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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller

It has only been a short time since being elected as your National President, and I can scarcely begin to measure the outpouring of love and support I have already received from Sisters and Brothers alike. I feel truly blessed.



I have spent most of my life caring for others, including family members, day care children, friends and neighbors, and have been employed as a home health caregiver for over ten years. I also have a natural love of history, and enjoyed discovering several ancestors who fought with the 4th Michigan Infantry, 18th Michigan Infantry, as well as the 147th Pennsylvania Infantry. The Auxiliary has allowed me to combine both these passions into one: to look after those who have bravely born their country's cause.

I have been a member of the Allied Orders for over eighteen years, and one of my goals throughout that time has been to get all of our members to work together, for the common good of our Order. I strive continuously in my Auxiliary, as well as my Department to keep open lines of communication, and promote harmony and cooperation among all five of the Allied Orders. The quote above embodies what I truly believe; we have a common goal and there is much work to be done to achieve it; and we need all of us, working TOGETHER, to do it.

One special goal I have for this year: I would like to collect as many personal care items and gift cards as possible, to present to the veterans under the care of the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system. Sister Danielle Michaels PNP will be coordinating with the local VA Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois, so the items collected can be donated during our 2016 National Encampment. More details will follow, but in the meantime, please bring this to the attention of your local Auxiliaries, Camps, and Departments, and start collecting!

I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with as many Sisters and Brothers as I can during the upcoming year, and if you need anything at all, please contact me and I will do whatever I can to assist you.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Linda M. Kronberg, ASUVCW National President

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A full roster of National Officers and Committees with complete contact information can be found on the national website, or will be provided by the National Secretary upon request.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES 2015-2016

Due to editorial constraints there was insufficient space to publish contact information for National Committees. Contact information is available from the National Secretary upon request, or on the National Website.

Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP (Chair-2017), Jan Davis (Member-2017), Margaret Atkinson, PNP (Member-2016), Allison Graff, PDP (Member 2016), Barbara Day, PDP (Member-2016)

Committee on Rituals

Judy Trepanier, PNP (Chair), Barbara Indan, PDP (Member), Linda Murray, PDP (Member)

Committee on Policy and Procedures

Anna Frail, PDP (Chair-2016), Kathy Anderson, PDP (Member-2016), Anne Sosnowski, PNP (Member-2016), Wanda Langdon, PAP (Member-2017), Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP (Member-2017)

Committee on New Auxiliaries

Denise Oman, DP (Chair-2016), Allison Graff, PDP (Member-2016), Tricia Bures, NS (Member-2016)

Committee on Membership

Denise Oman, DP (Chair-2016), *Plus all Department Vice Presidents and Auxiliary-at-Large Vice Presidents*

Committee on Technology and Communications

Ellen Higgins (Chair), Sue Freshley, PAP (Member), Viola Smithcors (Member)

Committee on Forms and Documents

Tricia Bures, NS (Chair), Helen Granger, PAP (Member), Lisa Gippert Smith, PAP (Member), Elaine Christian (Member)

Committee on Remembrance Day

Ann McMillin, PDP (Chair-2017), Helen Gepi, PDP (Member-2016), Viola Smithcors (Member-2016)

Committee on IRS and Tax Issues

Mary Flynn, NT (Chair), Cynthia Day-Elliott (Member)

Committee on Charitable Activities

Vicki Weiss (Chair)

Special Committee on National Encampment

Rosemary Martin (2015-2016), Carol Dyer, PAP (2016-2017), Karen Hamann, PDP (2017-2018), Sandra Bates (2016-2017)

Special Committee on Publicity

Grace Richmond (Chair), Helen Granger, PAP (Member)

Special Committee on Fraternal Relations

Ann McMillin, PDP (SUVCW), Ellen Higgins (DUVCW), Sharon Patton (LGAR), Cheryl Petrovic, PAP (WRC), Diane Mellor, PNP (Cathedral of the Pines)

Special Committee on Job Descriptions

Beverly Graham, PDP (Chair), Anna Frail, PDP (Member), Ramona Greenwalt, PDP (Member)

Special Committee on Girls Scouts (Gold Awards)

Beverly Graham, PDP (Chair)

Special Committee on Junior Members Development

Tanya Gjerman, PAP (Chair), Twyla Warren, PAP (Member), Grace Richmond (Member)

