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Lincoln's Birthday Celebrated

The Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43, Department of Pennsylvania recently held a tea to celebrate the 206th Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. The event was well attended and they had a wonderful tribute to Lincoln in his younger years. Auxiliary No. 43 is proud to be celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year!



FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

“Respecting our Past, while paving our Future!”

Dear Sisters —

I want to thank all the wonderful sisters and brothers who have been so kind to the Commander-in-Chief and myself on our travels. Everyone has made us feel so welcome. It has been nice to visit with long-time acquaintances and to make new friends along the way. To everyone I want to say a special thanks for making this such a wonderful experience for our daughter Emelia. I look forward to seeing all of you in Richmond in August!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Rachelle M. Campbell, ASUVCW National President

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Ann Lewis presents the wreath

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CEREMONY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

An Abraham Lincoln Birthday Ceremony was held at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, DC, on February 12, 2015. Peter Dixon of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) led the Ceremony. The event involved ceremonial wreath placements including those by the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ann Lewis, Washington D.C. Representative, placed the wreath for the ASUVCW. Rosemary Martin, as a National ASUVCW Personal Aide, represented National ASUVCW President Rachelle Campbell as well as the ASUVCW Department of California and Pacific.

MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY, ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, SUVCW Antietam Camp No. 3, Department of the Chesapeake, conducted their 7th Annual Medal of Honor Ceremony at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland. The Camp holds this ceremony in alignment with the National Medal of Honor Day. This year Antietam Camp No. 3 honored 20 Union soldiers who were awarded the Medal of Honor for action during the Battle of Antietam on September 17th 1862.



Stuart Younkins & Rosemary Martin



Karl Woodcock and Rosemary Martin, with the Gettysburg Blues

The opening ceremony was held at the Dunker Church. Camp Senior Vice Commander Tommy Chapman organized the activity. Camp Junior Vice Commander Stuart Younkin and Camp Commander Karl Woodcock led the ceremony. Many attended the ceremony, including representatives of two U.S. Senators, a representative from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, SUVCW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff, SUVCW Department Commander Robert Pollock, and SUVCW

National Chief of Staff, Kevin Martin. The Gettysburg Blues, led by SUVCW National Color Bearer Justin Dorsey, provided the Honor Guard.

Following the Medal of Honor Ceremony, memorial tributes were given and wreaths were placed at the Maryland Monument. ASUVCW National Personal Aide Rosemary Martin presented a wreath on behalf of ASUVCW National President Rachelle Campbell. Sister Rosemary also represented the Department of California and Pacific, and Sister Barbara Day represented the Department of the Chesapeake, when each placing a dozen live red roses with red, white, and blue ribbons, at the foot of the monument.



The Gettysburg Blues with Rosemary Martin

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN DINNER, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On Tuesday evening, April 14, 2015, the James A. Garfield Camp, led by Camp Commander Faron Taylor, held a President Abraham Lincoln Dinner Meeting at the Johns Hopkins Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Each attendee was given a mourning cockade in memory of Abraham Lincoln. Among the attendees were ASUVCW National Personal Aide Rosemary Martin, SUVCW National Chief of Staff Kevin Martin and SUVCW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff. The guest speaker, Robert Mullauer, provided a different approach when speaking about Abraham Lincoln's last day, asserting that it was the happiest day of Lincoln's life.



Chaplain's Chapter

My prayers have been with all of you throughout these past months. Many of us have lost loved ones and I pray that the happy memories bring smiles to your faces and comfort.

Please let me know of any Sister or family member in need of special prayers or words of encouragement. You can e-mail me or contact me on Facebook.

Also, remember our service men and women at home and abroad. Keep them in your prayers as I do in mine. For without them and their years of service we would not be where we are today.

With our yearly Department Encampments being held, please send me your Chaplain's reports as soon as you can. They can be e-mailed to me at mommyalf23@verizon.net or mailed to my home at 19 Briar Point Ave., Coventry, RI 02816.

I leave you again with a quote many believe came from Abraham Lincoln. "*We complain that rose bushes have thorns, or we can rejoice that thorn bushes have roses.*" May all of our cups be always half full!



