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THE AUXILIARY VOICE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Greetings Sisters!

I wanted to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for allowing me to serve the organization as the National President for a second term. Congratulations to all of the Sisters who were elected or appointed to a National Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I look forward to working closely with each one of you.

Sisters, I must express my concern for our beloved organization. There are two vacancies that remain despite all efforts of our highly experienced Council to find someone to take on these roles. The National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff are vital offices to the ASUVCW. The women in these roles have the responsibility of raising funds for our endeavors and to cover the expenses incurred by the organization throughout the year. If these positions remain vacant, the National Organization may need to consider eliminating cost inducing projects, making changes to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or reducing the donations made to charitable organizations. I am at the mercy of our membership for assistance. If there is any Sister that is gracious enough to take on one of these offices or would like more information about job responsibilities, please contact me directly.

Additionally, it has been decided by the Council that the Auxiliary Voice will no longer be mailed out to members in paper format. The newsletter will solely be available online. Those wishing to receive a paper copy may contact their Department or Auxiliary at Large for assistance in printing. This will greatly reduce the expenses incurred for printing and shipping by the National Organization.

As we look towards closing out 2022, it is my intention to continue to provide open communication among all echelons within the Auxiliary. I will again be hosting quarterly National Officer meetings online, as well as quarterly Department President/Auxiliary at Large President meetings. Attendance is highly encouraged. Additionally, I ask that all Presidents verify contact information with the National Secretary to ensure our roster is correct.

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I am excited to participate in the various activities and events throughout this term as I had such an enjoyable time last year getting to know the wonderful members of this organization. Please feel free to send me an invitation to any large event, Department level meeting, or celebration as you see fit.

And as always, please remain safe.

In F., C., & L.,



Allison Pollitt
National President
ASUVCW

from the National Treasurer...

Greetings, Sisters!

As we look toward the next year there are a few housekeeping items that I want to share:

- **Per Capita dues have been raised to \$15.00 per member.**
- Donations to the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor can be made at any time throughout the year.
- All Auxiliaries and Departments are required to file Form 990-N (e-Postcard) with the IRS annually. Information regarding the 990-N, including the link to file online, can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirementfor-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>.

As always, if you have any questions or need some assistance, please contact me at treasurer@asucwv.org.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

Amy Miller, PDP
National Treasurer

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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 – 84 = \$200.00
Age 85 and above = FREE

The Life Membership Application Form (A15) may be found on the National website at asucwv.org under Forms/Auxiliary.





LET US GIVE THANKS

It is that time of year when we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is so easy during the holiday season, and even at other times, to be overwhelmed with all the tasks and activities that we need to do. Sometimes, in the midst of preparation, we forget to pause and reflect on why we should be

celebrating. At least fifty Scriptures reflect thanksgiving. These Scriptures provide encouragement as to why we should give thanks and how to express our gratitude. Please take a breath and a moment to stop and read the following in thanksgiving and to contemplate God's blessings.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." – Colossians 3:15

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" – Psalm 107:1

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name." – Psalm 100:4

A Prayer of Reflection: Almighty God, we thank You for Your goodness, great love, and care. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it, and all other blessings. We thank You for Your comfort and Your presence, in light of good days and bad. Thank you for what we have now, for what we had yesterday, and for what You will continue to give tomorrow.

Let us always be grateful for every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving not only today but every day of our lives. We pray for health and strength to try to live as You would have us. Please renew our spirits and fill us with Your peace and joy. This we ask in Thy name. Amen.



Attention: For those who need prayers or have a special event in their lives or a special request, please let me know through leaving a message at 301-682-7336 or an e-mail to chaplain@asuvcw.org. Also, if you use Facebook, please feel free to visit and to post on The Chaplain's Corner, ASUVCW to share celebrations or difficulties and requests for prayers.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and with thanksgiving,

Rosemary Martin, PDP
National Chaplain ASUVCW

from the National Secretary...



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AT THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

GRAND RAPIDS, MI AUGUST 12-13, 2022

From the notes of the National Secretary

1. That PNP Denise Oman be reimbursed for her travel expenses in the amount of \$3,500 that had not been paid previously. **Passed**

2. That the Life Membership fee received in 2021 be transferred to a separate line item in the Budget to pay for future Life Membership costs. **Passed**

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

3. Recommendation to change Regulations Chapter I, Article II Membership, Section 8: Dual Membership is permitted with the person entitled to the rights and privileges accorded all members. National Per Capita Dues shall only be collected on Sisters from their Primary Auxiliary. Should a Sister be a Dual Member in two different Departments, both Auxiliaries shall be responsible for the State Per Capita Dues in their respective Departments. These Auxiliaries may charge the Dual Member dues, however, the Dual Member will not pay the Five Dollar (\$5.00) application fee when being accepted as a member in another Auxiliary. **Passed**

