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GENERAL ORDERS

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At the 84th Annual National Encampment in Miami Beach, Florida I was honored by being elected to serve as National President. I hereby assume command and headquarters are established at the above address, where all correspondence pertaining to our order should be mailed.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

- MEMBERSHIP**—Mrs. Marjorie Grate, National Vice President, 1295 Edgewood N. E., Warren, Ohio 44493, Chairman. Members of this Committee will be all Department Vice Presidents and all Auxiliary Vice Presidents.
- HISTORICAL**—Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, R.N.P., 418 S. W. 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33315, Chairman: Mrs. Emma Hughes, P.D.P., New York, Mrs. Martha Daniels, P.D.P., Maryland and Delaware.
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- WILL THE SISTERS ON THESE COMMITTEES PLEASE FORWARD THEIR CORRECT ADDRESS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THEIR COMMITTEE.**

ATTENTION DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Please send me immediately, if you have not already done so, a name and address of an active sister from each Auxiliary in your Department to serve as a National Aide. It is very important to me that you send me the dates and locations of your 1971 Department Encampment just as soon as it is decided. I do wish to visit each Department Encampment, if possible, and in order to do this I must plan my itinerary just as quickly as possible.

Your prompt attention to these requests will be greatly appreciated.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE 84th ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

16 Departments voted in favor of the following recommendation and it is now part of our regulations.

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do provide for a limited Associate Membership, it is recommended that we accept Associate Members in the Auxiliary, with the same limitations and regulations provided for in the Sons Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The following Recommendation (Number 2) from the National President's report was adopted and is now part of our Constitution Rules and Regulations:

Amended: Chapter 3, Article 8, pages 30 and 31 an additional section to be known as Section 8 to read as follows:

In the event of the death of a National Officer or a Past National President; that the National President be authorized to purchase flowers in an amount not to exceed \$15.00 plus the state tax and telegraph charges. In the event of the serious illness of a National Officer which would require a stay in the hospital, for the said officer the National President be authorized to send flowers in an amount not to exceed \$8.00.

The following Recommendations were adopted:

From the National President's Report:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 That one page with photograph in the Proceedings be dedicated to the memory of Past National President, Sister Wilma A. Combs.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 That the regulation membership badge of the Auxiliary be used for Associates, with the exception that in place of the tri-colored ribbon a royal blue solid color ribbon with the word "ASSOCIATE" stamped on it be used.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 That the Per Capita Tax remain the same for the coming year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5 That we again give our usual Love Token of \$500.00 to the Sons of Union Veterans at this Encampment.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 That our organization again authorize the placing of a \$200.00 scholarship during the coming year. This is to be placed at the discretion of the incoming National President.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7 That any wreath authorized to be placed in the name of the National Organization, and for which a bill is presented to the National Organization for payment, then the cost of that wreath should be not less than \$15.00.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 That we continue to participate in the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. on February 12th and that the sum of \$25.00 be allocated for the wreath to be placed at this Memorial.

From the National Secretary's Report:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 That the Provisional Auxiliary in St. Paul, Minnesota, be suspended for non-payment of Per Capita Tax and that a Registered Letter, with return receipt requested, be sent following this convention stating that if their Per Capita Tax is not paid in full by January 1, 1971, the Auxiliary will automatically be dropped.

From the National Patriotic Instructor's Report:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 That the National Organization purchase an outdoor Flag Pole, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00 and the amount to be taken from the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. This Flag Pole in question to be placed at the Inter-Church Council Camp, "Camp Paradise", in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

RESOLUTIONS

The usual Courtesy Resolutions expressing sincere thanks and appreciation to the National President and her staff of officers for all their efforts this past year; to the Commander-in-Chief and his staff of officers; to the New Jersey Department and all of its members; to the management and employees of the Deauville Hotel who helped make our stay in Miami Beach a pleasure, were presented to our convention by the Committee on Resolutions and were approved.

The Following Resolution was presented by the New Jersey Department to the Committee on Resolutions and it was approved as presented.

A Resolution presented to the 68th Annual Department Encampment, New Jersey Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—adopted by vote of the Department Encampment and ordered sent to the Resolutions Committee of the National Organization for their consideration.

WHEREAS, today we find enemies at home and abroad who boldly propose to do away with our form of government; are upsetting our economy and the rights of individuals that are guaranteed by the Constitution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting in their 88th Department Convention:

1. We believe that our leaders detest war, and that they will get us out of the unpopular Vietnam situation as soon as it is safe for America, but in the meantime we believe that we should support our fighting men and not support our enemies by attacking our own government.
2. It is time to call a halt to wild and irresponsible actions of the campus radicals, who are utterly without the benefit of having lived long enough to have either judgment or wisdom. Their tactics are childish but brutal, naive but dangerous, and completely arrogant. We owe the younger generation love and respect when they deserve it. We do not owe them our souls, our privacy, our whole lives - and above all, we do not owe them immunity for their mistakes. The blame for violence lies with those who created it and those permissive administrators and faculty members that allowed it to happen.
3. We believe that the spreading of drug addiction is a prime danger encouraged by our country's enemies in an effort to undermine the health and morals of our people. We ask that the Courts stop being lenient, and that pushers and addicts both be controlled by whatever means is necessary.
4. We believe that as a government of law, not of men, we should insist upon complete enforcement of the law. We urge that police not be hampered, and that offenders be punished by the courts to the full extent of the law. We fervently hope that it is not already too late. A continued and increased defiance of responsible behavior will cause damage too great to contemplate.
5. Whereas all fifty states and the Congress have enacted legislation making it a crime to publicly mutilate, deface, defile, or defy, trample upon or cast contempt upon either by words or act, the American Flag, we insist that disrespect for our flag must not be tolerated. Unfortunately the United States Supreme Court in a decision on April 21, 1969 side-stepped an opportunity to rule on the constitutionality of the law. It is hoped that the Court will soon have an opportunity to decide the matter on its merits.
6. We protest the political activities and political lobbying of some churches, and some members of the Clergy, which is a clear violation of the historic principle of the separation of church and state. We urge them to stop using the mantle of religion to promote ultra-liberal causes such as giving reparation payments to radical black leaders, and also for urging for United States diplomatic recognition of Communist Cuba, and also for giving aid and comfort to draft dodgers and those who burn draft board records.

