

General Orders

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



The 2012-2013 year of the National Encampment is fast drawing to a close, and my year of travels has been a most rewarding experience. I have had the privilege to meet many new Sisters and am looking forward to their friendship during the years to come. In the many miles traveled, we have had the opportunity to institute several new Auxiliaries and some of them have even initiated Junior members. One of the Departments that I visited initiated three new Junior members, who were then able to serve as escorts for Installation. Keep up the good work ladies, they are our future!

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliaries and Departments that have responded to the plea for rosters of membership. We certainly need this info to keep our records up to date. Remember these names phone numbers and e-mail addresses are not for sale, they are for our own use at National ONLY.

If any Auxiliary or Department is still having trouble with

their EIN number or filing, please contact our EIN Liaison for help. We need to get this work completed in a timely manner.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the National Encampment in Milwaukee Wisconsin, in August. Hopefully, we will be able to get many things accomplished that will help us to bring our Organization into the 21st century. If we can do this, perhaps we will be able to see the gain in membership that the Sons have acquired, and we will be able to set new goals for ourselves. During this past year I have spent some time reading old proceedings, and in one of them the Ladies voted for us to continually move forward and not become like a stagnant pool of water. I hope we can show those Ladies we can do it.

Committee chairmen, please get your reports ready and to our National Secretary so she can put them in the packets you receive at registration. I am hearing from some people that they

have not been contacted by their chairman, so let's not waste this last month, and get things accomplished. And I thank you for your service on these committees.

Officers, please get your reports to the National Secretary ASAP so that she has time to prepare them for National. I have been personally asking Sisters to serve as floor officers for this Encampment; you know who you are, so I say "thank you" for saying yes. Officers elected and appointed please remember to wear white while we are in Session.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Milwaukee and please be careful on the

National Headquarters Newsletter

June 2013

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Photograph below by Bro. Mark Day, Arlington 2013



The following items will be presented on the floor of the upcoming National Encampment in Brookfield, WI on August 9-10, 2013. These are not all of the items, as I have been told that the Department of Wisconsin has Recommendations, and the Department of Pennsylvania has yet to meet for their Department Encampment. Pursuant to the decisions made at Encampment last year in Los Angeles, the full text of these may be found on the national website: www.asuvcw.org. **All Recommendations and Resolutions are required to be sent to me by July 10**, also decided by the Sisters at Encampment last August.

Please note that those **Sisters that have chosen to run for a national office are required to submit a Candidacy Statement to me by July 10**, which will be posted on the national website as soon as it is received. If any Sister is nominated from the floor, she must immediately distribute a Candidacy Statement to all Sisters present. An endorsement of a Department or Auxiliary **does not** constitute a Candidacy Statement.

It is my task to assemble copies of all Recommendations, Resolutions, Candidacy Statements and Endorsements for inclusion in the Registration Packets for those attending National Encampment. That is the reason for the July 10 deadline. If any Sister has any questions or concerns, please contact me immediately.

Tricia Bures, National Secretary (562) 841-8042 or asuvcw@verzion.net

From the Department of Michigan

To All National ASUVCW Officers and Staff and Membership:

On this date, May 4, 2013, I -- Karen Hamann, President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Michigan have been directed by the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Auxiliaries and its membership to make a formal request to the ASUVCW National Officers and Staff.

The ASUVCW Department of Michigan -- at the 2013 ASUVCW Department of Michigan convention -- ordered a letter of formal request be sent to the ASUVCW National Officers concerning:

Whereas the ASUVCW Department of Michigan is

required to be accountable to the ASUVCW National Officers, Staff and Membership that the ASUVCW National extend the same courtesy by being accountable to the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Officers, Staff and Membership. Whereas the ASUVCW Department of Michigan is required to be financially accountable to the ASUVCW National Officers, Staff and Membership that the ASUVCW National extend the same courtesy by being financially accountable to the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Officers, Staff and Membership.

