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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

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

I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Now that 2016 is here, I hope the coming year will be even better for our Sisters and Brothers.

Please keep in mind those members of the Allied Orders who have lost loved ones or are experiencing illnesses and other challenges.

I would also like to acknowledge all of the national officers and thank them for their service to date. Special thanks to National Chaplain Sister Ann McMillin for developing the Chaplain's Corner. It has quickly become a beneficial form of communication to all Allied Orders. Also, if you haven't seen the new website it is AWESOME! Sister Ellen Higgins has done an absolutely incredible job!



It was my honor to represent this fine organization on November 20-21, 2015 for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Everyone can take comfort in knowing that I didn't drop the wreath at the Woolson Monument!

Just a reminder, if anyone is going to Springfield, Illinois for the April 16, 2016 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, I would encourage you to make reservations early and no later than March 25, 2016 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center at (866) 788-1860. Please mention "Sons of Union Veterans" when registering. Brother Bob Petrovic is coordinating the Observance Luncheon reservations. Please contact him at (636) 274-4567 or email at: rpetro7776@aol.com.

Sisters, if you would like me to attend your Department Encampment please email all information to my Personal Aide Karen Hamann at: bopeep3_99@yahoo.com.

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Please compile and send all of your reports – the per capita reports which are due in January – as soon as possible after your Department Encampments.

Scholarship applications are due no later than July 1, 2016 and should be mailed to me at: ASUVCW National President Linda M. Kronberg, 6885 Plantation Drive, Tecumseh, MI 49286. A Sister or a Brother can nominate a deserving Sister or Brother or young person entering college. The candidate needs to provide a cover letter and a résumé, including the college they are attending and the course of study.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Linda M. Kronberg, ASUVCW National President



Chaplain's Chapter

Final Muster

Mary Lou Christian
Peggy Frantz
Velma Gebhard
Marion May
Pauline Mitchell
Virginia Ritter
Doris Werner

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.*

Margaret Atkinson, PNP
Melinie Prosk Caines, PDP
Barbara Day, PDP
Karen Pardee Hamann, PDP
Alene Hall
Florence Jennison
Wanda Langdon, Natl Chief of Staff
Denise Oman, NVP
Diane Vargason Theetge
Virginia L. Twist, PNP

Memento Mori

Civil War Nurse Honored

On Veterans Day 2015 members of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43 conducted a rededication ceremony at the grave of a Civil War nurse in the Saints Simon and Jude Cemetery in Blairsville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Research by the late Indiana historian Chris Catalfamo showed that Mary Downey (1833-1912), a Blairsville native, served in the war as an Army nurse but received no tributes after she died. She served with honor, caring for sick and wounded soldiers in a Chicago, Illinois hospital during the Civil War, while her husband Jacob served as a Hospital Steward in the 29th Illinois Infantry.

Auxiliary No. 43 rededicated Mary's grave in a moving ceremony, which included ritual, floral tributes, a flag holder, and a United States flag.



L-R: John Krecota (Camp 43), Norm Eckler (guest), Mary McKee, Shelly Krecota, Trinette Frerotte, Mindy Eckler, and Peg Krecota. *Photo by Leah Freeman.*

REMEMBRANCE DAY — National President Linda Kronberg participated in the annual Remembrance Day ceremony and parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 21, 2015.



The Allied Orders at the GAR (Albert Woolson) Monument.
L-R: Carolyn Agosto (LGAR), Sally Redinger (DUVCW), Gene Mortorf (SUVCW), Cindy Zerkowski (WRC), and Linda Kronberg (ASUVCW). *Photo by Love Place Photography LLC.*



Allied Orders National Presidents share a ride in the parade.
L-R: Sally Redinger (DUVCW), Linda Kronberg (ASUVCW), and Carolyn Agosto (LGAR). *Photo by Wanda Langdon.*

Trea\$urer Time

In this issue I would like to write about the **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**, which continues to thrive. To date our National Organization has seventy-eight enrolled Life Members. Of these members, thirty I have personally enrolled over the last two years. As you have probably noticed, included in each newsletter are the details of the program, making all aware that it exists and giving them the opportunity to join. Applications may be found on organization's website or through me for those without internet access. Upon joining this program, you will be issued a Life Membership Card and Certificate along with a pin that can be worn adjacent to your membership badge. We are proud and honored to have such a high and active enrollment.