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Anna Frail, PDP – National Chaplain

A Very Special Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, telephone calls . . . and for thinking of us during our time of recovery and healing.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Max and Nancy Newman – Department of Michigan

In Memoriam



REAL SON
Hilbert Joseph Gramelspacher
 Dept. of Missouri

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Richard Lee Greenwalt
 Dept. of Ohio

REAL SON
Luke Perkins Martin, Jr.
 Dept. of North Carolina

**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.*

**Melisa Barron
 Tricia Bures**



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:

Sister Marie Marino
 Willie Grout Auxiliary No. 25, Dept. of Massachusetts

DONATION BY:

PCinC Perley Mellor & PNP Diane Mellor

Treasurer Time

Sisters,

As was done last year, Department Treasurers, please ensure that I have received your Annual EIN Reporting Form (Form # D11) either by mail or electronically when forwarding your Annual Department Treasurer's Report (Form # D04). For those Auxiliaries not submitting to a Department, please sent your Annual Auxiliary Treasurer's Report (Form #3 A04) by mail or electronically to me at 174 Maple St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Also, each Auxiliary and Department Treasurer should visit our website ASUVCW.ORG and click on OUR FORMS / DOCUMENTS and

then continue on to click on NATIONAL FORMS. Here, at the bottom, you will find two very important links that provide you with instructions on completing your IRS-1099- EZ Form and IRS-8822-B forms. Please become familiar with these instructions for complete compliance. For those needing assistance feel free to contact me at 1-978-208-0543.

As each Department conducts their Encampments, I wish all my Auxiliary Sisters, a very productive and harmonious event and look forward to seeing you in August at our National Convention.

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

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Sisters,

As we approach our Department Encampments, please consider making a donation to your National fundraisers. The funds raised are vital to our organization. If you have already sent a check to our National Treasurer earmarked for either the Chief of Staff or Patriotic Instructor, I thank you. Your support has been a true blessing.

As a reminder, 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, use a theme, or highlight special products from your home state! These baskets will then be raffled off. But, the fun doesn't stop here! The Department basket that sells the most tickets will be awarded a superb prize to take home to their Department! For those wishing to participate there will also be a second category for baskets put together and donated by individual Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries-at-Large. Tickets will be offered for a donation of \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00. I will provide the tickets and bags. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Life Memberships

Congratulations to our seven new Life Members!

Janice A. Davis — Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, Dept. of Michigan
June Kay Lloyd — Austin Blair Auxiliary No. 7, Dept. of Michigan
Edith D. Murray — Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary No. 7, Dept. of New Hampshire
Marjorie Schultz — Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, Dept. of Michigan
Lisa Gippert Smith — Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, Dept. of Michigan
Marion O. Weckworth — CK Pier Badger Auxiliary No. 4, Dept. of Wisconsin
Margaret Zerwekh — AMMI Hawks Auxiliary No. 5, Dept. of Wisconsin

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.

ASUVCW 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.

The Mantle of Charity

We hear a lot about Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty; they are key principles that unite the Allied Orders. In recent years, however, we seem to have mislaid the “mantle of charity.” Sometimes also referred to as the “veil of charity,” the mantle of charity gives us clear instructions on how to apply Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty to our activities within our respective organizations and between the Allied Orders.

The Grand Army of the Republic understood that, with any group of individuals, passions and tempers can grow hot. Reading the proceedings of their annual encampments gives you a taste of the fighting temper and spirit that remained in these Veterans, long after their days of battle. In some instances, men were physically restrained before punches were thrown within the meeting room. Yet, it was tacitly understood by all that what happened in the meeting stayed in the meeting room. After the business session, the men would renew the fraternal bonds around the campfire, to recall what had joined them together in the first place. Those bonds were stronger than any personal difference of opinion.

When I joined the Daughters almost twenty-five years ago, I was struck immediately by one passage within the initiation ritual. When dealing with another member of the Order, I was instructed to “Always throw the mantle of charity over her words and deeds, making them appear in the best light possible.” Not an easy concept to put into practice, but vital in the workings of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. The Grand Army members were keenly familiar with this mantle of charity, and that was what enabled them to put aside their differences at the end of the day. In 1881, when the Aaron Wilkes Post 23, Department of New Jersey, visited Richmond, Virginia as the guests of “The Old First Virginia Infantry,” they encountered some among the Southern citizens who were less than gracious. In the book documenting their trip, the authors chose to throw the “kindly veil of charity” over all those who were not in sympathy with the spirit of their reception.



In the past five years, I personally have seen many instances where personal arguments have threatened the organization on every level, from the local camp, tent, circle, auxiliary or corps, to the department, and even the national. Instead of working together to do the true work of the Orders, we have divided ourselves, seeking to press charges at every turn against anyone who doesn't do things the way “we” think they should. I have seen the division between those who reenact and those who don't cause our organizations on the local level to collapse. Good people are turned away or turned off by the bickering among us, and that could be the sounding of the death knell for our orders.

The mantle of charity allows us to overlook the faults and differences of others, so that we can practice true fraternal charity. They are our sisters and brothers-- how can we exhibit the true ties that bind us all together while harboring anger or resentment in our hearts toward them? We can't. But, by wrapping this figurative mantle of charity around them like a cloak, we may overlook the unpleasantness and embrace our siblings. Perhaps the image of the veil is easier to understand in this case. A veil changes the way we see things- it doesn't change what was said or done, merely our perceptions of it.

