the way I've always believed things to be. But being in the position I was in, you know, you can't really make a lot of decisions and change. But hopefully, that's going to change. I can almost guarantee it. The Commander-in-Chief has the right to replace and add eight people on the Committee. And we have a couple new people on it. Our Committee, Mike Paquette from Chesapeake, and Frank Avila from California. So we kind of have a new slate of people there. And I pretty much believe it's going to be, you know, I think there's going to be a change. I really do. And you know, that's why I came down. I don't know if anyone's ever come down before. I don't know. It doesn't matter. But I wanted to come down and just let you know one, what's going on the last couple of years; and two, to let you know that we're going to work with the ladies in the future. I don't really have anything else to say. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ginny.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: I want to thank you first because you do a lot of hard work. The only recommendation I had is a lot of people were referred to other hotels because not enough rooms were booked for this hotel. So in the future, we're getting bigger. We're growing. We have more people attending so we need more rooms booked. (*applause*)

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: Can I answer that real quick? When the initial contract was signed, it was signed for 150 room nights. For some reason, they went back and changed it to 120 room nights. Again, when I got involved two months ago, we were already at 150 room nights. And we begged the hotel. And they actually blocked two soccer teams to fit more of our people in. So, the hotel's been pretty gracious about what they've done for us and have, you know, we actually have 143 rooms now versus 120. We increased. But I apologize for not having the amount of rooms we really needed.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: I know the hotel's been very nice about if we need to go back to our other hotel for some reason, they have been busing us back and bringing us back over, which is very good. I mean, the hotel's been very accommodating. But, instead of 150 rooms, maybe two hundred should be booked.

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: You know, what I told the men upstairs was...in my report was, "Don't wait until three days before." Please. Make your reservation as early as you can. Because it helps the Host Committee, you know, decide those issues. But kind of like in the future, you know, I want to also let the women involved with that, to talk about how many rooms they think they're going to have. And we travel at our own expense. You know, we don't get any reimbursement. And, you know, it's just not for the Sons. So, who's next?

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I flew in for this event because I didn't have enough vacation time. And we get down here and we find out that there's no restaurants in easy distance. It's expensive at this hotel to eat every single meal here. But we have no choice. We either have to eat our meals here or order out. And there's only two places in this town that will take orders here. So in the future, can you make sure, like last year in Wisconsin when we had the event, we went around, our people went around to all of the restaurants in the neighborhood of the event and we had coupons for people. We had stuff so that people could get food, you know, instead of just having to have one place that you get food at, our hotel. It's very expensive. If you have thousands and thousands of dollars that you can have for your expense for a hotel, it's one thing. But, I don't have that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Excuse me, Brother Jim. Sisters, I'm going to stop this conversation. As much as I'd like to have you continue on with Brother Jim, I would suggest that you meet him later and get with him and let him know your complaints and what you'd like to see in the future.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: And perhaps have a couple of the ladies or a lady be on the actual Site Committee.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Brother Jim has been talking to us about that. I've also talked to him about having a set menu like in California at a lower price. He is aware of it but go and let him know later. We have an order to be upstairs in about two minutes. I was hoping to be able to give you a bathroom break. Sorry ladies, our Commander-in-Chief is calling us. Sorry.

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: That's okay. I will be over in the Blair Room, which is right straight down the hallway, like I said, from 4 o'clock until probably 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to stop in and chat again. Or you can make a list up of the issues and maybe a couple of women can come over and give them to me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you.

JIM CRANE, SUVCW: I appreciate your time. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Guides, quickly escort our guest out.
Sisters, please get ready to leave the room.
Close the Bible, please. Attention! Sister Guides, quickly.
Sisters, you are dismissed to upstairs.

Fourth Session
Saturday, August 16, 2014
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Committee on Committee Recommendation Report – Cont.
National Encampment Site Committee:

Recommendation #1: That the National Encampment Site Committee shall have a continuity of membership. The Committee shall consist of three members, with the National President appointing one Sister to hold the office for

three years. It is suggested, but not mandatory, that the appointment be made from a Department already slated to host a National Encampment within the appointee's three-year term. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Wanda Langdon, PAP, OH
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: At this point, since all our Sisters are back in the room, we're going into voting. You ready? Madame Secretary.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Just very quickly, the group that was from South Carolina, they wanted to extend their apologies that they had to leave and return home. But they wanted to tell you that they were sorry they could not stay for the remainder of the Encampment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: They had hoped to stay through voting. I'm sorry they had to leave. But I did extend my goodbyes to them and their thanks from all of us for attending. Hopefully, we'll see them again in the future. Sister Veronica.

VERONICA MELLOR, N/PERSONAL AIDE, MA: I believe we're waiting for one more Sister.

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's okay. We're going to take another Committee report in order to give our ballot ladies a chance to cut up our ballots.

Recommendation #2: That the members of the National Encampment Site Committee be in frequent communication and work closely with the Department National Encampment Host Committee to ensure that the needs of the ASUVCW are being addressed. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Cindy Eddy, CA/PAC
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

National Membership Committee:

Recommendation #1: That the standard membership application be revised and corrected as needed; and that a single standard membership application be established which would be used both in print and online and these tasks be assigned to the incoming National Committee on Forms and Documents to be

completed as soon as possible. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Carol Dyer, Mary Logan Aux-at-Large, IL
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Just for clarification, if this passes, the Forms Committee will change the form and it would not need a vote of approval? It would be changed and changed? Or does it need to be voted on for approval?

PRESIDENT DIANE: This is a form that can be approved by the President...

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Okay...

PRESIDENT DIANE: And as we passed before, you Sisters, after it comes on the site, if it's not right, you let the folks in Forms and Documents Committee know about it.

Thank you. Any other discussion? I call for the vote. All those in favor.
All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: The ASUVCW National Constitution currently forbids those who are not United States citizens from becoming members of the ASUVCW. There does not seem to be a valid reason for this exclusion, which denies a great number of genuinely patriotic ladies of good moral character from joining our ranks. There are many citizens of other countries living in the United States and elsewhere, whose ancestors served honorably in the Union forces during the Civil War and who might want to join the Auxiliary but are precluded by this clause. I therefore recommend that a resolution be passed by some Department calling for the following sentence in Article 4 of the ASUVCW National Constitution be stricken, to wit: "All applicants must be American or naturalized citizens of the United States before being accepted in the Auxiliary." And further that such a resolution be voted upon by the delegates to the 2015 National Encampment and if acted upon favorably, then be followed to the Departments for ratification. THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO AMEND THIS RESOLUTION TO READ, "LINEAL DESCENDANTS OF U.S. UNION SOLDIERS AND OTHERS WHO ARE NOT UNITED STATES CITIZENS BE ADMITTED." CHANGE SENTENCE "TO BE ADMITTED" TO "JOIN." "THOSE WHO ARE NOT LINEAL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO JOIN AS

ASSOCIATES.” THIS IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH MUST BE PREPARED BY A DEPARTMENT AND THEN RATIFIED. SO WE ARE CONCURED WITH EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE FACT THAT WE WANTED TO IMPLEMENT AND INVESTIGATE EACH APPLICANT.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I need a motion. We actually need a Department make the motion. Is there anybody sitting together that can do this?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: Sister President, we can’t make this recommendation today. All we can do is state that we want to do this because you had to have a forty-five days in advance of this Encampment and it had to be coming from a Department. When this issue was brought to me and arisen, I did not have forty-five days and my Encampment had already passed. So, this is why I brought it in this form, letting you know that we here must act upon this next year. We had a situation where we have some Sisters in our Order who have been approved. Their applications have gone through and they are currently active members in our Organization but they are not United States citizens. It’s something we have to do for housekeeping. Otherwise, we have to go back and ask these Sisters who’ve been members for quite some time to no longer be members.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Rachelle, is it possible to bring a motion off the floor that does not say it has to come through a Department so that we can pass that this year and send it forward to our Departments?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: No, we cannot. It’s in our bylaws and our Constitution this way. It is written that way. We have to follow it. I’m sorry. Unfortunately, these Sisters are going to have to go through the tedious process of allowing us to take the proper steps.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Rachelle. Sister Danielle.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I just have a question. Does that mean that we are including only those that are not U.S. citizens with lineage? Or does that mean we’re also taking in associates?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, actually, I need to make...have this put into the motion on the floor in order to discuss. I saw Patty stand up. Patty were you going to make that a motion?

PATRICIA WILHELM, NJ: Yes, I was.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Can you state your name and state please?

PATRICIA WILHELM, NJ: Yes. Patricia Wilhelm, New Jersey Department.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Patty. All right. We're now in discussion.

DISCUSSION:

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: I actually like the way that Cynthia has broken it down. I didn't think of the Associate that way. What it is, when I look at an Associate, it is someone who doesn't have lineage of their own and is not married to a Sons member who wants to join our Organization. In this case, the woman who joined, she joined under her husband's lineage because he's a member of the Sons. But she is not a United States citizen. Even though she joined under his, the way it is currently written in our CR&R, she still cannot be a member because she is not a naturalized United States citizen.

PRESIDENT DIANE: As an example, Adam Gaines' mother asked to join this Auxiliary five years ago. We could not accept her because she is a Canadian citizen. But she has full lineage and could be a good member. Instead, we've lost her to one of the other Allied Orders. Thank goodness somebody picked her up. So, this is something we just need to...I'll have to have a vote but hold on. Sister Trish.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Those of us that live in border states, the new border states, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, there's no Department of Washington for the Sons but Washington also covers Canada, at least British Columbia. We have six Sons in the Isaac Stevens Camp that are Canadians. I had to tell their wives and four daughters, "Sorry." You know what size Auxiliary I could have?

But I know I'm not the only one. I know that Wisconsin and Michigan has had them as well. We had a Medal of Honor ceremony that Rosecrans hosted. We could've put together a thirteen person Auxiliary based in a Canadian village that day. They are there. Though our bylaws the way they are written, there's a Daughter that's still alive that could not be in our Organization. That's embarrassing to me.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, I think we just need to bring this to a vote and vote it down so that it can go to the Departments and be discussed and worded in a way that we will allow our Canadians or not allow them membership.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA-PAC: We have to

table it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Oh, okay. I guess you want to vote for it so that a Department can bring it up next year.

BEVERY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA-PAC: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You vote it down, it can't be brought up next year. Okay. All right. Any more discussion? Susan.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I got a nephew, his wife was born in Germany and...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sweetheart, I'm going to stop you. Okay? We don't want any more personal stories.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: But what I'm saying is I want to ask a question.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sure. Question's allowed.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: Because my nephew is lineal descent like I am. Would his wife be considered lineal then because she's married or go on his lineal, is what I'm asking.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Our Organization is built on the fact we take the wives of Sons...

SUSAN FALLON, WI: But she's German.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We take the wives of Sons. Is she a United States citizen?

SUSAN FALLON, WI: No.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We take the wives of Sons who are already United States citizens. We are based on that. That is how we became the Auxiliary instead of the LGAR or the DUV.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: So you're saying she could not ever...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Not unless we pass this new rule. A Department has to bring it on the floor next year so we want to vote to let the Department bring it on the floor next year. So you want to push this?

SUSAN FALLON, WI: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. You can ask your Wisconsin delegates. Please, I don't want to lead you in the wrong way. Everybody understand that? In order to bring this question back next year, we need to vote yes. But you can still do your own thing if you want to vote no. I call for a vote. All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: I hope some Departments bring this on the floor for next year so that we can tell our Canadian Sisters and other Sisters such as our German friend that we want them as members. This is going to help us grow. Sister Cynthia, and then I'm going to have to stop this discussion. How many more you got Cynthia?

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Two.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Two? We're going to finish up, dear. Okay? Let me just ask the Sisters. Sisters, do you mind putting off the Election until we have finished the Committee reports? All those in favor of holding it off, raise your hands. All those opposed. Thank you very much, Sisters. It's just a suggestion. Sister Cynthia, we are going to allow you to finish.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Oh, how wonderful. *(laughter)*

Committee on National New Auxiliaries

Recommendation #1: That the newly revised Form N13, Application to Form a New Auxiliary, and Form N14, Application for Auxiliary Charter, be approved and implemented as soon as possible. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE FORM, THE FIRST SENTENCE, BECAUSE IT READS OF A NECESSITY OF A CAMP SPONSORSHIP OF AN AUXILIARY. MANY OF US INDEPENDENT AUXILIARIES DO NOT HAVE CAMP SPONSORSHIP SO UNLESS WE DO A NEW FORM...

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: Can I speak on this?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Nope, not right now, Rachelle.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

TIONS: Wait'll I finish this. We suggest a form revision to include independent Auxiliaries. And as it stands now, that's our recommendation.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Your pleasure, Sisters. Come on. Come on. Come on. Sister Lisa Smith.

MOVED by Lisa Smith, MI
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? Sister Rachelle.