As a Life Member one is no longer responsible for paying National Per Capita dues, which are currently assessed at \$9.00 per year. However, the program does not preclude Departments and Auxiliaries from assessing individual dues at those levels. Please check with your Auxiliary and Department Secretaries to determine if you are responsible to pay dues to them. If these monies are waived, your support is always appreciated in any way possible.

The National Organization awards free Life Memberships to those members that reach the age of ninety. However, most importantly, it is the responsibility of the member or the member's Auxiliary to complete the Life Membership application and submit it to the National Treasurer, as the administrator of the program. Unfortunately it works this way as we are currently unable to know when a member reaches this golden milestone. The monies collected for the Life Membership program are reported monthly and annually to the National Council and these reports available at National Encampment to the membership body. If you are interested in the program or have questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

As a post script, I have an obligation to remind each Auxiliary and Department to complete the **ANNUAL EIN POST CARDS** which are due based upon your financial operating year. Again any questions on this please give me a jingle.

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

Life Memberships

Nancy Newman — Nash Hodges Auxiliary No. 43, Dept. of Michigan
Anna May Mattoon — H.E.K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Gladys Phillips — Picacho Peak Auxiliary-at-Large No. 1, Arizona
Patricia Reed — H.E.K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Alyssa Alger — H.E.K. Hall Auxiliary No. 15, Dept. of Vermont
Doris Lyon — 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.

Helping Those In Need

Charity is among the core principles of the Auxiliary. These images show some of the amazing charitable work performed by our Sisters.



Sister Elaine Christian, on behalf of Ivy Stiers Aux. #23, delivered 812 signed holiday cards to VetConnect President Richard Jones. The cards were distributed to local veterans, including those who were homeless.



Junior Sister Emelia Campbell of Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. #52 helped prepare and distribute "care bags" to the needy and homeless. The bags contained water, snacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, and other such everyday necessities.

Charity



C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Aux. #4 teamed up to deliver blankets, chocolates, and other treats to veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center who were unable to be home for the holidays.

NEW AUXILIARIES HELP GROW THE ORDER

Right: The Mary Elizabeth Kimball Auxiliary #62 of Lebanon, New Hampshire is instituted by Dept. President Mary Flynn.

The Auxiliary meets in the impressive Soldiers Memorial Building in Lebanon, which was built by Civil War veterans between 1886-1890 as a memorial to their comrades.



Above: The officers of the newly formed Sarah Emma Edmonds Auxiliary #32 are installed in Gridley, California.

The Auxiliary is named for Sarah Emma Edmonds (1841-1898) who disguised herself as a man and served in the 2nd Michigan Infantry. She was the only woman admitted to the G.A.R.

Below: The Antietam Auxiliary #3, Dept. of the Chesapeake held their first official meeting and initiations on November 1st in Frederick, Maryland. Attendees included Melissa Chapman, Rosemary Martin, Diane Stull, Denise Thompson, Danielle Vance, and Janet Younkin.





Auxiliary Scholarship

2016 Scholarship Nominations

The ASUVCW awards one scholarship of \$500.00 each year. Applicants interested in this scholarship are asked to submit a letter detailing why they are interested in and deserving of this award. Applicants should also state what school they plan to attend and what subject they will be studying. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to June 30 and should be submitted directly to the National President.

The Scholarship Application (Form A16) is available on the national website.

Exciting New Item from the Supply Officer!

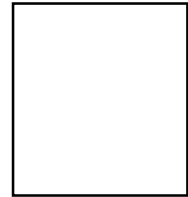


New Item
Auxiliary Tote Bag
 15"W x 13"H x 4"D
 zippered main compartment
 adjustable straps
 gusseted side front pockets
 compartments for
 water bottle & cell phone
 also pen loops &
 hanging ring for keys
 8" x 9" inside pocket
 embroidered logo
 \$25.00 + \$7.50 shipping
 Check payable to:
 ASUVCW National Organization
 Mail to:
 Cher Petrovic
 National Supply Officer
 6519 Cherokee Lane
 Cedar Hill, MO 63016

For additional supplies, visit:

<http://asuvcw.org/images/pdf/SupplyListJan2016.pdf>

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We're on the Web!

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