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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

“Respecting our Past, while paving our Future!”

Dear Sisters — I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with their loved ones, and that the New Year will bring you peace, happiness and good health.



It saddens me that we have lost two “Real Sons” during this term, as well as some wonderful Sisters who will be missed dearly. Our love and prayers go out all those families as they deal with their loss. I have always looked upon the Auxiliary as a sisterhood that is there to help and support those members in need in any way possible.

It pleases me to say that the National Auxiliary is doing well and I am looking forward to the new year, with all the endless possibilities that we as a scan accomplish.

Since August I have been busy with getting Emelia back into school and keeping up with the daily emails received. September brought the testimonial dinner for Tad and me. It was held at the historic Hayes Mansion in San Jose, California. We were graced with an outpouring of love and support from our many friends and family. In November we travelled to Gettysburg for the annual Remembrance Day events. I was honored to place a wreath with my lovely daughter at the GAR-Woolson Monument, and it was especially fun to experience the Civil War ball thru the eyes of a small child.

Now that the new year is under way, I have started to make my travel plans to attend as many Department Encampments as possible. I must say that this has been a bit of a challenge as there has been little or no information from some Departments. I would ask that if you would like to have the National President attend your Encampment to please let me know as soon as possible. Here is the list of current Department that I am planning on attending: California & Pacific, Michigan, New Hampshire, Chesapeake, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. If I am not able to attend your Department Encampment I will be sure to assign a National representative to attend in my stead.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Rachele M. Campbell, ASUVCW National President

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Vice President's Column

Dear Sisters,

Greetings, and Merry Christmas from your National Vice President. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season! I am thrilled to hear of the new Auxiliary in process out in Oregon, and hope anyone interested in forming or reinstating an Auxiliary, will contact me so I may be of assistance. Also, if you have any changes in address, email, etc. please be sure to send them in as soon as possible, so records can be updated quickly. I am looking forward to continued cooperation within our order, and within the Allied Orders in the upcoming year, and being able to serve my Sisters and Brothers in any way possible. God Bless you all.



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Linda Kronberg, PDP, National Vice President



Chaplain's Chapter

With spring soon to be in bloom, may we ask God's blessings on us all and hope the coming year will bring us good fortune. For those of us who have lost loved ones over the past year, may we remember them with love and take comfort in the fact that the Lord has given them a place in heaven.

Sisters, please let me know of any Sister or Sister's family member who is in need of special prayers. You can call me, e-mail me at mommyalf23@verizon.net or contact me thru FaceBook.

Also, remember our service men and women in your prayers - may they be kept safe. I will leave you with part of Abraham Lincoln's annual message to Congress on December 1, 1862. It is remarkable how it still holds true today.

"And while it has not pleased the Almighty to bless us with a return of peace, we can but press on, guided by the best light He gives, trusting that in His own time and wise way, all will be well."

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Anna Frail, PDP
National Chaplain



In Memoriam**Sisters in Need of Prayers
and Special Thoughts**

*God bless you each and every day,
And keep you in His care,
God grant your peace and happiness
And answer every prayer.*

Betty Baker, PNP
Jane Graham, PNP
DP Betsy Nightingale



Members may make a donation to the National Organization in memory of a special individual or for a person's birthday, anniversary, retirement or other special occasion. Checks should be made payable to "National Organization, ASUVCW" and sent to the National Treasurer. An Honor Roll Certificate will be sent to the person honored, or to their family if appropriate, with a copy kept in the Honor Roll Book. The following have recently been added to the Honor Roll:

IN MEMORY OF:

Lorraine Roth Orton, PAP
D.G. Caywood Aux. #72, Dept. of NY

DONATION BY:

Jerry Orton, PDC, Dept. of NY (husband)

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Sisters,

This is a friendly reminder that every Auxiliary and every Department is required to file annually an IRS 1090-N EZ Form. The 1099-N EZ Form Postcard is available on the Internal Revenue Service website (www.irs.gov) or at the following link:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

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

Auxiliary Rosters

The National Membership Roster needs to remain updated to ensure that information about the National Organization is accurate and that information is distributed to the members in a timely and efficient manner.

When per capita dues are paid, local Auxiliaries should also send two copies of their membership rosters to the Department Secretary. The Department Secretary should keep one copy for Department records and forward the other to the National Secretary.

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Sisters,

Thank you for all of the support and encouragement. It was great seeing many of you in Gettysburg at the Remembrance Day festivities!