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

4. That when the National Patriotic Instructor reaches the fundraising goal of \$2,000 and exceeds it by \$100 or over, that the additional funds be split 50/50 with the National ASUVCW and the chosen Charity. **Failed**

NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

5. Adopt a National Graves Registration Officer Job Description. **Failed**

6. Create a National Auxiliary Graves Registration Committee. **Failed**

7. That a Department may establish a Graves Registration Officer and encourage members at Auxiliary level to support that position. **Passed**

8. That the National Graves Registration Officer be a 3-year appointed position. **Passed**

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NATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR FEMALE VETERANS INFORMATION

9. That the position of National Auxiliary Female Veteran Liaison Officer become a 5-year permanent appointed position. **Passed**

NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER

10. That we research the possibility of using PayPal for direct deposits and collection of shipping costs, saving us postage expenses. **Failed**

11. That the Supply Officer be provided \$150.00 and that amount maintained throughout the year for shipping and expenses. **Passed**

12. That the pictures of the supply list items be available on the website, Facebook, etc. for viewing by the membership. **Passed last year, tabled until next year**

NATIONAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

13. That the Article IV Discipline Section have sections 4-7 removed and replaced with new Sections 4-10 that creates a timeline for how a complaint is handled. **Passed**

NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

14. That the National President’s Travel Reimbursement be increased to \$4,000. Committee recommended a higher amount. Travel Reimbursement for the National President raised to \$5,000.

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15. Regulations, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article VII Meetings – Add Section 6. Hybrid meetings will be permitted to include in-person and teleconference.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. That the Per Capita Dues be increased to \$15.00 per year beginning 2023.

ASUVCW National Officers

President	Allison Pollitt	Membership at Large	
Vice President	Sue Freshley	Coordinator	Wanda Langdon, PNP
Secretary	Judy Morgan	Investigative Officer	Rachelle Bursheim
Treasurer	Amy Miller	Female Veteran’s Organizer	Susan Fallon
Council #1	Ramona Greenwalt, PNP	Webmaster	Wanda Langdon, PNP
Council #2	Linda Kronberg, PNP	Newsletter Editor	Karen Schwarz
Chaplain	Rosemary Martin	Graves Registration	Connie Horning
Patriotic Instructor	<i>Vacant</i>	Charter Representative	Judy Morgan
Press Correspondent	Shari Milburn	Liaison to the National	
Supply Officer	Denise Oman, PNP	Encampment Host Committee	Anna Frail
Historian	Danielle Michaels, PNP	Representative for the	
Chief of Staff	<i>Vacant</i>	Cathedral of the Pines	Diane Mellor, PNP
Personal Aide	Anne Michaels	Liaison for Washington, DC	
Counselor	Danielle Michaels, PNP	Activities	Rosemary Martin
	Michael Paquette, PCinC	Liaison for Lincoln Tomb	
		Activities	Carol Dyer

At the Encampment...



CinC Michael Paquette was presented with the A. P. Davis Award by National President Allison Pollitt for his continuous dedication to promoting fraternity, charity, and loyalty amongst the Allied Orders.



CinC Michael Paquette, PCinC Mark Day and PCinC Brian Pierson brought greetings to the Auxiliary members attending the National Encampment. Brother Day accepted the ASUVCW Scholarship on behalf of Sister Emily Mullen and read a letter of thanks she had written.



PNP Denise Oman was appointed as the Installing Officer and installed the National Officers for 2022-2023. In the photo she is introducing the National President to the membership for a second term.



The Veteran Service Dogs Organization was selected by the National Patriotic Instructor to receive a donation. A representative from the organization explained the high demand of service dogs and training capabilities.

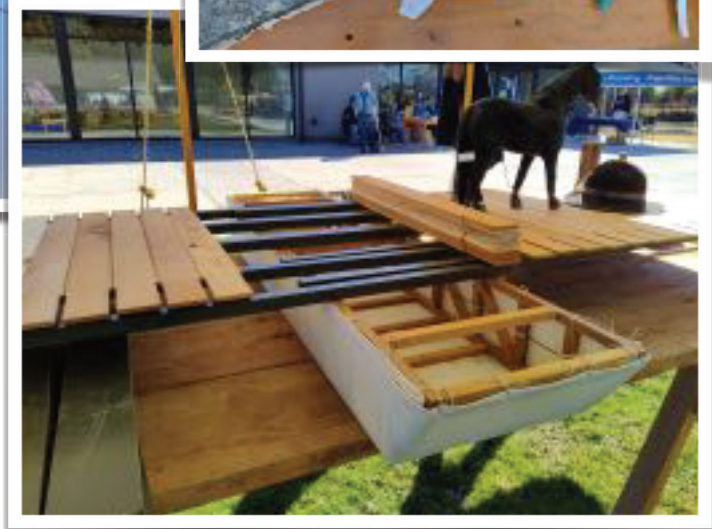
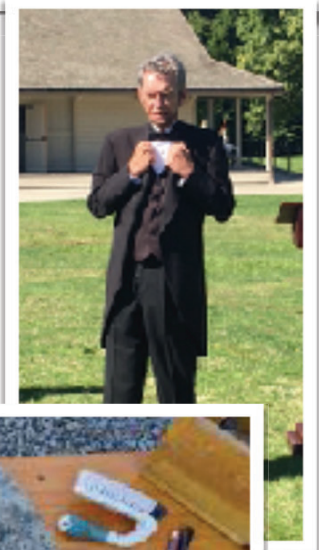
NEWS FROM MARY LEE BAKER AUX #6-AT LARGE OREGON