None of us are perfect, and there are times when the best of us forget this directive. Even today, the passions and fighting spirit of our ancestors flow through our veins. But, we must never forget that, at the end of the day, we are all united working hard to preserve the memory of the “Boys who wore the Blue.”

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty — Ann McMillan, Fraternal Relations Liaison

Historian's Reflections

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

These three simple words defined the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic. These three words served as their motto. Hearing these three words, kindled the spirit of greatness and was breathed into the Allied Orders by inheritance.

FRATERNITY refers to the brotherhood our Civil War ancestors felt toward the men with whom they served. It was because of the great dedication of their patriotism that we set aside days of remembrance to perpetuate their heroic deeds, sacrifices, and the preservation of our nation – especially Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Lincoln's Death Day, and Appomattox Day.

CHARITY refers to The Grand Army of the Republic adopting their principles from President Lincoln's second inaugural address, "to bind up the Nation's wounds, and to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan." The many works our members do to ensure the principles of caring for the needy veteran, widow, and family members are addressed as well as keeping the memory of our Civil War veterans true through teaching U.S. Civil War history, marking, decorating, and maintaining Civil War headstones, monuments and battle sites.



LOYALTY refers to being loyal to the United States Constitution and its flag.

Those three words offer each of us the opportunity to participate in our Order to conduct the many needed services of our nation in the name of our organization. How have you participated in this venture? Have you visited a veteran, dropped off personal items at a Veterans Administration hospital, cleaned a cemetery, laid a wreath at a veteran's grave, maintained a Civil War monument, fed a homeless veteran and his or her family, mailed in coupons for soldiers to use while serving, created a quilt, blanket, pillow case, or care package to send to a serving soldier? Have you come up with other ideas and acted upon them? Have you helped our National Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff raise money this year? They have an incredible task of earning thousands, not hundreds of dollars, to support our organization. Through the years, our Sisters have stepped up and have been counted on to aid both the Order and our needy veteran. As a member, what will be your legacy?

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

General Orders, Series 2014-2015

General Order #1 - Establishing National Headquarters

General Order #2 - National Committee Appointments

Special General Order #1 - The Acknowledgement of the Passing of Real Son Carson W. Yeager

Special General Order #2 - The Acknowledgement of the Passing of Real Son David Ordean Chase

Special General Order #3 - The Acknowledgement of the Passing of Real Son Luke Perkins Martin, Jr.

Special General Order #4 - The Acknowledgement of the Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher

Special General Order #5 - The Acknowledgement of the Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt

The full text of the above Orders may be found on the National website at:

http://www.asuvcw.org/forms_doc.htm

“On to Richmond!”

2015 ASUVCW and SUVCW GAR Encampments

The 2015 annual SUVCW and ASUVCW National Encampment (Convention) will be held August 20-23 in Richmond, Virginia. If you have any questions or concerns please contact National Secretary Tricia Bures, 11526 Bona Vista Ct. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Phone: 360-786-9451. Email: asuvcw@verizon.net.

The Department of the Chesapeake invites you to Richmond, Virginia for the 2015 National Encampment. The Omni Hotel Richmond will serve as our headquarters from August 20-23. The Omni is at the center of Richmond’s financial, judicial, and legislative districts, blocks from State Capitol and just eight miles from Richmond International Airport. The hotel is located in the historic Shockoe Slip district and is close to first class dining and entertainment venues. The hotel has 361 guest rooms, a heated indoor pool and outdoor sun deck, 24-hour dining, full-service restaurant, ATM, business center, etc. Reserve your room now by calling (800) 843-6664. You may also book reservations online by following this link:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/allied-orders-of-grand-army-of-republic-national-encampment-8>



PLEASE NOTE: We have sold out our block of rooms for Wednesday Aug. 19 and the hotel is not able to honor our \$99 rate for any additional rooms on that date. There are still many rooms available at our rate for Thursday through Saturday night, Aug. 20- 22. Once we reach our block number for those dates, the hotel will in all likelihood not honor our rate for additional rooms. Please make your reservations early.

The Allied Orders Banquet will take place on the evening of Saturday, August 22, 2015

To reserve your meals and seats, complete this form and send with check payable to “Dept. of the Chesapeake, SUVCW” to:

2015 Allied Orders Banquet
c/o Michael Paquette, PDC
11901 Branchwater St.
Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6701

*Seating is limited to 300 persons.
Reservations must be received
prior to August 14, 2015.*

2015 National Encampment Allied Orders Banquet Order Form

Name	
Street	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Organization	

- Reserve ___ chicken entree, starch, salad, and dessert @ 38.00 each.
- Reserve ___ fish entree, starch, salad, and dessert @ \$38.00 each.
- Reserve ___ vegetarian meal and dessert \$ 38.00 each
- Reserve ___ children’s meal (chicken fingers, fries, vegetable, and cookie) @ 17.00 each.