This year, I am asking for every Department to participate in the Great Basket Challenge at the National Encampment. Here is how it will work. I am asking each Department to fill a basket with all sorts of goodies of their choosing. Be creative! These baskets will then be used in a raffle. But, the fun doesn't stop there! The Department basket that sells the most tickets will be awarded a superb prize to take home to their Department! There will also be a second category for baskets put together and donated by individual Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries-at-Large, for those who want to participate. More details will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition, please keep an eye on the Auxiliary Facebook page as well as our website, as I am working to offer special items for purchase in the weeks and months to come. These items will only be offered for limited times.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Ann M. McMillin, PDP, National Chief of Staff



Wreaths Across America

The mission of Wreaths Across America is "Remember, Honor, Teach." This is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday each December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all fifty states, ceremonies at sea, and in twenty-four national cemeteries on foreign soil.

A number of local Auxiliaries and individual Sisters across the country supported the mission by participating in such events.

At left, ASUVCW National Washington D.C. Representative Anne Frenette-Lewis places a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery on December 13, 2014.

For more information on this moving tribute, please visit the Wreaths Across America website at:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Life Memberships

Congratulations to three of our most recent Life Members!



PNP Barbara Mayberry receives her Life Membership in September from PNP Cynthia Fox (left) and National Treasurer Mary Flynn (right)



NP Rachelle Campbell (left) presents immediate PNP Diane Mellor with her Life Membership, also in September, a gift from her husband PCinC Perley Mellor (right)



CC Richard Griffin (left) and PDC Lee Stone (right) present PDP Mildred Ames with her Life Membership in December

On Saturday, December 6, 2014 Sister Mildred Ames was presented a Life Membership by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW, of which she has supported loyally for many years. Sister Ames is a long-time member and leader in the Auxiliary, for many years the National Washington DC Representative for the Auxiliary, Past Department President of the Department of Maryland/Delaware, and for many years President of the Auxiliary to Lincoln-Cushing Camp. During the December meeting of the Camp at the Dubliner Restaurant of the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington D.C., Millie was given a Certificate of Appreciation and her certificate of Life Membership in a small surprise ceremony. In her remarks as she accepted her award, she indicated that she was indeed surprised, and had thought of her long history of support for the Order as nothing out of the ordinary. Lincoln-Cushing Camp would like to thank the present National leaders of the ASUVCW, Rachelle Campbell, National President, Tricia Bures, National Secretary, and Mary Flynn, National Treasurer, for their active assistance in making this award possible.

Consider a Life Membership for yourself or someone else!

After making a one-time payment, a Sister may become a Life Member. She will remain a member of her local Auxiliary and may provide any additional support she deems fit, but will never be subject to per capita dues again.

The cost for Life Membership is as follows:

Under Age 50 = \$350.00

Age 50 – 64 = \$250.00

Age 65 – 89 = \$200.00

Age 90 and above = FREE

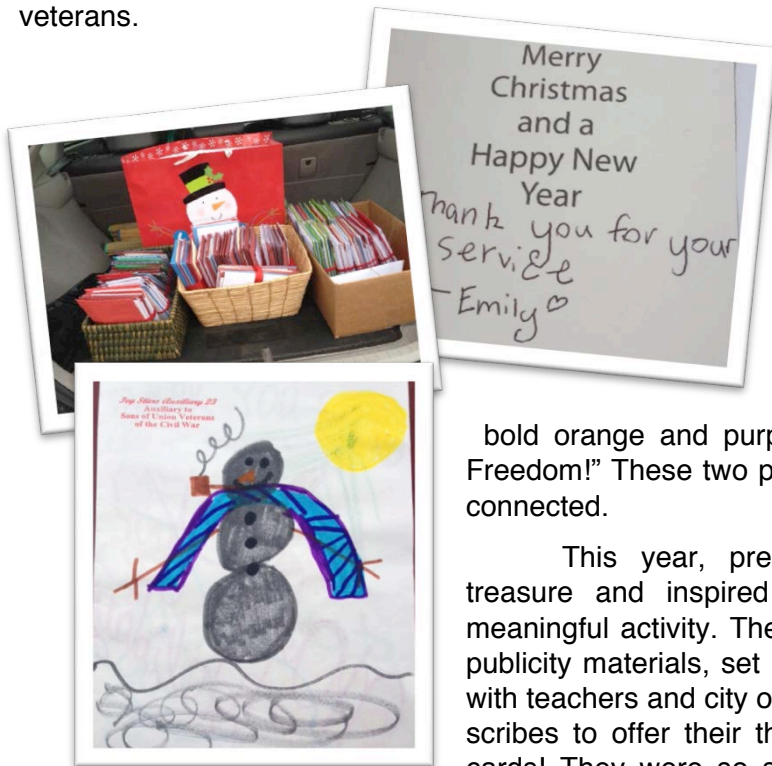
Information and the Life Membership Application Form may be found on the national website or may be obtained from National Treasurer Mary Flynn, 174 Maple Street, Methuen, MA 01844.