DISCUSSION

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: Sister Cynthia, the original form actually states "Sponsored by a Camp," that's why I followed that. Because there are Camps who are still sponsoring Auxiliaries to be set up. That's the case of what happened in Arizona and that's the case what's happening in Kansas right now that I'm working on. So there are still Camps that are sponsoring new Auxiliaries. So that's why I left the verbiage the same. It's a very easy change on verbiage because these are workable formats right now. And that's why I brought them to the Encampment for the Sisters to look at and give their pleasure. So, if the body here wants to do that and strike it, where we're telling it's not necessarily saying that a Camp's going to sponsor because if you read through the worksheets, it says "or an organizer." An organizer could be any person who wants to sponsor, not necessarily a Brother.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Any more discussion? Sister Ramona.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP, OH: Sister Rachelle, I was the one that when I looked at that, this appears at the beginning said you have to have a Camp. We simply want to make clear you do not have to have a Camp right off the bat without having to go through everything.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: You've got it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Not unless it's voted on. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Any more discussion? All right, Sisters. Let's hear it from you. All in favor. All opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That the newly revised document entitled “Instructions for Forming a New Auxiliary” be approved and made available as soon as possible. WE DO NOT CONCUR.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Ramona and Linda, would you help me with this? This is my Committee. We didn’t concur with that. (*Committee conferred.*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: No, you got to go over too.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Musical chairs. After lunch, they get really whimsical. Anything else the Sisters want to bring up while we’re waiting. Sister Tricia.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: I’ll talk quick. I spent three hours last night with the Sisters from South Carolina/Georgia. They are amazing. Please take a look at our official website, Facebook page because there’s an awesome picture that Ann threw up there last night from them.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Cynthia.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: The reason we did not concur was we wanted the first recommendation first. And it passed, so now we concur.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Can you read it again, please?

Recommendation #2: That the newly revised document entitled “Instructions for Forming a New Auxiliary” be approved and made available as soon as possible. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Heather Needleman, MA
That the committee be sustained and that we implement a.s.a.p.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Can somebody break it down for us?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: That the instruction...there’s an instruction form to the forms. That they are now concurring because we passed one of the forms, that the instruction sheet to the forms be also implemented. Now they concur because we passed number one.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. Sisters, there is a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? Okay. All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That the newly created document entitled “Local Auxiliary Guidelines and Auxiliary Meeting Script” be approved and made available as soon as possible. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS, BECAUSE WE LIKED THE WORD “GUIDELINE,” BECAUSE IT’S NOT GOSPEL.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Cynthia. Ladies, what is your pleasure? Come on. Come on. Come on. I want somebody new. Jan Davis.

MOVED by Jan Davis, MI
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Jan. We have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? All those in favor? All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That the National New Auxiliaries Committee shall have continuity of membership, it shall consist of four members. The National President shall appoint in 2015 one Sister to serve for two years and one Sister to serve for one year and appointing in subsequent years one Sister to serve for two years. The third and fourth members of the Committee shall be the sitting National Vice President and the National Secretary, who shall have a one year term. WE CONCUR WITH MOST OF IT EXCEPT WE WANTED TO ADJUST THE LAST SENTENCE TO READ, “THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE THE SITTING NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, WHO SHALL HAVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.” THIS OMITTS THE NATIONAL SECRETARY. WE FEEL THAT SHE HAS ENOUGH TO DO.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I don’t want a comment. I need a motion. Lisa.

MOVED by Lisa Smith, MI
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion?

DISCUSSION:

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: The reason the National

Secretary's on there, she has to handle all the paperwork already.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Nobody told us that.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Yeah. The National Secretary gets all that stuff. That's why she's included on the Committees, because she has to do it anyway as part of the job. I appreciate the thought, believe me.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: As I said, we concurred except for the last one. Will the Committee go along with...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Any other discussion?

PRESIDENT DIANE: It was sustained as read with the omission. With the omission. Sister Ramona.

RAMONA GREENWALT, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: I have a question on Parliamentary procedure. If we would amend our recommendation, then do we have to have another motion to sustain again? We just had a caucus and we said we can put it back.

I'm not going to speak for the chair. All right. I'm speaking for the chair. We held a caucus. We're putting the Secretary back in.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. I'm would need to have the motion rescinded...

LISA SMITH, MI: I rescind the motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Now we're adding it back in. So Sister Cynthia...

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Would you like for me to read it over again?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, please.

Recommendation #4: That the National New Auxiliaries Committee shall have continuity of membership, it shall consist of four members. The National President shall appoint in 2015 one Sister to serve for two years and one Sister to serve for one year and appointing in subsequent years one Sister to serve for two

years. The third and fourth members of the Committee shall be the sitting National Vice President and the National Secretary who shall each have a one year term. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Grace Richmond, WI
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, sweetheart. Okay, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? I do. *(laughter)*

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT DIANE: The Secretary is on for a one-year term, but she serves here as National Secretary for five. Shouldn't she be appointed or are you going to reappoint her every year?

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

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA-PAC: Committees are appointed...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Any other discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

National Committee on Policy and Procedures

Recommendation #1: That the items noted in this report had not been acted upon, of the status of which is unknown, either be implemented immediately or referred to the appropriate Committees for action.

May I say a couple of words on this for people who haven't seen this report? This is a conglomeration of everything that has happened in the past ten years that was voted for at National Encampment. Some things were done. Some things were not done. Some things we don't know what happened to them. This was a monumental task.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, it was.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: It's a special pet project of mine because I started a Standing Orders Book ten years ago. I have been working very hard on this.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Mine too. I've been working on this so very long, me and Veronica. It's a Committee that's been dear to my heart for two years.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: However, the recommendation that the things in this report that were not acted upon or the status of which is unknown either be implemented immediately, which may result in changing of the Constitution and Regulations, et cetera, or referred to the appropriate Committees for action. Some things will go to Forms, some things will go to Procedures, all different things. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Wanda Langdon, OH
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That the National Committee on Policy and Procedures shall have continuity of membership. The Committee shall consist of five members with the National President appointing each year two Sisters to hold office to two years and the immediate Past National President shall be a member to hold office for one year. My note says that the incoming National President appoint a Committee to implement and investigate each issue in this report. WE DO CONCUR.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Could you read that again, Sister Cynthia?

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: What do you want me to read?

PRESIDENT DIANE: The last...the original one please.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: The National Committee on Policy and Procedures shall have continuity of membership. The Committee shall consist of five members with the National President appointing each year two Sisters to hold office for two years and the immediate Past National President shall be a member to hold office for one year.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. How many is that Committee asking for?

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: Five.

PRESIDENT DIANE: So, two Sisters for two years and one Sister for one year.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, CA-PAC: Two Sisters for two years, two Sisters for one year, and a Past National President will automatically be on for one year to verify that items left from her Encampment are completed. Two for two years, two for one, and the Past National President.

I probably missed the two Sisters for one year.

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Something's missing. A sentence is missing. I found it. Yay!
(laughter)

CYNTHIA BROWN, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Let me read it again.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm going to save your voice, Cynthia. Did everybody understand that?

MOVED by Jennifer Hosking, MA
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: Any current "unwritten" policies be presented to the National Committee on Policies and Procedures during the upcoming term and the Committee return their recommendations regarding the same to the 129th Annual National Encampment. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Linda Murray, PDP, NH
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That minimum requirements for applicants for the annual ASUVCW Scholarship be established by the incoming National Committee on Policy and Procedures and that the National Committee on Forms and Documents create an application form for the ASUVCW Scholarship to be accessible via print and online. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH A SLIGHT ADDITION THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISION REMAINS THAT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

MOVED by Cindy Eddy, CA/PAC
That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Thanks, Sister President, for appointing us and allowing us this job. Thank you.
Cynthia Brown, PNP, MA, Chair
Ramona Greenwalt PDP, OH
Linda Kronberg, PDP, MI

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: This concludes our portion of the program.
(laughter and applause)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Cynthia.

You're welcome. This Committee is dissolved so I guess I have to dissolve the Officers' Reports Committee as well. That part of my job is to dissolve them. Until next year. Okay, are we ready for Elections?

Sister Guards, please make sure there is no one outside waiting to enter. And then please bar the door. No one is to be allowed into the room during the election process.

Sister Guard, are all entitled to remain?

GRACE RICHMOND, N/INSIDE GUARD, WI: They are.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. May we have the report of the Credentials Committee? Sister Tricia, I believe that's you.

TRICIA BURES, NATIONAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: We have sixty-one Sisters that are eligible to vote in attendance today. I think that's a record for the last, I don't know, eight or nine years.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we are now ready to proceed with nominations of Officers. I'm going to ask Sister Viola, Sister Wanda, Sister Noreen, would you please be our Election Committee?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Would you please approach?

Their job is, for anybody who's just not quite sure what the Election Committee is, is if there is a ballot, with two people running for the same position, or more, then their job is to count the ballots and give an answer to Sister Secretary. They are not allowed to tell what the vote is to anyone. So once you count them, you wipe the memories clean, and you sew your mouths shut.
(laughter)

I was going to have you sit over there, but my three seats are taken. So, can we find three seats for our Sister Election Committee? Okay. We all set?

All right. We're beginning to open Election of Officers.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

BEVERLY GRAHAM, DP, CA/PAC: It is my great honor to nominate Rachelle Campbell for President.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

KAREN HAMANN, MI: The Department of Michigan would like to wholeheartedly endorse Linda Kronberg for position of National Vice President.

MARY FLYNN, NH: The Department of New Hampshire would like to nominate Linda Murray for the position of Vice President.

Diane Mellor, National President

Hearing no further nominations, I declare nominations closed for Vice President. Linda Kronberg, would you please stand? Linda Murray, would you please stand? Sisters, these are your two candidates for National Vice President. Thank you, Sisters.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Danielle, you had posted candidacy. Are you withdrawing your candidacy?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I'd like to withdraw my candidacy and put anybody who would vote for me vote for Linda Murray.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Sister Election Committee, would you please pass out the ballots?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Sister President, I think we should have the list of voting members called so we know who to give those ballots to.

Diane Mellor, National President

That's supposed to be part of the Credential Committee's Report. Isn't it?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Yes, but she didn't do it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You're right. Okay, Sister Secretary.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: I would ask that everyone stand up. As your name is called, please sit down. I will move quickly.

Roll Call resulted in 61 voting delegates.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Election Committee, please pass out the ballots. Sisters, please try to keep your ballots to yourself. They'll be back around to

pick them up.

The Election Committee distributed, then picked up the ballots.

PRESIDENT DIANE: This takes a few minutes. While they're counting, does anybody have anything for the good of the Order that they want to share with the Sisters? I know we have more business, but I don't want to put business in the middle of the ballot, so...

Sister Money Officers, please close your tables. Well, that just means your sales. You can pack up your stuff afterwards, whatever is left. You want to give a report? Are you ready?

Sister Trish.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: I was tasked by the Chair of the Richmond Site Committee. They have a lovely table upstairs with all kinds of information. Prices, places to go, things to see, stuff to do for next year's National Encampment, which will be the third weekend in August in Richmond. Because you know the south is the place to go in the middle of August. That or Phoenix. One or the other. So, he would like everyone to come up and visit. They've got packets. They've got lots of stuff upstairs. There's a table out there for you.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: To add to that, I spent four months in Virginia this past year and my son and I went to the Tredegar Ironworks in Richmond. They have three beautiful museums right there together and they're right downtown by the convention center.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Sister Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: Well, two things. First off, I'd again like to extend my congratulations to Sister Danielle on her award. We're all very proud her from Wisconsin. (*applause*) And second of all, if you guys are looking for something to do at like 8:30 p.m., there's this really cool thing on Marietta Square. It's the Ghost of Marietta Tour. It's literally...I went on it last night. It's not too scary.

And there's a lot of Civil War information. And I learned a lot. So, you guys should consider it. And there's good prices all over the place. You'll find out if you go on the tour.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Grace. Sister Danielle.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Thank you, Sister Grace.

I had a question, you know, for whoever is appointed on the Site Committee to consider when we want our input. They do have a book that sets up the room like this. And, you know, what are our needs for mics and that. One thing that I would like our Sisters to make sure that is covered are the extra costs, like the costs from the airport to the hotel.

And also, you know, and the food situation, the parking situation, and speaking as a teacher, that third week of August, that means I have to be back the very next day bright-eyed and bushy-tailed 6:00 o'clock in the morning. Second note for planning in the future, in order to take, you know, we want these children to come, but one is missing out on her first few days of school. Peanuts over there still is lucky to stay, she starts Tuesday morning. So, I would say that if we want our young people here, school's important. We should, you know, be able to do our things during the summer and allow them to take this information back to their school and not miss this opportunity. Thank you.

LINDA KRONBERG, PDP, MI: Danielle, who sets up the dates for the Encampment? Do the Sons?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Site Committee. Well, what they're doing is when they're going to the hotels and looking at the various hotels, they're talking to them what's scheduled on this date. Oh, we have a Harley thing. Okay, then we can't have it that week. Then we'll have it this week. But they try and keep like first, second, and third week.

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #1

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN, MA: The Department of Massachusetts and Willie Grout Auxiliary #25 would like to nominate the current National President Diane Mellor for the position of Council Member #1.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Yes. I would like to nominate Past National President Anne Sosnowski.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Election Committee, would you please pass out the ballots.

PRESIDENT DIANE: While the ballots are being passed and we vote, this year the National Site Committee Chairman was turned over. And Jim Crane came in and talked to us earlier as he had taken over. Mr. Crane has a huge background in hotels. And he has taken over leading this Committee. And he has the right

questions. And everything will go back. You have to remember that Richmond, this one, were actually set up before Jim came back. He was ill at the time and he stepped down for a few years. So, he has stepped back up. And hopefully, under his leadership, we will do better in the future. He did ask for our suggestions, but there's some things that are already in place that he cannot control. He has done his best. We had no transportation from the airport this year. He managed to get us some. He's working diligently on it, so let's give him a little time to get this all straightened out for us. We had mentioned a menu. California did a wonderful job with getting us a set menu with a set price. That was good. Is there anyone...please put down your hands. Is there anyone who has not received a ballot yet? Please raise your hands. Election Committee, please start collecting the ballots. Oh, Ellen.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: Sister President, point of order. My knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order is limited as is but I believe, and I don't know if this is happening or not, but I just want to make a Point of Order, that the President is only to vote in case of tie following Robert's Rules of Order.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen, thank you for your concern. My Parliamentarian, Counselor have both advised me as well as my PNPs that, in this Organization anyways, the National President does vote for elections only. I was not aware of that as well.

