

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS



Auxiliary to

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
December 8, 1936.

GENERAL ORDERS,
CURRENT SERIES No. 2,
CONSECUTIVE SERIES No. 288.

1. The following Recommendations and Resolutions were presented at the Fiftieth National Encampment held in Washington.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

a—That a memorial page be added to our proceedings bearing the photograph of Past National President Elizabeth C. Hansen.

b—That a suitable gift in cash be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic by the Auxiliary Greetings Committee.

c—That the Committee on Survey and Planning be continued and that the Council include in its budget such amount as is consistent with our resources for the committee to work with.

d—That if we are to continue formation of Junior Auxiliaries, some action as to rituals and by-laws be taken at this Encampment.

e—That we remain a member of the American Coalition and have a Coalition Chairman to receive the literature, attend the necessary meetings in Washington, and that the literature be placed on file for future information and reference.

f—That we have a National Defense Committee whose duty it shall be to ask co-operation of every Department and Auxiliary in sponsoring National Defense programs and encouraging the study of the United States Constitution.

g—That the office of National Instituting and Installing Officer and National Inspector be dispensed with; and again offer

h—That the reports of the National Council include a budget of estimated receipts and expenses of the ensuing year for action at each Encampment.

i—That a Past Department President be permitted to purchase one Ritual for her own use, and the rules and regulations be amended to provide therefor.

j—That we continue our space in The Banner in conformity with action as to contract taken by the Sons; such amount to be expended by us to come within our budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE NATIONAL TREASURER

a—That the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Organization Fund to the General Fund.

b—That the sum of \$516.00, returned by the Sons, be transferred to the General Fund.

c—That the National Treasurer be instructed to insert this in its proper place in the C. R. & R. when new ones are printed.

(That a vote in National Encampment be given to Department Treasurers who served in that capacity for five consecutive years).

2. RESOLUTIONS as presented:

a. That we gratefully acknowledge the loyalty, sincerity and faithfulness of National President Stella Brooks Owen, as evidenced in the service she rendered to us throughout the past year.

b. That we also extend our thanks to each National Officer on the National President's Staff for the efforts they put forth, that our Auxiliary might successfully carry on and for their share in the success which has attended this administration.

c. That we give expression to a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the loyal co-operation received from Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke; for his unfailing courtesy and consideration, also for the many courtesies extended to our National President from his official family.

d. That we extend to Commander-in-Chief Oley Nelson and his associates in the Grand Army of the Republic our sincere affection as an Auxiliary for the co-operation and spirit of friendliness apparent in his contact with our National President and all other members of our Order having the privilege of meeting him during the year.

e. WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has called from among us our dearly beloved Past National President, Elizabeth C. Hansen, and

WHEREAS, Our entire Auxiliary has been saddened and affected through the loss of this splendid member, be it

RESOLVED, That we bow our heads in humble submission to His will realizing that our loss is her eternal gain, and that an expression of our deep regret and sympathy be sent to the family of our late Sister.

f. WHEREAS, Past National President Elizabeth H. R. Davis and the members of Cushing Auxiliary, Washington, D. C., have so generously and graciously attended to all things necessary to our pleasure here, be it

RESOLVED, That the sincere thanks of the National body be tendered to them with the assurance of our deep appreciation of their efforts in our behalf.

g. WHEREAS, Past National President Mayme E. Dwyer, Chair-man of our Fifteenth Encampment Anniversary Committee, planned and carried out a very appropriate program, and

WHEREAS, Junior Vice Commander Clarence Maples and Sister, Lila Kroepke, of New York Department, most ably assisted Sister Dwyer in her efforts to present to us a delightful program, be it

RESOLVED, That we give them a rising vote of thanks for services so generously and graciously rendered.

h. RESOLVED, That we voice our thanks and appreciation to the management of the New Willard Hotel for unfailing courtesy and helpfulness, and for their share in the program we have so thoroughly enjoyed as their guests, and making it possible for us to take back to our homes many happy memories of our stay in Washington.

i. WHEREAS, National Headquarters has issued new Rituals to all Departments and Auxiliaries, and

WHEREAS, We believe this revised Ritual should meet all Auxiliary requirements for several years to come, be it

RESOLVED, That a Committee on Ritual shall not be appointed by Department or National Encampments until such time as a new Ritual is absolutely necessary.

j. WHEREAS, For many years several Departments of our Auxiliary have divided their territory and held District or Regional Meetings, and

WHEREAS, We believe these meetings are of real value to the Departments in which they are held, be it