Auxiliary Angels

Inspiring Teens and Veterans

“Your bravery while standing to fight for our country will not be forgotten.” This is a heartfelt sentiment written in a holiday greeting card to an unknown U.S. Veteran. Although it was penned in December of 2014, you will recognize it as a timeless message — appropriate for any of the soldiers we have known or pledged to remember.

The Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, being true to her mission prevailed again in the 4th Annual Holiday Greetings for Veterans Project. This year the sisters collected 1,015 signed greeting cards with the generous help of several Girl Scout Troops, the students at Convent of the Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, the devoted parade goers at the Petaluma Veteran’s Day Parade, the residents at Chancellor Place Assisted Living, local churches, and many others. Auxiliary members also wrote scores of individual messages of thanks and appreciation to our veterans.



Although the project was designed to offer a simple moment of kindness and gratitude to the recipients of each card, the Auxiliary has discovered that this campaign has been an excellent way to educate the public about veterans and generate a respectful remembrance of those who have served on our behalf.

Imagine the moment when the unknown Veteran reads the words from this child written in bold orange and purple markers: “We will remember your work for our Freedom!” These two people do not know each other - but they are forever connected.

This year, president Tanya Gjerman recognized an untapped treasure and inspired the participation of our teen members in this meaningful activity. The junior members and their friends diligently created publicity materials, set up card signing stations, advocated for the program with teachers and city officials, encouraged the public, their peers and young scribes to offer their thanks and ultimately collected one half of the total cards! They were so successful that the president has appointed a teen committee to lead this project in 2015.

As one teen wrote in her list of suggestions for new card signers; “Thank you so much for your service to the USA. Have an amazing season and a Happy New Year.”

Elaine Christian, Vice President
Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, SUVCW

The Original Civil War Ball

The Annual Original Civil War Ball sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Remembrance Day, November 15th, 2014. The dance instructors and floor managers were the Victorian Dance Ensemble. Music was provided by the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band. There was a lovely group in attendance, dressed in period attire. Among the guests in attendance were the heads of the Allied Orders. Our own first family was there all the way from California! It was wonderful to see President Rachelle, Commander Tad, and daughter Emelia. Thank you to those Sisters and Brothers who donated to our Cake Walk and Door Prizes, we could not have done it without you. Until next Remembrance Day, keep your dance card ready.



Photo by Bro. Greg Carter

God Speed — Anne L. Sosnowski, PNP and the Ball Committee



Procedures for National Website Postings

Our national website is what is seen by the world, and tells everyone who we are, what we do and why we do it. It is one of the most valuable tools that we have to use, and it must be used to the best of our ability. A number of items that should be posted there are considered “legal documents”, and a copy of these items must be kept in the National Secretary’s files.

Last year brought much confusion in respect to how items are to be posted. The result was that some items were posted more than once, and others not at all. This led to unnecessary miscommunications, assumptions made in error and, at times, chaos. In 2010, when Bro. Ken Freshley, PCinC became our webmaster, he advised us of what our legal obligations are, and worked with the National Auxiliary officers to arrange the protocol, or procedures, for having items posted on the National website. A review of that protocol is very much in order.

The most efficient way to have an item posted on the National website is to send it in an email to the National Secretary. It can be included in the body of the email, or as an attachment. Of course regular U.S. Mail is an option. All items need to come to the National Secretary, to be sure that it is legal, and not slanderous or inappropriate for posting. If there’s any question about it, the National President and Members of Council are apprised, and are asked to make a judgment regarding its posting. Then it is sent in an electronic form to the National Webmistress for posting.

Time is not saved by not following the established protocol. Not following procedure results in the confusion that we were engulfed with last summer prior to the National Encampment. Items received via email must display the sender’s email address, and include the name of the sender, and her title, if applicable. Items that are sent via regular mail must be signed. The National Secretary has a list of what is required to be kept in the permanent files of the National Auxiliary. There are also guidelines as to what is considered to be libelous or slanderous, which are referred to when needed.

Remember: this is the Auxiliary’s “Public Face”, and what the World will observe and judge us by. As with all other actions that each of us takes, we must always keep in mind “The Good of The Order”.

Tricia Bures, National Secretary

Auxiliary Scholarship

2015 Scholarship Nominations

The ASUVCW awards one scholarship of \$500.00 each year. Applicants interested in this scholarship are asked to submit a letter detailing why they are interested in and deserving of this award. Applicants should also state what school they plan to attend and what subject they will be studying. Applications should be submitted directly to the National President.

