



AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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REMEMBER
(The Mission)

REJOICE
(In the day)

RESOLVE
(To secure the future)

(Encourage each other in love)

I was born on a very special day. That day seems to have affected my entire life. President Abraham Lincoln and I share the day. As with a lot of us, I did my family history. I found my great-great-grandfather was a Captain in the 4th MD Vol. Infantry. Several years later I saw an ad in our local paper and responded to it.

That set me on an adventure as a member of the James A. Garfield Aux. #1. Since then I have walked the battlefields across Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania following the footsteps of Captain Robert B. Meads. I have walked and ran and cried over every one of them. Always before me is the face of Abraham Lincoln. Within the course of years, I have been in all offices both of the Auxiliary and Department of MD-DE. I am the widow of a 100% service connected paralyzed and deaf U.S. Navy Veteran. I was his caregiver/wife for 23 years. He was my hero and inspiration. Hence I love the military and am honored to have been his wife.

My first National involvement was when Helen Geppi, National Chief of Staff and I began the Allied Orders Ladies' Color Guard for the Remembrance Day Parade. I am so proud when I look behind me and see the wonderful unit it has become. I have been the Patriotic Instructor and the National Vice President. Now as the National President, I am in awe of where the love of my Captain Meads and President Abraham Lincoln have led me. I am humbled and deeply honored to be the National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My thanks to Michelle Langley and her committee for the very special Installation Ceremony. Remember, I am here for you. Headquarters are



**National President Jan Harding
and Co-Counselor James Hanby,
JVCinC, SUVCW, pinning on her
National President's badge
during Installation**

hereby established at 8616 Richmond Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234. My phone number (410) 967-9988 will reach me wherever I go.

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APPRECIATION

The National Auxiliary thanks the National Aides, National Chief of Staff Diane Mellor and National Patriotic Instructor Nancy Greenwalt Hilton for their efforts and tremendous success in raising funds for our Organization. They are now relieved of their duties.



NATIONAL OFFICERS 2008-2009

National Officers - standing from left: President Jan Harding, Vice President Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, Council #1 Judy Trepanier, Council #2 Diane Mellor, Council #3 Rachele Campbell, Patriotic Instructor Virginia Twist, Chaplain Anne Michaels, Press Correspondent Ann Iannitto Jaster, Membership at Large Coordinator Jane Graham, Personal Aide Carol LaRue, Chief of Staff Helen Geppi, Co-Counselor Cynthia Brown, Co-Counselor James Hanby SUVCV. Floor workers for the Installation of Officers seated from left - Treasurer Betty J. Baker acting as Assistant Guide and Hope Parker acting as Color Guard #2.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE 122ND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

From Report of the National President

- That we continue to participate in ceremonies and wreath presentations.
- That we continue to give the \$400 Scholarship Award to a student of the National President's choice.
- That the per capita tax of \$1.00 per member per tertiary period remain the same for another year.
- That the Patriotic Instructor presentations be increased to \$350 for the regular donation and \$100 to a GAR building (or monument), making a total donation of \$450.
- That Mileage for National Officers be increased from 8¢ to 15¢ for the

President, Secretary and Treasurer and from 3¢ to 10¢ for the rest of the National Officers.

- That we continue to give our Love Token of \$250 to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this Encampment.

From the Report of the National Historian

- That the National Historian be allowed to find other places for all Grand Army of the Republic information, records and holdings now in her possession; and that all records, besides the listing of the affiliation to a special Auxiliary, and holdings of all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be presented to the Sons of Union Veterans for their keeping.
- That the requirement to “identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of the National Auxiliary Officers” be removed from the job description of the Historian.
- That the Historian not supply information to organizations outside the Order.
- That the National Historian will accept a printed off copy and record members’ names and offices and preserve in Historian files.

From the Report of the Chief of Staff

- That the duties of National Officers be written out and put in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Too many of these duties are just “traditionally done by.”

From the Report of the Rehabilitation Committee

- That the name of the National Rehabilitation Committee and associated report be changed to “Charitable Activities Committee” and “Charitable Activities Report.”
- That the standard categories listed on the current report form be revisited and revised.
- That an instruction page accompany the report form.

