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## ***FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT***

This is my last opportunity to address all of the members of the ASUVCW. I wish to express my appreciation to all the Sisters of every Department who supported my desire for a more cohesive organization with Fraternity and Charity for all on an equal basis. I stated in my first address after installation, “No one can lead if you choose not to follow, the choice is yours.” To all those who chose to follow, thank you. Thank you for caring more about our organization than yourself. I would ask you to continue caring more for our organization than yourself. If enough Sisters do it, we will eventually be the organization we once were. With a more peaceful atmosphere and more Sisterly love, new members and old members will want to stay and participate in the charitable work we do as well as share in the camaraderie. We have a common bond of a shared heritage; ancestors who sacrificed life and health to preserve the United States of America. We owe it to them to never let this country or anyone who lives here forget what they did. With some of the changes being

made in education, there is too little time devoted to this country’s history, both good and bad. We must educate as much as we can so that the division that once existed never occurs again. We are the United States of America and all the Allied Orders have the same goal of education about the Civil War, its causes, and the effect it had on us as a nation. We also share the GAR heritage of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Let each of us as individuals and as orders remember that in all our dealings within and between our orders. No one organization is superior to any of the others; we are equal heirs and share the heritage of the GAR.



To all Departments who extended an invitation to visit, I thank you. I met Sisters and Brothers I never met before and was allowed to learn the various projects of each Department. I wish we had the time at National Encampment to again have Department Presidents read the reports of Department activities. It is such a good source of information and ideas for others. I saw Departments where true Brotherly and Sisterly love exists and those who share the work of our organizations. It is most heartening to see and experience that.

I am most grateful for all the courtesies extended to me as I visited these Departments, including Brothers and Sisters getting up early enough to transport me to the airport for very early morning flights. I believe we had to leave for the airport around four in the morning. Every Department welcomed me most graciously and made me feel welcome.

All Sisters are urged to attend the National Encampment. Important decisions are made there and your voice should be heard. You will also have the opportunity to make new friends.

A definitive schedule cannot be provided at this time, but I can tell you that on Thursday the National Council will review the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, the National Membership at Large meets, and registration will take place. I have asked Sister Nancy Hilton, PNP to chair the registration committee. The National Secretary will have to be in the previously mentioned meetings and cannot be at the registration table. Tentatively the schedule for registration on Thursday will be 1 to 4 PM and 6 to 9 PM. It will most likely take place outside our meeting room. Suffice it to say, we will begin with a Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Friday morning, followed by our business session.

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I ask all Sisters to bring white dresses, white skirts or white dress slacks, white tops and white shoes, just in case you might be asked to fill in for someone. Business dress will be expected of all attendees at the business sessions. This means no flip-flops, jeggings, leggings, shorts, capris, tank tops or midriff tops. Shoes are required. Elected and appointed floor officers will wear white, as is our requirement.

All elected officers, all committee chairs and all specially appointed officers will have two typed copies of their report; one for the National Secretary and one for the committee to which their report is referred. All Department Presidents are to have two typed copies of their Department report for the National Secretary. If you are not attending please mail your report to her as soon as possible after the close of your Department Encampment.

By the time you receive this Memorial Day will have passed. I hope all of you were able to mark this very important day and the 150th anniversary of General Logan's Order establishing Memorial Day, or as it was then called Decoration Day.

Flag Day (June 14) and Independence Day (July 4) will also occur before our Encampment. Remember to celebrate these holidays in a manner befitting the freedoms we all enjoy.

Many of our Sisters are dealing with health issues, either of their own or with members of their families. We hope for a speedy recovery for each and everyone. To those who have lost a loved one, the sincere sympathy of the National Organization is extended to you with prayers for comfort and peace.

I am making the following floor appointments for the National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts. If you are not able to fulfill these positions please notify me by July 15th so that I may find someone to take your place.

#### Officers:

**Guide:** Amy Miller, PDP (Ohio)  
**Assistant Guide:** Hope Parker, PDP (New York)  
**Color Guard #1:** Barbara Day, PDP (Chesapeake)  
**Color Guard #2:** Ellen Higgins (New Jersey)  
**Inside Guard:** Susan Fallon, PAP (Wisconsin)  
**Outside Guard:** Linda Brown, PDP (Wisconsin)  
**Escorts:** Jo Ellen Kowalski (Illinois), Carol Dyer, PAP (Illinois)  
**Page:** Emelia Campbell (California & Pacific)  
**Parliamentarian:** Danielle Michaels, PNP (Wisconsin)  
**Council #3:** Cindy Eddy, PDP (California & Pacific)  
**Response to Sons Greeting Committee:** Anne Sosnowski, PNP (Pennsylvania)  
**Response to Patriotic Instructor gift recipient:** Virginia Twist, PNP (New York)  
**Response to all other dignitaries:** Judy Trepanier, PNP (Connecticut)  
**Greetings Committee to SUVCW:** Jackie Johnson, PNP (New Hampshire), Barbara Day, PDP (Chesapeake), Rosemary Martin DP (Chesapeake).