RESOLVED, That the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War grant its approval of all such District or Regional

Meetings, and that it be optional with Districts or Regions as to whether the officers shall be appointed or elected.

k. WHEREAS, We are solemnly pledged to maintain absolute secrecy regarding the work and business meetings of our Auxiliary and all matters pertaining thereto, and

WHEREAS, We believe this pledge should be carried out in every respect, be it

RESOLVED, That we discontinue the distribution of courtesy copies of our National Encampment Proceedings to members or officers of Organizations other than the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PRESENTED BY RENO POST AUXILIARY

1. That the National President appoint a committee to consider the advisability of having some kind of a card printed, with the Obligation, so that a person may sign this card after being elected to membership in an Auxiliary.

For example, Reno Post Auxiliary has on file the applications of five persons in Brunswick, Md. Due to the distance and the inability to get to Hagerstown and return in an evening (unless one has a car) these people have been unable to be present at a meeting of the Auxiliary. If the Auxiliary had had some kind of a membership obligation card to sign these people would now be members. This could lead to a new Auxiliary.

If the National Body find this resolution favorable, we believe the membership would be greatly increased. (Not approved by Committee).

m. Recommended, that the Department of Maryland petition the National body to erect some kind of a memorial at Antietam Battlefield in September, 1937, at the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. The community is aiming to make this celebration nationwide. Recommended, that the memorial be a marble bench to be erected in the National Cemetery at Antietam, not on the Battlefield.

n. RESOLVED, That all Past Presidents be allowed to purchase Rituals for their own use. (Not approved by Committee. Committee sustained).

o. WHEREAS, There are many cemeteries in the United States wherein lie the bodies of those men who fought in the American wars, and

WHEREAS, After careful investigation these cemeteries have been found to be in deplorable condition from lack of attention to grass and sinking of graves.

THEREFORE, We ask the National Encampment to pass a resolution asking the United States Government if there is any way in which the P. W. A. or the C. C. C. can improve these conditions.

Be it further resolved that each grave be appropriately marked and flagged as are all national cemeteries on Memorial Day, May 30, of each year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Department Commander, asking him to endorse a similar resolution, and one copy to the Commander-in-Chief.

p. WHEREAS, Further continued effort is being made to glorify certain individuals who sought to wreck the Union during the Civil War, the history of which is being perverted. Our organization must be more alive to the needs of action in combating these efforts, and

WHEREAS, The latest effort is to have the portrait of traitors to the flag placed on new issues of postage stamps. In the suggestion, prompted by descendants of the Confederacy, to have stamps carry American heroes' portraits, persistent requests are made for the likeness of Lee, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson, and similar Confederates, and

WHEREAS, There must be no glorification of those who sought destruction of the Union, particularly those who were given instruction at West Point, where they pledged allegiance to the flag of these United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Every unit of this organization is urged to immediately write the "Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.," and protest against placing the likeness upon U. S. Postage stamps, of any person who fought against the Government as rebels, or sought dismemberment of the Union. We sacrificed all to save the Union, and no honor is due those who sought to destroy it.

It is further resolved that the various organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled both in Department and National Encampments, be requested to take such action as lies in their power in order to make this a nation-wide protest against any such contemplated action.

q. WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has established a Commission, known as the "United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission," to arrange a fitting nation-wide observance of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission is authorized to prepare plans and programs for the adequate celebration of the Sesquicentennial anniversary; to give due and proper consideration to any plan or plans which may be submitted to it; and to take such steps as may be necessary in the co-ordination and correlation of plans prepared by the various State Commissions, or by bodies created under appointment by the Governors of the respective States, and by representative civic bodies, and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, desiring the full co-operation of the people of the United States, has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War does hereby endorse the program of observance of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States, to be observed beginning 1937; accept with appreciation the invitation of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission; appoint a special committee; pledge this organization to extend co-operation to the United States Commission in all possible ways so that our members may acquire a knowledge of the history of the Constitution of the United States; and unite our efforts with those of other organizations for the enlightenment of the whole nation.

And be it further resolved, That this resolution be incorporated in the official proceedings of this meeting, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

r. That nomination and election of officers be changed from October to December, and installation to January, so as to conform with that of the National body Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

3. Note the following changes in National Special Aides as announced in first General Order, to wit: Colorado—Carrie Dutton; Indiana—Minnie Haley; Vermont—Lou J. Alexander.

a. While not all Department Presidents have responded to the call for appointment of National Aides, the following appointees are hereby confirmed:

California—Ida Millen, Edith Keller, Carrie Turner, Lucy Hatler, Nellie Holbrook, Sister Crow, Sr., Gertrude Hickox, Mary Anderson, Ida May Lion, Emma Horning, Sadie Loop, Elizabeth Taylor, Minnie Miner.