SUE FRESHLY, OH: Diane? I have something for the good of the Order.

Hello everyone. The Commander is hosting a party this evening with your President, Diane Mellor. He is requesting that everyone at the banquet come down, have a snack, you know, a little conversation, fellowship. There'll be lots of good food and good times down there.

JENNIFER HOSKING, MA: It is down around the corner, towards the bathroom, in Room J.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And Sisters, not as many home-baked goodies as we had hoped. I've been on the road for two weeks, and the rest of my girls been on the road for a week. And we froze them. And then we didn't have a big enough refrigerator to store when we got to our time-share. So, there were disasters along the way. We've had one whole bucket turn moldy, so we'll be checking those before we put them out tonight. We've packaged cookies wrong so the chocolate chip cookies were turned to crumbs, so we threw those out. We didn't think you'd want them. So, we don't have quite as many baked goods as we had hoped to have.

SUE FRESHLY, PAP, OH: We do have a request that came from the hotel that if you have an alcoholic beverage in the room tonight, that you please do not leave that hallway or room.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yeah, this is on the sneak. I had to have my breakfast in the restaurant. We're not supposed to have any liquor or food in this hotel and they're being very, very strict. Even just us bringing in our coolers, you know, from traveling and stuff, they were questioning Jim and the Red Shirts. So, we do want to be careful that we keep our party at that end of the hallway.

SUE FRESHLEY, PAP, OH: And once again, kudos to Jim Crane because up until about, oh, I don't know, four or five days ago, there was not going to be anything unless it was hosted in one of the small suites. But he worked his magic and got us a room. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: I must commend all you, Sisters. You have listened to the reports. You have made your decisions to come in. You've obviously asked questions of the people putting out these reports, of what they meant by their statements. You have read things online that have been posted because you came in as an informed group. And it has helped us to go right along. I thank you, ladies, and commend you, Sisters, for doing that. I think it shows the proof of what our computer and our technology age can do to help things along.

*The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes,
PNP Anne Sosnowski will be National Council Member #1.*

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #2

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN, MA: The Department of Massachusetts and Willie Grout Auxiliary #25 would like to nominate the current National President Diane Mellor for the position of Council Member #2.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: We are honored to nominate Kathy Anderson for second position.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Rachelle, please take over.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, CA-PAC: Can I please have Sister Kathy please stand up so everyone knows who the other candidate is? Thank you.

*The Election Committee distributed then collected the ballots.
They reported that after tallying the votes,
Kathy Anderson will be the National Council Member #2.*

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER #3

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: I'd like to place in nomination the name of Virginia Twist.

HEATHER NEEDLEMAN, MA: Department of Massachusetts, Auxiliary #20, I'd like to nominate Diane Mellor for position #3, Council Member #3.

*The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes,
Diane Mellor will be National Council Member #3.*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Secretary Trish Bures has two years remaining of a five-year term. Treasurer Mary Flynn has one remaining of a five-year term. Nominations are now open for the office of National Patriotic Instructor.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: State of Wisconsin and the PNPs wish to nominate Denise Oman for Patriotic Instructor.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

JENNIFER HOSKING, MA: The Department of Massachusetts would like to enter the name of Past Department President and current Chief of Staff, Anna Frail.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: I have the great privilege of nominating Past National President Cynthia Fox, the epitome of giving, for this office. I have her letter of intent here to pass out.

PRESIDENT DIANE: According to our new rules that were voted on a couple of years ago, letters of candidacy must be passed out at the start of National Encampment or before Elections. We have had no information, a bio, or anything else.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: If that is the case, then how could you run for Council #2 or #3? I am just questioning that.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA-PAC: Nominations from the floor.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: We need a bio, not just a letter of endorsement or nomination.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: No.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECTRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: That's what was voted on during Anne's term in LA.

They are supposed to submit a letter of intent, but they also must include a bio because we have no idea...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: We can still make nominations from the floor. That is an Auxiliary...

TRICIA BURES, N/SECTRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Yes, you may. That is what was voted on.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: And then we're making...there has been a nomination done on the floor.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister, I'm going to put this to the vote. Would you like us to take this nomination from the floor of Past National President, Cindy Fox, for the office of National Chaplain?

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those in favor, vote...raise your hand. All those opposed. It passed. Cindy Fox's name will be entered for National Chaplain.

Yep. You girls want to see the bios?

UNKNOWN: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, please pass them out.

SEVERAL UNKNOWNNS: It's not a bio. Letter of intent.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Letter of intent. No. No, they don't want to see it. Thank you. We need a copy for the record.

We have had several nominations from the floor and we have not asked for bios, candidacy statements, or anything else here. I know. It's contention that they have the right to run from the floor. That's always been the ruling.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DP, CA-PAC: Right.

JAN DAVIS, MI: I don't know if this is proper to say, being a new member, but...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Say it anyways.

JAN DAVIS, MI: How can I vote when I don't know who I am voting for? She

can't stand up cause she's not here. I'm just asking. Do I abstain?

PRESIDENT DIANE: My answer to you, Sister Jan, is we have two candidates. One candidate is sitting over there. The other one you do not know. Vote your conscience. Election Committee.

Okay, I am being requested to allow caucusing between the Departments. So, if you need to talk to your people, I am going to recess for two minutes here.

Before we do, hold on. I need to close the Bible, I believe. Do I need to close the Bible? Yes. Sister Chaplain, please approach the Bible.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: You cannot recess during Elections.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DO, CA-PAC: Yeah, you can't.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. We're still on the clock. We won't recess. We won't close the Bible. But I will allow caucusing.

Caucusing between Departments.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Please take your seats. Please take your seats. Is there any Sister that did not receive a ballot?

Okay, please collect ballots.

KATHY ANDERSON, N/CHAPLAIN, DP, WI: Sister President, if I may?

Something for the Good of the Order. As President of the Department of Wisconsin, I started a new tradition and I'm going to make it my last act as Chaplain, as National Chaplain. When I recognize somebody who has gone over and above and does an excellent job in what they do, I award our little recognition pin. Now, I know there are many of ladies in this room who deserve this. But, I know one woman who gives her heart and soul, not only to this Auxiliary, to the veterans of this Country. She goes to school full-time and she works full-time at the V.A. She works in the palliative care unit or terminally ill ward and she's heartbroken when she loses a patient. Our Auxiliary's now adopted her unit. And I cannot speak enough about Allison Michaels Graff. Please come here and let me give this to you. *(applause)*

Allison has donated body bags for the deceased because they were in poor condition and the V.A. would not replace them. And we know the V.A. must take care of our veterans. She has helped us find need at the V.A. We have purchased one chair that turns into a bed, so that loved ones can stay with their dying partners at their last moment. This woman has a heart of gold. It must run

in the Michaels family. I don't know. Thank you. (*applause*)

ALLISON GRAFF, PDP, WI: Thank you, Kathy.

*The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes,
Anna Frail will be the National Chaplain.*

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

VERONICA MELLOR, N/PERSONAL AIDE, MA: I nominate Anne Michaels as she's doing such a great job already.

WASHINGTON D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Doing the work of Mille Ames, who has recommended highly Anne Frenette Lewis, who lives in the area of D.C., who is very articulate, as a matter of fact, the National President brought her into the Organization when she was at Washington D.C. This woman is a very beautiful fireball, willing to do anything. Wanted the Press Correspondent and I yielded to her because I saw her enthusiasm. So I really highly recommend Anne Frenette Lewis.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

JENNIFER HOSKING, MA: I have the supreme privilege of recommending my (indistinguishable) and awesome person, Veronica Mellor, for this position, as Member-at-Large Coordinator.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I nominate Past National President, Jan Harding, who has had it the last three years; has done a wonderful job getting the paperwork in order; keeping the ladies informed; and even making extra money for the National.

Please pass the ballots.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Anne Michaels would like to address us about the Facebook page.

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, WI: I just wanted to give you, ladies, some of you don't have computer access. Some of you perhaps are not following on the page. I'd like to give you an idea of what exactly is going on to this page, especially seeing as though you would like me to be doing the same thing next year. And if you have any suggestions, any...anything to get to this...thing here. I'm more than happy to promote you guys.

Okay, so there's a few topics here that I...whether it be, you know, the segment of coming here. You know, you post a little about that. Let the ladies

and the masses know where we're coming. You know, anything from PNP Barbara Mayberry's birthday. What is...early July. That was exciting.

So the Arlington National Cemetery, I was not able to go. But one of our ladies was lovely enough to send me some pictures, send me a little bit of information, and exactly what went on there. And I kind of formatted it to put onto the National Facebook page. So there's some lovely pictures here of Ken and Diane bringing up the wreath. And you can see behind them that there's this huge mass and everything. It's heartwarming to me to know that a huge event like that is going on and we're being recognized. Other items, like last night was mentioned. The ladies from South Carolina, to be quite honest, I was totally ignorant and didn't even know of them. And that's unfortunate on my behalf. But I got a chance to talk to them. The lovely Trish clued me in here. I took a picture of a picture that was handed over to me and I posted it right away because they were such lovely ladies. You know, so anything from a picture of them that...in their Auxiliary uniforms actually, which they have been meeting there since they began, quite frankly. And that was Edward Wallace Auxiliary #2 at-Large.

And the President's seen there. To be quite biased here, Grace Richmond, at our Department Encampment, she showed us a lovely letter that she got from none other than the President of the United States, Barak Obama, himself, due to all of her volunteer work, commending her on what amazing work she does within the community, within the history, which is huge. So we're very proud of that. So, thank you so much...

So, I'm just trying to give you, ladies, and idea of all the vast ideas; possibilities of what can go on this page. I mean, the sky's the limit. I would love to promote. And let's share the wealth of knowledge and share the wealth of the event going on in each other's neighborhoods, what have you. I will put it out there. Thank you.

UNKNOWN: So we...do any type of deed or event...

ANNE MICHAELS, N/PRESS CORRESPONDENT, PDP, WI: Absolutely because, you know, I know a good majority of what's going on in Wisconsin, and we can say, "Hey, this is what we're doing." And, you know, that can only travel so far. This is our National site. Everyone will see that. So, you know, if we're doing something, you know, and then you pick it up, and you're like, "Oh, I can do that in my neighborhood." Amazing. It's as easy as that. It's an idea. That's it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I want to say, too, that if you are going to have a picture sent in, make sure you're wearing your badge proudly.

*The Election Committee reported that after tallying the votes,
Jan Harding will be the Membership-at-Large Coordinator.*

All elected Officers accepted their positions.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I now declare the elections closed.

I know you all need a bathroom break. Hang in two seconds. We will continue business of the Encampment. We have a lot of business we did not finish. We will come back. We'll vote on the Job Descriptions, which has to be today. We will vote on the Budget, which has to be done today. Any other business remaining on the books will be done by the dual Council Sunday morning. That means the dual Council must be ready to meet Sunday morning. If you can't make it, then I will appoint someone to take your spot.

I now declare the...we don't have time for it. I am going to ask the Chaplain to close the Bible.

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.

Announcements made regarding the Banquet and Council Meeting location.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Before we continue our business, our Sisters here today have clearly shown by the Election their feelings. Therefore, I will not take the position of Council Member #3. So, which means they'll have an open election and I will no longer hold a seat at National. So...

UNKNOWN: That's terrible...

UNKNOWN: That's not necessary, Diane.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, it is. The PNPs...

UNKNOWN: Please...

PRESIDENT DIANE: ...wanted the old ways...

UNKNOWN: Please...

PRESIDENT DIANE: ...and you have granted them that permission. You have broken a tradition that I have been accused of doing away with traditions. You guys just did away with one.

UNKNOWN: Let her go.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Therefore, before I don't do what you people did to me during my year, I won't wait until four or five months in to put in my resignation. I will not take the position. Obviously, you didn't agree with the way things were run this year. So, elections are now open for the position of Council #3. Are there any nominations? Sister Gloria.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP, NY: Your Sisters here have duly elected you to an office.

Please, let me finish. They feel that you will do the job. It doesn't matter who wants you and who doesn't want you. What matters is how you do the job. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Well, obviously, I didn't do a good job as President.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: Sister Diane, I have asked for peace and harmony throughout the year. Please, reconsider your decision. It's not necessary.

CAROL DYER, IL: Diane, I know I have no right to speak here yet. But I'm going to anyway. A majority of the people in this room elected you to that position. It would be a dishonor to them...

PRESIDENT DIANE: After the third try, Carol. My position should have been #1.

CAROL DYER, IL: That doesn't matter. A majority ruled you. And that's the end of it.

JUDY TREPANIER, N/COUNSELOR, PNP, CT: Position doesn't matter.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have business to finish. All right. I have been informed by my Council members that CR&R Committee and the Department recommendations cannot be taken up by Council. It says in our book that we can, but I guess it can't unless we actually have a motion from the floor to handle unfinished business.

UNKNOWN: Recommendations?