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please list any dietary restrictions here:

**2015 National Encampment
Group Tours - Order Form**

Two tours will be offered on Thursday 20, August 2015 and will be presented by a National Park Service representative. Seating is limited to 54 persons for each tour.

- The morning tour will be in the immediate Richmond area and cover the Gaines Mill and Cold Harbor Battlefields. The morning tour will depart the Omni Hotel at 8:00 AM and return at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$25.00 per person (no NPS admission fee).
- The afternoon tour will cover the Petersburg Battlefield and depart the Omni Hotel at 1:00 PM and return at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 NPS admission fee – total cost \$27.00 per person.

Name	
Street	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Organization	

Reserve ___ seats @ 25.00 each for the morning tour. Cost \$ _____
 Reserve ___ seats @ 27.00 each for the afternoon tour. Cost \$ _____
 Total enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form plus check payable to **Dept. of the Chesapeake, SUVCW** to:
 2015 National Encampment Tour
 c/o Michael Paquette, PDC
 11901 Branchwater St.
 Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6701

Reservations must be received prior to 14 August, 2015.

**Pre-registrations
Are Now Being Accepted**

Pre-register before July 31, 2015: \$10 per Sister using the form provided on the National ASUVCW website. The fee includes (1) Friday campfire program, (2) memorial service, and (3) the Saturday hospitality room.

Special Optional Activities

Plans are in development for a bus tour to Appomattox and/or Richmond area Civil War battlefield sites. On Saturday, August 22, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. the Sons of Veterans Reserve commanding general and members will host a breakfast. The breakfast is open to all brothers. SVR members are encouraged to attend in uniform with their wives and families. On Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m. will be the Allied Orders Banquet featuring a formal meal (with two entree choices) and entertainment.

Parking

There is no self-service parking available at the Omni Hotel, however, we have a discounted rate of \$10.00 per day for valet parking. Availability of the discounted rate will be tied to the name(s) on your hotel reservation. If you are sharing a room with someone who has a vehicle that they would also like to park at the hotel, be sure to include their name(s) when you make your reservation. Additional information regarding other public parking facilities close to the hotel will be available soon.

**2015 National Encampment
Program Book Advertisement
Order Form**

Name	
Street	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Organization	
Ad <i>(note Program Book will be 8.5" x 11")</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (8.5" x 11") \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> ½ Page (8.5" x 5.5") \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> ¼ Page (4.25" x 5.5") \$15

Mail this form plus check payable to **Dept. of the Chesapeake, SUVCW** to:
 2015 Nat'l Encampment Program Book
 c/o Michael Paquette, PDC
 11901 Branchwater St.
 Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6701

Email a digital copy (MS Word or PDF) of the Ad to paquettemichaela@aol.com
 or include a printed copy of the Ad with the above form and check.

Orders must be received prior to 8 August, 2015.



**2015 National Encampment
Commemorative Medal Order Form**

The Dept. of the Chesapeake is proud to present this year's Encampment Commemorative medal in remembrance of President Lincoln's visit to Richmond on 5 April 1865. This medal will be produced in limited quantities. Each medal will be individually numbered. Medals will be selected starting with the lowest number available and provided on a first come basis.

Artist's rendition for illustrative purposes only. Actual medal may vary slightly.

Name	
Street	
City, State Zip Code	
Phone	
Email	
Organization	

Please reserve me ____ medal(s) @ \$25.00 each Total \$ ____
 I will pick my medal(s) up at the Encampment in Richmond
 Send the medal(s) to me. (Please include \$3.50 per medal for shipping and handling) Total \$ ____
 Total enclosed \$ ____

Mail this form plus check payable to
Dept. of the Chesapeake, SUVCW to:
 2015 National Encampment Comm. Medal
 c/o Michael Paquette, PDC
 11901 Branchwater St.
 Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6701



2015 ASUVCW National Encampment Pre-Registration Form

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

AUXILIARY NAME & NUMBER: _____

I will be attending the National Encampment as a (***select only one***):

- Delegate
- Alternate
- Past National President
- Guest

() If under 18 years old, check – Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please complete this form and send with check or money order (no cash) for **\$10.00** made out to “**National Organization, ASUVCW**” and mail to:

Tricia Bures, National Secretary
11526 Bona Vista Ct SW, Olympia, WA 98512-9009

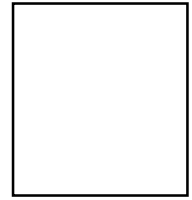
Important Reminder: This form does ***NOT*** replace a completed Credentials Card and current Membership Card, both of which are required to complete your registration at the Encampment. ***You will not be able to register at the Encampment without both of these cards.***

Pre-registration deadline is July 31, 2015

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENCAMPMENT, PLEASE VISIT:

http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=20

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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