Special Committee on Junior Members Membership Policy

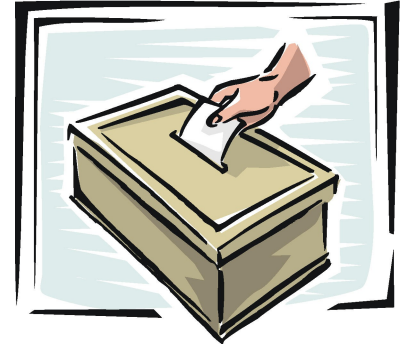
Danielle Michaels, PNP (Chair), Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton, PNP (Member)

Special Committee on Management Training

Danielle Michaels, PNP (Chair), Allison Graff, PDP (Member)

National Encampment Summary

This is a summary of decisions made by the Delegates to the 2015 National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia. These are *NOT* the official proceedings, but are provided for informational purposes. Items are not listed in any particular order.



1. The Job Descriptions for Committees have been updated and approved, and are now on the national website. Each Department Secretary will see that every Auxiliary Secretary in her Department is aware of this and sees that each Sister in her Auxiliary is able to secure a copy of them, either electronically or by hard copy.
2. The discipline section, Article IV, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&R) has been approved and is effective immediately.
3. Two amendments to the Constitution were passed that will require ratification by the Departments. Each Department will need to vote on these amendments at their respective Department Encampments. Official voting material will be distributed by the National Secretary to every Department and Auxiliary-at-Large President and Secretary. The results of the Departments' ratification votes must be returned to the National Secretary within two weeks after their Department Encampment, or May 31, 2016 for Auxiliaries-at-Large.
4. Please use ONLY the most current edition of every form, which can be found on the national website. Out-of-date forms and incomplete forms may returned to the sender for corrections before being processed. This applies to ALL forms, including Per Capita. A late charge may result if the wrong form or an incomplete form is submitted and then returned to the sender.
5. All invoices and receipts, with the correctly completed Expense Reimbursement Form (Form N11), will now be sent directly to the National Treasurer and no longer to the National Secretary. Requisitions will no longer be used.
6. The National Treasurer may apply for a credit card, attached to the national checking account, to help facilitate establishing credit for the national organization and timely payment of bills and orders.
7. The National Treasurer will do forensic accounting to review the Permanent Fund, and identify the monitory distributions to the Honor Roll, Life Membership, Patriotic Fund and savings accounts. Consideration will then be given to possible investments of the funds.
8. All IRS questions and issues must be directly and immediately sent to the National Treasurer, as she is the officer responsible for all IRS matters.
9. A master logbook of issues will be established for the National Committee on IRS and Tax Issues, to help facilitate consistent and timely resolution of all tax situations and matters. The Committee is tasked with reviewing all revoked statuses and working to clear them up as quickly as possible.
10. The Forms and Documents Committee will develop a template for use by the Department Presidents in submitting their reports to the national organization.
11. The Forms and Documents Committee will review the Charitable Activities Report (Form A10), to try and address the confusion surrounding the dates covered by the report, as well as to submission dates for the report. A list of suggested material donations will be included to assist in completing the reports.
12. Proceedings from two previous years will be sent to the printer immediately following the close of the 2015 National Encampment. Others will be following shortly. This year's recording of proceedings has been sent to the transcriptionist.
13. A form has been created for those that wish to apply for the President's Scholarship. The choice of the recipient is still entirely the decision of the sitting National President.

