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# THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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



Happy Spring, dear Sisters and those reading this Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Newsletter!

Of great joy is that I was able to institute, initiate, and install the new Seraph Young Ford #47 Auxiliary-at-Large in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 22, 2025. The Sisters of this new Auxiliary are very enthusiastic and already are involved in participating in events with the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Many thanks go to Past National President (PNP) Ramona Greenwalt for also making the trip there to assist me and CinC Kevin Martin who joined me to celebrate this occasion and to take pictures.

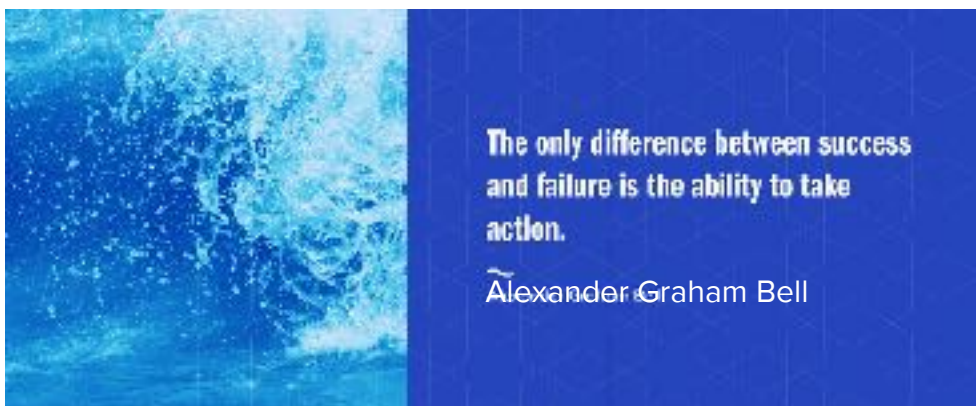
E. B. White wrote "Human beings must always be on the watch for the coming of wonders." As I have started my adventures in travel to Department Encampments and Meetings, I indeed have encountered many "wonders." I cannot help but to be impressed by the ASUVCW Sisters as well as the SUVCW Brothers I have met. Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty are evident in your "can do" attitudes, positive outlooks, loving sisterhood, humbling generosity, and your many Auxiliary activities. Thus far, I have attended the Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 2, 2025; Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) Lincoln Birthday in Alexandria, Virginia, February 11; the Lincoln Birthday Wreath Laying at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. and the Lincoln Birthday Luncheon in Alexandria, Virginia, February 12; Department of California-Pacific Zoom meeting while I was in Bakersfield, California, March 8; Department of Tennessee, and Joseph H. Rider Auxiliary-at-Large #62 Encampment in Livingston, Tennessee, March 14-16; Department of Michigan in Okemos, Michigan, March 29; and Department of the Chesapeake Encampment in Fredericksburg, Virginia, April 6.

I look forward to seeing even more Sisters and Brothers in the upcoming months at the following events: Lincoln Tomb Event in Springfield, Illinois and the B. F. Stevenson Event in Petersburg, Illinois, both on April 12; Grant's Birthday at his tomb in New York, New York, April 26; Department of

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Texas and Sarah Emma Seelye #1 Auxiliary-at-Large Encampment in Houston, Texas, May 10; Department of Vermont where I intend to recruit if possible, May 17; Grand Army of the Republic Church Memorial Service in Lansdowne, Maryland, May 25; Memorial Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, May 26; Decoration Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns at the National Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, May 30; Department of the Columbia Encampment and hopefully the instituting of a new Auxiliary in Chehalis, Washington, June 7; Department of Ohio Encampment in Clintonville, Ohio, June 14; and Department of Pennsylvania Encampment in Mars, Pennsylvania, June 17-19.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sonesta Hotel Houston IAH (George Bush Intercontinental Airport) in Houston, Texas, at our meetings on August 8-9.



As found in the daily “Inspiring Quotes” that I receive, taking action is key to the difference between success and failure. You are to be commended in your taking of action to honor our “Boys in Blue”, protect their memory, remember our ASUVCW objectives, and rejuvenate our organization.

Please continue your admirable action to build our organization and preserve the memory and legacy of the “Boys in Blue.”

I must stress that the following National positions need to be filled for August 2025: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. Please consider these valued positions and contact me at [president@asuvchw.org](mailto:president@asuvchw.org) with a CC to [council1@asuvchw.org](mailto:council1@asuvchw.org) with your interest or questions. Please think about it - you can make a big difference!

Changes were made to the Badge Committee and the Mission, Vision, and Planning Committee. The updated 2024-2025 National Committees and members are:

- **Standing National Committees**

- Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&Rs): PNP Nancy Hilton (Chair), PNP Ramona Greenwalt, Linda Brown
- Rituals: PNP Ramona Greenwalt (Chair), PNP Denise Oman, PNP Judy Trepanier
- Policy and Procedures: PNP Denise Oman (Chair), PNS Judy Morgan, PDP Rebekah Thomas
- New Auxiliaries: PNP/VP Sue Freshley (Chair), PNP Jane Graham, PNP Linda Kronberg
- Membership: PNP Sue Freshley (Chair), PDP Hope Parker, AP Verna Maleski
- Tech & Comm: PNP Wanda Langdon (Chair), PNP Allison Pollitt, Danielle Vance
- Forms & Documents: PNP Nancy Hilton (Chair), PNS Judy Morgan, AP Julie Huttick

