



THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

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

Greetings Sisters – Now that all the Department Encampments are done, please be sure to get ALL your forms finished and sent to the appropriate National Officers, so they can complete their National Reports. Anyone pursuing a National office needs to get their letter of intent sent in, so it can be posted on the website as soon as possible.

There will be several important meetings coming up, in addition to the business sessions of the National Encampment, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. A Council meeting, and an Officers meeting (time TBA), will take place on Thursday, August 11th in my suite.

We are also having a workshop on Thursday, Aug 11th, at 7pm in the Auxiliary meeting room. A variety of subjects will be covered, and it will be a good time to share a little fellowship with each other. Please plan to attend!

A short reminder to please support the Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor in their fundraising efforts. Also, if you need anything specific from the Supply Officer, please advise her ahead of time so that she can bring such items with her to the Encampment.

As always, if you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact me, or my Personal Aide Karen Hamann. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in just a few more weeks!



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

Memorial Day 2016



Above: NP Linda Kronberg presents a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC



Above: Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Sisters Lisa Smith, Lorraine Jones, Mary Rose, Deb Downey, & Dorothy Roush at Traverse City, Michigan



At right: Darlene Hinkley, DP Jan Davis, Lisa Smith participate with Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 in Benzie County, Michigan



Above: DP Beverly Graham is accompanied by CC John Stolp during Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52's activities in San José, California



Above: Danielle Vance and Denise Thompson of Antietam Auxiliary No. 3 parading in Woodsboro, Maryland



At right: Sisters of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43 parading in Kittanning, Pennsylvania

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

It certainly has been an honor serving as Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this past year. I wish to thank the many Sisters, Auxiliaries, Departments and individuals who have so generously given to the Chief of Staff Fund so far this year. One of the goals of the National Chief of Staff is to raise funds for the National Auxiliary to help with the operating expenses. Your support is vital to reaching the goal.

Most of you know that we ask the Departments and Auxiliaries to appoint aides to help in raising at least \$25 to go toward the fund. For those who have not sent funds in yet, please mail them to me at National Chief of Staff Wanda Langdon, 930 Locust Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45245, but make the checks payable to "National Organization ASUVCW" and mark for the "Chief of Staff Fund." Your support for our organization is greatly appreciated!

In addition to the cash donations, I am continuing the highly successful "Great Basket Challenge" and ask anyone who would like to participate to bring a gift basket to the National Encampment to be raffled off to raise funds. The Department basket that sells the most tickets will be awarded a superb prize to take home to their Department! For those wishing to participate there will also be a second category for baskets put together and donated by individual Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries-at-Large. Tickets will be offered for a donation of \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00. I already know about some unusual and creative baskets that are being produced, so get your creative juices flowing and see who can come up with a winner!

I have also created a Chief of Staff Facebook page and started posting items there that will be raffled or auctioned. There are some really great items, many of them donated! The Facebook page link is: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ASUVCWChiefofStaff>

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Springfield in August! Together we will make this a phenomenal year!

No Rain on Our Parade! **ASUVCW Logo Umbrellas are here.**

The National Chief of Staff is offering umbrellas to help raise money for the National Chief of Staff Fund. This fund is used to support the daily operations of the National Order. Your support is vital and appreciated!



Only \$25.00!

This is a ShedRain Super Mini 42" Umbrella. Folds to a compact 9-1/2" long -- small enough to tuck inside a purse or briefcase or the new ASUVCW Blue Tote available from the Supply Officer!

Contact the National Chief of Staff at: ChiefofStaff@asuvchw.org or 513-505-6871 or visit the Chief of Staff Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ASUVCWChiefofStaff>

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

Trea\$urer Time

Each year the delegates have the opportunity to review the budget and vote on it at the National Convention in August. For those of you not in attendance last year, I want to let you know that, our spending, based upon the approved budget, consisted of the following:

- Patriotic (Wreaths, Donations, Dues and Scholarships) – 8 %
- Convention/Encampment (Site Committee and Officer Expenses) – 19 %
- Communications (Printing, Postage, Web-Site) – 35 %
- Operational (Office Supplies, Supplies for Auxiliaries, and National Officer Expenses) 38 %

We can look for a proposal to increase the Patriotic spending next year by double the percentage presented above by targeting funds received from the Supply Officer newly added promotional items. I'm sure this positive increase will be welcome by the membership.

