



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

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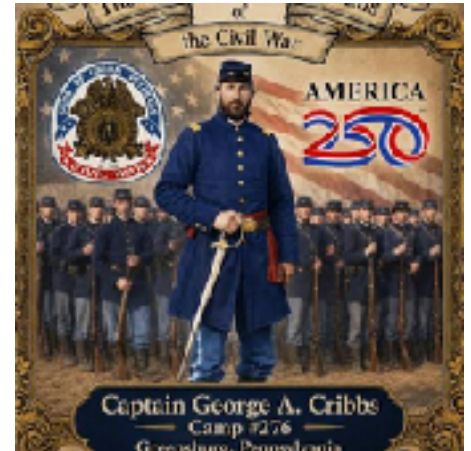
June started with the Department of Wisconsin meeting on June 6th, later we were able to tour the Freedom Truck that is traveling our Nation for USA's 250th Anniversary. On June 18th, I was honored to present the Invocation and Benediction at the dedication of the



Camp Utley plaque ceremony in Racine. From there was a whirlwind travel — I went to Alliance Ohio to pick up 3 PNP's who would assist me in instituting our new

Auxiliary: Captain George A. Cribbs #276 in Pennsylvania. These new sisters are full of energy and ideas to be active members of our Auxiliary. (See page 19 for pictures) The Brothers from the local Capt. George A. Cribbs should be commended for sponsoring them.

Brothers and sisters provided a beautiful abundance of food to celebrate the occasion. From there we packed up and went back to Alliance all in a day. The next day I travelled to the Ohio Department meeting in Columbus Ohio at the Clintonville Women's Club (picture on page 5). That was the last Department meeting to which I was invited, so the next trip will be later this month to Gettysburg for our National Convention. Hope to see everyone there.





SAVE *the* DATE

for National Wreaths Across America Day
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026



Keeping with America's Semiquincentennial, our goal this year is to place 1,776 wreaths here at Shiloh National Military Park Cemetery, Shiloh, TN.

TN ASUVCW Joseph H. Rider #62,

National Historian

A Glimpse of Our Past - 200th Anniversary of our Nation

Mrs. Minnie E. Madeiros, from the Department of Massachusetts, was elected the ASUVCW National President 1976 – 1977. She presided over 20 Departments and signed 3 new Charters. Minnie vowed she would in word and deed, exemplify the basic principals of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW and impress upon every member the desire to be of service and a true sister to all. She found the National Heads of the GAR Family to be exceptionally close and stated it was a honor to work with the members of the Sons, Women's Relief Corps, L-GAR, and Daughters. In return, she received cooperation, understanding and true lasting friendship.

During Minnie's year, wreaths were laid at Woolson's Monument in Gettysburg, the Lincoln Monument in DC, Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield (see picture), Cathedral of the Pines, as well as several Battlefields. She attended at least 15 ASUVCW events from August to December 1976.

PNP Minnie Madeiros was described as a competent and out-going President, well versed in the CR&C, concerned for the membership and the Order. Her major concern was for the dwindling membership of which is also our concern for today.

Denise Oman
Historian



Wreaths Across America



Department of Ohio



Dept. of Ohio sisters gather at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Friday night for dinner and conversation before Department meeting on Saturday.



Dept. of Ohio welcomes Sister Danielle Michaels, NP, to their annual meeting.



Opening of the Department of Ohio meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary

Cincinnati/Dayton, Ohio



Jenna Osborn AP and Department of Ohio Chief of Staff, Judy Brown PAP & Treasurer, and Wanda Leaman, Historian, attended a joint Memorial Day event with Lytle Camp members at Spring Grove Cemetery on Memorial Day in Section 21. Wanda spoke about the history of placing rose petals on the graves.

Section 21 at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati is historically known as "The Civil War section". It holds over 1,000 Union veterans, mostly soldiers who died in local military hospitals. The graves are arranged in symbolic concentric circles around three shallow knolls.