UNKNOWN: What are you talking about? Repeat please.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Recommendations, we have not heard from the Recommendations Committee yet. And we have not heard from the CR&R

Committee. When I called for the report earlier, I was told it would be covered by Cynthia. Now I'm being told that there is a CR&R Committee that were two separate Committees and they didn't give their report then. Now they are ready to give it, but unfortunately, we do not have the time. We are already a half-hour late for Installation. So, Sisters, what is your pleasure? Do you wish to continue with your Council Members, the six of them, meeting tomorrow and finishing this business? Or do you want it tabled until next year?

UNKNOWN: Why don't we finish it now?

PRESIDENT DIANE: We don't have enough time. We're supposed to be out of this room and finished by 4:00 o'clock. I'm sorry. My apologies. I thought we were doing fantastic, but we just had too much to do this year.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY

I would like to make a motion that we table it to next year.

SECONDED by Gloria Fisher, PDP, NY

DISCUSSION:

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: I was installed on a Sunday morning.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I tried to get that this year, Cynthia. If you people would like to do that, we can.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: That would give us a little bit longer. I was also President when the Sons met after the banquet until 3:00 o'clock in the morning to finish their business.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We can do that, too.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: We can do that, too. And get finished with it. You've got unofficial, for two year, job descriptions that have got to be looked at one at a time so that we do it correctly.

PRESIDENT DIANE: No, job descriptions, the ones that are posted will be voted on as one with no discussion. The new twelve that are coming out will be on the website for at least a year for people to discuss.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, MA: There's a whole lot of positions that should be talked about in there that nobody had any input on. I'm very upset about those job descriptions.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. Sisters, I have a motion on the floor. You have heard other suggestions. It is up to you to vote the way you think is...I'm sorry, Jan. I saw you over there earlier. Please, Jan.

JAN DAVIS, MI: Again, as my first time to be at National as a voting delegate from the state of Michigan...

PRESIDENT DIANE: And my apologies...

JAN DAVIS, MI: ...I am not understanding what's happening here. I am not very impressed with my first time of being at National. I have read for the last year that I've been in this group, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. And that is not what I am seeing and as a first time member. I'm not happy with what I've seen. Whether I want to continue this Organization or not...and I have sat outside this Organization not coming in for about fourteen years. And I finally made my decision to come in and I am so frustrated.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm sorry; don't let my behavior deter you.

JAN DAVIS, MI: Are we tabling the recommendations that I have been reading in the website for the last three or four months, since I've been...that I'm prepared to...what are we doing here, ladies? Are we an Organization or are we a bunch of people that are confused about what an organization is? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ginny.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: The reason we said we didn't have enough time to go over and have it sent to Council. It would have been six members voting on recommendations that all should have a vote on, and not just the six sitting at the Council meeting. That's why I'm asking for it be tabled to next year so everyone present can vote on those. Because I feel it's important that the whole vote, not just six.

UNKNOWN: Let's just finish.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Please do not speak out.

UNKNOWN: Sorry.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Jan.

JAN DAVIS, MI: I vote to sustain.

UNKNOWN: Which one?

JAN DAVIS, MI: That we're tabling it.

UNKNOWN: Let's just finish.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Discussion?

UNKNOWN: We have other options.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Linda.

LINDA MURRAY, PDP, NH: I would be very disappointed not to have input on these job descriptions. They were postponed from last year to this year. And now we're asking to do that once again.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have a motion on the floor that we table these motions. If you do not want them tabled, and you want them to stop, you must vote "Nay." If you want them to be tabled and discussed next year, you vote "Aye." All those in favor.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA-PAC: If you want to table it, you vote "Yes." If you don't want to table it. You're voting it down, say, "No."

PRESIDENT DIANE: Do you want it tabled?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Discussion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We had discussion.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I want to know, if we talk about it today, and we vote against tabling it, do we still get to vote or does it go to the six Council?

PRESIDENT DIANE: We will have to have another motion on the floor.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You're welcome. All those who want to table it, once

more please.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Please hold your hands up high. Please hold them up again. Don't waddle.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those opposed.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Motion to table has passed. We need to vote on the Budget and also Job Descriptions.

ENCAMPMENT: (*chatter*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: We didn't table it. We voted to finish, is what we just voted on.

ENCAMPMENT: (*chatter*)

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DO, CA-PAC: At the National Encampment in Wisconsin, it was approved by the National Encampment to post the preliminary job descriptions on the National website. This would allow the Sisters to look them over and provide feedback. The Committee received communication from members and made the necessary additions or corrections. The job descriptions were reposted on the National website in January 2014. We have not received any further communications. In that case, the Committee took it upon itself to work on job descriptions for Committee Chairs or Officers.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, this has been posted for one year.

There is no discussion. All those in favor accepting the job description as posted on the website, the first batch - there's more coming. Please signal by raising your hands.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Hold them very high please and do not move.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those opposed. The motion to accept the job descriptions has passed.

Remember Sisters, you can always bring them up next year to make changes. We now need to vote on the Budget. Sister Mary.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Okay, so everyone received the Budget yesterday. We voted in a change yesterday. Yesterday was... Okay, so

with what I had presented yesterday, I believe we had a recommendation that was voted in this morning for \$750.00 increase to the Presidential expenses. We also had some category changes. We voted in that we were changing the postage category and remove the National President, Secretary and Treasurer amounts into a separate category. And so therefore, I would have a new category of National President, a new category of National Treasurer, and a new category of National Secretary expense. Now, the \$2,000.00 travel figure will be added to the National President expense along with the postage of \$150.00 and the \$200.00 testimonial. And so, the total for the National President expense is going to be \$3,250.00 for the budget, and the Treasurer, the Secretary expenses would be the \$500.00 figure each, from the \$350.00 that they originally had plus postage. So that is just a re-categorization. So the net difference of what I am proposing with this budget is \$750.00, bringing the total budget to \$17,570.00. I was going to propose if that all is, before we have discussion, that that would be \$750.00 would either come from our savings account or if we had any excess proceeds from the Chief of Staff or Chief of Staff monies to cover the \$750.00. I think we got \$1,000.00 from Jan so therefore, I'm really, going to just add this... Excuse me?

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Don't use my name, Mary.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Oh.

JANICE HARDING, N/MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE, PNP, CHSPK: Say Members-at-Large.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Members-at-Large. I'm sorry, Jan's Members-at-Large. So that \$750.00 is covered for the increase.
Excuse me?

UNKNOWN: Wasn't that for the website?

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: No, that was not for the website. I did not include it in the website monies that we discussed yesterday. That's going to come out of this year's finances. We had a kind and generous donation from Jan Harding, Past President, of \$500.00. And I did not, with all that was going on, I didn't get to mention that we also have an additional \$200.00 cash donation for the website to go against that \$1,000.00 from our own Linda Murray, Past President. So we are...that's not the business right now. The business right now is the budget. So we can...I don't know what the next steps are to make a motion to pass a budget and have discussion. Or make a motion to

accept the budget or to have discussion and then a motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We need a motion to accept the Budget.

MOVED by Joyce Norman, PDP, CT

That the proposed Budget be accepted as presented.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Excuse me, may I speak?

PRESIDENT DIANE: No. We need a second.

SECONDED by Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP, NJ

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. Now, Mary, you can say something.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: I'm sorry. I just wanted to clarify, as presented with the changes I am discussing right now?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Is there any further discussion? Sister Cynthia. Cindy.

CYNTHIA L. EDDY, CA/PAC: I just had a question for you, Mary, if you could help me. I haven't done the math. And on the expenditures sheet for the 2013-2014 that we received in our packet when we arrived, can you tell me what the total on that is, please? Just so that I can kind get an idea of what do we spend in a year and what we're budgeting for a year. Are we pretty much, I'm guessing, in the ballpark?

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: So, what I presented here is merely the Budget and it doesn't talk about what has been expended last year or, you now, the actual figures of what we spent. So, I do have those figures and I did present. And it's on the table now, what we did spend versus what we...what we did spend. It doesn't actually show you the Budget for last year and the expenditures. But I can tell you last year because of the increase in the per capita, we definitely made our Budget last year with... We're sitting in checking account right now before we do our Encampment expenses with an excess of \$25,000.00. And we are going to probably have \$3,500.00 for Encampment expenses. So, we are going to have an excess in cash flow. That's going to need to be addressed in this next year. This Budget doesn't address that cash flow, extra cash flow.

We're very healthy.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Mary, I know you're new. Have we been able to

separate out yet how much belongs in the Patriotic Instructor's Fund? And how much belongs in the Life Membership Fund? Out of that excess of \$25,000.00. MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: I do not have any breakdown of the Life Membership Fund. I never was given any of those figures. So...not sure that, you know, how that was recorded in the past. I know that we do have an obligation to pay out of it the mere \$60.00 to some Life Members, and that's an ongoing obligation. Unless we should change that vote on the floor, which it hasn't come to. Patriotic Fund money that comes in, I don't have a breakdown for that. I understand that all the work is for the good of Patriotism. So I consider all of our money, patriotic money and spent in a patriotic manner.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister, unfortunately, the I.R.S. does not. I can't make a motion so therefore, as National President, I am asking nicely...

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: We already have a motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know. This is not a motion. I am asking that at next year's National Encampment, that we be presented with a figure of how much of that money that we have belongs in the Life Membership Fund and how much will belongs in the Patriotic Instructor's Fund. We must spend Patriotic Instructor Fund money for patriotic works. They don't consider the running of this Organization as patriotic work. Okay? Life membership, years ago, we made contracts with these members and before it was changed in Florence Spring's year, the contract said that we will pay a percentage of the interest earned on the accounts to life members. In Florence Spring's year, a letter was sent out...was voted on that a letter would be sent out to all life members stating...asking them to forgo the interest as interest rates were getting so low it was costing us more to mail the interest than they were getting. We have broken that contract with our Life Members. We cannot change a contract once it's made. That letter was illegal. I've checked into it. It's illegal. At that same year because they didn't know how to handle that year's presentation of the interest, they voted to give the Life Members that did not sign \$10.00 for that year so it could be brought back on the floor. It has never been brought back on the floor. Sixty dollars in the budget is \$10.00 for the six members who refused to sign. They have the right to refuse. Nothing against them. But we are way overpaying them. There is no way we're making \$60.00 on any Life Membership investment. So I would like to ask Mary if she could possibly get these figures together for us for next year. Now, as I am not in a position to talk anymore on that or to order you to do it, does anybody have any more questions on the Budget?

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I'm concerned because if we are a patriotic organization, we should be doing patriotic things. And if the sole purpose of collecting money for patriotic activities would include the amount of money that would go towards just supporting this Organization, what the hell are we doing? I won't continue with this Organization if we don't start doing some patriotic things with that money. We give, what, \$350.00? And \$100.00 for a float?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Like I said, I can't make a motion but somebody else could.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I understand. But what I'm addressing is right now, I'm addressing the fact that my understanding with the Patriotic Instructor Fund was that this was all going to be money that was going to be going toward the veterans; going toward patriotic activities; supporting memorials; and, you know, maybe donating to the veterans' hospitals; and all those other things. And, I'm sorry, when we ask a National person from another organization to come in here to receive a \$100.00 check, I'm embarrassed. Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Some of the things you said, Sister, I agree with. We should be working towards patriotism and do things like that. But we also have the Woolson Monument that if something happens to it, we are not just going to be able to reach in our pocket and pull out \$20,000.00; \$30,000.00; \$40,000.00; \$50,000.00. There are monuments throughout the United States that is owned by the Order that, you know, some day sometime soon because they're all aging, somebody's going to ask for that money. And that money is sitting there for those purposes. Now, just because we didn't hear that today, doesn't mean that tomorrow, you know, the monuments are what our Sisters put their money into years ago and we're their... you know, we inherited that and we are the caretakers.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Then show me a line item on the budget for the Woolson Memorial. Show me a line item...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: We don't know all the monuments that we own throughout the states. We don't have a list of everything. But the thing is we do know we have the monument; we do know that it is in good order because we have Sisters taking care of it. But how do I know it's not going to be hit by lightning or somebody's going to strike it?

That money is put aside.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: This money, then show me a line item for that...show that \$2,000.00 every single year going into a fund, the Patriotic Fund, if we have

that. Show me that line item where you put that money in there. Right now, anybody can write a check against that. That money should be for patriotic activities. It should not be just lumped together in the savings account or lumped together in a checking account. It should be in this as a budgetary item and that we are accruing that year, after year, after year. And then, if we have to draw from it for a monument or whatever, then we can do that. But right now, we have...that money is not protected...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Now you said it correctly, Sister...

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: Now you said it...

HELEN GRANGER, MI: It's not being protected and it's not being used where it should be. Thank you very much. I'm sorry. I'm a little hot. *(laughter)*.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: Cool down. Whew. *(chuckling)*.

UNKNOWN: She said it for me.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, I am going to call this. We've done enough discussion.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: If I could just make one more comment. Since I have sat in Sister Betty's chair, I know that the money for the Life Membership has always been put in our Permanent Fund.

PRESIDENT DIANE: That's illegal.

All right. Sisters, we have made a suggestion to Mary for next year. I think she's heard enough that she will probably work on this. We need to give her a chance. She's doing a good job. She just needed to be aware of things. She will get there. Hopefully, she can have this information for us next year. We need any more discussion on the Budget?

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: May I please make a comment?

PRESIDENT DIANE: No. I'm sorry. If it's not a direct comment to the Budget, we need to move.

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: The budget. May I explain? That the

monies are there against the day. Three weeks...

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have already gone over this, Sister Jan. Please...

JANICE HARDING, PNP, CHSPK: Okay. I'm done.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you. All right. We've asked. Hopefully, we'll receive. Any other discussion?

