



# National Headquarters Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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## AN ORGANIZATION THAT REMEMBERS ITS PAST WILL HAVE CONCERN FOR ITS FUTURE

The 92nd Annual National Encampment, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 13-17, 1978. Headquarters will be in the Pantlind Hotel, 187 Monroe N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502, telephone (616) 459-7201. Reservation cards are available from Secretaries and reservations should be made directly with the hotel, stating your Organization and exact time of arrival and departure. A confirmation should be requested. Free parking is available for overnight guests. Members may check in at any time of day and the check-out time is 6:00 p.m. No deposit is required. The following rates have been quoted by the Hotel:

Room for one person	\$18.00, \$21.00, \$24.00
Room for two persons	\$21.00, \$24.00, \$27.00
Room for three persons	\$27.00
Room for four persons	\$32.00
Parlor suite for two persons	\$60.00, \$80.00

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

*Sunday, August 13, 1978*

Morning Worship	Church of your choice
10:30 a.m.	Nondenominational Worship Service (Rev. Richard O. Partington, P.D.C., Pa.) Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Registration (Credential Committee) Ballroom Mezzanine
1:00 p.m.	Department Presidents meet with National Chaplain for rehearsal for Memorial Service Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Council Meeting Headquarters - Suite 950
3:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service Ballroom

4:00 p.m.	National Officers, Past National Presidents and National Aides meet with Chief of Staff	Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Band Concert	Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Campfire, Allied Orders	Ballroom

*Monday, August 14, 1978*

7:00 a.m.	Department Presidents' Breakfast with National President	Room 322
8:00 a.m.	Registration (Credential Committee)	Ballroom Mezzanine
9:30 a.m.	Joint Opening, Sons and Auxiliary	Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	First Business session	Ballroom
12:00 Noon	Recess	
1:30 p.m.	Second Business Session	Ballroom
3:00 p.m.	Presentation, National Patriotic Instructor	Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	Recess	
5:30 p.m.	Banquet - Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents	Room 322 & 324
8:00 p.m.	Exemplification of Ritual - S.U.V.C.W.	Ballroom
9:00 p.m.	Joint Courtesy Hour, Joint Chiefs of Staff in charge	Kent State Room

*Tuesday, August 15, 1978*

8:00 a.m.	Registration (Credential Committee)	Ballroom Mezzanine
9:00 a.m.	Third Business Session	Ballroom
12:00 Noon	Recess	
1:30 p.m.	Fourth Business Session, Nomination of Officers	Ballroom
2:30 p.m.	Greetings Received	Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	Recess	
6:00 p.m.	Banquet honoring National Officers, Sons and Auxiliary - Grand March Dance immediately following	Ballroom

*Wednesday, August 16, 1978*

9:00 a.m.	Business Session, Installation of Officers	Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Council Meeting (Old and New)	Headquarters - Suite 950
8:00 p.m.	Entertainment	Ballroom

*Thursday, August 17, 1978*

Bus Trip - Details to be announced at Encampment.

ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS, FLOOR OFFICERS, ESCORTS AND PAGES ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR FLOOR LENGTH WHITE DRESSES DURING THE ENTIRE ENCAMPMENT.

## ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS

<i>Parilamentarian</i> .....	Edna Lambert, P.N.P., New Jersey
<i>Guide</i> .....	Lillian Ekstrand, P.A.P., New Jersey
<i>Assistant Guide</i> .....	Wilma Murphy, P.D.P., Mass.
<i>Color Guard No. 1</i> .....	Margaret Beilby, P.D.P., New York
<i>Color Guard No. 2</i> .....	Ramona Greenwalt, P.D.P., Ohio
<i>Inside Guard</i> .....	Mary Lucas, P.D.P., Maryland-Delaware
<i>Outside Guard</i> .....	Mary Centini, P.D.P., Pennsylvania
<i>Musician</i> .....	Emma Wheeler, P.N.P., New Hampshire
<i>Stenographer</i> .....	M. Helen Loll, P.D.P., New Jersey
<i>Escorts</i> — Mildred Nistico, P.D.P., New York; Frances Murray, P.D.P., Maine; Ethel Jones, P.D.P., Iowa; Ruth Appleby, P.D.P., Rhode Island; Louise Hernke, P.D.P., Wisconsin.	
<i>Pages</i> .....	to be appointed at Encampment

## ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

- Arrangements*: Margaret Underwood, P.D.P., Michigan, Chairlady; Isla M. Dow, P.D.P., Michigan, Co-Chairlady; and all Past Department Presidents of Michigan Department.
- Credentials Committee*: Viola Bremme, National Secretary, Chairlady; Flora Bates, P.N.P., Massachusetts; Violet Hinz, P.D.P., Michigan; Rosella Vanac, P.D.P., Missouri; Ann Willeke, P.D.P., Connecticut.
- Election Committee*: Irene Murphy, P.N.P., Pennsylvania, Chairlady; Agnes Davis, P.N.P., Maryland-Delaware; Marie Doran, P.D.P., Illinois.
- Officers Reports*: Florence Jansson, P.N.P., New Jersey, Chairlady; Anna Stoudt, P.N.P., Pennsylvania; Margaret Gehret, P.D.P., Ohio.
- Resolutions*: Ellinore Johnson, P.N.P., Wisconsin, Chairlady; Dorothy Hilyard, P.N.P., Maryland-Delaware; Jean Foster, P.D.P., Iowa.
- Press*: Louella Spencer, National Press Correspondent, Chairlady; Ona Savage, P.D.P., Michigan; Lorraine LaBanta, P.D.P., Michigan.
- Letters and Telegrams*: Jessie Wells, P.N.P., Massachusetts, Chairlady; Eva Wyman, P.D.P., New Hampshire; Ella Reeger, P.D.P., New Jersey.
- Restoration of Rank*: Ursula Shepardson, P.N.P., Massachusetts; Emma Wheeler, P.N.P., New Hampshire.

## GREETINGS COMMITTEES

- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*: Edith Snyder, P.N.P., New York, Chairlady; Margaret Beilby, P.D.P., New York; Entire New York Delegation.
- Response to Sons*: Edna S. Lambert, P.N.P., New Jersey
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic*: Minnie Madeiros, P.N.P., Massachusetts, Chairlady; Frances Ganley, P.D.P., New York; Margaret Carter, P.D.P., Maryland-Delaware.

*Response to Ladies:* Beatrice Riggs, P.N.P., California and Pacific  
*Response to all other guests:* Caroline Riddell, P.N.P., Pennsylvania  
ANY SISTER WHO IS UNABLE TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO  
NOTIFY ME AT ONCE.

### TO ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS

All National Officers are requested to prepare a typewritten report, in duplicate, to be read at the National Encampment. If unable to attend, please forward your report to National Secretary Viola Bremme prior to the Encampment.

Recommendations should be forwarded before July 30, 1978 to the Chairman of Officers Reports, Florence M. Jansson, P.N.P., 700D Newark Avenue, Apt. 607, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306.

In the interest of time and printing costs, these reports should be as concise as possible.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairmen of the Standing Committees listed in the Roster are requested to prepare a concise written report to be read at the Encampment. If you cannot attend, please mail your report to the National Secretary so she will receive it before July 30, 1978.

### TO ALL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

National Chaplain Arlene Iervolino has planned a rehearsal for the Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13, in the Ballroom.

All Department Presidents are asked to wear floor length white dresses for the Memorial Service and during all business sessions of the Encampment.

Please be prepared to read a brief report of your Department's activities during the past year. If you are unable to attend the National Encampment, it is urgent that you forward your report to the National Secretary prior to July 30, 1978.

I have read all Department Orders which were sent to me and appreciate your thoughtfulness in keeping me apprised of happenings in your Departments.