Ohio Dept. President Barb Lynch, Teri Dunlap and PDP Kim Villalva pose with wreath at Old Greencastle Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. OGC is the oldest cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.



Ohio Dept. President & SAOC Auxiliary member, Barb Lynch addresses the crowd at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio with a message on Mrs. John A. Logan's impact on General Logan's writing General Order #11, creating Memorial Day.



Start them off right! Grandson of Sherman Camp member honors grave of CW soldier with rose petals, per the directive of General John A Logan's General Order #11.



Sister Anthony O'Connell Aux #10 sisters Dept. President Barb Lynch, Teri Dunlap and PDP Kim Villalva with Sherman Camp #93 SUV CW brothers on Memorial Day Ceremony, at Old Greencastle Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio

Department of the Chesapeake

Department of the Chesapeake Encampment 2026



April 24 – 25, 2026 Ellicott City, Maryland. The Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Department of the Chesapeake in an Encampment at the Turf Valley Resort. On Friday, April 24th, a Ceremonial Encampment Opening occurred at the Lansdowne Church (Hull Memorial) in Lansdowne, Maryland. ASUVCW Past National President (PNP) Rosemary Martin participated in the Ceremonial Encampment Opening.

PNP Rosemary Martin participated in the Special Opening Ceremony



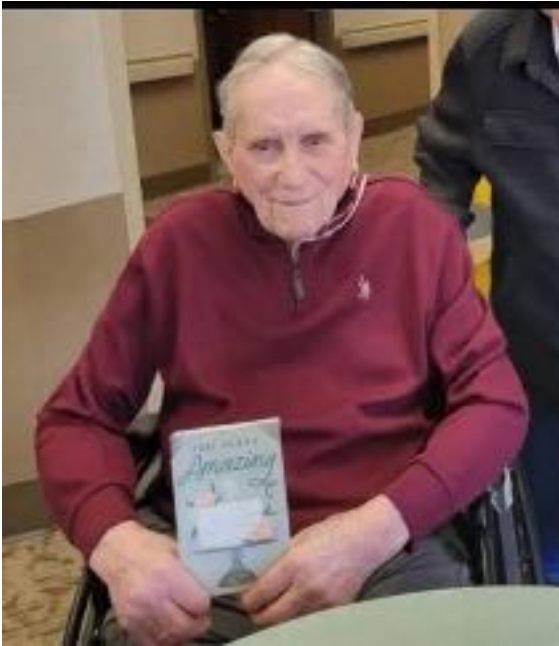
PNP Rosemary Martin, Department of the Chesapeake President/PDP Denise Thompson, and Department of the Chesapeake Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Vance.

On Saturday, April 25th, ASUVCW Sister Danielle Vance and SUVCW Department Chaplain Tim Sedmak held a Joint Memorial Service. Sister Danielle Vance, PNP Rosemary Martin, and Department President Denise Thompson conducted the Auxiliary Memorial Service for the ASUVCW. National Representatives PNP Rosemary Martin and Past Commander-in-Chief (PCinC) Kevin Martin each presented a red rose, a white rose, and a blue delphinium in memory of ASUVCW PNP Margaret Atkinson of Pennsylvania and SUVCW PCinC Donald Braden "Brad" Schall of California. Each departed SUVCW Brother and ASUVCW Sister was presented with the ringing of the Odell Bell and a red rose by a Brother and a Sister during the SUVCW part of the service.

Award Presentations occurred during the luncheon. Department President Denise Thompson presented a special award to PCinC Kevin Martin for his continuous support throughout her terms.

National Representative PNP Rosemary Martin installed the Auxiliary Department Officers.

In Memory of Real Son and Brother William Pool



June 7, 2026 Bolivar, Missouri. It is with solemn and deep sadness and respect that the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) remembers and honors William "Bill" Pool, our last living Real Son and Brother. Brother William "Bill" Pool celebrated his 101st birthday on January 13, 2025 and departed this life on June 7, 2026.