#### Committees:

**Registration:** Nancy Hilton, PNP (Ohio), Vickie Weiss, PDP (Michigan), Rachelle Campbell, PNP (California-Pacific).  
**Officers' Reports:** Anne Sosnowski, PNP (Pennsylvania), Judy Trepanier, PNP (Connecticut), Linda Brown, PDP (Wisconsin).  
**Committee Reports:** Jane Graham, PNP (Ohio), Jan Harding, PNP (Chesapeake), Joyce Norman, PDP (Connecticut).  
**Recommendations:** Betty Baker, PNP (New York), Bev Graham, PDP (California-Pacific), Ellen Higgins (New Jersey).  
**Resolutions:** Virginia Twist, PNP (New York), Cynthia Brown, PNP (New Hampshire), Rebecca Black, PAP (Ohio)  
**Elections:** Jo Ellen Kowalski (Illinois), Barbara Lynch, PAP (Ohio), Carol Jutte (NMAL).

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Massachusetts.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Ramona A. Greenwalt, PDP  
 ASUVCW National President

# National Encampment

## Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Framingham, Massachusetts — August 9-12, 2018

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center  
1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701

### Getting to Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center

1657 Worcester Rd, Framingham, MA 01701 Phone: (508) 532-1499

*Situated roughly 20 miles away from Boston Logan Airport and near a variety of major highways.*

### Ground Transportation from Boston Logan International Airport

#### Logan Express Motor Coach Service

Logan Express stops at all terminals. Look for signs directing you to pick up area for Logan Express.

Wait for the Framingham [Logan Express](#). Runs every half hour weekdays and weekend afternoons, every hour weekend mornings. Fare is \$12 one way, \$22 round trip.

Route ends at Framingham Logan Express terminal. Hotel shuttle will pick you up at the terminal, and bring you to the hotel. Reservation for shuttle required. Call the hotel at (508) 532-1499.

#### Taxi

Fee: \$90 Travel Time:30 - 40 minutes (

#### Knights Limousine Service

Fee: \$50; Estimated cost of door to door airport shuttle service is one way per person.

Contact:(800) 822-5456; Reservation Required

### Driving Directions to Sheraton Framingham Hotel

#### From Boston Logan International Airport

Follow the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) West to Exit 12.

Bear Left after the toll (turns into Route 9 West towards Framingham).

Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

#### From West

Follow the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) East to Exit 12.

Bear left after the toll (turns into Route 9 West towards Framingham).

Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

#### From South

Take Interstate 95 North to Exit 6B (Interstate 495 North towards Worcester).

Continue on I-495 North for about 25 miles. Take Exit 22 (Massachusetts Turnpike/Interstate 90 East) towards Boston.

Follow the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) East to Exit 12.

Bear left after the toll (turns into Route 9 West towards Framingham).

Stay in the right lane. The hotel is the first building on the right.

#### From North

Take Interstate 93 South to Exit 37B (Interstate 95 South/Route 128 South towards Waltham).

Follow I-95/Rte. 128 South to Exit 25 (Interstate 90 West/Massachusetts Turnpike).

From the Massachusetts Turnpike take Exit 12 and bear left after the toll (turns into Route 9 West towards Framingham).

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### Massachusetts RV Parks

<http://www.rvresources.com/rv-parks-campgrounds/massachusetts-rv-parks.php>

# Memorial Day Around the Nation



Above: Auxiliary No. 10 President Alana Zurinski and Ezra S. Griffin Camp No. 8 Commander Mark Zurinski and at Dunmore Cemetery in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Below: Department of Chesapeake Chaplain Denise Thompson at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland.



Below: National President Ramona Greenwalt and National Press Correspondent Rosemary Martin at the Civil War Unknown Monument in Arlington National Cemetery.





**Memorial Day** (continued)

*At left:* Members of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California.

L-R, standing: Frank Avila (PCC), Dan Bunnell (PDC), Dan Earl (PCC), John Jensen, Bev Graham (PDP), Bill Pope (CC), Linn Malaznik, Emelia Campbell, Tom Graham (PDC), Rachele Campbell (PNP), and Rick LaRosa.