Please remind your Department Patriotic Instructor and Department Chaplain to forward their reports to the corresponding National Officer immediately following your Department Encampment.

Immediately after the close of the June 30 quarter, reports of the Department Secretary and Treasurer should be forwarded to the National Secretary and Treasurer so they can complete their consolidated reports prior to the National Encampment. Delegates cannot be seated at National unless the June Quarterly Reports are on file at National Headquarters. Department Secretaries are requested to identify the number of Associate Members included in their Department Membership totals.

### MEMBERSHIP

All Auxiliary Vice Presidents are requested to forward information pertaining to new members and the names of the Sisters who enrolled

them to National Vice President Lelia Turner, 42 Elderly Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts 02368, so she may compile a complete report of the membership of our Organization.

#### ADDITIONAL NATIONAL AIDES FOR 1977-78

*New Hampshire* - Hattie Edmonds, Harriett Brown, Earline Roberts, Constance Wheeler, Eva Wyman, Iyla Bartlett.

*New York* - Margaret Beilby

*Rhode Island* - Gertrude Peterson, Jane Barber

#### MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Sisters:

No doubt, by this time, you have received my personal appeal for contributions to the Chief of Staff fund. Some of you already answered my letter and have been most generous in your response. To these Sisters, I extend my sincere thanks and the thanks of the National Organization for their cooperation. To those who have not yet responded — won't you do so as soon as possible? The success of this office depends entirely upon the cooperation of our membership. In the past you have been most generous to any appeal made to you, and I am depending on that generosity to be continued again this year.

National Convention time will soon be here. Won't all of you try to be present? I know our National President, Sister Combs, would be most pleased to see you and we do have a lot of fun when we get together. Why don't you make it a **MUST** this year?

I hope that many of my National Aides will be able to attend the Encampment and am asking that all Aides wear long white dresses and bring short white gloves.

Hilda Junge, National Chief of Staff  
2B Boston Court, Whiting, N. J. 08759

#### MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Just a reminder, if you have not sent in your contribution to this fund, please do so soon, as time is speeding by. Make checks payable to the National Treasurer, Helen Loll, and send to me for credit. To those who have responded, a big **THANK YOU**. My love to all of you who are helping me to meet this year's goal.

Nellie Hawley, National Patriotic Instructor  
1357 S 22, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

#### RITUALISTIC WORK

In years past, the Ritualistic Work at the National Encampment was done by the Past National Presidents. In more recent years, this work has been done by the host department. During the past few years, the Pennsylvania Department and members from the New England States have been putting on the Ritualistic Work. This year the host department, Michigan, will not have enough members present to perform the Exemplification of the Ritual. My own New Jersey Department will have four members attending the Past National Presidents' Dinner that evening and the Chief of Staff, who is also from New

Jersey, will need others to help her prepare for the Courtesy Hour which follows. For these reasons, New Jersey will not be able to perform the Ritualistic Work.

In years past, our Encampment was one day longer than now. With the shortened Encampment, we must schedule several activities each evening. When both the Sons and Auxiliary have performed the Exemplification of the Ritual, it has resulted in a very late start for the Courtesy Hour which followed. Perhaps the time has come when the Sons and Auxiliary should alternate years in putting on this work.

This August the Sons will Exemplify the Ritual on Monday, August 14. If any Department of the Auxiliary has any candidates for membership to be taken in at the time of the National Encampment and is willing to perform the Ritualistic Work, I would like to hear from the Department or Departments immediately and will fit the Exemplification of the Ritual into the Encampment schedule.

As I have stressed all year during my visitations, this Ritualistic Work is the one thing that sets us apart from all other Organizations. I hope that it can be continued for many years to come.

### CREDENTIALS

All voting members must have credentials which have been properly filled out and signed by their Auxiliary President and Secretary and stamped with their Auxiliary seal. All members must have paid-up membership cards which are properly signed to gain admittance to the meeting room.