Brother Pool was the son of Charles Parker Pool, born March 27, 1844, in Harrison County, Virginia. Brother Pool's father served in Company "D" of the 6th West Virginia Volunteers in the American Civil War and was shot in the left leg which had to be amputated above the knee. Charles Parker Pool received an invalid pension from the federal government. He later became a member of the Joseph Butterfield Post 316, Grand Army of the Republic in Greensburg, Kansas.



In 1915, at the age of 71, Charles Pool married Clara Bell Straw, who was 27 years old. Together they raised five children, including William known throughout his life as "Bill." William "Bill" Pool is shown in the photo at his father's left shoulder. Charles Parker Pool lived until 1933, 89 years old. Bill Pool's mother, Clara Bell Pool, lived to the age of 101 and was the last Civil War widow in Missouri to receive a pension based on her husband's Union service.

Of great importance, William "Bill" Pool was the last remaining son of a Union veteran who held membership in our Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).



Brother Pool also was a WWII U. S. Army Veteran as a Private, 3rd Infantry Division, who served in the European Theater of Operations and fought at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, was wounded, and survived being a prisoner of war (POW). In addition, he was a Bronze Star Recipient.



William “Bill” Pool was a skilled mason. After returning home from the war, he made significant contributions to the commercial construction industry as a brick mason. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Pool, was a cherished father of nine children, and had 31 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Pool was a reminder of our connection to all of those who put their lives on the line for the cause of the Union and which binds us together as Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Sisters and Brothers. In solemn recognition of his importance to the history of the United States as well as our Organization, and in sincere sympathy, the ASUVCW extends our deepest condolences to Brother Pool’s family, friends, and those who have honored him as the last “real son” of a Civil War soldier and as our Brother.

Credits: PCinC Kevin Martin, the110club.com, “The Astonishing Life of William Pool” Bolivar Herald Free-Press, Facebook pages, SUVCW CinC Kevin Tucker’s General Order No. 17 Series 2025-2026, ASUVCW National President Danielle Michaels Special Order No. 2 Series 2025-2026, and William “Bill” Pool’s obituary

Lansdowne (Hull Memorial) Christian Church

GAR “Last Service” DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE



**NP Rosemary Martin and PDP
Denise Thompson reading
“When the Boys in Blue are
Gone”, with flowers to honor and
remember them**

May 24, 2026, Lansdowne, Maryland. Due to the church congregation decreasing to two members, the church closed. It opened for this year’s final event and was called the “Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Last Service” held during this Memorial Day weekend. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) James A. Garfield Camp of Baltimore, Maryland along with Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Past National President (PNP) Rosemary Martin and ASUVCW Department of the Chesapeake Past Department President (PDP) Denise Thompson participated in the special GAR Memorial Service at the Lansdowne (Hull Memorial) Christian Church. PNP Rosemary Martin and PDP Denise Thompson read the poem, “When the Boys in Blue Are Gone.” It was particularly poignant in that this was the last service to honor the Boys Blue and the GAR at this only and last church wholly dedicated to the “Boys in Blue.”



A local veteran of the American Civil War, Charles Wesley Hull, and his wife Mary donated the ground and building of the Lansdowne Christian (Hull Memorial) Church, placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. This gift was to honor the Union soldiers of the Civil War. Historically unique, as noted earlier, it is the only church in the United States ever dedicated to the GAR. Three



beautiful stained-glass windows which are dedicated to and are centered around the G.A.R.

This special and last GAR Memorial Service, held on the last Sunday in May at the Lansdowne Church (Hull Memorial), was carried on by the descendant's subsequent heirs, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and also by the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). This year was the 121st Anniversary of the GAR Service held at the Lansdowne Christian Church (Hull Memorial). It is a sad state of affairs that this special church had to be closed.