Indiana—Bessie Hart, Zello Adams, Edith Szatkowski, Margaret Murray, Mildred Shartle, Della Niswander, Minnie Davis, Daisy Brock, Lela Shugart, Mattie Ayers, Anna Hull, Bertha Dragoo, Nettie Hawkins, Lillie Fears, Rebecca Mockler, Florence Bodle.

Maine—Irene Kelly, Bertha Halverson, Pansy Bolduc, Margaret Swift, Gertrude Cowan, Ella Cunningham, Mary Lane, Elizabeth Densmore, Agnes Kennerson, Gertrude Stewart, Molly Spinney, Lenora

Merrill, Edith Brown, Elizabeth Babb, Marjorie Spidmore, Margaret Morrison, Helen Palindino, Carrie Hollowell, Edna Burrill, Katherine Haswell, Louise Dunbar, Lillian Bosworth, Agnes Sweetney, Clara Canniell, Inez McDonald, Celia Morse, Mabel Robinson, Ethel Ludwig, Myrtle Gates, Viola Lane, Belle Hutchinson, Aodelle Lorne.

Maryland—Bertha Rannels, Vera A. Wittenberg, Mabel D. B. Gates, Ruth Carmichael, Rama B. Niemyer.

Missouri—Louise Hemmer, Ella Huchting, Bertha Killian, Lydia Schneider, Frieda Ahl, Ora Burch, Belle Hamblin, Mary F. Adams, Katherine Thiebes.

New Jersey—Ruth Huber, Grace Meisel, Ruth Gray, Anna Stuart, Henrietta Kurtz, Bessie Schoenberger, Stella Vay, Grace E. Mehl, Mary Paynton, Viola O'Connor, Mae Degenring, Louise Epple, Ruth Daly, Bessie Compton, Ella Reeger, Alice Pearson, Elvina Lovett, Elsie Emmons, Gertrude Sander, Anna Deall.

New York—Nettie Gardner, Madeline Hazen, Jessie Cole, Julia A. Mix, Jessie Rudishauser, Jennie Miller, Kate Lax, Augusta Stewart, Rowena H. Bishop, Mayme Witbeck, Georgania Johnson, Charlotte Scheninger, Edith Haus, Alice Waste, Lucile H. Coates, Edith J. Hunt; Minolia Hollister, Ella McOmber, Minnie Mariott, Hazel Hartmann, Harriet Birkle, Mrs. Gladue, Maude Owen, Carrie Connell, Marion Werner, Julia Jackson, Emma Baird, Edith Wakeman, Wilma Wallace, Dora Brock, Ruth Kelly, Celia Tannhauser, Phoebe Turner, Mae Taggart, Theda Jones, Mary Goldthrite, Bessie Cooley, Helen Pratt, Viva Fredenburg, Charlotte Mosbrugger, Mary Sattler, Margaret Rourke, Estelle Rider, Ruth Asperin, Ruth Hause, Mabel Bailey, Minnie Butler, Lillian Carlisle, Mary Trebing, Sylvia Taber, Eva Herman, Rena Soble, Mary McCoy, Alice Hogan, Mayme B. Dexter, Bess Countois, Grace McClellan, Agnes Hanlon, Edith Morse.

Ohio—Bessie R. Filby, Ethel Constance, Veda Garner, Cora Ackley, Hazel E. Dryden, Nettie Snyder, Maude Lee, Edith Hill, Mary Clay Comb, Margaret Kistler, Wilma Smith, Jennie Allen, Ada Newman, Lucille Dalby, Hilda Sands, Elizabeth Mullin, Clara Seidel, Jayne S. Snyder, Bertha Millholland, Lulu Culnon, Neva Pool, Frances Perkins, Ferol Nance, Eva Blackburn, Lozia Cooper, Bessie Speasmaker, Eva Mooney, Freda Franks, Florence Carrick, Lucille Hensley, Maude Burkhardt, Charlotte Reed, Leona Stull, Helen Kidd, Maude Warren, Hope Chambers, Mabel Beckwith, Estella Wood, Inthe Kerr, Jennie Kurtz, Edith Kern, Hazel Bigley, Irene Sharp, Florence Greenfeld, Charlotte Newkirk, Tressa Martin, Bernice Conrad, Ida Knox, Mae Goff, Laura Pence, Charlotte Probert, Mary Courtright, Bernice Heacock, Vinnie Price, Nancy Palmer, Lucinda McCarty, Esther Cook, Blanche Rowell, Mary Harrison, Callie Grundtisch.