The ASUVCW Department of Michigan Officers, Staff and Membership is requesting that the ASUVCW National Officers provide an annual Budget that

more closely resembles the SUVCW Financial Statement. Income and Expenses should accurately reflect what income and expenses are. For example, publicity and/or advertising is never considered and income but is considered an expense.

We are also formally and respectfully requesting that a detailed annual financial statement that more closely resembles the SUVCW Financial Statement.

As a Department of the National ASUVCW we respectfully request that we also receive the past eight years of financial statements, proposed and actual budgets of the National ASUVCW.

Sincerely,

From the Department of California and Pacific

The following resolution was adopted by the 102nd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at San Luis Obispo, California on March 9, 2013:

WHEREAS, the application

fee charged by the National Organization to new members is currently five dollars (\$5.00), and

WHEREAS, increasing the application fee would assist in generating additional revenue for the National Organization, which could be used for publicity, recruiting,

and other essential functions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the National Organization raise application fee charged to

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The following resolution was adopted by the 102nd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at San Luis Obispo, California on March 9, 2013:

WHEREAS, the registration fee for each National

Encampment is currently set at ten dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, this fee does not adequately cover the costs of the Encampment, including, but not limited to, photocopying, transcription of the proceedings, lodging for certain National Officers, and seed money provided to the Encampment Host

Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the registration fee for each National Encampment be raised to twenty dollars (\$20.00).

From the Department of California and Pacific

The following resolution was adopted by the 102nd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at San Luis Obispo, California on March 9, 2013:

WHEREAS, the annual per

capita dues for the National Organization are currently six dollars (\$6.00), and

WHEREAS, this amount is not enough to cover the current operating expenses of the National Organization, causing the National Organization to operate at a deficit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates of the Department of California and Pacific, here assembled in annual Encampment, hereby request that the National Organization raise the annual per capita dues to twelve dollars (\$12.00).

From the Department of California and Pacific

Proposed Amendment to:

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the National President, upon prior approval by some Department, not later than forty (40) days preceding **the meeting of the National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**, and such proposed amendments shall be published in **General Special Orders** preceding such **meetings meeting**. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National **Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**, and shall be effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than **ten (10) 50% of the Departments in Good Standing**, and proclaimed in **General Special**

From the Department of Massachusetts

The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Marlborough, Massachusetts on March 30th, 2013:

That the Office of DC Representative be eliminated at the end of our current representative's term.

Whereas, most of the duties for this office are now done by either the National President, National Secretary or National Treasurer,

Whereas, information is sometimes lost in transit,

Whereas, there is no need for this to be an elected office,

Now, Therefore, it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment that the Office of DC Representative be eliminated at the end of our current representative's term.

From the Desk of the National Vice President

I would like to make the following recommendation:

That the Office of Historian become an appointed position for three years.

Whereas, this office should be considered an honor, and Whereas, room is needed for storage, and

Whereas, there is a need to save postage, and Whereas, this office is up for re-election,

I now recommended to those here assembled in annual encampment that the Office of Historian become an appointed three year position.

Diane Mellor, National Vice President

From the Department of Massachusetts

The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Marlborough, Massachusetts on March 30th, 2013:

That the Office of Press Correspondent be eliminated.

Whereas, this office has become a duplicate of duties of both the Personal Aid and the new Publicity Committee chairwoman, and

Whereas it is expensive to have two people making scrapbooks and not necessary, and

Whereas it is now the duty of the Publicity Committee to find ways of

promoting the organization,

Whereas, there is no need to elect a sister to this position

Now, Therefore, it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment that the Office of Press Correspondent be eliminated

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The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Marlborough, Massachusetts on March 30th, 2013:

That any proceedings not published as yet, be given to a transcriptionist immediately for publication.

Whereas, we are behind several years in our proceedings, and

Whereas, motions and recommendations need to be published on the web in a timely fashion, and

Whereas, this will help our sisters make more informed decisions,

Now, Therefore, it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment any proceedings not published as yet, be given to a stenographer immediately for publication.



Welcome to our newest Auxiliary Sisters of the Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary No. 8, Wisconsin!



