

Principles and Objects of the ASUVCW

Acknowledging a firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and believing that under his beneficent care and guidance the free institutions of our land - by the assistance and sacrifices of our soldiers and sailors - have been preserved, and the integrity of the nation maintained, the objects of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are therefore declared to be:

1. To assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all their principles and objects.
2. To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the maintenance of the Union, particularly through patriotic and historical observances, especially the proper observance of Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Appomattox Day.
3. To inculcate true patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but to all people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.
4. To oppose to the limit of our power and in influence, all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union, and to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism.

History

The history of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is closely associated with the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was founded in 1866, and the Allied Orders of the GAR, which were later formed to continue its work. GAR Post 94 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created a Cadet Corps in 1878, which later became the Sons of Veterans. Similar units were organized throughout many neighboring states. In 1882 the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans was held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In later years, the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The need for an Auxiliary was soon recognized and through the efforts of Major A. P. Davis, the first Ladies Aid Society was organized at Philadelphia in 1883 and in the following year was officially recognized as their Auxiliary.

Ladies Aid Societies were formed in several states in rapid succession and in 1886 plans for a National Organization were formed, with the first National Encampment being held in Akron, Ohio in September 1887. In 1904 at the National Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts the name was changed to "Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary", with it eventually becoming known as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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