From the Report of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations Committee

REGULATIONS

- **CHAPTER I, ARTICLE IV, *Honorable Discharge:***
Change to read: Upon written application and return of her badge (**unless purchased by the member**), a member in good standing shall receive an Honorable Discharge. Such member may again join the Order upon regular application.
- **CHAPTER III, ARTICLE IV, *National Officers:***
Delete last line of Section 1: *The National Secretary and National Treasurer shall not succeed themselves.*
- **CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE X, *Rules of Order:***
Change to read: The Rules of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Roberts Rules of Order shall be **used as a guide** to decide all questions of order not herein contained, the first named to take precedence over the latter, and each Auxiliary shall procure copies of the same.
- **CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, *Restoration of Rank:*** **By vote of the 1998 National Encampment, this article was removed from the 1991 Revised Edition of the CR&R. By vote of the 2008 National Encampment, this article was restored. Until the new CR&R is published, it will be identified as:**
CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI-A, *Restoration of Rank*
Add: Section 1. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Auxiliary President, the member shall make request in writing to the Auxiliary of which she is a member. If acted upon favorably by the Auxiliary, in regular session, said request shall be presented to the Department Encampment and if favorably acted upon, said rank shall be restored.
Add: Section 2. The rank of Past Department or Past National President may be restored upon compliance with the same form, with the exception that the request for restoration shall be made to the Department and the rank may be restored by the National Encampment.
- That the incoming National President appoint a committee to take care of housekeeping items for the next printing of the CR&R.

From the Report of the Committee to Aid the President

- Upon completion of the final year (2008-2009), as voted upon by National

Encampment in 2006, the Committee to Aid the National President (at her request) be dissolved and no replacements named.

From the Report of the Web Site Committee

- That we continue our contract with Kompuder.com as our web service provider at \$250 per year.
- That we continue our contacts with the Departments and Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and ask about the possibility of their placing a link to the National web site and to their Auxiliary's, if they have one.

Other Recommendations

- That the National Organization fund the Girl Scout Gold and Silver Awards.
- That the National Organization pay for a subscription to *The Banner* for the National Secretary so she can see what is going on and let those who do not get *The Banner* know.
- That due to the loss and damage of memorabilia and historical documents from flooding in Des Moines, Iowa in June and the effort to salvage minute books, journals and other documents, that we support our Sisters in Iowa with cards and letters from National, Departments and home Auxiliaries. Please send to: Marilyn Rittel, PDP, 2318 40th St., Des Moines, IA 50310.
- That permission is granted to Emily Breaugh, DS, MI Dept., to paint the Auxiliary logo on wrist watches.

MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Now is the time for Department Presidents to appoint Aides to our National Chief of Staff Helen Geppi, 9507 Gun Hill Cir., Nottingham, MD 21236, email: CHMGeppi@aol.com. Please forward their names and address to Helen and also to me so I can list them in my second General Order.

SUPPLY OFFICER

Orders for supplies should be sent to PNP Michelle Langley, 3191 CR 139, Interlaken, NY 14847, email: shelly57@bluefrognet.net.

CR&R update inserts from 2001-2007 are now available for \$1.00.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

Election of Auxiliary Officers is to be held in October, followed by installation in November. All Auxiliaries please comply and forward the completed Installation Report Form to your Department Secretary.

GREETINGS FROM VIOLA LODER-SMITHCORS, PDP, NJ COUPON COORDINATOR

Thank you so much for this position of honor. I am pleased to be of service to our soldiers and sailors overseas. The following is a guide on what kind of coupons are good and the age of the coupons.

Information that will help me in organizing the coupons as I receive them:

The age of the coupons should not be over 2 months old. Yes, they will accept expired coupons, but it is recommended not to send coupons older than 2 months expired on the date that we ship them out to our bases. Manufacturers' coupons ONLY.

Do Not Send: assistance vouchers, food stamps or any other assistance items, or store coupons good for only the store named. These are all useless on a military base overseas. Do not send restaurant coupons.

On a piece of paper that is included in the envelope that you mail to me, please put this information: the total number of coupons and the total value of the coupons. Example: you have 10 coupons and the values of them are 3@\$1.00 each, 6@50¢ each and 4@25¢ each. On the paper you would put 10 coupons, total value \$7.00. Also please put your Department and Auxiliary name and number. Thank you so much for making our National Coupon donation a success.

Viola Loder-Smithcors, PDP, NJ

SCHOLARSHIP

The National Auxiliary gives a scholarship each year to a deserving student enrolled in or accepted to a college. Anyone interested in this scholarship, please contact National President Jan Harding for an application.

HONOR ROLL

Members can make a donation to the Honor Roll in memory of someone or in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc. Checks should be made payable to **National Organization ASUVCW** and sent to National Treasurer Betty J. Baker, 3191 Co. Rd. 139, Interlaken, NY 14847, email: bjbaux@bluefrognet.net. A copy of the Honor Roll Certificate will be sent to the person honored, or to a member of the family if in memory of someone, and a permanent copy is kept in the Honor Roll Book.