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Sister National President, I do have another comment if you would allow me. We have...

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'll see what it is.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Excuse me?

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'll see what it is. Go ahead.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: If you have a budget and you spend money, you can go over budget. You can go under budget. You can also... Council can meet and change the budget as they get my financial reports from month to month. So, we are voting on what you're seeing here...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Correct.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: As activity happens or as we were talking about postage for the Chaplain, we can make decisions throughout the year. But what you're seeing here is and it is obviously presented based on what I had from last year. I'm taking your comments and as I work through this, I think that what I'm hearing is that we would like to have a better visual on the funds for the Patriotic Instructor so I can have a better presentation for this going forward. In terms of the Life Membership, I will look into those funds and I will try to understand and present our position. I will also...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen, I'm sorry. That's enough. Sister Grace, I'm sorry.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: That's what I wanted to say.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. We are voting on the Budget as presented by Mary with the changes. Discussion is closed. All those in favor please raise their hands. All those opposed.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Budget has passed.

UNKNOWN: Great job, Mary. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: None of what was said today was a disparagement of Mary. She is doing a wonderful job. And nothing was a disparagement of Sister Betty. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: I want it known that Sister Betty did a marvelous, fantastic job. It's just that as the problems came up in the Sons, having the right husband as Commander-in-Chief and on Council, I watched very closely what they got caught on fines. And we're just trying to straighten them out before they come after us. If we can show them we are working at straightening things out, they might be a little lenient because if we get hit with the fines the Sons did, we're out of business, ladies. Good budget, Mary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Ladies, it is 4:00 o'clock.

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: Sister, I haven't given my Financial Report.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We have two financial reports to give. We have installation and we have other business. What is your pleasure at this time?

No business can be finished after Installation. So if we want to finish any other business, we will need to put Installation off and reconvene. What is your pleasure? Talk it over real quick. Sister Rachelle.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: I have one question, Sister President. Are we mandated out of the room at 4:00 o'clock because of the hotel? Or are we mandated out of the room because of the banquet? The schedule says the banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. The banquet itself starts at 7:00 o'clock. So, that being the case, we could potentially go one more hour.

GRACE RICHMOND, N/INSIDE GUARD, WI: It starts at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Ladies, what is your pleasure?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Anna.

MOVED by Anna L. Frail, PDP, RI

That we extend for one hour to get as much done as we possibly can.

SECONDED by Lisa Smith, MI

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor. All those in favor. All those opposed. If you're opposed, you may leave the room.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: It's okay. Go ahead. As I said, you have permission to leave the room. Anybody else? All right.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: What I was told from the Host Committee, 6:30 p.m. is the no host and at 7:00 o'clock is the actual banquet. That's what I was told from upstairs. I can run up and verify if you'd like.

GRACE RICHMOND, N/INSIDE GUARD, WI: I can do that for you, Sister Rachelle.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: Would you please? Go up to the Host Committee Room. Ask them exactly what time we're having the banquet.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. Well, we've already passed the motion to continue for an hour. Those who want to leave, leave. Your National President will show up as she is, if she has to at the banquet. Since I'm the one supposedly being honored tonight, that's fine with me. I don't give a crap anymore.

Sisters, what we tabled earlier is any business we do not accomplish today. We did not table anything else. Only if we don't finish it. So, we can continue with...our CR&R Committee. Hold on. I know your anxious, Linda, but our two financial Officers need to give their reports.

Sister Grace.

GRACE RICHMOND, N/INSIDE GUARD, WI: Sister President, the cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. That's just cocktails. The dinner technically starts at 7:00 p.m. That is what I just found out from the Red Shirts upstairs.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Then we will stay in here until they kick us out. Thank you, Grace. You did a good job. Sister Patriotic Instructor...make it quick.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FINANCIAL REPORT

First of all I must say thanks to PNP Judy Trepanier for her assistance with email, guidance and traveling with me. Also Linda Murray, Tricia Bures, Betty Baker and Mary Flynn and all of you for participating in the fundraising events.

Special Thanks to my own Department, Auxiliary and New England Regional Association for their monetary donations, the Sons for their support, all Departments, Auxiliaries and personal donations which assisted in achieving my goal to support the National Organization.

With conflicting Department convention dates and minimal attendance, plus little travel to states beyond New England, I thank my New England sisters for support. I hope I have completed my task as required.

Joyce Norman, PDP, CT
National Patriotic Instructor

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: I want to thank all the people who donated things for the tables, wrapped gifts, all those who bought tickets today. Do you want me to read each one or can I just give the total?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Just your total, if you don't mind. You've worked very hard and deserve your sweet time. But since we're pressed, I hope you don't mind, we'll just have the total.

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: I will be turning over to Mary \$670.50 today and that will bring my grand total to \$3,020.50. *(applause and cheers)*.

And I just want to say I hope I've completed my task as required.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Joyce, you have gone above and beyond. And Sisters, I'd like you to note that both of these money Offices were from the same area, a very small area of New England. And yet Joyce managed to go over and above. Our sincere thank you.

JOYCE NORMAN, N/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, PDP, CT: I pulled the tickets for the raffles. So, as soon as you're ready, I will call the raffles. And if you have given me anything that you want to take back with you, I'll be happy for you to do it. *(laughter)*.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Anna, Chief of Staff.

ANNA FRAIL, N/CHIEF OF STAFF, PDP, RI: Okay. In continuation of my report yesterday, I just wanted to thank a couple more people. One was John and Sandy Bates from the Department of Massachusetts who donated the Gettysburg

Address coins for me to sell, which I did quite well on. And I would also like to thank my husband, Bruce, for his patience and everything he's done for me. My grand total for my fundraising efforts is \$3,050.11. Of that, \$1,245.00 came from my Sisters through donations from Personal, Auxiliaries, and Departments. And again, I would like to thank you very much because without you, I could not have done this. Thank you. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Having held a money position, it's not easy. And you worry right up to the last minute that you will make it. These girls have done a fantastic job. And like I said, both coming from the same area, hitting the same people up all the time for their funds, I was a little worried. But I knew they could do it. Thank you. That gives us over \$6,000.00 they have contributed to our general...well, \$3,000.00 to the General Fund and \$3,020.00 to the...\$3,050.00 from Anna to the General; \$3,020.00 from Joyce to the Patriotic Instructor's Fund for patriotic work. That's great. Absolutely great. I have an announcement. We...last year at National, we passed two changes to our Constitution that were sent out to the Departments to be ratified. They did not pass. CR&R Committee. Sister Linda. Barbara. And somebody else was on the Committee as well. Oh, Melinie, she's not here.

CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The CR&R Committee has received recommendations as follows.

Pennsylvania Department

Recommendation #1: Regarding the C&R Chapter 3, National Organization, Article 2, Section 1, Membership Voting. No change be made to this section.
THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You only have to read the Article, Linda. Do you have it there?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: We just did the answers. I didn't think I had to read all that other stuff too.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA-PAC: Do you want me to read it?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Yeah, why don't you do that?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Put our Secretary to work. She hasn't had much to do today.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: It reads, "The voting

membership of the National Encampment shall be as follows: All elected Officers and National Chief of Staff, Past National Presidents, Past National Secretaries, Past National Treasurers, sitting Department Presidents or Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents in good standing, Department Secretaries and Treasurers having served five consecutive years, sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Vice Presidents, sitting Auxiliary-at-Large Presidents, two delegates or alternates from each Department, one delegate or alternate from each Auxiliary, one delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof from Membership-at-Large to be appointed by the Coordinator for Membership-at-Large. Each voting member shall pay a registration fee of \$10.00.”

PRESIDENT DIANE: Do you remember what the recommendation was?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: It’s on the page.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: The letter that I received, I’ve got a copy of it from Sister Shuttlesworth...

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: We put in it in there. No change.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: That was the recommendation.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: That was the recommendation.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: To leave it.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: To leave it just the way I read?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Yep.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I need a motion.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP, NY
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister Ginny. Is there any discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: To not increase the number of the National Council from three to five members. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: We've already done that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Linda, did you have one saying to go to five members and how the rotation was to be done?

Okay, what was on the website... Did Rachelle leave the room? Cynthia. Sister Trish, do you have a copy of that?

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: I am looking at what I received from the Department of Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know, but we need to...what they should have gotten also was a copy of the other one that I thought was out there, but I could be mistaken, increasing the membership to five. Sister Wanda.

WANDA LANGDON, AP, OH: Yes, that was California and it was their second recommendation.

PRESIDENT DIANE: That's what I thought. Did you see that recommendation?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Yes, we saw it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: And you're recommending that we not go to the five members.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: That's the Department of Pennsylvania.

UNKNOWN: Yeah, Pennsylvania...

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: This is Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, I'm sorry, Sister Linda. We're going to have to put this aside.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Okay.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm sorry. The Committee should have received better instructions, I guess on how to do this.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Correct.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I know that you worked very hard on it. What needed to be done is all the recommendations about that particular item, should have been put together by you as a group, and then you give your recommendation as to how you wanted it.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: We didn't know. Sorry.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You did not know. That is not your fault. None whatsoever. So, did you do that for any of them?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: The ones that we...yes, the ones that we received.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Cause Melinie was California...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Right...

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: ...and all we did was talk back and forth.

PRESIDENT DIANE: I understand. I am going to dismiss your Committee. Not for lack of trying. I appreciate everything you tried to do. Sisters, this is why we need to get our job descriptions on the website. How to run these Committees. This is a perfect example. Unless it's something that is covered by only one state and you want to bring it up.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: No.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. You have the states.

Was there any one CR&R thing that was covered by only... Like you got, like I said, there's more than one on the Council. But is there one that's only one?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: No.

PRESIDENT DIANE: No. Everything else had more than one recommendation?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. All right. Sisters, what is your pleasure? Shall I dismiss this Committee and we hope to cover this stuff next year? Or shall we try to take the recommendations as they were written on the website, which is what Linda and Barbara and Melanie have done and just try to cover them?

Sister Ginny.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: It sounds to me that they have worked very, very hard on getting this together and I would hate to see all of their hard work... So, I would like to see them continue and bring it to us next year so we can have full explanations of everyone, not that the states have to rewrite and resubmit...

PRESIDENT DIANE: Are you making a motion?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: Yes.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: So, will we have to go over what we're supposed to do exactly, then?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes.

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Linda, if Sister National President next year will allow me, I will be happy to work with you on that. And if not, I would like to recommend that you do approach one of the PNPs for their input. This is what they are there for. Okay?

LINDA KRONBERG, CR&R COMMITTEE, PDP, MI: Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Do I have a second?

UNKNOWN: What was the motion?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Lisa.

UNKNOWN: What was the motion?

LISA SMITH, MI: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: The motion, Sister Ginny, would you restate?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: My motion was that we keep the same members of this Committee with better instructions and have them come next year and present all of these; not that the states have to resubmit these because they're already there.

PRESIDENT DIANE: They may have more because more will be coming. And Lisa from Michigan seconded it. Now the only thing I have to say on this motion before we vote, is that Committees are appointed by the National President. I am sure since Rachelle's not in the room, I am not speaking for her, but I have a feeling that this will be okay with her. If she needs to replace one person, after all we have just put Linda Kronberg in the Vice President chair which now has quite a bit of work. So if she needs to replace one person that will be her prerogative. Okay. Any discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Linda, Sister Barbara, please take your seats with our deepest, sincerest thanks for your hard work. (*applause*)

UNKNOWN: Lisa Smith.

UNKNOWN: I wanted to make sure.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Next on the agenda is the recommendations. Sister Judy, are you ready?

RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation #1: This was covered under California #3 and Pennsylvania #4, because it's the same subject. "And whereas the registration fee for each National Encampment is currently set at \$10.00; and whereas the fee does not adequately cover the cost of the Encampment, including but not limited to photocopying, production of the proceedings, lodging for certain National Officers, and seed money provided to the Encampment Host Committee; now therefore be it resolved that the delegates of the Department of California and Pacific here assembled in annual Encampment hereby request that the registration fee for each National Encampment be raised to \$25.00."

Now from Pennsylvania, "At the 131st Department Encampment of the

Pennsylvania Auxiliary to the SUVCW, the cost of registering at the National Encampment was discussed. It was felt that the current rate of \$10.00 is sufficient and the fee should not be raised. It is becoming increasingly expensive to attend the Encampment and where there could be more than one member from a family registering, an increase will cause a hardship. We also have two Sisters who work every year to raise funds to cover the expenses of the National Order. Therefore, we recommend that the registration fees stay at the current level.” THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT AGREE WITH EITHER RECOMMENDATION. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE TO A MODEST INCREASE TO \$15.00.