Vermont—Mildred Poole, Geneva Sanders, Mary Lassar, Maude Hodet, Lou J. Alexander, Ruth Bullard, Mildred Jones, Jennie Balch, Evelyn Keefe, Etta Durkee, Ida Adams, Louise Cook, Julia Farr, Minnie Lambert, Blanche Tarbell, Agnes R. Evans.

Wisconsin—Mary McNamara, Christine McGraw, Cora Grimm, Ella Moore, Mary Rote, Josephine Struensee, Evelyn Chandler, Queen V. Copan, Nita B. Simpson, Mrs. O. Raymer, Mary Holland, Cecelia Dechent, Adeline Bear, Genevieve Lord.

Department Presidents, will you kindly see to it that these Aides are properly informed, by their President, of their appointment, and that they be URGED to communicate IMMEDIATELY with the National Chief-of-Staff, Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, 1116 Rutger St., Utica, N. Y., and they will receive their ribbon and be given instructions as to just what is expected of them.

4. In accordance with resolutions adopted, two new committees are created for this year, and appointment is hereby made:

National Defense—N. S. A. Emma Bolt, Missouri; D. P. Grace Higgins, Illinois; D. P. Lila A. Macey, New York; D. P. Edith B. Nile, Ohio; D. P. Hazel Lester, Wisconsin.

U. S. Sesquicentennial—P. N. P. I. Helen Downing, Washington, assisted by members of Cushing Auxiliary.

5. By the time these Orders reach the different Auxiliaries and are read at the meeting, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THEY WILL BE READ IN EVERY AUXILIARY MEETING; Christmas, the season of festive cheer and "Good Will toward Men," will have passed, but it is the ardent wish of your National President that the same happiness and joy that pervades during this season will continue throughout the whole year. In your New Year resolutions have you remembered your obligations to your organization and promised to be a more active member, assisting your new officers in pressing "FORWARD," and will you ask yourself:

Did I waste the day or lose it; was it well or poorly spent?

Did I leave a train of kinness or a scar of discontent?

As I close my eyes in slumber do I think that God would say, I have earned one more to-morrow by the work I did to-day?

Who will be the first and how many will be inscribed on the Honor Roll this year "by the work I did to-day?"

6. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can announce two more new Auxiliaries, Cortland, N. Y., and Woonsocket, R. I. We welcome these new members into our sisterhood, hoping they have become enthused and anxious to be of real service.

7. New Pass Words have been issued and will be forwarded after the first of the year. Will Auxiliaries please be more prompt in getting in reports on time to your Department, so, in turn, your Department officers will not have to be delayed in forwarding Department reports to our National Secretary. It is impossible for a machine to operate perfectly when some of the parts are missing, and that is just what happens when some Auxiliary is indifferent as to sending in reports ON TIME.

8. The many visits that your National President was privileged to make during the past month were indeed inspirational, and my thanks and deep appreciation are hereby acknowledged to those who had any part in making them interesting and enjoyable. At Gettysburg I had the pleasure of meeting and conferring with P. N. P. Katie H. Carr, chairman of membership committee, and plans were agreed upon for an intensive membership campaign. A circular will be issued shortly.

9. The following prizes are offered to stimulate activity in securing new members and organizing Auxiliaries:

\$15.00 to the Department instituting the most Auxiliaries (minimum 4).

\$15.00 to the Department showing the largest NET gain.

\$10.00 to Department showing second largest NET gain.

\$10.00 to Auxiliary showing largest NET gain.

\$10.00 to member bringing in greatest number of new members (minimum 25).

National Chief-of-Staff will offer a prize to National Aides in her circular to be issued in the near future.

10. After the holidays are over and we have all settled down again, it would be well for all Patriotic Instructors to begin to make plans for the proper celebration of our many holidays in February and thereabouts. That is your special duty—to see that our patriotic dates in history are fittingly observed. And please give your program worth-while publicity. Let our communistic enemies in our land know that WE WANT TO KEEP OUR AMERICA AMERICAN.

Loyally yours,

IDA L. LEWIS,
National President.

Attest:

MARGARET C. BRADY,
National Secretary.