Brothers of the Col. Edward D Baker Camp No. 6, and Sisters of the Mary Ann Lee Baker Auxiliary No. 6 were present at an event at the Oregon Military Museum on September 24, 2022. The event centered around "Early Engineering during the Civil War" with the Auxiliary Sisters demonstrating how to effectively clean veteran's military headstones and ways to research marked and unmarked veterans' graves. Auxiliary sisters present were Mary Stevens (President), Kathy Jo O'Neal (Secretary/Treasurer) and Elie Stevens (Junior member).

Logan's Brigade member Tim O'Neal set up his 1/4 scale replica of the Cumberland Ponton bridgework system used during the Civil War. Baker Camp Brother Stephen Holgate was there also as "Abraham Lincoln" to speak and take questions from the spectators.

Tim O'Neal - SUVCW

Kathy Jo O'Neal - ASUVCW-WRC



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Antietam Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Maryland



National Chaplain Rosemary Martin, PDP, Department President Denise Thompson, and Department Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Vance with the Department Wreath



SUVCW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin; National Chaplain, Rosemary Martin; Department President Denise Thompson; & SUVCW Department Junior-Vice-Commander George Tommy Chapman preparing to strew flowers on the graves of Union soldiers at the Antietam National Cemetery

September 17, 2022 Sharpsburg, Maryland. The Department of the Chesapeake Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) as well as a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered to commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. They met at the North Woods on the Antietam Battlefield, near the Clara Barton Monument.

Approximately 22,720 soldiers were killed, wounded, or missing at the Battle of Antietam. There has never been another single-day battle in the history of the United States with so many American casualties. The Battle of Antietam was the bloodiest day in American military history.

Allied Orders Officers provided presentations. National Chaplain Rosemary Martin, Past Department President recited verses from *The Bivouac of the Dead*. Department President Denise Thompson provided a speech about Clara Barton. She also presented the ASUVCW Department of the Chesapeake wreath.

After a brief lunch, the ceremony was followed by a strewing of flowers at the Antietam National Cemetery.



National Chaplain Rosemary Martin, PDP, Department President Denise Thompson, and Department Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Vance at the Clara Barton Monument.

**by Rosemary Martin, PDP
ASUVCW National Chaplain**

SARAH A. CRAWFORD AUXILIARY

The Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary laid red roses on Eleanor and Jack Blair's final resting place at Riverview Cemetery in Apollo, PA on July 30th, 2022 commemorating Jack's 92nd birthday. Jack was a past camp commander and Eleanor was a past Auxiliary treasurer.

As per Past Commander Blair's wishes, Past Commander Jason Krecota played taps at the ceremony.

Olivia Krecota

President Sarah A Crawford Auxiliary



PICACHO PEAK AUXILIARY #1 PHOENIX

The Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1 of Phoenix marched in procession with Grant Camp #3 of Flagstaff, Arizona at the Citizens' Cemetery of Prescott, Arizona for Memorial Day. This was the first time the SUVCW was able to participate in the procession, in which it was stated by the Mayor that the SUVCW now has a forever spot in the procession because they now know the SUVCW are the heirs to the GAR. Holding the banner are members of the JROTC, in which the Camp provides scholarships for. The Picacho Peak Camp #1 SUVCW of Phoenix failed to participate in any Memorial Day ceremonies in unison.



Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1 of Phoenix, Arizona President Verna Maleski visited the statue of Buckey O'Neill in Prescott, Arizona. Buckey who was a famous Rough Rider in the Spanish American War was also a famous sheriff within Arizona. While charging up San Juan Hill in Cuba he was shot in the face by a Spanish Bullet. He was buried where he fell and was later exhumed and buried in Arlington. His wife Pauline O'Neill was the 1st woman legislator in Arizona and fought for women's and children's rights. We in Arizona remember the Rough Riders and the Veterans of the Spanish American War as they hailed from this area and that the Spanish American War is the only war where veterans of the Civil War participated together. Like the speech in their send off to Cuba from Arizona said "we go as the blue and the gray a United band".

Avery Franz
Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1