- Remembrance Day: PDP Viola Smithcors
- Charitable Activities: Vicki Weiss (This is to whom you send your Charitable Activity Reports)
- National Encampment Site: Valencia Reyes (Chair), NP Rosemary Martin, Collen Swafford, Jana Marsh, Jill Schneider
- **Special Committees**
  - Fraternal Relations: NP Rosemary Martin
  - Female Veteran Liaison Officer: PDP Susan Fallon
  - Badges: PNP Ramona Greenwalt (Chair), PNP Rachelle Bursheim, PNP Sue Freshley, PNP Nancy Hilton, PNP Danielle Michaels
  - Brochure Update: PNP Danielle Michaels (Chair), Barbara Lynch, Karen Schwarz
  - Job Descriptions/Standard Operating Procedures: PNP Danielle Michaels (Chair), Marsha Fetty-Huffman, PNS Judy Morgan
  - PNP Mentorship Program: PNP Denise Oman (Chair), PNP Jane Graham; PNP Danielle Michaels
  - 501c3 Designation with IRS Obtainment: PNP Nancy Hilton (Chair), Ellen Higgins, Mary Rittel
  - Grave Markers: PNP Nancy Hilton (Chair), DP Connie Horning, PDP Rebekah Thomas
  - 250<sup>th</sup> USA 2026: PNP Diane Mellor (Chair), DP Kim Villalva, PDP Sue Fallon
  - Mission, Vision, and Planning: AP Julie Huttick (Chair), PNP Allison Pollitt, NP Rosemary Martin, PDP Cindy Eddy, DP Connie Horning, PDP Hope Parker, DP Denise Thompson

It is not too late! If you would like to join any of these committees, please let me know at [president@asuvchw.org](mailto:president@asuvchw.org).

May you stay well. I keep you in my prayers.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Rosemary S. Martin*

ASUVCW National President

*Make a Difference...*

**Join a Committee!**





# Stephenson Ceremony in Petersburg, Illinois

On April 6, 1866, a Menard County surgeon created the Grand Army of the Republic, a support group for Union veterans of the Civil War.

Almost 159 years to the day, people gathered Saturday at the grave-site of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson to honor his legacy of service to thousands of veterans and their successors.

Stephenson is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, just east of Petersburg on Illinois 123.

The Grand Army of the Republic was the nation's first and largest veterans organization.



**CinC Kevin Martin, NP Rosemary Martin, DP Connie Horning, PNP Danielle Michaels at the Stephenson Monument honoring the founding of the GAR on April 12th**



**Stephenson ceremony April 12th, 2025  
CinC Kevin Martin, NP Rosemary Martin**



# Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

## Springfield, Illinois — April 12, 2025



**L to R: Woman's Relief Corps National President Cher Petrovic, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Rosemary Martin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National President Erin Mongelli, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 National President Norma Fiedler**

Shortly after President Lincoln's assassination, Henry Ward Beecher, famous pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York, paid a tribute which speaks prophetically of this historic Lincoln site:

*"Four years ago, O Illinois, we took from your midst an untried man and from among the people. We return him to you a mighty conquerer. Not thine any more, but the nation's; not ours, but the world's. Give him place, O ye prairies. In the midst of this great continent his dust shall rest, a sacred treasure to myriads who shall pilgrim to that shrine to kindle anew their zeal and patriotism."*

A similar sentiment was voiced by Dr. Phineas D. Gurley, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.

"that grave will be a precious and a consecrated spot. The friends of Liberty and of the Union will repair to it in years and ages to come, to pronounce the memory of its occupant blessed, and, gathering from his very ashes, and from the rehearsal of his deeds and virtues, fresh incentives to patriotism, they will there renew their vows of fidelity to their country and their God."



**ASUVCW NP Rosemary Martin and wreath escort**

## from the National Chaplain...

Spring has finally arrived in Michigan! Well, at least there hasn't been snow on the ground since early March. The daytime temps are staying between 40 to 50 degrees. It's still cold enough some nights to have frost on the car windshields in the morning. Sadly, just three hours north, ten counties are still restoring electricity since a week ago due to an epic ice storm. Another sign of spring is our church choir has been practicing music for Good Friday and Easter services.

When I was five years old, I remember my first church having services on Easter, but not on Good Friday. Easter in my family included dressing in a new dress with shiny white shoes and miniature purse, a frilly hat with an under chin skinny elastic stretch band, and matching gloves. My sisters and I enjoyed the joyful music and songs during the Easter service, but had limited understanding of that day's importance.

Truthfully our thoughts drifted to wanting to get back home to play with the Easter basket toys of bubbles and sidewalk chalk. But that had to wait until Grandma came over to eat the Easter ham dinner with all the special side dishes. Of course we would sneak some jelly beans, marshmallow chicks, and a couple Hershey mini-eggs from our Easter baskets while the kitchen table extension panel was put in the middle.



Stock Photo — NOT ME!

Mom then handed us her linen tablecloth and napkins to put on the larger table along with the 'formal' dinnerware she had purchased with S&H green stamps. We were warned to handle these plates with utmost care; this particular design with yellow flowers and metallic gold rims was no longer available!

What strange memories of a special religious day that is meant to highlight the wonderful story of Jesus's redeeming His sinful people. It took two years of Bible study at my Lutheran day school before I understood the deeper meaning of Holy Week and Easter. I was shy attending the Lutheran day school at first, but soon I felt comfortable and happy I had grown in my relationship with Jesus.