L-R, kneeling in Spanish-American War uniforms: Paul Lavrischeff and Tad Campbell (PCinC)

*At right:* Members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 and Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 at Pioneer Park in Calistoga, California.

L-R: Cindy Eddy (DP), Allen Davis (PCC), Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian (PAP), and Ann Schleeter (PAP).



## National Chaplain

Hello from Michigan! I hope all are enjoying the flowering landscape in each of your areas. Let us say a prayer of thanks to our Maker for His beautiful creation and another for His protection as our Spring and Summer storms pass through the country.

I urge all Department Chaplains to forward their reports to me as soon as they are completed. To insure that all the names of our deceased Sisters are acknowledged during the memorial service at the National Encampment, I ask you to have your report mailed to me no later than July 1, 2018 to:

Connie Horning, National Chaplain  
 7541 Napoleon Road  
 Jackson, MI 49201



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and God's Love — Connie

• **Trea\$urer Time**

Each year the delegates to the National Encampment of our organization have the opportunity to review the draft budget proposed by the National Treasurer. The draft budget is also presented thirty days in advance to the National Officers. The voting delegates and officers at the National Encampment provide feedback and suggest changes to the draft budget. Once the budget is approved for the upcoming year, the National Treasurer is allowed to disburse and collect funds accordingly.

In the past, we have used a requisition system, wherein the National President was required to approve all spending. We now follow the approved budget and any spending outside the budget must be approved by the National Council in a separate request. These requests will be funded from our Permanent Account, which is managed by the National Treasurer, and who provides detailed transaction and balance reports periodically to the National Officers, as well as annually to the National Encampment.

So far this year the National Council has been asked to approve expenditures related to transcriptions of the 2012 and 2013 National Encampment proceedings, emblems for flag production (a new offering from our National Supply Officer), and updates to the website to secure information and safeguard the site against viruses and hackers.

Remember, our main sources of income come from per capita dues, and from donations to the National Chief of Staff's Fund and the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Donations to these accounts are accepted right up to the last day of the National Encampment. Monies in the Permanent Fund come from donations to the Honor Roll and from the Life Membership program, and are used for patriotic projects and unforeseen expenses above and beyond our typical annual projects. This is all at the approval of the National Encampment and by the National Council in the interim.

If there are any questions regarding our finances and the methods used please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to answer any questions and provide a more detailed picture of our finances.

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty — Mary Flynn, National Treasurer*




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## Charitable Activities



Hopefully, everyone is keeping track of her charitable activities. We all do a lot for our communities and especially for veterans. Let's

make sure we, and the Auxiliary, get full credit for our work and contributions.

Thank you to all who have already forwarded your reports. I will be sightseeing prior to the National Encampment, so I am requesting that all remaining reports be submitted by July 20th. Thank you for your assistance!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Rebecca De Cola Black, PDP, Chair  
 National Committee on Charitable Activities



## SISTERS SUPPORTING WOMEN VETERANS (SSWV)

As part of the Sisters Supporting Women Veterans (SSWV) project, members of the Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary No. 10 delivered laundry bags filled with gifts to Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Volunteer Services for distribution to homeless women veterans.

The donations were provided by an anonymous donor and consisted of pajamas, bathrobes, slippers, blue jeans, umbrellas, and pillows. The women in this unit are provided clothing and a place to live as they prepare to reenter society. They are given assistance in self-improvement, job hunting, and providing for themselves and their children, if any.

SSWV was developed as a philanthropic project of Auxiliary No. 10 and is sanctioned by the Department of Ohio, ASUVCW.



## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Greetings Sisters. I am MaryCatherine Knight, your National Patriotic Instructor and President of the Department of Massachusetts. I also hold the titles of mom to two teenage boys, Chair of the Belchertown Board of Registrar of Voters, and Secretary to the Executive Committee of Troop No. 57, Boy Scouts of America.

I am very excited that this year's National Encampment will be held in my home state and I hope to see you all there in Framingham! At the Encampment I will be raffling off an American Flag that was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, the USS *Constitution*, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and Fort McHenry.