Recent additions to the Honor Roll

In Memory of

Connie Jean Alton.
PVT Martin Leonard.
Robert Lowe, CA-PAC

From

Sarah E. Seelye Aux. #1, TX
Valencia Reyes, Aux. #1, TX
Cynthia Brown, PNP, MA
Auxiliary #128, MA

SARAH EMMA SEELYE AUXILIARY #1, HOUSTON, TX HOLDS GOLD AWARD TEA FOR LOCAL GIRL SCOUT

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 held a Gold Award Tea for Kimberly Bloomberg, a Gold Award recipient for the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council in June. Her project was to establish a database of all the Veterans, going back to the Civil War, that have been interred in the Angleton Cemetery. She identified 165 graves listing their plot, rank, branch, which war they served in, and which type of marker they had.



It is an invaluable tool for the cemetery to use in the future. The Auxiliary held the tea on June 28, 2008 for Kimberly's family and guests, which included the Mayor of Angleton. The Girl Scouts of Troop 4343, Sunshine Service Unit, presented and retired the Colors. The Sisters of the Auxiliary presented Kimberly with the Sarah Emma Seelye Merit Award and with a Gold Award

Citation from National signed by Barbara Mayberry, PNP. Martha Webster presented Kimberly with the Gold Award Charge from the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council. The 28th of June was proclaimed "Kimberly Bloomberg Day" in Angleton by the Mayor, the Honorable Patrick Henry. She was presented a book entitled *Texas Burial Sites of Civil War Notables* by one of the co-authors, Past Commander of Edward Lea Camp, Dean Letzring. Representing the San Jacinto Girl Scouts were Cindy Gernand, Past Gold Award Coordinator; Martha Webster, Gold Award Advisor; and Co-Leader Jackie Powell.

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2008 – Veterans Day: Be proud of our servicemen and women, past and present. Honor them by flying your flag and attending Veterans Day parades.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Mark your calendars ~ Saturday, November 22nd, join your Sisters for the many activities that are held this Remembrance Day. In the morning

hours, wreath laying at the Albert Woolson Monument; at Noon, the Annual Remembrance Day Parade; and in the evening, the Civil War Ball held at the Eisenhower Inn. In addition, there are many, many other activities that weekend throughout Gettysburg!

Each year, the number of Sisters participating in the parade continues to grow and this year will be a very special year, since it begins the Lincoln 200th Birthday Celebration. We ask that each and every Sister bring a flag to carry (approx. 10 x 20 inches); that your Department flags or banners be carried and if you care not to wear period dress, a nice pair of slacks and coat may be worn. However, you must wear your Auxiliary pin. And remember, watch the weather ~ it can be warm and it can be downright bitter cold!

The Parade forms at NOON by the Gettysburg Elementary/Middle Schools. The parade will begin at 1 P.M. Please join us as we remember, honor and celebrate our Boys in Blue!

Helen Geppi, Parade Chairman

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Thank you for the confidence placed in me by electing me to serve as your National Vice President. I will strive to be worthy of your trust.

This year my most important task will be to provide the incentive necessary for our Auxiliaries to grow by gaining new members. It will also be important for new Auxiliaries to be formed. With that in mind...I have initiated the following campaign:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER ABRAHAM

Our 16th President was a builder. He helped to build homes, fences, relationships, the military, and even tried to rebuild our nation. In honor of the 200th anniversary of his birth (February 12, 2009), we also need to become builders... builders of our beloved Auxiliary. It's time to organize your own "Tool Belts" and get out there and recruit new members for our Order. What should you pack in your tool belt? It's simple...a few brochures and a membership application or two. Never miss an opportunity to tell someone about the wonderful work our Auxiliary does.

For every Sister who recruits three new members this year, you will be presented with a ribbon I have called "The Order of the Crossed Nails." It is just a small pin I have constructed, with the nails crossed in the same form as the awards of our ancestors when they received recognition with crossed swords. It will remind other Sisters you are out there working to "build up" the Auxiliary in honor of your loved one. I am in hopes that Secretaries will keep me posted so I will know which Sisters have earned this reward. Please send the name of the Sister, her Auxiliary name and number as well as Department and her home address, so that they can be personally mailed as soon as possible. This is one time when you definitely want to "get nailed by the National Vice President." I plan to present this list of Sisters during my report at the National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky.