As Treasurer, my message to the members at this time is short. I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts and the outstanding support to your local auxiliaries as well as the contributions you consistently make to National which ensures that our organization financially stable.

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

Charity

Hello Sisters — Thank you to the Departments that have sent in their Charitable Activities reports. Thousands of dollars have been raised/distributed, thousands of miles have been driven, and many hours have been given. I'm very excited for the ASUVCW.

I am still looking for reports from the following Departments: California and Pacific, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont; and from the following Auxiliaries-at-Large: Arizona, Illinois, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

If you would like to be included in the final numbers please send your Charitable Activities Report to: **Vicki Weiss, 1420 Gerry Drive, Jackson, MI 49202.**

Looking forward to sharing the final numbers with all of you in Springfield. See you in August!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Vicki Weiss, Chair, National Charitable Activities Committee

Auxiliary Sister Honored by State Legislature

Sister Twyla Warren and her husband, Christopher, were recently honored with resolutions from the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives for their years of volunteer service providing Civil War programs and education.

Sister Twyla is a native of Ontario, Canada and a very active member of Louisa Volker Auxiliary No. 215, Auxiliary-at-Large in Missouri.

At right, the Warrens pose with their daughter Abbie during a recent educational opportunity.



NEW INITIATIVE - SSWV

The Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary No. 10 and the Department of Ohio are excited to announce a new initiative they are launching – Sisters Supporting Women Veterans (SSWV). Working with Veterans Affairs (VA) Centers, the goal is to provide for a much-overlooked segment of our veterans care – women veterans.

We have talked to many veterans as well as VA Centers not only in Ohio but other areas and the story is the same – women veterans are overlooked and there is a huge need to be filled.

Many women veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life that are different from those of their male counterparts, including raising children on their own or dealing with the psychological after effects of events such as military sexual trauma. As more and more women are actively involved in combat roles, they also face issues like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), with which it can be severe and difficult for their families to deal. These issues, without intervention, can put women veterans at greater risk of becoming homeless. The VA's efforts to provide housing and health care support are critical. However there is a gap in what the VA can provide and what these women need.

We hope to be able to step in and provide at least some comfort to those women in areas where needs exist.

For more information on how to participate, please contact Sister Wanda Langdon at wanda@teamlangdon.com

“Land of Lincoln”

2016 ASUVCW and SUVCW National Encampments

The 2016 annual SUVCW and ASUVCW National Encampments (Conventions) will be held August 11-14 in Springfield, Illinois. If you have any questions or concerns please contact National Secretary Tricia Bures, 11526 Bona Vista Ct. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Phone: 360-786-9451. Email: asuvcw@verizon.net.



The Department of Illinois invites you to Springfield, Illinois for the 2016 National Encampment. The President Abraham Lincoln Springfield, a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, will serve as our headquarters from August 11-14. The hotel is in the heart of historic downtown, within walking distance of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Herndon Law office, the Old State Capitol, and more.

This hotel is connected to the Prairie Capital Convention Center and situated just a few blocks from St. John's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center. Hotel guests ride the complimentary shuttle to and from nearby AMTRAK and the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

All of the guest rooms at this hotel feature a flat-screen TV, premium bedding, and complimentary WiFi access. Hotel amenities include 24-hour business center, 24-hour fitness center, and an indoor pool. Restaurants on the premises include Lindsay's Restaurant, with a daily buffet breakfast, and the Globe Tavern sports bar.

Additional details and forms are available at:

<http://www.suvcw.org/?p=1965>



Delegates to the National Encampment are encourage to visit the following links to learn more about items that will be coming up for a vote.

Recommendations and Resolutions
www.asuvcw.org/recommendation.html

Candidates for National Office
www.asuvcw.org/Candidates.html

“Voting is a right best exercised by people who have taken time to learn about the issues.”

Tony Snow, 26th White House Press Secretary

TENTATIVE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday August 11, 2016

8:00 am – Noon	----- Tours	----- Meet in Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	----- Exhibit Room set up	----- Lincoln Room
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Room Set up	----- Freeport ABC
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Registration	----- Outside Freeport A
7:00 pm	----- Workshop	----- Freeport ABC
TBA	----- ASUVCW Council Meeting	----- Presidential Suite