This message combines my two positions of Patriotic Instructor and Registrar of Voters. I believe one of the most patriotic duties and a civic obligation for a person is to exercise their right to vote. Our country was founded on the principle of the people choosing someone to represent them. I'm not just talking about national and state elections. I believe the most

important votes are for your local-level government. I have seen many years of low voter turnout in my community and, after the election, people unhappy about the results of who were elected and what governing action were made. My question is always "Did you vote?" Usually the answer is "No." Men and women over the years have fought and died so that we could all have the right to vote, and yet there are those that feel that an hour of their day is too much of a sacrifice to have their voice heard. Yes, the results are not always what we would like, but if you vote at least you did your part in the name of democracy.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty  
MaryCatherine Knight, PDP — National Patriotic Instructor

# HEADSTONES DEDICATED IN MICHIGAN

On May 19th, the Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 joined Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) to dedicate ten new headstones and relocate one original headstone at the Grand Army of the Republic plot in Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City, Michigan.



L-R: co-PI Lorraine Jones (co-P.I.), Lisa Smith (AP), various Brothers from Camp No. 14, & Dorothy Rongey (PAP) reading "A Psalm of Life" by Longfellow.



L-R: Dorothy Rongey (PAP), PAP Mary Rose (PAP), Debra Downey (co-P.I.), AP Lisa Smith (AP) & Lorraine Jones (co-P.I.)

Although the day was rainy and cold, community support for the event was strong and included the Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums, two fire departments, state and city police, sheriff deputies, U.S. Army Reserves, school children, the U.S. Coast Guard (including a helicopter fly over), and a U.S. Representative.

## Allied Orders Wedding in Iowa

The Department of Iowa held their annual Department Encampment on April 21, 2018 at Veterans Memorial Hall in Waterloo, Iowa, culminating with a rare Allied Orders wedding.

SUVCW Dept. Junior Vice Commander Mike Carr exchanged wedding vows with ASUVCW Dept. Patriotic Instructor Deb Bailey. SUVCW Dept. Chaplain Dennis Sasse officiated, while Past Dept. Commander Jim Braden served as Best Man and ASUVCW Dept. Chaplain Denise Sasse served as Matron of Honor.



L-R: Deb Bailey, Denise Sasse, Marilyn Rittel, Mary Rittel, Linda Linn



Standing, L-R: Mike Carr (Groom), Jim Braden (Best Man), Denise Sasse (Matron of Honor), Dennis Sasse (Officiant). Seated: Deb Bailey (Bride)



## Auxiliary No. 10 Activities in Pennsylvania



*L-R: Jerry O'Malley, Jim Kobeski, Susan Mertz (DP), Mark Zurinski (CC), Alana Zurinski (AP), Dorothy Kelly, and Craig Kelly, with members of the Boy Scouts.*

On April 21<sup>st</sup> members of Auxiliary No. 10 and Camp No. 8 of Scranton, Pennsylvania recently conducted a wreath presentation ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln Monument in Nay Aug Park. It was a small crowd, but a cool and beautiful day to honor our 16th President.



*L-R: Craig Kelly, Chris Carty (DC), Susan Mertz (DP), Hal Myers, Ireland Myers, Alana Zurinski (AP) and Mark Zurinski (CC). Photo by Sister Dorothy Kelly.*

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, members of Auxiliary No. 10 and Camp No. 8 placed flags on veterans' graves at both the Dunmore Cemetery and Forest Hill Cemetery in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

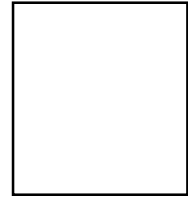
## Reminders

- All Reports of National Officers and Committees are due to the National Secretary by July 23, 2018.
- Pre-Registration for the National Encampment ends on July 15, 2018. Registration cost increases to \$20.00 after July 15<sup>th</sup>, including at-the-door registration.
- Some Departments have still not submitted their annual reports and/or per capita dues, including Installing Officer's Report (Form D01), Annual Per Capita Report (Form D02), and Report on Auxiliary Assets and Holdings (Form D08).

*Please contact National Secretary Rachelle Campbell with any questions about your Department's filing status.*

Don't Miss the  
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[www.facebook.com/ASUVCWNational](http://www.facebook.com/ASUVCWNational)

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can be obtained through eligibility in several ways:

1. Women who are lineal or collateral descendants, of soldiers, sailors or marines regularly mustered and honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865. Daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece, grandniece, etc., & legally adopted daughters qualify.
2. Mothers, wives, widows, daughters & legally adopted daughters of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing. (Not Associates)
3. Associate Memberships: Available to women who do not qualify through heredity, #1 & #2 above, who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Civil War and can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the Auxiliary. An Associate may vote and hold any office except that of National Vice-President and National President. Associates may not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election.
4. Junior Membership: For young ladies of not less than six (6) years of age.

For a membership application, please visit:

[www.asuvcw.org/mem.htm](http://www.asuvcw.org/mem.htm)