Bible study enables us to take 'baby steps' in our religious growth. Consider "The Gospel in a Nutshell"—*"For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."* John 3:16 is a great reminder that our redemption was so important to God.

AND the cost was Jesus's life. In Hebrews 10:10 ...*"we have been sanctified through the offering of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, for once and for all."* Wow! I have pondered that many times when the choir sings *Amazing Grace*, *Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded*, and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Saving us was so costly—wounds, deep pain, anguish, having his body lie in a tomb until He rose from the dead--Jesus loves us so very much!

During Good Friday, we pondered how deep is Jesus' love is for us. What wondrous love; how did He endure it all? He endured because he values us and wants us to be with Him when our tasks on earth are done.

What can we do to repay His love? Because we are human, we could never do enough. Jesus was asked when He was on earth what the 'greatest commandment' was. In Mark 12:33-34, Jesus replied..."love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your strength...and love your neighbor as yourself."

That surely is the "greatest commandment"— and a very tough one to follow without asking God's help. I will have to pray constantly...

God blessings to you!

Connie Horning, National Chaplain





## from the National Chief of Staff...

### – DONATIONS REQUESTED! –

As your 2024-2025 National Chief-of-Staff, I'm inviting donations to raise funds for our National Auxiliary. The National ASUVCW depends on these donations for operating expenses. Donations may be made by anyone, but especially each Department and each Auxiliary. If you are able and would like to help the ASUVCW meet our goals, you may send a check made out to the National Organization ASUVCW (and note it "For Chief-of-Staff Fund" in the memo section) to:

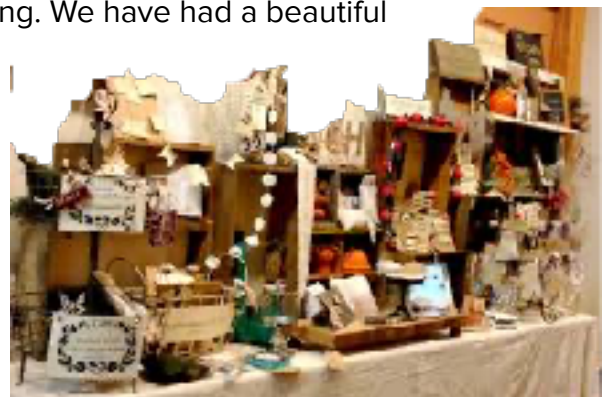
Denise Thompson  
12308 Catoctin Spring Dr.  
Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771

Also, 50/50 drawing tickets may be purchased through the mail and the winner will be drawn Saturday evening, 9 August 2025, at the banquet at National Encampment in Houston, Texas. You need not be present to win. Once \$1,000 is raised, the pot will start over for the second drawing. Tickets are \$5 for 6, \$10 for 13, and \$20 will get you 31 tickets! You can order now and I will send you your ticket numbers' confirmation by email. Again, please request tickets/send donations made out to the National Organization ASUVCW to the above address.



We have other items that we will be selling. We have had a beautiful quilt donated. Monetary donations and items for sale/raffle are greatly appreciated and accepted throughout the year. As Chief-of-Staff, I will also hold a sale/silent auction at National Encampment. Hope to see you in Houston, Texas!

Denise Thompson, Chief of Staff



# MEMORIAL DAY 1931

## Memorial Day

When the May has called her flowers, for the summer waiting long,  
And the breath of early roses woos the hedges into song,  
Comes the throb of martial music and the banners in the street,  
‘Tis the Sabbath of the Nation, ‘tis the floral feast of May,  
In remembrance of our heroes, we keep Memorial Day.

“Memorial Day,” sacred to the memory of the heroic dead — the day the Nation turns aside from the busy life of our national welfare and to hold in grateful remembrance the men who, when their country was in peril —

“Counted not their lives unto themselves” but offered their lives for the preservation of the Union. That is their record and as their “Roll Call” is made each year, may we answer with flowers.

It is fitting that we hold Memorial Day sacred. Let every member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans set themselves among those, who, by their living each day, prove to Our Hero Dead, we are what they would have us be, in action, deed, and conduct.

Auxiliaries should hold Memorial Services for deceased members the meeting prior to Memorial Day.

Kittie C. L. Boyer National Chaplain 1931

Excerpt taken from the National Memorial Day pamphlet. How wonderfully true those words ring today, 94 years later.



# Members-At-Large and Auxiliary-At-Large

## Auxiliary-At-Large Only

Annual Installation Forms (AO1) were due to the National Secretary by January 30, 2025. Please file as soon as possible.

Annual Reports (AO2) were due to the National Secretary by April 1, 2025. These should include your Per Capita Tax checks made out to the: National Organization ASUVCW and an up to date Roster. Per Capita Tax/dues is \$15.00 per member. Instructions for the Roster are on page four of form AO1.

Form 990N should be filed with the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) by May 15th. A receipt should be printed after completion and sent to the National Secretary.

Subordinate Auxiliary forms AO4 (Auxiliary Treasurer), AO5 (Auxiliary Vice President, AO6 (Auxiliary Chaplain), AO7 (Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor) and AO8 (Auxiliary Assets) should be filed by June 15 (to accommodate the need for information from Memorial Day), to the National Secretary. She will disperse them to the various National Officers so that they can compile their reports for National Encampment.