From the Department of Massachusetts

The following recommendation was unanimously adopted by the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Marlborough, Massachusetts on March 30th, 2013:

That the Council be expanded from three members to five, with rotating years.

Whereas, this office will always have experienced sisters on the council to teach new sisters, and

Whereas, Council needs to be a more active in the running of our organization , and

Whereas, it gives more sisters a place to learn about how the ASUVCW runs before deciding on proceeding up the National chain, and

Whereas, it gives more sisters a vote in how the ASUVCW proceeds;

Whereas, we suggest the Council be rotated in the following matter;

One Sister will run for one year. Her term ending in 2014.

One Sister running for a two (2) year term ending in 2015.

Two Sisters running for three (3) year terms ending in 2016.

The Immediate PNP will take the seat of Council #1, **if she so desires**, for one year. Should the PNP decide she does not wish to serve on council, a second sister would be elected for one year.

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Charter Ceremony
and Installation of
Officers of Indiana's
newest Auxiliary.

Welcome to the
Sisters of the
Eliza E. "Mother"
George Auxiliary
No. 356,
Indianapolis, IN.

**WELCOME
SISTERS!**





Welcome to the Sisters of the Department of Ohio's newest Auxiliary,
Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary No. 10, Cincinnati, OH

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Whereas, our Sisters travel from near and far at great cost to some, and

Whereas, our Sisters should be allowed to participate and give their opinions, and

Whereas, every Sister should be entitled to vote for what they consider the best for our organization, and

Whereas, the membership is not as large as it once was, and

Whereas, with so many Sisters having an automatic vote, and

Whereas, the "delegate situation" has become out of control with many departments just putting names in,

Now, therefore, it is recommended by the delegates of the Department of Massachusetts here assembled in annual encampment; hereby recommends that each attending Sister in good standing be allowed to vote at National Encampments.

Let it further be resolved that "delegate cards" be given to attendees by their department, showing that they are in good standing.

From the Department of New York

WHEREAS:

Recently a letter was distributed to all National Officers and Past National Presidents concerning the application for a 501 C (3). The officers and the PNP's receiving the letter were asked not to discuss this letter within their respective Departments. A number of recipients of this letter feel that the subject matter is something that concerns the entire membership and therefore should be brought on the floor to the entire membership. Due to the enormous expense involved in obtaining and maintaining a 501C(3).

Therefore we recommend the following:

#1: We recommend that we suspend the current pursuit to obtain the 501C(3) status with the IRS at this time until there can be more research and documentations that we are eligible to apply and that questions or confusion about said application will be addressed to the satisfaction of the membership.

WHEREAS:

This letter also stated that there was a possibility of the National Auxiliary being fined by the IRS due to the fact a National Officer was refusing to comply with certain requests from the National President. Let's get back to basic on what this organization stands for. We need to remember our aim is to perpetuate the memory of the "Boys in Blue" and at all times to do what is for the good of the order and not what is good for selected individual members. This is an organization governed by the membership. We elect officers to guide us and see that we run this organization the way the GAR and the founding members meant it to be run. Not try and impose our individual ideas and wishes on the membership as a whole by going behind their back to accomplish what a select group of members deem is good for the order. Anything of that magnitude should be decided by the membership as a whole not having it done behind our backs.

Therefore we recommend the following:

#2: We recommend more focus be put on the original principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty that this organization stands for and stop the inner turmoil that is threatening to destroy the organization from within, and redirect our focus on obtaining more members and supporting each other as "Sisters".

Prime Minister Winston Churchill made the statement "Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely" Lets make sure we don't go there.

From the Department of California and Pacific

Proposed Amendment to ARTICLE IV, *Eligibility to Membership*

Membership shall consist of:

FIRST, wives, sisters, daughters, legally adopted daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and so forth, nieces and great-nieces and so forth, not less than twelve (12) years of age, of the deceased or honorably discharged Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Union Army, Navy or Coast Guard (including Revenue Cutter Service) during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865;

SECOND, legally adopted daughters of members with lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War;

SECOND THIRD, wives, mothers and legally adopted daughters of eligible Sons of Union Veterans in good standing;

THIRD FOURTH, any widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of an eligible Sons of Union Veterans who was in good standing at the time of his death;

FOURTH FIFTH, Departments and Auxiliaries may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associates in any Auxiliary shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election. At no time during the meeting of an Auxiliary, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates shall not be eligible to hold the office of National President, National Vice President, **National Secretary or National Treasurer** due to the lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

All applicants must be American or naturalized citizens of the United States before being accepted in the Auxiliary.