14. Postage accompanying orders sent to the National Supply Officer will be lowered to more accurately reflect the real amount needed for most orders. Small packages will be \$3.50 and larger packages will be \$7.50. Please note what is listed on the updated National Supply Order form.
 15. A badge device (bar) to recognize a Sister's military service was approved and the National Supply Officer has been tasked to investigate and report her findings to the National Council.
 16. The updated and revised website will be launched soon. A password protected "Members Only" section was approved.
 17. The internet address for coupons to the military will be included in every newsletter.
 18. No more printed copies of the CR&R will be produced until all previously approved amendments, additions, corrections and changes have been incorporated. The electronic version available on the national website is currently the most up-to-date version.
 19. No more printed copies of the Ritual will be produced until all previously approved amendments, additions, corrections and changes have been incorporated. The Ritual will not be made available in electronic format for the time being.
 20. All unwritten procedures must be given to the CR&R Committee to review and prepare for submission to the body to be voted upon.
 21. The Policy and Procedures Committee will continue to monitor and make updates as needed when changes are made by the National Encampment.
 22. A committee comprised of the National President and the immediate Past National President will be created to develop the guidelines to formally recognize good works done by individual Sisters and Brothers, Auxiliaries and Departments. The choice of recipient will remain the discretion of the sitting National President.
 23. Certificates of Recognition for new members and for member longevity (10, 25 & 50 years of membership), along with a life membership certificate were approved, and will be made available through the national organization.
 24. The Special Junior Member Committee was continued for another year.
 25. The Archival Materials Committee was discontinued.
 26. The reimbursable travel amount for the National President was raised to \$3,500.00 per year.
 27. Protocol for late submittal of paperwork is to be developed by the Policy and Procedures committee.
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2015 Scholarship Recipient

Tiana Rose Gjerman of Windsor, California

Sister Tiana is an active member of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Dept. of California and Pacific and is a descendant of Corp. William Ralph of Company E, 72nd Indiana Infantry, Wilder's Lightning Brigade.

She maintains a 4.0 GPA and hopes to become a veterinary technician.

The image at right shows Sister Tiana at her graduation, flanked by Department President Beverly Graham (at left) and then National President Rachelle Campbell.

CONGRATULATIONS TIANA!





Members may make a donation to the National Organization in memory of a special individual or for a person's birthday, anniversary, retirement or other special occasion. Checks should be made payable to "National Organization, ASUVCW" and sent to the National Treasurer. An Honor Roll Certificate will be sent to the person honored, or to their family if appropriate, with a copy kept in the Honor Roll Book. The following have recently been added to the Honor Roll:

IN MEMORY OF:

**Past Commander-in-Chief
Richard L. Greenwalt**

DONATION BY:

DP Linda Murray, Dept. of New Hampshire

Treasurer Time

I want to begin by congratulating the current slate of National Officers and thanking those that served last year — "Congratulations and Thank you!" In the spirit of appreciation, I personally want to thank each individual Department and Auxiliary for their financial generosity this past year. Of course, my gratitude is additionally extended to each member. The monetary support that we at National received for year ending 2015 was outstanding.

As was planned, we were able to support two specific projects: 1) the purchase of the Benjamin Stevenson Memorial Bench and 2) the upcoming rollout of new enhancements to our website. Also, we continued our patriotic donations. It is worthy to note that this year we included a spontaneous collection of spare change at the National Encampment that doubled our \$350.00 budgeted donation to the Virginia Wounded Warrior program. Well Done!

Last year's National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff stayed on top of their fundraising and kept me busy with deposits. Thank you Sister Ann McMillin and Sister VP Denise Oman for working with me in ensuring the checks were all received and ready for deposit. I would be remiss if I did not mention our very ambitious and enthusiastic National Supply Officer, Cher Petrovic. Thank you Cher for all you do in your job and implementing changes that ensured that all supply monies were deposited quickly and efficiently. Overall, we had a great year financially with great promise for next year.

In closing, I am pleased to receive your support in voting me in for the next term as National Treasurer and am at your service if the need arises. Please contact me anytime.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Mary Flynn, National Treasurer



Chaplain's Chapter

Thank you for electing me to the office of National Chaplain. I look forward to getting to know more of you better in the coming year.

Communication is very important to me, and is vital to this office. If anyone knows of a Sister who is sick or in distress, please let me know as soon as possible. For those Sisters with Facebook, I have created a closed group titled "*Chaplain's Corner, ASUVCW*," so that reports of illness or loss can be quickly shared between the local Auxiliary, Department, and National Chaplains. There will also be a document within the Files section for Prayer requests, for those Sisters who may wish to pray for our Sisters in need.

At this time, I would like to ask the Auxiliary Chaplains to inquire of their membership for which Sisters: a) are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; b) have previously served in the U.S. Armed Forces; c) have a spouse or child currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; or d) have a spouse or child who previously served in the U.S. Armed Forces. If you could, please send their names and addresses to me at your earliest convenience. It is my intention to regularly lift up in prayer our veteran and active military Sisters and their families, as well as sending care packages to our active service

members. I know that some of our Auxiliaries like sending packages to our servicemen and women serving overseas. It seems appropriate that we should send cards, letters, and packages to those within our Allied Orders family.