Form A10 is for our Charitable Deeds for work done the previous year. Please submit this with the above forms.

Also, the Auxiliary-at-Large President should submit a President's Report to [president@asuvchw.org](mailto:president@asuvchw.org).

If you have any questions concerning any of this, do not hesitate to contact me or the National Secretary who will be glad to walk you through any forms.

In, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Jane Graham, PNP  
National MAL/AAL Coordinator  
626 West Vine Street - 2  
Alliance, OH 44601





# National Graves Registration Officer

Remembrance and honor are at the heart of our Auxiliary's core values; remembering and honoring our Union Veterans of the Civil War is the main reason we exist. The choices we have to fulfill this duty are various and numerous.

My husband and I were new members of Austin Blair #7 in 2015. Since we were just starting other Austin Blair members, June and Howard Lloyd, befriended us and we traveled with them to the Eaton Rapids GAR Hall and Museum presentations and participated in some wreath ceremonies and headstone dedications.



Howard Lloyd had an ancestor that was killed coming home after the Civil War on the Sultana Steamboat. He, June, and other family members who were part of Austin Blair #7 had joined the Sultana Association of Descendants and Friends. They gave us some beginning knowledge of the Sultana Disaster that happened in April 1865. We decided to join our friends and travel to Tennessee to participate in a Sultana monument rededication.

The night before the rededication, we attended a meeting in the basement of the church's cemetery where the monument was placed 100 years before. It was so interesting meeting the Sultana descendants and hearing their ancestors' histories. They helped us understand how important it was to learn about the Sultana and teach others to remember the largest maritime catastrophe that killed many Union Soldiers who were just recently released from Confederate prison camps.

This was the beginning of our thirst for knowledge about the Civil War. Without the mentorship of our Sons and Auxiliary members, we probably wouldn't have participated in honoring our Civil War Veterans service with the Camp and Auxiliary.

I encourage all of you to mentor and support others that need a boost when starting in our Auxiliary. A person who finds what is of interest in the history of the Civil War veterans will be willing to then, in turn, mentor and support others!

In F, C, & L,  
Connie Horning,  
National Graves Registration Officer



## National Patriotic Instructor

**D**id you know there was a Battle of Fort Myers in Florida? This past February 20, they celebrated their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On the morning of February 20, 1865, in Fort Myers, the Confederate Cattle Guard Battalion (aka “The Cow Cavalry”), fired a warning shot from their cannon and demanded an unconditional surrender of the Union occupation of Fort Myers. Union Commanding Officer, Capt. James Doyle, refused and the battle ensued. The Battle lasted until sunset resulting in only one casualty. The Union won. During the Civil War, Union Troops often confiscated cattle from Florida ranches to stop the beef shipments that were feeding the Confederates.

I had the honor of attending Florida’s SUVCW Department Encampment in Fort Myers on March 1, and enjoyed learning all about this battle and how active the Sons are in Florida. To date, there is no Auxiliary in Florida; however, that is about to change! I have six applications so far and look forward to getting a charter before the year ends.



**Fort Myers Monument to Battle of Fort Myers**



**Larry Bolyard**

**On March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, I went to visit Larry Charles Bolyard, who was killed in action in Vietnam and is buried at Manasota Memorial Cemetery in Bradenton, Florida.

Larry was only 29 years old when he was killed on April 28, 1968, in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. He received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He left behind a wife and three small children. Many comments are left on his find-a-grave site; here’s just a sample from his Nam-Band-of-Brothers: “May God allow you to read this, and may He allow me to someday shake your hand when I get to Heaven to personally thank you.” “Watch over the U.S.A. It still needs your courage.”

**A Long Journey Home** – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michael Blassie was shot down on May 11, 1972, while flying his 132<sup>nd</sup> mission to South Vietnam. His remains, ID card, dog tags, a family picture and part of his flight suit were wrapped by Captain William Parnell and sent to a Saigon mortuary. In Hawaii, they were accidentally misclassified as “unknown.” Michael’s unidentified remains were designated as the Vietnam Unknown Soldier at a Pearl Harbor ceremony in 1984. President Reagan presided over his funeral, and his remains lay in the Tomb of the Unknown until 1998. After retired Colonel Parnell related his story of wrapping Michael’s remains to his sister, Patricia Blassie, Michael’s remains were exhumed in 1998. DNA testing proved with certainty that it was Michael Blassie, and on June 30, 1998, the Defense Department announced that the Vietnam Unknown Soldier had been identified.

Michael’s family requested his remains be transported home to St. Louis and reinterred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors. Janet Paschall (well-known gospel vocalist) performed *Another Soldier’s Coming Home* during his service.

The Vietnam crypt remains vacant.

## UPCOMING DAYS TO REMEMBER:



### April 19 – Patriots’ Day - 250th Anniversary of Lexington & Concord

On the 19th of April at 6:00 a.m., the British troops marched in to seize weapons from the Colonists. They met 77 Colonists who had gathered on Lexington Green led by Captain John Parker.