MOVED by Marilyn Rittel, IA
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay. Sisters, we have a motion on the floor to raise our registration fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Is there any discussion? Sister Danielle.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: When you raise registration fee, you are penalizing the dear Sister that comes to see our National Officers at work. I mean, if there was...the money was needed, I think we would be asking Departments to kick in. But to penalize the Sisters that come here to work on the floor; to work as Officers; to come and vote; I think that's atrocious. And there are families that are bringing up their young ones, and older ones. And multiply that. That is a cost just to have the privilege to vote. Then there's the cost of travel. Add it up. That's over a thousand dollars. You know, we have to consider the works of what we do versus, you know, our pocketbook.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Helen.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: After having had the experience that I had sitting here this weekend, I agree with Danielle. I absolutely agree with you on that. It puts extra burden on the Sisters. However, please forgive me for a moment cause I want to make sure that I say this correctly, I have a problem. You have to please understand, it is because I have had a closed head injury in an automobile accident. I need to see something in writing, and I get tired in the afternoons, so please understand, I need to see as a member of this Organization, and this is the same thing I talked about last year, I need to see what our expenditures were last year as compared to what our budget was. And then I also need to have a report that tells me that we have \$50,000.00 in our checking account and we have twenty or excuse me, \$50,000 in our savings account; \$20,000.00 in our checking

account. I need that sheet of paper so I can make an informed decision on whether or not we really need to give you, as a National Organization, ten extra dollars or five extra dollars of our money. I cannot make that informed decision if I do not have correct information. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ginny.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: That \$10.00 that we pay for registration, pays for the ribbons and your nametags. The other expense that's supposed to come out of that is everyone that attends these Encampments is supposed to get a copy of the proceedings. It's not supposed to help to pay for rooms. It's not supposed to help pay for anything else but those two items. So, I don't see why we need to raise it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Bev.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, N/PARLIAMENTARIAN, DO, CA-PAC: We were very lucky this year because the hotel printed all the items that we needed printed, all the ballots, and so forth and so on. But many times last year, someone donated all the papers that were printed at the hotel. So, we need to add that expense into that because we may not be in a hotel that will print everything for us for free. And it's not cheap.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Denise.

DENISE OMAN, PAP, WI: I know that the economy is not at its best. In fact, many places, it is coming back. However, in the Midwest, we have close to 12% unemployment. Out of that, of the Sisters that I know from the Midwest, I can tell you that over 50% of us have had one or two breadwinners unemployed this last year. I think that money is tight everywhere. I know we're in good shape. I think we need to do a better job of going out and asking for donations. But please, there's many of us that we're just getting by and we want to participate. But if prices...\$10.00 doesn't sound like...or \$5.00 doesn't sound a lot to you, but in a family of maybe five, where mother and father are out of work, we're taking away from their kids. And they're our future. You know, I'd like to revisit this again next year, if economy is a little bit better. But right now, this would greatly penalize our membership from the Midwest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Grace, I'm going to call a halt to this discussion. I think we've had enough input on this that people can make an informed decision. I do have to call on our Treasurer. This is a money matter.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Thank you, Sister President. I just wanted to say that I did include \$500.00 for convention printing in the budget. And we did pay that \$500.00 last year out of our budget. So, I don't know that that has any bearing on their decision.

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. I have a motion on the floor and a second. I am calling for a vote. All those in favor please raise your hands.

UNKNOWN: What's the motion?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Did I goof? Wait. Wait. Judy, what did they do?

JUDY TREPANIER, RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR, PNP, CT: Nothing, but I think that with the discussion, the people don't really know what they're voting on. That's all.

SEVERAL UNKNOWN: Yes.

JUDY TREPANIER, RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR, PNP, CT: Did you want me to read what the Committee recommended?

PRESIDENT DIANE: I got it. What we're doing is we're voting to raise the registration fee at National Encampment from \$10.00 to \$15.00. If you do not want to raise that amount, if you want to keep it at \$10.00, raise your hands, "Aye." If you don't...if you want to increase it to \$15.00, raise them for "Nay."

ENCAMPMENT: No.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Backwards?

UNKNOWN: Backwards.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Okay, I had that backwards so, let us switch sides.
(laughter).

All right. If you want to raise, say, "Yes." Thank you, Mary. All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #2 (Massachusetts #1): That the love token of \$250.00 given to the SUVCW be transferred to the SUVCW National Encampment Committee for the purpose of covering some of the costs incurred by the Auxiliary. Whereas

the love token was established at a time when our Brothers of the SUVCW needed financial help; and whereas they are no longer in need of our help; and whereas the \$550.00 currently given to the SUVCW National Encampment Committee comes nowhere near covering Auxiliary expenses at this event; now therefore it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual Encampment, that the SUVCW love token be dispensed with and that the donation to the SUVCW National Encampment Committee be increased to \$800.00. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION. THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT \$250.00 LOVE TOKEN SHOULD CONTINUE AND OUR PORTION \$550.00 ADVANCED TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE RAISED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE ARE ALLOWED INPUT AND AN ACCOUNTING.

MOVED by Ann McMillan, PDP, PA
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor to basically leave the donations to the Sons at \$250.00 and the National Encampment Committee at \$550.00. Is there any discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3 (New Hampshire #4): The white dress is a mark of honor for the PNPs, Department Presidents, current National Officers and floor Officers only. A grand tradition passed from those ladies who...

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm calling this one...right on the floor. I'm changing the motion. I'm calling it Out of Order. This item has been brought up many, many times and we have wasted much, much time on it. I am asking you for a vote immediately. Do you wish to discuss the white dress issue or leave it at the fact that we can wear slacks? All those in favor of leaving it the way it is. All those opposed. Motion passes that we can now wear dresses and slacks.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Cynthia.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, NH: I would like to tell you that that was not a resolution. It was sent in by the Department Secretary by mistake. That was read at our Department Encampment. I am the one who wrote it. It was my opinion and I'm entitled to it.

PRESIDENT DIANE: That's correct. You're entitled to your opinion.

Recommendation #4 (Wisconsin #1): The Department of Wisconsin recommends that the National Supply Officer post individual pictures of her inventory to our website. If the individuals can see what they are purchasing beforehand, this could lead to more sales for the National ASUVCW. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

MOVED by Cynthia L. Eddy, CA/PAC
That the committee be sustained.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor to post pictures of the supply items on the website. Is there any discussion?

DISCUSSION:

LISA SMITH, MI: I'd like to ask the Webmistress if there's any reason why we couldn't.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Ellen.

ELLEN HIGGINS, N/WEBMASTER, NJ: As Webmaster, I am not opposed to this. I just need a little latitude and patience a month or two or so to get them up there is all I ask. But yes, this will be a project of mine for the fall, if approved.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we don't mean our forms and things like that. Right? I mean, she's got a bunch of stuff over there that I would like to see thrown out, but I wasn't about to take that on without permission. So, the pictures of like our pins and badges and things of that nature. Correct?

ENCAMPMENT: Yes.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Just to clarify for anybody who was on the same track. Is there any other discussion? All those in favor. All those opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

The committee did check with Ellen Higgins first, because she is on our committee.

Those are the only recommendations we had.

Judy Trepanier, PNP, CT, Chair
Cynthia Fox, PNP, PA
Ellen Higgins, NJ

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you, Sister. Your Committee is now dismissed. You did a wonderful job. And I thank you for helping me. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm almost afraid to ask. Is there anything else? I'd like to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you.

Is there any other new business that requires the action of this membership? Sister Helen.

HELEN GRANGER, MI: When I joined this Organization, it was well after the 1984 date that was on our ritual. I would really like to see a lot of that old stuff thrown away and new stuff, the current ritual only be the one that new members receive.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Are you making a motion, Sister?

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I'm making a motion to that fact, please.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: I will wholeheartedly second that motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor that our Supply Officer clear out our old forms and get rid of that crap. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those in favor. Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. Any discussion? Oh, I'm sorry. The Historian. I betcha I know what she wants.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Historian. You need a mic. It's in the holder.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, N/HISTORIAN, PNP, WI: I can talk loud enough. *(laughter)* The Historian would like at least a copy of each beforehand because our history is in the heavens. When our Sisters take things home, die, and the family pitches, we have nothing. And we need that. As long as we have it, let's save it. Save a tree. *(applause)*

UNKNOWN: Here! Here!

PRESIDENT DIANE: So, we will just...

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I'm amending my motion, that it all go to her. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: I'm sorry. I'm going to call that motion out of order. *(laughter)* I would suggest that we first just make sure that Sister Historian gets a copy of everything, Sister Supply Officer. I know what you're going to be saying, too. *(laughing)* Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

DARLENE ALCORN, N/SUPPLY OFFICER, PA: I can give her a whole box.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We don't want to overburden our Historians either. They have enough garbage to take care of. But it is our history, and some of it is very important. Someday, somebody might want to look back on it and say, "Oh, that's how stupid they were." *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: "Oh, that's old fashioned."

UNKNOWN: "That's what paperwork looked like." *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: "That's why we have no trees." Like the crank on the automobile, you know. Long gone. We have a motion on the floor. Any further discussion? All those in favor. Anybody opposed, you better see Dar, the Supply Officer. *(laughter)*

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DIANE: Any other business? I'm trying to think if there was something else. Anne, weren't you going to bring something up?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: Sister President, I'm sorry. I'd like to make a motion that our Auxiliary as the National Auxiliary support the Brother that was in here from Illinois and purchase a bench in the name of the National Auxiliary as a patriotic work for that Dr. Stephenson Site Plaza.

GRACE RICHMOND, WI: I wholeheartedly second that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sisters, we have a motion on the floor that the National Auxiliary purchase a granite bench with our emblem and name on it at the Benjamin Franklin Stephenson Memorial Plaza. Did you put a price on this?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, PA: I believe he said that they were \$2,500.00.

PRESIDENT DIANE: He said they were \$2,500.00. And that would be it. Is there any discussion? This will come out of our National Patriotic Fund. I need to check with one person and nobody else needs to speak on this. Sister

Treasurer.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: Since we had excess fundraising efforts from both offices, we had Chief of Staff, \$1,000.00 more than she was to raise and then the Patriotic raised even more. That those excess funds go towards this bench. So, I feel comfortable with this motion.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You understand Chief of Staff goes to General Fund, right, only.

MARY FLYNN, N/TREASURER, DP, NH: I'm not sure I understand that.

PRESIDENT DIANE: We'll get together. There is a motion on the floor. Is there any other...I'm calling for a vote. And if you have...you know in your head what you want to do. All those in favor. All those opposed. Sister Carol, I hope, and Jennifer, I hope we made you very happy. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DIANE: Anything else? Sister Cynthia.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, NH: I would like to make a suggestion that will cost us nothing.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Those are always welcome. Right girls?

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP, NH: I figured this would be fine since we just passed \$2,500.00. My dear friend, Past National President Barbara Mayberry, recently celebrated her birthday. She is ninety years old and she is now entitled to Life Membership at no charge. I'd like to contact Sister Mary, who was in charge of the Life Membership, and see that it goes down into our records.

PRESIDENT DIANE: The Department of Massachusetts, where Sister Barbara belongs, whole-heartedly agrees. If National does not give it to her, we will. It wasn't a motion, it was a suggestion. It's already been passed that anybody ninety years or older automatically gets life membership. We should have brought this up five years ago. Okay. I guess Sister Veronica.

VERONICA MELLOR, N/PERSONAL AIDE, MA: I make a motion that you, as presiding President right now, let the gentleman from Illinois know tonight that we have donated this bench, or money for the bench.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You really think he's not going to know about it the minute his wife... (*laughter*)

VERONICA MELLOR, N/PERSONAL AIDE, MA: Yes, but nobody else does.

PRESIDENT DIANE: You want us to shame the Sons? *(laughter and applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: Do I have a second?

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Trish, seconds all over the room.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: The entire room seconds the motion. *(laughter and applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: All those in favor.

UNKNOWN: We are unanimous.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Anybody opposed. Thank you, Sisters.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Anything else? Sister Dar.

DARLENE ALCORN, PA: I would like to present the Historian with some papers. *(laughter and applause)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: See that stack of books over there on the table? That's also going home with Danielle. It's proceedings that she didn't have copies of and we are giving to her.

If you want some past National proceedings, we have some for sale at Dar's...back of the room. She's actually closed for business as soon as we leave. So, if you want one, talk about them. Sister Rachelle.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: If we're going to continue with new business, I would like to be excused from the room to run upstairs very quickly and pin my husband. If not, I would like to call you to my installation so that my daughter can run back downstairs and pin me. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: That is the next agenda. If there is no new business that requires action and you may go pin your husband if you want. We can just hold up your installation.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, N/VICE PRESIDENT, PDP, CA/PAC: It is completely up to you, ladies. *(Many voices: GO!)*

PRESIDENT DIANE: All right. Sisters, if there is no other new business that requires action of this membership, we will proceed with the Installation of Officers. Since Sister Rachelle has had to leave for a few minutes and it's going to be on hold, I am going to ask our Chaplain to close the Bible. I'm going to ask our money Officers to call their raffles. And when she comes back in the room, and you guys take "potty breaks," when she comes back in the room, we will immediately be seated and go into Installation. Sister Chaplain.

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess to prepare for Installation.

Announcements of cocktails at 6:30 and banquet in the Sons' meeting room at 7:00; and The Old and New Council will meet at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning..

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Rachelle, please announce your Installing Officer.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT: My Installing Officer will be Danielle Michaels, PNP.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Sister Installing Officer, we are ready to proceed with the Installation of Officers.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister Secretary, please read my commission.

TRICIA BURES, N/SECRETARY, PAP, CA/PAC: Sister Danielle Michaels, PNP, has been selected to be the Installing Officer.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister President, have all reports and per capita been reported to the headquarters?

PRESIDENT DIANE: They have.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister Guides and Color Guards are in their position. We have a Chaplain in position. Sister Allison, will you take over please?

Sister President.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, Sister Danielle.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: It's been a trying year.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes, it has.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: And you lived.
(laughter)

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: And so did I.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Yes.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: You ran a good meeting here.

PRESIDENT DIANE: Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: And now, I have the honor of saying that your term is over. We pass this on to another Sister. You're a "has-been." (laughter)

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: You're relieved of the command of the Auxiliary. Having served as the President, you're entitled and will occupy the ensuing year seat of honor in the Past National President's chair. Do we have a Past National President's badge? Who do you wish to have pin it on you?