The quickest way to reach me is via email at ammcmillin@gmail.com. My telephone number is (315) 570-7641. Please feel free to leave a message. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sisters in Need of Prayers and Special Thoughts

*God bless you each and every day,
And keep you in His care,
God grant your peace and happiness
And answer every prayer.*

Barbara Day
Elaine Christian
Cali Debevoise
Helen Gepi

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Ann M. McMillin

622 N Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Life Memberships

Linda M. Kronberg — Nash Hodges Auxiliary No. 43, Dept. of Michigan
Harriet Sheldahl — Greenville Dodge Auxiliary No. 8, Dept. of Iowa
Hazel Pontious — Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43, Dept. of Pennsylvania
Ruth Waltenbaugh — Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43, Dept. of Pennsylvania
Emelia J. Campbell — Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, Dept. of California and Pacific
Linda Pfeiffer — H. E. K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Teresa F. Doyle — H. E. K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Alice M. Doyle — H. E. K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Louise Blodgett — H. E. K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont

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 – 89 = \$200.00 Age 90 and above = FREE

Information and the Life Membership Application Form may be found on the national website or may be obtained from National Treasurer Mary Flynn, 174 Maple Street, Methuen, MA 01844.

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

I want to sincerely thank the National President, Linda Kronberg her faith in me and for the appointment as the National Chief of Staff. I consider it a great honor and privilege to serve her and the organization in this awesome responsibility. I love this organization and the mission we have. I am very excited for the upcoming year.

Most of you are aware this position is charged with raising funds to offset some of the operating costs of the Auxiliary. I have been hard at work on ideas for fundraisers and hope you will enjoy some of my ideas. I will have a table at the Remembrance Day event in Gettysburg and hope to see many of you there.

To fulfill my fundraising goals, I am asking each Department President to appoint one sister from each Auxiliary to serve as National Aide to the National Chief of Staff. Auxiliaries that are not a part of a Department can also have National Aides; therefore, I am asking the President of each Auxiliary not affiliated with a Department to make an appointment also. Please send me the contact information and I will contact each one of them individually to thank them for serving in this position.

Any monetary donations to the Chief of Staff should have checks made out to the “National Organization ASUVCW” with a notation to Chief of Staff Fund, please send them to Wanda Langdon, 930 Locust Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45245. They will then be logged and forwarded to our National Treasurer.

Sisters, please check the Auxiliary Facebook page and group. I will keep information posted. You may contact me via email at wanda@teamlangdon.com or call me at (513) 505-6871.

I look forward to a fun filled year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty — Wanda Langdon, PAP, National Chief of Staff

Remembrance Day



Schedule of Events for Remembrance Day Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Saturday, November 21, 2015

- 8:00 am – SVR Breakfast, Wyndham Hotel
- 9:30 am – Parade Briefing, Wyndham Hotel
- 11:00 am – Woolson Monument Ceremony, Zeigler's Grove
- 12:30 am – Parade Formation, Gettysburg Middle School
- 1:00 pm – Parade Commences
- 8:00 pm – Original Civil War Ball, Wyndham Hotel

Original Civil War Ball

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble.
Period dress encouraged, but not required.

Price: \$20 per person in advance, \$25 per person at the door.

Make check payable to "SVR Remembrance Day Ball"

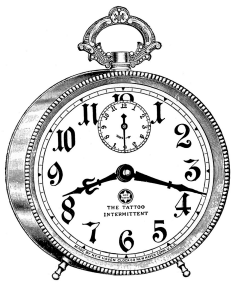
Include self-addressed stamped envelope for tickets.

Mail to: Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., 27 Griswold St., Delaware, OH 43015-1716.

Ball proceeds are donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation.

Sister Anne Sosnowski, PNP will be hosting the annual Cake Walk at the Original Civil War Ball. If you are able to assist her or have questions, please contact her directly at annesosnowskif@gmail.com.

Reminder: Elections



Elections for Auxiliary Officers are soon upon us. Please be sure to fill out the required Certification of Election and Installation of Auxiliary Officers (Form A01) and send to your Department Secretaries. This form and all others can be located on the national website at <http://asuvcw.org>.