Ruminations of the Patriotic Instructor

The Lincoln Funeral Train

There will be a huge historical reenactment taking place at Springfield, Illinois on May 1-3, 2015 – Lincoln's 2015 Funeral Train. Although we do not have an Auxiliary in either Illinois or Washington, D.C., and the event is not currently an "official" ASUVCW function, it would be nice for the Auxiliary to have a presence and show support for this historic event. Period dress, other than mourning attire, is encouraged, but not required. It is possible that the President of the United States may be in attendance. If you are interested in attending, either as a participant or a spectator, please visit the following website for more information:

www.lincolnfuneraltrain.org



Servitude

My hopes are that you enjoyed your holiday season great health and with those you love. With that sparkle of the heart, let us look forward to what we can accomplish for the Order this year. Last time I spoke of the meaning of F, C & L and its origin. Now I would like to consider the spirit of the word, SERVITUDE, and how it applies to what we strive to attain in our works. It is deep rooted in our pledge we recite at our meetings. It is in honoring our Civil War veteran that this is done. With empathy, compassion, zeal, and freewill, our serving others, especially our veterans, is the gift that we bring. There are many ways to strive to accomplish this task. Here are just a few ideas to pass along: 1. Thank a veteran for serving; 2. Donate blood, especially if you have type O; 3. Visit a veteran in a nursing home or Veterans Affairs Facility; 4. Donate needed items to an activated unit or the Veterans Affairs; 5. Place a wreath, flag, marker or flowers on a veterans' graves; 6. Take time at a cemetery to care for veterans' gravesites; 6. Sew lap quilts, colostomy bag covers, or other items for veterans; 7. Speak publicly on the history of the Civil War; 8. Lay a wreath at a war memorial; 9. Hire or help a needy veteran find employment, housing, food, clothing or other necessities for their family; 10. Donate to the widow or orphan of a fallen hero. These are just a few that come to mind. I am sure your Auxiliary has plenty to add. If you take the time to send me a list of your acts of servitude, I will share these in my next article. Perhaps reading them will generate additional ideas to fulfill our oath. I wish you the best in your endeavors.

In *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*,
Denise Oman, National Patriotic Instructor

Historian's Reflections

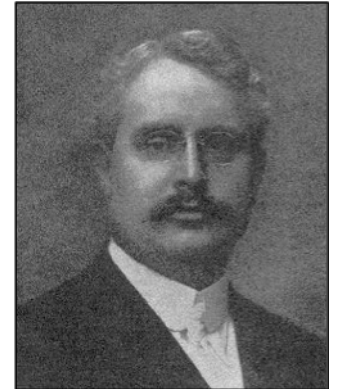
Voices from the past.....

The following excerpt comes from the 51st National Encampment held in Madison, Wisconsin in 1937. As Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon and other Sons enter the Auxiliary room to bring greetings, they were serenaded:

*Let me call you Sweetheart, Sons of Boys in Blue,
Let us hear you whisper that you love us too.
Keep your campfires burning and we'll see you through.
Let us call you Sweetheart, Sons of boys in Blue.*

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon addressed the membership as follows:

“... I am much older in years than most of you, yet I am not old enough as yet to not appreciate being called “Sweetheart” by such a wonderful body of women assembled here... It is unnecessary for me to laud your organization and tell you what you are and what you mean to the organization of Sons of Union Veterans. I have stood on the platform for many years, as those from my own Department can tell you, admiring the formation of an Auxiliary of good women becoming attached to the Camp of Sons of Union Veterans and I don't know where the Camp would be, and they will never amount to much, unless they have you women to back them up. But there is something else, ladies besides backing up the Sons of Union Veterans, besides trying to organize Auxiliaries. You have another work to do the same as the Sons of Union Veterans. There is much you can do. Think of the intolerance in this work today, and what you and the Sons of Veterans can do to prevent it. Intolerance in religion, God forbid that there comes a time, such as has, to forbid an individual from recognizing and praising his own God and Leader. There is intolerance touching our children, many of them intolerant towards God in their infancy which never get out of their heads, but goes on and on through life. It does not harm us elders so much. We have reasoning and should know better. Ladies as you go home, just preach tolerance, tolerance in speech and tolerance in action, tolerance in religion, and when you have done that you will have done a wonderful work.”



SUCVW PCinC Ralph Sheldon

With all the happenings going on in this country today, do these words still ring true after seventy-seven years? It is in the education of our children, teaching tolerance, our virtues, our traditions, our values that will cause change. Education's “Core Values” do not cover these teachings. Each time I read one of these great comments from our past leaders, I wonder what have we done for the good of the Order? What will be our legacy?

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Danielle Michaels, PNP, National Historian



Reminders

2015 Natl. Encampment

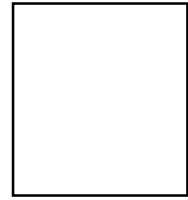
The 129th Annual National Encampment will be held in Richmond, Virginia on August 19 to 23, 2015. Please note the change from the second weekend in August to the third weekend. More details will be available on the national website and in future issues of the *Auxiliary Voice*.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 59th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUCVW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the SUCVW website at:

www.sucv.org/?p=1377

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www.asuvcw.org

**Also check us
out of Facebook!**

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