PRESIDENT DIANE: My husband.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor, please come forward. Please provide us the honors.

SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor pinned the Past National President's badge on his wife, Sister Diane.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister Guides and Color Guards, please escort our Sister to the Past Presidents Chair. Wait. Wait. Wait. Wait. Not so fast. There is a Color Guard coming. Okay.

Past National President Diane Mellor was escorted by her husband to the Past National President's chair with the Encampment clapping.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister Secretary, call the names of the Officers elect, please, who will take position or be escorted

on 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.....	Rachelle Campbell CA/PAC
Vice President.....	Linda Kronberg MI
Council Member #1	Anne Sosnowski PA
Council #2.....	Kathy Anderson WI
Council #3.....	Diane Mellor MA
National Patriotic Instructor.....	Denise Oman WI
National Chaplain	Anna Frail RI
National Press Correspondent.....	Anne Michaels WI
Member-at-Large Coordinator.....	Jan Harding CHSPK
Chief of Staff	Ann McMillin PA
Co-Counselor	Betty Baker NY
Co-Counselor.....	Brad Schall CA/PAC
Co-Personal Aide.....	Beverly Graham CA/PAC
Co-Personal Aide.....	Rosemary Martin CA/PAC

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister Guides, you will conduct the Officers to their respective stations beginning with the Counselor.

Sister Guide, please escort our new National President.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: I present the President of the Auxiliary to the National Office, Rachelle Campbell. (*applause and cheers*)

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Sister President, your Officers are in their respective stations. I take pleasure in placing you in command of the Auxiliary. I give into your charge our charter, prize it for the privilege it confers. You also have the Rituals the safety of which you will personally be responsible. You have a copy of the Constitution Rules and Regulations. I advise you to study them carefully. Use your Counselors, use your Council, that you may give just and prompt decisions.

I present to you the Officers that have chosen to serve you for the coming year. Give them your loyal support by attending regularly the meetings Do all in our power to make this administration a success.

By the authority vested in me as your Installing Officer for the National

Order of the Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Order, legally installed and qualified to enter upon discharge of their duties for the term ending next year, August 2015, or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Sister President, accept this gavel, the emblem of authority, assume control of our National Order. Preside with dignity, impartiality, firmness. *(applause)*

DANIELLE MICHAELS, INSTALLING OFFICER, PNP, WI: Emelia, you have a very important job, young lady. Come on up here, please.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT RACHELLE CAMPBELL: Daddy will help you. *(laughter and applause)*

The National President's badge was pinned on National President Rachelle Campbell by her husband Tad Campbell and daughter Emelia.

TAD CAMPBELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Madame President.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT RACHELLE CAMPBELL: Commander-in-Chief. *(laughter)*

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP, NY: It will be interesting in their household for the next year!

NATIONAL PRESIDENT RACHELLE CAMPBELL: I know we all want to get out of here and go to the banquet. I just have one brief thing I want to read. I know customarily the Departments and everyone gives well wishes to the new incoming President. I'm going to ask that we forego that today because of time. Because I have one thing that I would like to read. And then, if you want to give me your well wishes this evening as I'm running around, trust me, we're not going anywhere. I will gladly speak with all of you. Okay? In the interest of time, cause you so graciously allowed me to run upstairs for something else.

Thank you all for the wonderful confidence that you have shown in my abilities by electing me the highest post in this great Organization. I shall endeavor to improve my worthiness of this support by serving as both a leader and an ambassador of our Order. As a leader, I trust that my zeal and enthusiasm for the work of this Order will be contagious. We can excel in our goals if we all work together. Recognizing our individual weaknesses, strengths, and capitalizing on the latter to build our Organization, everyone has something to offer.

As an ambassador of the Auxiliary, I shall serve as the official representative and promoter of the Order. Not only to the public, but to the other Allied Orders.

But to our own Departments and local Auxiliaries, many times it has seen the National Organization has lost touch with our local Auxiliaries. There is where the real work of our Order is performed and they should feel that our National Officers are there to support them and their efforts, not the other way around. Our overriding focus should be keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and sacrifices that they made to preserve the Union. We can best accomplish this through our revitalization of the Auxiliary. By respecting our past, we are paving our future. This must be done with respect to those who have gone before us, who have in their own way paved the road we now travel.

I again thank you for electing me as your National President and look forward to working with all of you for the coming year. May God bless our Order and grant that it may long exist. (*applause and cheers*)

The only small business that was left is that I would like to meet with all my newly elected Officers tomorrow morning at the same time as the Council meeting, 8:00 o'clock. I'm going to start the Council meeting and I just need a brief minute with all my elected Officers before you take off to head home. If you can please grant me just a few minutes of your time.

If there's no further announcements, I will ask the National Chaplain to close the Bible with the closing prayer. So we can go have dinner. (*applause*)

The Chaplain attended the altar and closed the Bible.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT RACHELLE CAMPBELL: Ladies, I want to thank you very much. We may go to dinner. Jan is going to lead us on our way out for dinner. (*applause*)

PNP Jan Harding singing "When the Boys in Blue are Gone."

The Encampment closed at 6:00 p.m.

**LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 128TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

California - Pacific

Beverly Graham
Patricia Bures NS
Rachelle Campbell NVP
Emelia Campbell
Cynthia Eddy
Rosemary Martin
Kathy Mabie

Chesapeake

Barbara Day
Janice Harding, PNP

Connecticut

Judy Trepanier, PNP
Joyce Norman NPI

Iowa

Marilyn Rittel

Massachusetts

Diane Mellor, NP
Veronica Mellor NPA
Heather Needleman
Jennifer Hosking
Samantha Hosking
Stephanie Hosking

Michigan

Helen Granger
Sharon Patton
Karen Hamann
Lisa Smith
Linda Kronberg
Janice Davis

New Hampshire

Cynthia Brown, PNP
Mary Flynn
Linda Murray NC#3

New Jersey

Ellen Higgins
Viola Loder-Smithcors
Patricia Wilhelm

New York

Gloria Fisher
Betty Wheeler
Janice Weinmann
Virginia Twist, PNP
Janet Hilyer
Alethea Cratsley

Ohio

Barbara Lynch
Wanda Langdon
Judy Brown
Ramona Greenwalt
Sue Freshley
Judy Hritsko
Cindy Hilliard

Pennsylvania

Darlene Alcorn NSO
Ann McMillan
Noreen Acheson
Anne Sosnowski, PNP

Rhode Island

Anna Frail NCofS

Wisconsin

Denise Oman
Elise Oman
Grace Richmond
Kathy Anderson NC
Linda Brown
Kathy Heltemes
Arlene Rudebusch
Danielle Michaels, PNP
Allison Graff NC#2
Susan Fallon
Anne Michaels NPC

Illinois: Mary Logan #20

Carol Dyer
Jennifer Dyer
JoEllen Kowalski

Missouri: Julia Dent Grant #68

Cheryl Petrovic

**South Carolina: Edward Wallace
#2**

Ana Fenn
Pearly Mae Badger
Bernice Cook
Betty Millender
Mary Lawson

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**California and Pacific Department**

Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Aux. #2, Ivy Stiers Aux. #23, Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. #52

On behalf of the Sisters of the Department of California and Pacific, I bring greetings to the National President and her staff, and the Delegates to the National Encampment here assembled.

The Department of California and Pacific continues to strengthen and grow. We gained four new Sisters since the last National Encampment. Gen. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary #2 increased by one new member, Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 increased by two new members and Dr. Mary #. Walker increased by one new member.

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

The 103rd Annual Department Encampment was held in Sacramento on March 7-8, 2014 in conjunction with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 128th Annual Encampment. The participants numbered in the 80's are the largest number in attendance in recent years.

The following is a list, by month, of all the different activities of the three Auxiliaries:

August: 2013 National encampment Brookfield, WI

September: Graves registration, Yountville, CA; Huntington Beach Display, Huntington Beach, CA; Sesquicentennial event at the Drum Barracks, Wilmington, CA

October: Old Mills Days, St. Helena, CA; Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment, Monterey, CA; Set up a display at Stanley Ranch in Garden Grove, CA

November: Veterans' Day parades by all three Auxiliaries; Remembrance Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, CA; Remembrance Day Ceremony, Northern CA; Remembrance Day Ceremony, Drum Barracks, Wilmington, CA

December: Holiday Cards for Veterans' project; Decorating for the Drum Open House; Helped open a park across the street from the Drum Barracks

January: Fort Point Living History Day in San Francisco, CA

February: Dinners to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday

March: Department Encampment at a new location, Sacramento, CA; Display at St. Catherine's Military School – Display on Mourning and Women in the Civil War.

April: Cemetery clean-up, Santa Rosa, CA; Drum Barracks presentation, Wilmington, CA

May: Rose Parade, Santa Rosa, CA; Memorial Day Ceremonies by all three

Auxiliaries; School days information sessions at Britton Middle School, Morgan Hill, CA and Quimby Oaks Middle School, San Jose, CA; Roaring Camp Information Booths, Felton, CA

June Booth at Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank, CA; Juneteenth Festival, Santa Rosa, CA

July: Fort Mac Days at Old Fort MacArthur, San Pedro – exhibit on Women in the Civil War and Mourning in the Civil War; Independence Day Activities in Calistogo, CA; Red White and Blue Parade, San Jose, CA; Monterey Parade, Monterey, CA

August: 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, GA

Beverly Graham, Department President

Department of the Chesapeake

The year started at Point Lookout when I was elected as Department President. My local Auxiliary is Garfield, where I am the President and participated in their activities as indicated below:

Garfield Auxiliary #1 President Report 2013-2014

We had a great year. We installed on new member.

In May we had our Memorial Service at Hull Memorial Church and afterwards we decorated the Recumbent Union Soldier Monument at Loudon Park National Cemetery. We also held a Memorial Service at the cemetery.

In July we had a flag cremation service for flags we had collected from the community.

On September 28, we honored Ishmael Day at the fork United Methodist Church, where he is buried. He refused to take down the American flag when the Confederates came through his town.

November 9 was a sad day for Garfield Auxiliary. One of our members, Aubrey Soukup, died and we participated in her funeral service.

Also in November, we attended the 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. We also put flags and flowers on the Maryland Union soldiers' graves in the National Cemetery. We also held a memorial service at the gravesite. On Saturday we were in the parade, some of us rode in a carriage and some walked the parade route. We were to participate in the illumination, but it was cancelled due to high winds.

As a group, we attended a play "Civil War Christmas" as our Christmas get-together.

On February 9, we held our Lincoln Dinner, where we obligated our new member, Sister Mary Torbey.

In March, we attended a play at Harford Community College, where we saw "Faces of Freedom," a story of how slaves from Harford County used the Underground Railroad to escape into freedom in Canada.

As Department President, I was invited to participate with the men at Arlington Cemetery for their Memorial Service on Memorial Day.

I am also a member of a doll club and their convention was in District of Columbia this year. While there, I was able to visit the African American Civil War Museum; Surratt House, which is now Wok and Roll Restaurant; and Ford's Theater.

I also attended a doll luncheon on Civil War period clothes in September. In February, I went to the Jewish Museum in Baltimore, where I learned about the role of Jewish soldiers in the Civil War.

And in March, I visited the Maryland Historical Society and saw a display of Civil War artifacts.

During all activities, I represented the Department and promoted the work that the Department and Auxiliary does and tried to encourage ladies to join. I continue to honor and remember the "Boys in Blue."

Anne Blackburn, Department President

Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary #10 President Report 2013-2014

The Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary had another good year. Besides our bi-monthly meetings, we participated in activities with the Brothers of the Taylor-Wilson Camp. Some of these activities included a joint wreath laying ceremony with the Irish Brigade Camp in Fredericksburg, VA in July, 2013 and our 5th Annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner in February, 2014.

As a group, we supported a marker at Sandusky (the house that Hunter used as a headquarters during the Battle of Lynchburg). The Auxiliary also supported the student Women in History Essay Contest, which is sponsored by the Bedford Museum. This is an annual contest of local elementary and middle school students.

I also went along with Mark in his role as Department Commander, to many events and programs this past year. I represented the Auxiliary and talked to people about the Auxiliary. We have plans for more exciting events in the future and hope to continue to honor and remember the "Boys in Blue."

Barbara J. Day, Auxiliary President

Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary #3 President Report 2013-2014

Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary #3 has no active members other than myself and dual members from Garfield Auxiliary. This is because members live in other parts of the country.

We have no new members, but do have two potential members.

Representing our Auxiliary I have attended Lincoln's Birthday Celebration at the Monument in February and the luncheon.

I have attended Memorial Day celebrations with the Sons at Arlington National Cemetery in May.

I try to attend the Sons' bi-monthly meeting in D.C. and Virginia to keep up with their activities.

I send cards and notes to Auxiliary members to keep in touch. Of note: Pat Gebhart, who lives in Hagerstown, has been having a rough year. She had surgery in January and while she was away recovering, she had a house fire, which damaged it, but everything is being restored.

A Civil War activity I do is tell our young people the story of the raid on Fort Stevens in Washington. I dramatize how the Confederates marched down the street, which is now Georgia Avenue, and attacked the fort, nearly capturing it and President Lincoln, but General Wheaton saved the day and ran off the attackers. Wheaton, where I live, was named after the General, honoring him.