### CHANGES IN ROSTER

*New address:* P.N.P. Flora D. Bates, East View Apartments, Apt. 121, 65 Frank Street, Worcester, Mass. 01604

### INSTALLATION REPORTS

Please forward Installation Reports immediately following installation of Department Officers to the National Secretary so the voting list can be prepared prior to the National Encampment. Please include, also a list of members entitled to a vote at National so that errors in the voting list can be avoided.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Last year a Question and Answer Period was held during the National Encampment. If time permits, we will do the same this year. Please mail your questions to me prior to July 30. If all questions are not answered during the Encampment, I will reply by mail after the convention.

### IN MEMORIAM

The sincere sympathy of the National Organization is extended to all members who have lost loved ones from their families, Auxiliaries, Camps, and Departments. May God give you the strength and courage to sustain you in your bereavement.

## ILLNESS

P.N.P. Hazel Moushey of Missouri has not been well this past winter and we wish for her a speedy and complete recovery.

To all who have been ill or had illness in their families go our best wishes for a quick return to good health.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I have been given the opportunity to say a few words at functions and encampments throughout the year, I have stressed several concerns. I will list them and hope that you will all give serious thought to these suggestions before you come to Grand Rapids in August.

1. Loss throughout the years of valuable memorabilia which is irreplaceable.

2. A central headquarters for the Sons and Auxiliary at some future time where records of the Organizations and memorabilia can be safely housed for future generations.

3. The importance of keeping up with the Ritualistic Work because if those who know it do not pass their knowledge along to younger members, in a few generations it will be lost forever.

4. The appointment of a committee which is working on the feasibility of a Membership-at-Large Program to enable interested women to join our ranks if they do not live close to a Department or Auxiliary.

5. The setting up of an Honor Roll and Life Membership Program, such as the Sons already have, to build up a Permanent Fund for financial security in the future, the interest from which could be used to meet current expenses if need be.

6. The importance of spreading responsibilities among all members of all auxiliaries and departments. In many cases, one person holds an office or floor office for years and years and no one else in the Auxiliary or Department is given the opportunity to learn the work. This poses problems when that one knowledgeable person is no longer able to continue in that capacity.

7. The need to gain many new members to build up membership, especially in the smaller auxiliaries and departments, so the floor work can be done at all meetings.

8. The need to be generous in contributions to the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor to offset the fact that many retired members cannot contribute as generously as in past years, yet we must face increasing costs in future years.

9. Importance of getting copies of Auxiliary and Department Charters to National Secretary Viola L. Bremme as soon as possible. (8½ x 11 photocopy)

10. The urgency of getting reports in to National Headquarters promptly and the importance of getting Orders and communications from National into the hands of the members at the earliest possible moment.

To Commander-in-Chief Harold T. Beilby, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it has been most pleasant meeting and traveling with you throughout this year as we worked together in behalf of our respective Organizations.

To Mrs. Henrietta Bodge, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Ann Kinnison, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Mrs. Lois Didier, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps – I have enjoyed meeting you and it has been a pleasure to be with you on those occasions when our travels enabled us to be together.

To my Official Family – Sincere appreciation for your loyal support, dedication and labors in behalf of our beloved Organization.

To all Departments – I shall be ever grateful for the many courtesies and kindnesses bestowed upon me in my travels. Thank you all for my pleasant memories of many happy meetings.

To all Sisters of our Organization – It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you in this capacity and I pray that the efforts we have all made this year will prove fruitful in coming years as we all work together remembering the glorious past of our beloved Organization and concerning ourselves that we shall continue to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years to come.

Thank you, one and all, for allowing me to serve as your National President. I hope I have justified the confidence you have placed in me.

Yours in F., C., & L.,  
MARION E. COMBS  
National President

Attest:  
Viola L. Bremme  
National Secretary