From the Department of Ohio

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 127th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, GREETINGS:

At the 127th Ohio Department Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio on June 8th, 2013, the Delegates assembled passed the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1:

WHEREAS, it is an easy and free method of advertising;

THEREFORE, we incorporate in writing that we be allowed to wear our membership badges in public.

Recommendation #2:

WHEREAS, the ASUVCW is not a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, as of this date, and therefore, our fundraising opportunities are greatly hindered because of the lack of this tax deduction status to donors and our own subjectivity to tax liability; and, WHEREAS, the ASUVCW's financial accounts, are not updated, nor have they been audited or reviewed, thereby making it so that the ASUVCW, amongst other detriments, cannot apply for this status; and, WHEREAS, most importantly, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our parent organization, can no longer be expected to support the ASUVCW because of the lack of a 501(c)(3);

THEREFORE, the Eliza Garfield Auxiliary # 142 recommends that the Department of Ohio thus send a recommendation to the National Office of the ASUVCW that acquiring a 501(c)(3) become a priority for the National Organization and that their records be set straight so that this is able to be acquired in an expeditious period of

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2013 National Encampment Hotel Registration

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel
375 South Moorland Road
Brookfield, Wis. 53005

Phone: (262) 364-1100

Fax: (262) 786-5210

Online hotel reservations:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/alliedordersofthegar>

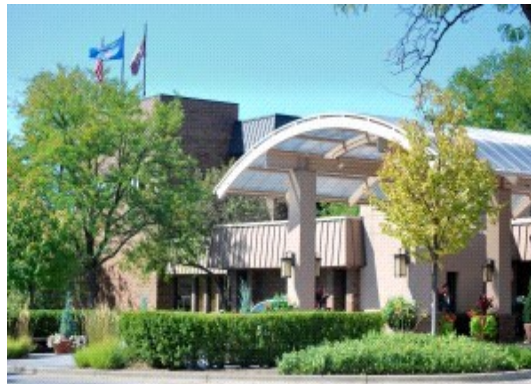
Hotel website: www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/CHnoP>

Special Room Rate of \$99 (plus tax) per night

When calling for reservations state that you are with the "Allied Orders of the GAR"

Complimentary shuttle to and from MKE Airport (limited from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.)



On August 8-11, 2013 the National Encampment returns to Wisconsin!

Wisconsin has had a long history of hosting national reunions and encampments. This began in 1880 with Milwaukee's Soldiers & Sailors Reunion, largely credited with reawakening interest in the Grand Army of the Republic and veterans affairs. National GAR Encampments, held in 1889, 1923 and 1943 in Milwaukee, and 1937 in Madison, followed.

It will have been 70 years since the 62nd annual National Encampment was held September 19-24, 1943, in Milwaukee. The 77th National GAR Encampment was held at the same time.



2013 ASUVCW National Encampment Pre-Registration Form

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

AUXILIARY NAME AND NUMBER: _____

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

- Delegate
- Alternate
- Past National President
- Guest

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, 2013

If you do not pre-register, you may not receive a Delegate’s Packet when you arrive, as we will not have very many extra packets.

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Coolville, OH 45723-9746



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Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The purpose for which said corporation is formed is not for profit, but
for:

First: To assist the Sons of Veterans in keeping green the memories
of our soldiers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

Second: To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in
caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and
protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and
history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial
Day.

Third: To aid and assist the Sons of Veterans in all their objects, both
financially and otherwise.

Fourth: To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our
societies.

Fifth: To inculcate true patriotism and love of country, not only among
our membership, but all the people of our land, and to spread and
sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.