Millie Ames, Auxiliary President

Connecticut Department

I, along with members of the Connecticut Department of the ASUVCW, participated in or attended the following events/programs:

- Massing the colors
- Collected clothing and usable household items for veterans, donated bottled water to State VA Hospital "Stand Down".
- Historical Society Reenactment/Civil War events and presentation of Cromwell Veterans, which included Judy's GG grandfather's daily diary, and a tribute to music heard in Connecticut during the War of the Rebellion, both battlefield songs.
- Welcome Home Veterans program and Quilts of Valor presentation.
- "Wreaths Across America" program at a School and State Veterans' Cemetery – placed wreaths at gravesites.
- Patriots Day luncheon, Department conventions, NE Region meetings, Sons' Christmas dinner.
- Memorial Day – Planted at Veterans monuments, attended Veterans Cemetery service; assisted American Legion with flagging veterans grave sites; replaced flags at Civil War monuments for Labor Day.
- Flag Day with Boy Scout flag retiring ceremonies, and unveiling of Vietnam War monument.

Joyce Norman, Department President

New Hampshire Department

The Department of New Hampshire has enjoyed a productive year for the Auxiliary. Thanks to the efforts of many behind the scenes members, Department-wide events took place.

We continue to maintain a fine list of Members at Large and enjoyed seeing some of these members at our Department Encampment in Concord, NH held in April. We were delighted to have representation at that meeting from other

Auxiliaries including, but not limited to, PNP Judy Trepanier. During the Encampment, we received reports from our active Auxiliaries, for which the highlights of their activities included:

- The distribution of over 200 flags
- Charitable Activities – just over 2,000 volunteer hours and significant material donations
- Coupons mailed for military bases
- Lap robes donated to veteran residents of the Chelsea Soldiers Nursing Home
- Donations to New Hampshire Battle Flags Preservation
- Various Old Home Days were held and we were well represented

In 2013, our Department was well represented in the town of Hampton's centennial event sponsored by the Hampton Historical Society on the grounds of the Tuck Museum. Many NH Camp and Auxiliary members were present. Our own Sister Eleanor Becotte was available to sign her recently published book called "Answering the Call: Hampton NH in the American Civil War 1861-1865." Our members produced and acted out a Civil War Era Living History. Resulting photographs were captured on the Historical Society website.

New Hampshire ASUVCE & SUVCW celebrated Remembrance Day, Veterans Day and the observance of Major General Benjamin F. Butler (a New England Native) in November and Union Defenders Day in February.

All Auxiliaries, in one way or another, marked the Memorial Day ceremonies of 2014 in their own hometowns.

I would be remiss if I did not report how fortunate we are to have such wonderful Sisters in our NH Department who are extremely dedicated and involved in the ongoing operations of our organization at the Local, Department and National levels. I specifically wish to recognize our Department's endorsement at our Annual Encampment in April, as well as my personal endorsement that has been posted to our Website.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the ASUVCW for the Department of New Hampshire.

Mary E. Flynn, Department President

Pennsylvania Department

Due to the death of our President Lucille Coe on January 25, 2014, I was installed as President for the remainder of her term at the Lincoln Luncheon on February 15th in Abbottstown, PA.

On April 13, 2014, I, along with other members of #502, attended the Appomattox Luncheon in Williamsport, PA.

On May 18, 2014, I attended a Memorial Service in Zion-Hoffman Cemetery, Jenners, PA, where #502 honored 8 Civil War Veterans with a wreath laying and biography readings.

On June 1, 2014, I attended the memorial service for the 125th Anniversary of the Johnstown Flood Victims and Civil War Veterans at Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, PA.

On June 7, 2014, I along with members of #502 and #14, participated in a Civil War Fashion Show, sponsored by the Somerset Historical Center.

I conducted my first Encampment on June 27 & 28 at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, PA.

These last few months have been a real learning experience for me.

I want to thank all who served as officers during the past year and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Betsy Nightingale, Department President

Wisconsin Department

As usual the Wisconsin Department has been very busy and active. Following is a brief synopsis of our activities. Unless noted, all activities occur in Wisconsin.

August, 2013

- Successfully hosted the national encampment
- West Allis Settlers Weekend C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #4 and Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #5 sold canned goods for our veterans, accompanied by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1.
- St. Francis Parade accompanied by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1.

September, 2013

- Prospect Hill Historic Days – Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #4 sold canned goods for our Veterans, and taught children and their parents how the women and children of Wisconsin harvested their crops, dried them and took them to the Baptist Church in this area, which was a gathering site for food and supplies sent to our troops during the Civil War. We help the children make small muslin bags of dried peas and beans – enough for a soldier to put in his tin cup with hot water to make a meal.
- Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary #8 participated in a headstone dedication and held a Ghost Walk of Civil War Veterans graves at Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega, WI.

October, 2013

- Sponsored Korean War Veteran, Donald Schreiber, for the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. His sponsor, Sister Denise Oman, accompanied him.

November, 2013

- Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade – members of many Camps and Auxiliaries marched and were, as usual, well received. This is the one parade

where attendees “thank us” for what we do and it can be quite emotional to be thanked by a current Veteran for honoring out ancestral Veterans deeds.

- Plan our Christmas donations for the Veterans.

December, 2013

- Wreaths Across America
- Christmas for our Veterans at the VA – several needy Veterans and their families are recommended by the Social Workers. We make fleece blankets, scarves, and purchase a nice gift for each family member. Sometimes coats, mittens and boots for the little ones and for the older children, possibly an item they could never afford or even hope for. Always something for the Veteran – gas cards, food cards, or bus tokens. We also made a contribution to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans and a contribution was made to the Palliative Care Unit (terminally ill Veterans) towards a chair that converts to a bed. This chair/bed enables family members to sleep with and be close to their loved ones when the good Lord says it is time.

I would like to make note that it was because of Sister Allison Graff’s employment in this unit that we were made aware of these veterans’ needs, as those without family are sometimes forgotten. True to our principles, a veteran should never be forgotten. Allison is to be commended for her loving spirit and big heart!· Annual Christmas Party for C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary #1.

January, 2014

- Survive the cold and snow and plan the upcoming year’s events via regular and Staff meetings.

February, 2014

- Mid-Winter Department Meeting followed by the annual Patriotic Luncheon in Milwaukee. Ken Freshley, C-in-C and wife, Sue, attended. Approximately 100 individuals attend the luncheon from various patriotic organizations in the Milwaukee area, we have a speaker (this year, we wanted him to continue after his ‘time’ was up, because his presentation on photography of the era was so interesting!), and we have a raffle to earn funds for our activities for the upcoming year.

- Valentines for Veterans – Delivered Valentines and chocolates from C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #1 and Ammi Hawks Auxiliary #4, as well as Valentines made by school children of Sister Denis Oman’s class. We have ‘adopted’ the Palliative Care Unit and pay particular attention to them. Fleece blankets and urinary bag covers were made, and bath wash, shampoo and deodorant were donated. They like chocolate the best!

- Edward Bragg Auxiliary #8 played Bingo at the State Veterans Home in King and donated cookies and coffee for an afternoon social with our Veterans.

- Edward Bragg Auxiliary #8 participated in the Echoes of the Past Trade Fair in Oshkosh.

March 2014

· Another chance to take a ‘breather.’ For those in Auxiliary #4 and #5 who can fruits and vegetables and make jams and jellies, it’s time to gather and clean the canning supplies, as the canning season starts as soon as the asparagus is up, and we can from April through September/October.

April, 2014

· Attendance at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Dr. B.R. Stephenson Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

· New Member Orientation – open to members of all Allied Orders. Presentations given as to our principles, duties, goals and events.

· Easter Bunny for our Veterans – similar to Valentine’s Day, Easter Cards and chocolates are delivered to the Palliative Care Unit. We have all been humbled and saddened when we don’t see some of the faces we saw on previous visits.

May, 2014

· Oak Hill Cemetery Clean up – this is an old cemetery in which two Civil War Veterans are buried. The City of Wauwatosa cannot afford to keep up the cemetery. Spring and Fall, Auxiliary #4 pulls weeds, trims bushes, and cleans tombstones, otherwise it would be overgrown and neglected. The sons of Camp #1 and a local Boy Scout troop assist us.

· Auxiliary #8 took part in the grounds clean up at the Edward S. Bragg Memorial in Oshkosh and held a fundraising Bake Sale during the King Veterans Home Open House. King is a State-run Veterans Home where husbands and wives can live together.

· Auxiliary #5 participated in the Wonevok Historic Day and sold canned goods and other patriotic items. Educated children and adults regarding food preservation and participations in sending food to our Civil War troops.

· A headstone dedication and ceremony was held for Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried at Woods National Cemetery. The National chaplain participated with prayers at the open and close of the ceremony. Sisters from Auxiliary #4 attended with Sons from Camps 1 and 4.

· Flag placement by Sisters of Auxiliary #4 and Sons of Camp 1 at Calvary Cemetery. The National Chaplain participated with prayers at the open and close of the ceremony. Sisters from Auxiliary #4 attended with Sons from Camps 1 and 4.

· Annual Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery followed by the Memorial Day Ceremony. As per General Logan’s order, which is read, children placed flowers provided by Auxiliary #4 at the graves of four Civil War Veterans. Flags were handed out to attendees to be placed on Veterans graves.

June, 2014

· Department Encampment held in Madison at the Veteran’s Museum. Special Guest, Sister Rachelle Campbell, NVP, was thrilled to see the display

regarding her ancestor's 'Scandinavian Unit' – the 15th Volunteer Regiment of Wisconsin.

- Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade in Kenosha.

July, 2014

- Auxiliary #8, participated in Pine Grove Cemetery clean up in Auroraville.
- Auxiliary #4 with Sons of Camp 1 took part in the South Shore Frolics

Parade in Bay View

August, 2014

- National Encampment
- Auxiliary #8 will participate in a Cemetery Dedication at Forest Home Cemetery in Wittenberg.

...and then we start all over again for the next year.

Kathy Anderson
Department President.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

1887 *†	Mrs. Laura Miller, Lancaster, PA
1887-88 *†	Mrs. W.D.A. O'Brien, Sidney, OH
1889-90 *†	Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Swissvale, PA
1891 *†	Mrs. J.S. Mason, Medina, OH
1891-93 †	Mrs. Belle Gray Rice, Washington, IA
1894-96 †	Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL
1897 †	Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH
1898 †	Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, DC
1899 †	Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA
1900-02 †	Mrs. Lida Tomer-Miller, Rochester, NY
1903-4 †	Mrs. Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN
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1907 †	Mrs. Julia A. Moynihan, Rochester, NY
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1909-10 †	Mrs. Molly Donaldson Hammer, Reading, PA (NJ Dept.)
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1913 †	Mrs. Frances Fox Moynihan, Rochester, NY
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1927 †	Mrs. Anna F. Keene, Philadelphia, PA
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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.)
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1939 †	Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Steubenville, OH
1940 †	Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, Chicago, IL
1941 †	Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA
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1943 †	Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, Albany, NY
1944 †	Mrs. Maude B. Warren, Brockton, MA
1945 †	Mrs. Edith B. Nile, Alliance, OH
1946 †	Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, Valparaiso, IN (IL Dept.)
1947 †	Mrs. Edna S. Lambert, Lithonia, GA (NJ Dept.)
1948 †	Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, Pittsburgh, PA
1949 †	Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, Santa Ana, CA
1950 †	Mrs. Ethelyn C. Tucker, San Diego, CA (NH Dept.)
1951 †	Mrs. Lela B. Shugart, Warren, IN
1952 †	Mrs. Phyllis Dean, Westboro, MA
1953 †	Mrs. Lila A. Macey, Schenectady, NY
1954 †	Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, Springvale, ME
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1956 †	Mrs. Lenore D. Glass, San Jose, CA
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1959 †	Mrs. Ursula W. Shepardson, Springfield, MA
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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.)
1972 †	Mrs. Agnes D. Davis, Wilmington, DE
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1979 *†	Mrs. Florence H. Forbey, Phoenix, AZ (IL Dept.)
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2012	Anne Jaster
	117 W. Emaus St., Middletown, PA 17057
2013	Jane Graham
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2014	Mrs. Diane T. Mellor
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Honor conferred by National Organization:

1941 †

Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN

1975 †

Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

* Life Member

† Deceased

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 17-19	Detroit	MI
14th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI
16th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL
21st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC
24th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ
25th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA

41st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH
45th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA
59th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
61st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
63rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 13	Indianapolis	IN
64th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67th	1951	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
7rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
81st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE

83rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
91st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
97th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
102nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH
111th	1997	Aug. 7-10	Utica NY	
112th	1998	Aug. 6-9	Harrisburg	PA
113th	1999	Aug. 19-22	Indianapolis	IN
114th	2000	Aug. 17-20	Lansing	MI
115th	2001	Aug. 10-12	Springfield	MO
116th	2002	Aug. 8-11	Springfield	IL
117th	2003	Aug. 7-10	Ft. Mitchell	KY
118th	2004	Aug. 12-15	Cedar Rapids	IA
119th	2005	Aug. 4-7	Nashua	NH
120th	2006	Aug. 10-13	Harrisburg	PA
121st	2007	Aug. 9-12	St. Louis	MO
122nd	2008	Aug. 7-10	Peabody	MA
123rd	2009	Aug. 13-16	Louisville	KY
124th	2010	Aug. 12-15	Overland Park	KS

125th	2011	Aug. 11-14	Reston	VA
126th	2012	Aug. 9-12	Los Angeles	CA
127th	2013	Aug. 8-11	Brookfield	WI
128th	2014	Aug. 14-17	Marietta	GA

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