Auxiliary Polo Shirt Order Form



Auxiliary

Department

National

New Auxiliary Polo Shirts
50/50 Cotton-Polyester blend shirts
Emblem on right chest so medals can also be worn
Sizes S-5XL

Item#	Description	Price	Qty.	Total
101	Royal Blue Polo sizes: S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 5X			
102	Red Polo sizes: S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 5X			
103	White Polo sizes: S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 5X			
<i>Shipping for shirts: \$7.50 per shirt</i>		Sub Total		
		Shipping		
		Total		

***Make check or money order
payable to:
National Organization
Auxiliary to Sons***

***Send to:
Cher Petrovic
National Supply Officer
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
P# 636-274-4567
e-mail:
SupplyOfficer@asuvcw.org***

Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	
State: _____	Zip: _____
Telephone No. () _____	
Email: _____	



**AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SUPPLY LIST 2015-2016**

(Please destroy all old lists)

ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
BADGES/RIBBONS/PINS				
Badge — Standard Membership	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Auxiliary President	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Auxiliary Secretary	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Auxiliary Treasurer	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Past Auxiliary President	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Department President	Each	\$28.00		
Badge — Past Department President	Each	\$35.00		
Replacement Ribbon — Standard Membership	6"	\$1.50		
Replacement Ribbon — Junior Membership	6"	\$1.50		
Replacement Ribbon — Auxiliary Officer	6"	\$1.50		
Replacement Ribbon — Department Officer	6"	\$1.50		
Replacement Ribbon — National Officer	6"	\$1.50		
Lapel Pin — Past Department President (Silver)	Each	\$10.00		
Label Pin — Enameled Membership Recognition Pin	Each	\$7.00		
25 Year Recognition Lapel Pin	Each	\$7.00		
25 Year Recognition Lapel Pin — Gold Charm	Each	\$7.00		
25 Year Recognition Lapel Pin — Silver Charm	Each	\$7.00		
PAPER ITEMS				
Ritual — 4"x 6.5", pre-punched holes for 3-ring binder	Each	\$4.00		
Ritual — 4" x 6.5", spiral bound	Each	\$4.00		
Junior Membership Booklet	Each	\$3.00		
Standard Membership Identification Cards	50 per	\$4.00		
Junior Membership Identification Cards	1 per	\$1.00		
Transfer Cards	1 per	\$1.00		
Credentials Cards	25 per	\$2.00		
Girl Scout Gold Certificate and Cover Letter	Each	\$2.00		
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				
Patch — Auxiliary Crest and Banner	Each	\$15.00		
Challenge Coin- Auxiliary Crest	Each	\$10.00		
			SHIPPING (FLAT RATE):	
			GRAND TOTAL:	

Shipping for up to 4 badges and anything small enough to fit in small bubble envelope - \$3.50

Shipping for shirts and large orders - \$7.50

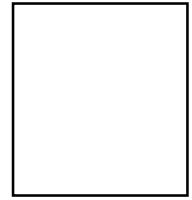
Send this form with payment (made out to "National Organization ASUVCW") to:

Cher Petrovic • 6519 Cherokee Lane • Cedar Hill, MO 63016
E-mail: SupplyOfficer@asucwv.org

Please send the above requested supplies to the following:

Auxiliary No. _____ Department of _____
 Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
 E-mail: _____ P# () _____

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Veterans of the Civil War**
9110 Avezan Way
Gilroy, CA 95020-7545



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www.asuvcw.org

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out of Facebook!**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can be obtained through eligibility in several ways:

1. Women who are lineal or collateral descendants, of soldiers, sailors or marines regularly mustered and honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865. Daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece, grandniece, etc., & legally adopted daughters qualify.
2. Mothers, wives, widows, daughters & legally adopted daughters of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing. (Not Associates)
3. Associate Memberships: Available to women who do not qualify through heredity, #1 & #2 above, who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Civil War and can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the Auxiliary. An Associate may vote and hold any office except that of National Vice-President and National President. Associates may not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election.
4. Junior Membership: For young ladies of not less than six (6) years of age.

For a membership application, please visit:

www.asuvcw.org/mem.htm