Along with ASUVCW PNP Rosemary Martin and PDP Denise Thompson (both Antietam Auxiliary), Holly Taylor (Antietam Auxiliary), and Anne Blackburn and JoAnn Velten (Garfield Auxiliary), (all of the Department of the Chesapeake), as well as Melissa Anderson and Alexandra Anderson of Massachusetts (Department of New England) also attended the last service.



Joann Velten, PDP Anne Blackburn, PNP Rosemary Martin, Alexandra Anderson, PDP Denise Thompson, Melissa Anderson, and Holly Taylor (Notice the stained-glass window in the center of the organ pipes)

Photo Credits: Kevin Martin and Dan Anderson

Traditional Memorial Day 2026 Arlington National Cemetery



ASUVCW Sisters Department of the Chesapeake Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Vance, PDP Denise Thompson, and PNP Rosemary Martin at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns

Some of the ASUVCW's and SUVCW's main objects are to perpetuate the memory of our Union ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union and to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the Union during the Civil War. We remember the "Boys in Blue" and also hold sacred our country and the flag for which our Union heroes fought.

May 30, 2026 Arlington, Virginia. The Lincoln-Cushing Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) of the Department of the Chesapeake conducted a Traditional Memorial Day (Decoration Day) Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns.

The remains of 2,111 Union and Confederate soldiers are buried beneath the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. While exact numbers are unknown, estimates indicate that nearly half of the Civil War dead were never identified.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Past National President (PNP) Rosemary Martin spoke of the National ASUVCW and shared four stanzas from "Bivouac of the Dead" by Theodore O'Hara, a poet and Mexican War veteran. Although written in the mid-1850s during the Mexican War, this poem of 12 stanzas was extremely popular during and after the Civil War. The four stanzas read were cast in metal and placed in some national cemeteries. The words also appear on many individual memorials in the North and South.



Representing the National ASUVCW, ASUVCW PNP Rosemary Martin giving a speech at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. The ASUVCW wreath is to her right.



PNP Rosemary Martin and PDP Denise Thompson presenting the ASUVCW wreath at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns

In addition, PNP Rosemary Martin and Department of the Chesapeake Sister Past Department President (PDP) Denise Thompson presented an ASUVCW wreath at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns at the end of the ceremony. ASUVCW Department of the Chesapeake Sister Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Vance also attended the ceremony.



**Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns
Arlington Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia
with the ASUVCW wreath**



Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Attendees

Photo Credits: Kevin Martin and Steve Bohling

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary

Texas



Under the shadow of the San Jacinto Monument sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary Lisa Riley, Val Reyes, Jana Marsh and Annette Kinslow set up shop at the Battle of San Jacinto, Texas Independence Day. Robert Riley from Camp Lea joined us for the day. We sold handmade America 250 Cockades and Opportunity Quilt Tickets (quilt donated by President Michaels and her sister PNP Oman). We handed out small

The Auxiliary met with the Edward Lea Camp and the Daughters (DUV) at the annual Memorial Day Service at Glenwood Cemetery honoring the Civil Veterans buried there.





On June 11th, Sister Vice President Lisa Riley and Camp Commander Dan Pourreau attended the Restoration Ceremony of the 1861 Court House and Customs House in Galveston, Texas.



Sister Lisa Riley attended the Dept. of Texas/Louisiana encampment May 16, and presented Department Commander Brook Thomas and SV CIC Murry with one of our America 250th Birthday Cockades.



Woodlands Independence Day Parade. Sister Vice President Lisa Riley joined the camp in walking along side the Brothers of the Edward Lea Camp. It was said to have had 20,000-plus spectators along the route cheering them on.