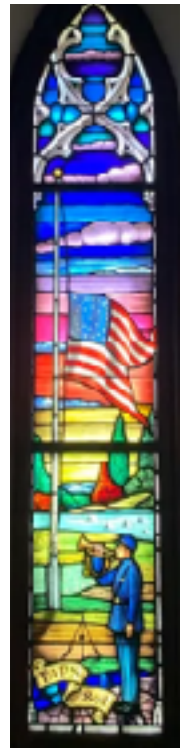
Capt. John Parker was a woodworker by trade. He was 46 years old at this time, and he was suffering from tuberculosis. Upon hearing that the British were on the move from Boston to Concord, Parker, in his weakened condition, walked two miles to Lexington Green to take command of the militia men who had responded to the alarm. It was here that Parker said to his men, “Stand your ground. Don’t fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.”

The 700 well-armed, well-trained British soldiers were led by British Officer Major John Pitcairn. When Pitcairn saw Parker’s militia waiting on the Green, he yelled to them: “Throw down your arms, ye villains, ye rebels.” Both Pitcairn and Parker gave orders not to fire, but even though we still don’t know who fired it, “The Shot Heard Round the World” was fired, and then both sides engaged in battle, starting the American Revolution.

**May 26 – Memorial Day** – On Memorial Day, at 3:00 p.m., Americans pause to remember those who died in service to the United States, often through the sounding of “Taps.”

“Taps” was created by General Daniel Butterfield who thought the “lights out” signal was too formal to signal the day’s end. In July, 1862, Gen. Butterfield wrote a 24-note sequence we know as “Taps.” It was quickly adopted by all Union camps and even spread to the Confederate camps. It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army in 1874, and its use at military funerals has become a standard. In 2013, Congress designated “Taps” as the nation’s official song of remembrance.

There are two monuments in Virginia commemorating Taps. The first is the Taps Monument located at Beverly Plantation where General Butterfield composed the tune, and the other is the Taps window in the Chapel of the Centurion at Fort Monroe.



Taps Window

### **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FUND: Please donate!**

#### **Calling all Auxiliaries, Departments, and Patriotic Instructors!**

Now is the time to donate to the Patriotic Instructor Fund. Please make out your checks to National Organization ASUVCW and send them or any correspondence to: Rebekah Thomas, National ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor, 3303 Doreen Drive, Ellenton, FL 34222. Thank you in advance!

*In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,*

Rebekah Thomas

National Patriotic Instructor



# National Historian



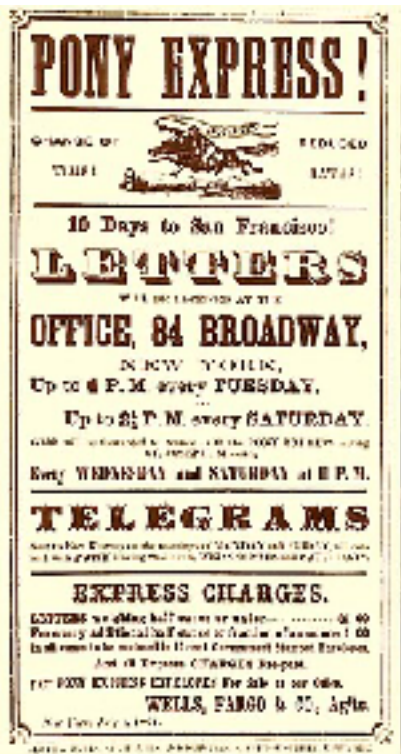
The contents were taken from the 1975 National Proceedings the 89th Encampment held in Rochester, NY Aug.10-14, 1975.

How times change, and yet, some components remain constant. How

so, you may wonder. Technology in the last 50 years has changed exponentially as shown by Margaret Schroeder

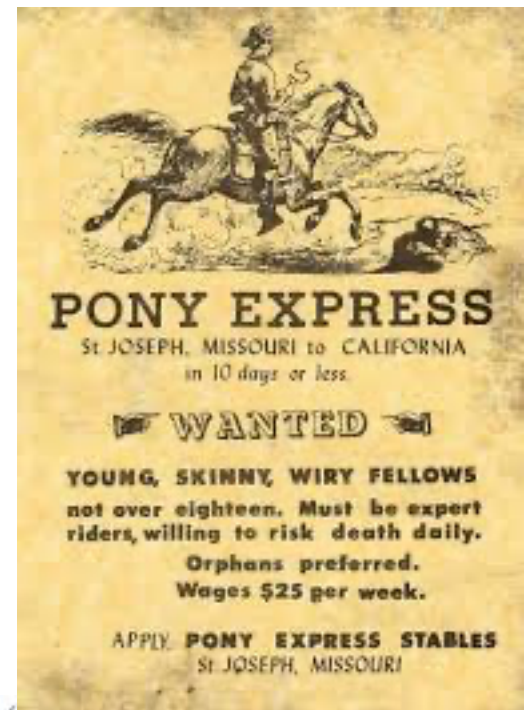
" Sister National President, I would like to move that a telegram be sent to both Edna and Albert Lambert telling them how much we miss them and regret that they are not here with us..." Can you wonder how anything got done in a timely manner? What we call snail-mail letters had to go back and forth before action could take place. The turnaround time was weeks or months. Now we are only an email, text or phone call away from an answer.

So, what remains constant? The recorded proceedings show the same urgency to continue following the Principles of our Order with the same enthusiasm, dedication, and love as the sisters that preceded them. One hundred



and forty-two years of continued efforts to continue remembering the "Boys in Blue" and the sacrifices they made for our Nation by teaching others and continuing the care for their headstones, monuments and GAR halls. Our actions speak volumes. What will our future members share about our time as caretakers of the Auxiliary of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Be active at your meeting, attend your department meeting and attend the national meeting. Be a part of our legacy.