Approved by Committee,
Margaret D. Schroeder, P. N. P., Chairman
Ursula Shepardson, P. N. P., Mass.
Clara Lewis, P. D. P., Penna.

MEMBERSHIP

National Vice President, Sister Marjorie Grate, 1295 Edgewood N. E., Warren, Ohio 44493 is chairman of the Membership Committee. All Department Vice Presidents and all Auxiliary Vice Presidents are appointed to this important committee.

Sisters in order for us to continue as an organization dedicated to perpetuating the Grand Army of the Republic, we must all put forth every effort to gain new members. I am appealing to each one to try to bring in new members.

This recommendation was approved by vote of the delegates at the 83rd National Encampment:

"Whereas the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do provide for a limited Associate Membership, it is recommended that we accept associate members in the Auxiliary, with the same limitations and regulations provided for in the Sons Constitution, Rules and Regulations." More than 10 Departments approved this recommendation by vote at their 1970 Encampment, therefore it is now law that we can accept associate members.

SUPPLIES

All orders for supplies should be sent on blanks provided for that purpose to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Virginia E. Ackerman, 1404 Montrose Avenue, Bethlehem, Penna. 18018. Be sure your check or money order is properly made out and attached to the order.

PASSWORD

The new password has been issued and will be forwarded to all Auxiliaries upon receipt of reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30th, 1970.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

All quarterly reports, with check for Per Capita Tax made payable to Mrs. Virginia E. Ackerman, National Treasurer, should be mailed to National Secretary, Mrs. Caroline Riddell, 3437 N. Howard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140, immediately after the close of each quarter. Your prompt attention in submitting the reports will greatly help your National Officers and enable them to complete their reports on time.

INSPECTIONS

All Auxiliaries will be inspected once a year at a time decided by each Department.

ELECTIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Nominations and elections of all Auxiliary Officers including delegates and alternates, shall be held in conformity with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

1971 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 85th National Encampment will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, the week of August 15th, with Headquarters at the Parker House. Details regarding hotel reservations and program, etc. will be published at a later date: Committee on arrangement is:

Miss Flora Bates, P.N.P., Chairman
Mrs. Ursula Shephardson, P.N.P., Co-Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Newell, National Council No. 2
Mrs. Jessie Wells, P.D.P.
Mrs. Minnie Madeiros, P. D. P.
Mrs. Marion Young, P.D.P.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I sincerely wish to thank all the Sisters and Brothers for their expression of good wishes and congratulations.

DEDICATION DAY

November 19th is one of the most important dates on our calendar. This is the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Please provide appropriate programs and invite the public to attend, in order to acquaint the people of this outstanding event in our American History.

PUBLICITY

Auxiliary Press Correspondents please forward items of interest to your Department Press Correspondent, who in turn will compile the information and forward it to the National Press Correspondent for publication in the Banner.

THE BANNER

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National Press Correspondent please note the deadlines for items for publication in the "Banner" The 15th December, March, and June.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Let us all give thanks on Thanksgiving Day for our many Blessings.

Sincere good wishes are extended to each and every member of the Auxiliary and to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to our Allied Organization for a very Happy Holiday Season.

APPRECIATION

The National Organization sincerely appreciate all the work the Aides faithfully did during the past year. You are now relieved from that special duty and we sincerely hope you will continue to do all possible to further the interest of our order.

IN MEMORIUM

Our deepest sympathy is extended to P.N.V.P. Nellie DeHaven in the loss of her Husband Past Commander-in-Chief Albert DeHaven on September 30th. Sympathy is sincerely extended to all who have lost loved ones. To all who are ill or have illness in their homes we sincerely wish all a speedy recovery.

GREETINGS

To Brother George Cashman, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and your staff of officers we extend congratulations and best wishes for a very successful year. Again, we pledge our loyalty and cooperation to you and your organization.

To the National Presidents of the Women's Relief Corp, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we extend sincere greetings and Best Wishes for a very harmonious and successful year.

In closing my first General Order, I sincerely appreciate this high honor you have conferred on me and my Department of Maine and my Auxiliary of Portland, Maine. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity to serve as your National President and I assure you I am aware of the great responsibility that is mine this year and I have pledged to do all within my power to perform the duties of this high office to the best of my ability. In order to do this I am asking the cooperation and support of every member to help make this year a success.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

EILEEN R. COOMBS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Caroline E. Riddell
National Secretary