Eliza Hudnall #13 — Florida

Eliza Hudnall #13 Hosts Dinner at FL Department Encampment

Eliza Hudnall Auxiliary #13 hosted a Lincoln Dinner for the SUVCW Florida Encampment February 20th at the Comfort Suites Hotel in St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city. Marcea Oetting spoke in first person as Eliza Hudnall about her contribution during the Civil War. In her spirit, Fried Chicken and Biscuits were served just as Eliza had served the soldiers.

Members also joined the Sons in a tour of the St. Frances Barracks with tour guide and historian, Allison Simpson. This historic building was built by Franciscan friars in 1735 and today is the headquarters of the Florida National Guard. It also serves as a museum which houses many artifacts of its history for over 250 years.

A short walk away is the St. Augustine National Cemetery where Allison continued the tour and told of over 1300 US military casualties from the Second Seminole War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWI & WWII interred here.

During the Sons' meeting Danielle Michaels (Aux NP), Ellen Higgins (Aux PDP NJ) and Rebekah Thomas (Aux #13 Pres.) were recognized and presented gifts by the Dept. Commander

Tim Campaign. Rebekah presented gifts to Commander Campaign, Larry Scovotto Dept Sec. and Danielle Michaels ASUVCW NP

A good time was had by all....

Submitted by: Sandy Vogelpohl,
Auxiliary 13 Florida



Marcea Oetting as Eliza Hudnall



**DC Tim Campaign and Auxiliary
13 President Rebekah Thomas**



Auxiliary #13 with National President, Danielle Michaels



Lincoln Dinner for the SUVCW Encampment on February 20, hosted by Auxiliary #13



Tour guide and historian, Allison Simpson

Auxiliary #276 Captain George A. Cribbs Camp

Greensburg, Pennsylvania



Danielle Michaels signing the charter on June 11, 2026, at the Charter Institution located at the Baltzer Meyer Historical Society in Greensburg, PA



Amy Williams, Auxiliary President, signing the charter



Kenneth Williams, SUVC #276 Secretary/Treasurer, pinning on Amy's President's badge at the Charter Institution service.



The Sisters of the Auxiliary #276 Captain George A Cribbs Camp. Eight sisters joined this Charter Institution service.

The brothers of the SUVCW came out to support us as we began our journey together in support and honor of our Civil War ancestors. Refreshments were offered prior to the Charter Institution Service, which consisted of sandwiches, salads, chips, and cakes for dessert. All of the sisters put on their aprons and provided a delicious meal.

Amy L. Williams
Auxiliary #276 President
PA Department Patriotic Instructor



Looks like I am going to have to bring a larger oak tree to National Encampment. A special thank you to all Sisters who have become Charter Members of this Society and what a blessing you have shown our Organization.

Only a small amount of subordinate Auxiliaries have shown any interest. Maybe you should think it over again at your next meeting. If you cannot afford the \$20.00 this year, possibly you could put it in your budget for next year.

Departments don't forget your National Organization. Support them and show your Sisterly love. A \$25.00 donation is all that is required.

Come to Gettysburg and remember the Boys in Blue. See you there.

Jane A. Graham, PNP
Chair

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Another year is about to close and for the most part the majority of Department Secretaries and Secretaries of our Auxiliaries at Large are in compliance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&R). Unfortunately, I still have a few who have not submitted reports DO1/AO1 on the correct forms, complete with the Roster requested and of course the required per capita tax/dues check. This is vital to remaining an active part of our Organization. As we are moving forward with our application for the 501C3 we must have these documents in place. If you have any questions, my contact information can be found on the National Website.

Pre-registration for National Encampment is due by July 15 and is \$10.00. After that time and in person will be \$20.00. Please remember that you will need a completed white credential card and your membership card to register.

Looking forward to seeing you in Gettysburg.

NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER



Please do not forget that any orders I have received prior to July 15 will be hand carried to the National Encampment shipping free for your Department/Auxiliary or for personal orders.

Thank you to all who have bought from Supply this past year. To those attending the National Encampment in Gettysburg, I look forward to showing you the new items to be featured on our everyday list.