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



## Department of Wisconsin



**L to R: Linda Brown, NP Rosemary Martin, Toni Howard, PNP Danielle Michaels, and Lisa Avila**

The Department of Wisconsin held their annual mid-winter meeting February 1, 2025 at Alioto Restaurant in Wauwatosa, WI. National President Rosemary Martin and Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin were present. Afterwards, C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 hosted a Presidents Day luncheon open to the Allied Orders and other patriotic groups totaling 126 attendees. Our Sisters were busy with the task of checking people in, setting up the raffle tables, selling raffle tickets and silent auction. The picture includes many of our Department Sisters. Others were present but were busy making sure of the success of the event.

### ASUVCW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - APPLY NOW!



The ASUVCW awards a scholarship of up to \$1000.00 to high school seniors and college students (male or female) annually. **Applications are being accepted now UNTIL JUNE 30th** for those meeting eligibility requirements. Please visit the national website at [asuvcw.org](http://asuvcw.org) under Forms, "Scholarship Info & Application" for details.

Completed applications and references must be sent to:

ASUVCW Scholarship  
Rosemary Martin, NP  
8209 Skipwith Drive  
Frederick, Maryland 21702

### 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 [asuvcw.org](http://asuvcw.org) under Forms/Auxiliary.



## Seraph Young Ford Auxiliary #47 Utah

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Signature Books in Salt Lake City, Utah, Auxiliary-at-Large Seraph Young Ford #47 was instituted. This new auxiliary's namesake was the first woman in the United States to vote under a law that gave women the same voting rights as men. Her husband was a Civil War veteran. They rest side by side in Arlington National Cemetery.

There are six members currently on the roster for Seraph Young Ford Auxiliary #47, five of whom were in attendance and initiated by NP Rosemary Martin: Cary Fisher (Clearfield, UT), Sidnie Stone (West Jordan, UT), Siri Jacobsen (Lehi, UT), Alanna Koltermann (American Fork, UT), and Kira Shaffer (Provo, UT). Kayla Willy (Orem, UT) was missed.

ASUVCW National President, Rosemary Martin, and National Counselor and Past National President, Ramona Greenwalt, flew in to institute, initiate, and install the auxiliary. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin, Rosemary's husband, accompanied her to take pictures. Others in attendance were members of SUVCW Captain Lot Smith Camp 1: Commander Matthew Brown, Ronald Stone, Richard Fisher, Ken Jacobsen, and Pat O'Toole.

Special thanks to Commander Brown's wife, Barbara Jones Brown, director of Signature Books, for providing the venue; and Ken Jacobsen, who was a driving force behind the formation of Seraph Young Ford Auxiliary #47.

The following officers and positions were elected and installed:

President/Vice President: Siri Jacobsen

Secretary/Treasurer: Cary Fisher

Council Member One/Patriotic Instructor: Sidnie Stone

Council Member Two: Alanna Koltermann

Chaplain/Press Correspondent: Kira Shaffer

Counselor: NP Rosemary Martin

SUVCW Co-Counselor: Ronald Stone



**NP Rosemary Martin and  
PNP Ramona Greenwalt**

After the ceremony, lunch was held at a nearby Denny's.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Kira Shaffer, National Press Correspondent





**Rosemary Martin, NP  
Ramona Greenwalt, PNP**



**CinC Kevin Martin**



**Commander Brown, Ronald Stone  
(Patriotic Instructor), and  
Pat O'Toole (JVC)**



**NP Rosemary Martin**



**Sidnie Stone, Cary Fisher, Siri Jacobsen, Alanna  
Koltermann, & Kira Shaffer**



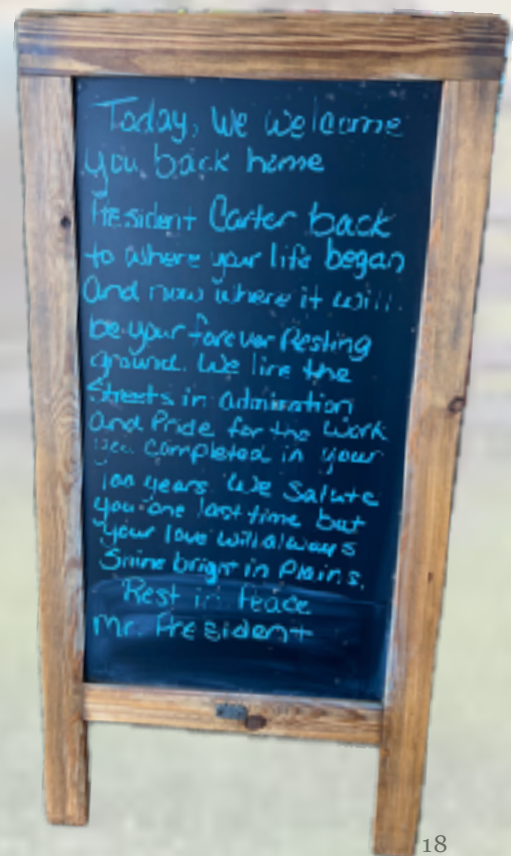
# Joseph H. Rider Auxiliary #62 Tennessee