Next, we are all about new Auxiliaries. This year will be no exception. Three new charters have been issued since our last reports...one in Virginia, which is a part of the Maryland-Delaware Department, and two in the California-Pacific Department. Each new Auxiliary, including the three listed above, who secures five new members and requests a charter in the coming year will receive their altar cloth as a gift from me. Abraham Lincoln believed that nothing could be accomplished without the help of prayer, so I felt this would make a fitting tribute while these new Auxiliaries are working so hard to get started.

Let us resolve to *build up the Auxiliary* in 2008-2009.

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton
National Vice-President

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL TREASURER

There are still a number of Auxiliaries who have not obtained their EIN # from the IRS. Please contact me for details on how to get your number and for the GEN # (Group Exemption Number) needed to complete the paperwork. You may even complete the form online at www.irs.gov and have your EIN # within minutes. For those of you who have received your EIN #, please file your e-postcard when it is received. This is also something that can be completed online. The IRS is trying to confirm the existence of the Auxiliaries which I am reporting as being under our GEN #, so it is important that you file your e-postcard when it arrives. If you have any questions, please contact me.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

Please let me know if an Auxiliary Sister is ill so that I may pass along this information to our Sisters and ask for prayers for a speedy recovery.

Please report any deaths of Sisters to me at: Anne Michaels, 6623 S. North Cape Rd., Franklin, WI 53132. Please include the deceased's full name, date of death, their Auxiliary number and Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

While attending the New Jersey Department Encampment, PNP Florence Spring shared with me a certificate that her New Jersey Department presented to those who fly the flag daily. I asked could I have one of these certificates and if I could copy it.

I knew who I would choose to be the first recipient of this certificate. My neighbor, Mr. Robert Godin USN Ret., has flown his flag everyday except for rainy days and deep snow. Chief Godin is 92 years of age his wife Alma, who stands next to him in the picture, is 89. Gathered around are neighbors, friends and their son Bruce. Because of impending rain his grand Garrison Flag was not seen flying in this picture. For over 25 years, I have seen his flag flying daily. I know prior to that he flew it every day at his former address.



It was an honor to present this wonderful certificate to Mr. Bob, a WWII Veteran. It is not easy anymore for him to walk the short distance to the flagpole. His knees have been replaced and he walks with a cane. It was wonderful to be able to present this Patriotic American the "Star Spangled Salute."

President Jan Harding

MESSAGE FROM HISTORIAN

I feel very honored that the Delegation at the National Encampment at Peabody, Massachusetts had confidence in me that I would still be able to perform my duties as National Historian to complete my term of office. Even though I am moving from a large home in Alliance, Ohio with lots of storage room to a small apartment in Ovid, New York.

I especially want to thank the Past National Presidents and Delegation for conducting a lengthy discussion to help solve the problem of all the Historical information that I have acquired during my re-elected terms as National Historian, including the computer records of many, many past and present members on disks from the first 1884 "Ladies Aide Society," changing to "Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans."

I have to laugh when I think about when National Secretary Frances Murray moved from her large home to her small apartment. It seem every day I would get a package with a note saying, "Here are some more!"

I want to thank all who participated in the discussion at the National

Encampment with suggestions to help with what to do with so much paperwork of old records accumulated from the different states by disbanded Auxiliaries and thank those who will continue to help solve this problem.

I am sorry at the last possible time that my plans had to be changed and I could not be there to participate in the discussions and could not offer any input of what is involved in all that I have. Never for a minute did I think that my resignation for the rest of my term would not be accepted and that all in attendance felt I could continue on with my National Historian services.

I missed being there with you and seeing and talking with many friends.

In F, C & L and Sisterly Friendship,
Beatrice "Bea" Terry-Greenwalt, PNP
National Historian



From left: Guest, Guest, Trustee #2 Sarah Crawford, Patriotic Instructor Janie Davenport, Treasurer Morgan Crawford, Vice President Katie Crawford, President Karen Kots, Secretary Linda Crawford, Guest.

T.E. BOWMAN AUXILIARY #12 COLORADO

T.E. Bowman Auxiliary #12 held a tea party as a fund raiser to support veterans in our area. It was a lovely event with wonderful foods and teas and we supplied minimal costumes for people, such as hats and gloves. We also had period memorabilia on display as part of the décor.

We were able to secure the VFW Post free of charge because we cleaned their kitchen and inventoried their kitchen items. It was a double donation to the community!