Friday August 12, 2016

8:00 am	----- ASUVCW Registration	----- Outside Freeport A
8:00 am – 9:30 am	----- Joint Memorial and Opening	----- Presidential Ballroom
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Meeting	----- Freeport ABC
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	----- Lunch (<i>on own</i>)	
3:00 pm	----- Patriotic Instructor Presentation	----- Freeport ABC
8:00 am – 9:00 pm	----- Exhibitors	----- Lincoln Room
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	----- PCinC and PNP Banquet	----- TBA
7:00 pm – 10:30 pm	----- Campfire & Courtesy Hour	----- Presidential Ballroom

Saturday August 13, 2016

8:00 am	----- ASUVCW Registration	----- Outside Freeport A
9:30 am – 11:30 am	----- Business Meeting	----- Freeport ABC
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	----- Lunch (<i>on own</i>)	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	----- Business Meeting	----- Freeport ABC
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	----- Exhibitors	----- Lincoln Room
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	----- Allied Orders Banquet	----- Presidential Ballroom

Sunday August 14, 2016

7:00 am – 8:00 am	----- Non-Denominational Church Service	----- Ottawa A
8:00 am – 9:00 am	----- Old and New Council Meeting	----- Freeport ABC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	----- New National Officers Meeting	----- Freeport ABC

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

All National Officers and Department Presidents should be prepared to wear white attire and white shoes during the meeting sessions of the Encampment. To our other Sisters, if possible please bring a white outfit to fill a station if needed.

The National President has designated the following Sisters to serve appointed positions during the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois:

- Parliamentarian** Beverly Graham, PDP (CA & Pacific)
- Guide** Anne Sosnowski, PNP (ME)
- Assistant Guide** Barbara Indan, PDP (PA)
- Color Guard #1** Jan Davis (MI)
- Color Guard #2** Cindy Eddy, PAP / Rebekah Thomas (CA & Pacific)
- Inside Guard** Betty Wheeler, PDP (NY)
- Outside Guard** Rosemary Martin, AP (CH)
- Escorts** Carol Dyer & Jennifer Dyer (IL)

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The National President has designated the following Sisters to serve on the following committees during the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois:

- Credentials & Registration** TBA
- Officers Reports** TBA
- Committee Reports** TBA
- Recommendations** TBA
- Resolutions** TBA
- Elections** TBA
- Greetings Committees** TBA
- Response Committees** TBA



MORE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION

VOTING DELEGATES

Please reference the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for detailed information concerning voting delegates. Alternates will be seated as voting delegates as spots become available. Voting delegate status automatically goes to the following:

1. All Past National Presidents in good standing, and all sitting National Elected and Appointed Officers (except the National Personal Aide) in good standing.
2. All sitting and past Department Presidents in good standing. A Department may also send two (2) voting delegates.
3. All sitting Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary-at-Large Presidents in good standing, and one (1) voting delegate from each Auxiliary.
4. National Membership-at-Large delegate allotment is based on the total NMAL membership at the time of the Annual Per Capita Report.



NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you will not be able to attend the National Encampment, please send a copy of your report to National Secretary Tricia Bures before July 30th. If you will be attending the National Encampment, please be prepared to read a summary of your report, and have two (2) copies of your full-length report to be submitted to the National Secretary and the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. Please try to keep your oral summary report to approximately five (5) minutes or less.

DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORTS

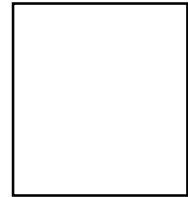
All Department Officers shall please provided a copy of your Department reports to your corresponding National Officer so that the National Officers can complete their reports to be presented at National Encampment.

Department Vice Presidents	Report to Sister Denise Oman at e3427@netzero.com
Department Chaplain	Report to Sister Ann McMillin at ammcmillin@gmail.com
Department Patriotic Instructor	Report to Sister Hope Parker at parker46211@verizon.net
Department Secretary	Report to Sister Tricia Bures at asuvcw@verizon.net
Department Treasurers	Report to Sister Mary Flynn at massflynn@verizon.net
Department Charitable Activities	Report to Sister Vicki Weiss at lonereb@hotmail.com

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

At the National Encampment Department Presidents will be expected to dress in all white. Each Department President should prepare a written summary of her Department's activities since the last National Encampment. If the Department President will be at the National Encampment she should be prepared to read a summary of her report and have two (2) copies of the full-length report for submission to the National Secretary. Please try to limit oral reports to two (2) minutes or less. If she is unable to attend, the Department President should submit her written report to National Secretary Tricia Bures at or before the National Encampment, for inclusion in the National Proceedings.

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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