**Sisters Sue Wright and Julie Huttick from TN and Sister Connie Horning from MI along with DUV 1861-1865 PNP Sandra Millan were able to participate in the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade by riding in a carriage.**



**Past Department Commander from TN George Huttick and President Julie Huttick, Joseph H Rider #62, laid wreaths at the Albert Woolson Monument.**

**Sisters Julie Huttick and Cheryl Boley and Brother George Michael Huttick traveled to Plains, GA for the funeral of President Jimmy Carter.**



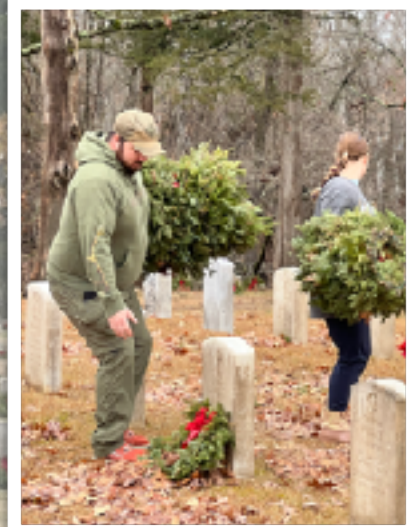
**Sister Marsha Fetty-Huffman, Brother Department Commander of TN Chip Huffman, with President and Mrs. Lincoln (Brother Tom Wright and Sister Sue Wright)**





**This year President Julie Huttick, Location Coordinator for Shiloh National Military Park, welcomed a record number volunteers at Wreaths Across America Day, December 14th, 2024.**

**We had over 350 volunteers come out to help us place almost triple the wreaths we received previously. We had over 1,150 wreaths to be scattered throughout the graves dating from the Civil War through the Persian Gulf War.**



**We set another record with over 50 volunteers (6 came out in 2024) coming out to help us retire the wreaths, 18th January 2025.**



The Joseph H. Rider Auxiliary-at-Large #62 of Tennessee held its 2nd Annual In-Person Meeting, in conjunction with the SUVCW Department of Tennessee Encampment, on March 15, 2025, in Livingston, TN. We are pleased to report that joining us, were special guests, ASUVCW National President, Rosemary Martin and National Vice President Sue Freshley, PNP. A presentation of daffodils was made to our guests, symbolizing the strength, wisdom and knowledge we receive from National. Since our last in-person meeting, two new members have joined our organization, of which one was initiated at this annual meeting. Bringing us to a total of 12 members, with a goal to continue growth. A Certificate was presented to the Auxiliary by Sister Julie Huttick for participation with the Wreaths Across America, back on Dec 14, 2024.

At our meeting we elected new officers for the 2025 - 2026 term, and we were honored to have NP Rosemary Martin present to perform the installation of these officers.

The Department Encampment was closed out with a special presentation of the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award, to Julie Huttick, by DC Chip Huffman. This award is presented in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. Congratulations Sister Julie!



**Julie Huttick, PAP  
Auxiliary Councilor/Treasurer  
National Council #2**



**Julie Huttick, PAP & Chip  
Huffman, DC**

**Presentation of the Doctor  
Mary Edwards Walker Award**

**Looking on is Julies' husband  
George Huttick, PDC**





**Department of Tennessee SUVCW & Auxiliary**



**PDC George Huttick; PAP Julie Huttick; PCinC Ken Freshley; PNP Sue Freshley; CinC Kevin Martin; NP Rosemary Martin; DC Chip Huffman; AP Marsha Fetty-Huffman**



**Sue Wright, Secretary; Lorrie Moore, Chaplain/Musician; PAP Julie Huttick, Treasurer/Natl Council #2; NP Rosemary Martin; Marsha Fetty-Huffman, President; NVP Sue Freshley, PNP; Tammie Burroughs, Patriotic Instructor**



# Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary-at-Large #1 TX

**October 14, 2024**

**Sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary-at-Large #1, along with the local DUVCW joined the Edward Lea Camp at a graveside remembrance service ceremony for Capt. Isaac Conroe who served in Co. H, 12th Illinois Cavalry and Founder of Conroe, Texas.**

**Many of Capt. Conroe 's descendants attended and participated by laying a red rose on his monument.**

**Pictured, Vali Reyes, AP, Norma Pollard and Jill Schneider, Aux members**



**January 4, 2025**

**The Auxiliary joined the Edward Lea Camp at their 31st Annual Battle of Galveston Commemorative service at the Trinity Episcopal Cemetery along with the DUVCW and UDC.**

**As a Tribute to the Union fallen of the Civil War, Jana Marsh recites the Poem, "The Unknown Dead."**



**Jana Marsh, Jill Schneider and Vali Reyes, AP.**





The sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye #1 Auxiliary are busy preparing for the 2025 National Encampment being held in Houston and want to Welcome you to the great State Texas!

Safe Travels!

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Vali Reyes, AP

# National Encampment 2025

August 7-10, 2025 — Houston, Texas

Are you looking for information about National Encampment?



## WHERE?

Sonesta Hotel Houston IAH Airport, Houston Texas. Make your hotel reservations through the SUVCW website. The hotel is reasonably priced and breakfast is included with your room. Address:

425 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, TX 77060



## HOW DO I GET THERE?

If you are flying, make sure it is into the Bush Intercontinental Airport Houston (IAH). There is a shuttle available to bring you to the hotel. If driving, it is not far off of I45.