MESSAGE FROM PRESS CORRESPONDENT

I want to thank the Sisters for electing me to the office of National Press Correspondent. I would like any news clippings or articles about Civil War events that appear in your local newspapers and any items in your local papers that pertain to the Sons or the Auxiliary are more than welcome. I will strive to have any interesting Auxiliary articles published in *The Banner*. The articles you send will be placed in a memory album and presented to National President Jan Harding at the end of her year. Please send to: Anne Jaster, National Press Correspondent, 117 W. Emmaus St., Middletown, PA 17057 or email: ali2@psu.edu.

MESSAGE FROM PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

As newly elected Patriotic Instructor, it is my duty to promote Patriotism. I urge Sisters to observe all Patriotic holidays. Fly your flags and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same on Veterans Day, November 11; Remembrance Day, November 22 (on November 19, 1863, President Lincoln gave the famous Gettysburg address as part of the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg); and all National holidays.

It is also my duty to raise funds for the Patriotic programs of our National Order. All monetary donations should be made payable to **National Organization ASUVCW** and sent to Virginia Twist, National Patriotic Instructor, 2966 Hayts Corners East Rd., Ovid, NY 14521.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF

It certainly is an honor to be serving as Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary to

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I will do this job to the best of my ability. I wish to sincerely thank our National President, Sister Janice Harding, for choosing me for this special position. I know this will be a very busy and productive year for us all. I will work hard throughout the year to do what is expected of me and ask for your help in this endeavor. To plan 2008/2009, I ask that each Department contact me and let me know when and where your Encampments will be and also the names of your Chief's of Staff. I wish to be in contact with both the Departments and their Chief's of Staff. As one of the goals of the National Chief of Staff is to raise funds for the National Auxiliary. I hope to have your support and help towards this goal. In this keeping, as Department and Auxiliary funds are collected, please make checks payable to **National Organization ASUVCW** and mark for the "Chief of Staff Fund." Mail them to me at: Helen L. Geppi, Chief of Staff, 9507 Gun Hill Circle, Nottingham, MD 21236, (410) 529-0136, email: home~CHMGeppi@aol.com or office~churchoffice@perryhallpres.org.

One thing I have begun is to "Pass the Kepi" at all Auxiliary meetings, gatherings and our fall picnic. Never too early to start!

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 2009

The 123rd National Encampment will be held August 13-16, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky. More details will follow in the next General Orders.

GREETINGS

To our Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert and his staff: I wish for you a most enjoyable year and look forward to working with you. On behalf of the National Auxiliary, I offer you our loyal support and pray you will have good health and renewed strength to carry on in the memory of the "Boys in Blue."

Congratulations to the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Marcia Butgereit; National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Judy Frohm; and National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Barbara Knopke. I look forward to the friendship we will forge as we meet in our travels and wish you a year filled with wonderful experiences.

OFFICIAL FAMILY

To my Official Family, my heartfelt congratulations and many thanks to those who chose to serve with me this year. I know ours will be a harmonious year, and each will do credit to her respective office.

IN MEMORIAM

In the Massachusetts Department, sympathy is expressed to the family of **Mary Fitch**, L.A. Tiff Auxiliary #10, Springfield.

In the Pennsylvania Department, sympathy is expressed to the families of **Betty Koch** and **Frances Peters** of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1, Philadelphia; **Martha Gilbert**, General John Hartranft Auxiliary #7, Harrisburg; **Mary Ellen Roberts**, J. P. Brindle Auxiliary #50, Carlisle; and **Patricia McLaughlin**, Sgt. James Bradbury Auxiliary #149, West Chester.

To all of you who have lost friends and loved ones, may you feel God's presence around you and find comfort in the knowledge that others are keeping you in their thoughts and prayers.

ILLNESS

To all Sisters who are experiencing illness or are having surgery, please send them cards and pray for their speedy recovery.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thanks to Past National President Betty J. Baker for the much complimented Exemplification of the Ritual. Many remarked it was the best

demonstration of the floor work seen in a while.

Special Thanks to National Secretary Judy Morgan and National Treasurer Betty J. Baker for their dedication to their positions. They are the cogs in the wheel that turns the Auxiliary.

Special Thanks to all those who labor in the trenches, seeing that the Departments and the Auxiliaries run smoothly, keeping the Auxiliary before the public and traveling many miles to special events and meetings. I am grateful for your service.

Special Thanks to Past National President Judy Trepanier and her staff for handing me an Auxiliary in wonderful condition by their attention and dedication to this wonderful Organization.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jan Harding
National President, ASUVCW

Attest: Judy Morgan
National Secretary



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