For a youtube video tour of the airport, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIF5MiVC2p8>





## HOW DO I REGISTER?

A Registration Form is available on the ASUVCW website, <https://asuvcw.org> (click on NAT'L ENCAMPMENT and then National Encampment Information). Fill it out and mail it, along with \$10, to Nancy Hilton, PNP, National Secretary 1576 Charl Ann Drive, Alliance, Ohio 44601. A Registration Form is available on [page 26](#) as well.

## WHAT HAPPENS ON THURSDAY?

There is tour available of the San Jacinto Monument followed by time on the Boardwalk beside Galveston Bay. Order forms are on [SUVCW.org](https://suvcw.org)



## HOW DO I DRESS?

Texas in August is HOT, but hotels tend to have air conditioning turned up full blast. So, don't forget a sweater. Bring your whites, of course. Bring a swimsuit for the outdoor pool.

## WHAT WILL I EAT?

As mentioned, breakfast is included in the room price. There will be lunch buffets available on Friday and Saturday, but must be paid for ahead of time. Saturday night banquet is arranged. Forms are on [SUVCW.org](https://suvcw.org) or below on [page 27](#). There is a hotel restaurant and rooms have small refrigerators. If you get the chance, try some Texas BBQ.



## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The Host Encampment Team has all sorts of things for you to buy including badges, coins, polo and t shirts. These also are available for sale in advance on <https://suvcw.org> under Major Events and then National Encampment Information. An addition, your Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor will have all sorts of goodies for sale. So, bring money (checks), but preferably cash."

**Be sure to note the deadlines on the forms below and online.**

**Banquet and Luncheons must be registered & paid for by June 15th.**





2025 ASUVCW  
National Encampment  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate-Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate-Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Past National President

\_\_\_\_\_ Past Department President Department \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 made payable to "**National Organization, ASUVCW**" Early Bird Pre-Registration-\$10.00 (Deadline July 15, 2025) and mail to:

Nancy Hilton, PNP, National Secretary

1576 Charl Ann Drive, Alliance, Ohio 44601

[ghilto52@yahoo.com](mailto:ghilto52@yahoo.com)

This form does NOT replace a completed Credential 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*. REMINDER: Early Bird Pre-Registration Deadline is July 15, 2025. (Registration at the door will be \$20.00)

## 2025 ALLIED ORDERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

### Lunch Buffet Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Buffet Friday Lunch Menu**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mixed Greens Salad</i></li> <li>• <i>Chicken Fajita</i></li> <li>• <i>Fried Tilapia</i></li> <li>• <i>Spanish Rice</i></li> <li>• <i>Refried Beans</i></li> <li>• <i>Coleslaw</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pico de Gallo</i></li> <li>• <i>Sour Cream</i></li> <li>• <i>Flour Tortilla</i></li> <li>• <i>Dinner rolls</i></li> <li>• <i>Iced Tea</i></li> </ul> |
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#### **Buffet Saturday Lunch Menu**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mixed Greens Salad</i></li> <li>• <i>Pasta Primavera with vegetables (squash, zucchini and bell pepper)</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pasta Bolognese</i></li> <li>• <i>Dinner rolls</i></li> <li>• <i>Iced Tea</i></li> </ul> |
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Both Meals \$25.00 each.

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **CAMP 18 SUVCW** and mail it to:

**Don Gates**  
**1205 Balboa Circle**  
**Plano TX 75075-7301.**

**DEADLINE :** All order must be **received** prior to June 15, 2025.

## 2025 ALLIED ORDERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT Banquet Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Buffet Dinner Menu***(We are doing buffet in order to keep cost down)*

- *Mixed Greens Salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, feta cheese with balsamic dressing.*
- *Grilled Salmon with lemon caper sauce.*
- *Grilled Chicken breast with marsala mushroom sauce.*
- *Roasted Seasonal Vegetables*
- *Roasted garlic potatoes.*
- *Cheesecake with berries and whipped cream.*

**Plated Vegetarian entrée**

- *Polenta with roasted vegetables, butternut squash, bell peppers and onions.*

Both Meals \$52.00 each.

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_Make your check payable to **CAMP 18 SUVCW** and mail it to:

**Don Gates**  
**1205 Balboa Circle**  
**Plano TX 75075-7301.**

**DEADLINE :** All order must be **received** prior to June 15, 2025.



## 2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Tour Order Form

Relive the 18 minutes that changed the world at San Jacinto.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



As you enter the San Jacinto Monument and walk into the grand open gallery that showcases the core of the Museum's collections in the Permanent Exhibit hall, it's like walking through hundreds of years of this region's history. Period artifacts, documents, prints, and photographs come together to share the story of Texas.

You will see the firearms used in the key battles that shaped the history of the Southwest and view items used by the pioneers of Texas independence. You will also see Spanish silver, pre-Columbian pottery, the maps that guided the explorers of the region, religious artwork and artifacts, the tools used to work the land and herd the cattle and many other artifacts that highlight key moments in history over the past 500 years. The tour includes a stop for lunch at the famous Kemah Boardwalk on the return to the Hotel. Quantity

The cost for each six hour Tour is \$50.00: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lunch is not included)

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **CAMP 18 SUVCW** and mail it to:

**Don Gates**

**1205 Balboa Circle**

**Plano TX 75075-7301.**

**DEADLINE :** All order must be **received** prior to June 30,2025.