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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

It is my hope that your holidays were filled with love, precious moments and peace of heart. I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude for the numerous cards and gifts. Thank you! My wish for the New Year is that your efforts are productive, harmonious and enjoyable! Soon we will be engaged in our endeavors of attending meetings, planning, performing tasks, completing patriotic works, teaching Civil War history, and honoring our brave ancestors from the Civil War era. While doing so, try inviting an interested family member, friend, colleague or community member to join you. An increase in NEW MEMBERSHIP is EVERYONE'S responsibility.



Since the last newsletter, much has transpired. With great sadness to our organization, we suffered the profound loss of Sister Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP who had done much to promote the Auxiliary with her wisdom and leadership. She will be greatly missed, as the void in our hearts is immense. Numerous calls have been received concerning serious accidents or health concerns. Let us lift their spirits with a prayer, card, phone call or kindness. Being sisters, we care for each other.

Going back to the month of November, I had the awesome opportunity of participating in numerous Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If you have never experienced this event, it is definitely one for your "Bucket List." There were thousands of reenactors that flooded the entire city as if the hands of time were turned back 150 years. Never had I experienced the sight of the mass companies of Union and Confederate forces. It remains difficult to imagine the huge number of soldiers that met on that battlefield and the terrible loss of life shown by the endless rows of white stone markers. Sister Cynthia Brown escorted me through the Massachusetts grave area, pointing out the sprigs of rosemary left on each marker. Almost every state or brigade had their own symbol of remembrance such as pennies, colored ribbon, or flags. On behalf of the national organization I presented a wreath at the Grand Army of the Republic (Albert Woolson) Monument. The view from that hilltop was breathtaking. Sister and Brother Mertz then gave me a personal tour of the battlefield and monuments. *(continued on next page)*

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The Remembrance Day Parade seemed endless. A real eye opener was viewing several Confederate reenactors who marched the entire parade route barefooted in the sleet and frigid temperatures, just as many did during the war. Next we attended a religious ceremony to remember the veterans on the battlefield. The winds, sleet, and temperatures turned brutal, however I was privileged to attend. Later I was received at the Commanders' Dinner and given the opportunity to speak and thank the attendees. It was a wonderful event. One of the highlights of the day was the spectacular Remembrance Day Ball. There must have been hundreds of period dressed dancers that filled an enormous hall. The elegance of the dancers was matched only by the wonderfully created ballroom gowns and dress uniforms. It was a spectacular affair that was magical.

December held more excitement as the Department of Wisconsin held a surprise testimonial in my honor. I thought I was attending our Winter Banquet! That is what happens when both of my computers crash (I just purchased a new laptop). The numerous guests, presentations, letters, gifts and the outpouring of love, overwhelmed me. Again, I am grateful for such wonderful sisters.

Now is the time when calendar events are being scheduled. If you wish for me to attend your Department meeting or event, please get those dates to me as soon as possible so that I won't have to send regrets. There are a limited number of weekends.

Just a few words of wisdom: Start each meeting with a prayer and kind words. We don't always agree, however we consistently need to show the other person respect. We are all sisters, volunteers, and have much in common, especially our Civil War ancestry. If they "drank from the same canteen," surely we can work together for the greater cause of accomplishing our goals. You are all great leaders, entrusted with the monumental task of continuing the work of our Civil War veterans. My love to all.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, I am your humble servant,
Denise Bernadine Oman, ASUVCW National President

Local Auxiliary Secures New Flag

During the annual Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 19, 2016 Sisters Samantha Cain and Shelly Krecota of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43 of Kittanning, Pennsylvania carried their Auxiliary's banner while Sister Peg Krecota proudly carried the Auxiliary's new flag.



Trea\$urer Time

With the dawning of 2017, we again have renewed opportunities to enjoy ourselves and to spend our time productively, either in the aid of others, or just doing the things that interest us most. For me, this year, I have more time to do just that. As National Treasurer, the volunteer work and functions that I perform are very productive, interest me and serve our membership body, hopefully to your satisfaction. However, I like most officials, am very dependent on you. Dutiful reporting of financial information, your ability to recognize individuals of honor through our Honor Roll certificate program, and the presentation of deserving candidates for our Life Membership program are a few ways that help me help you. Let's work together to carry out our principals and purpose as members of the National Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a very meaningful fashion.

One suggestion I have for you this season is to visit our website and familiarize yourself with all that is available. If you have difficulty gaining computer access, let your Auxiliary Officers or Sisters know as they are eager to help and provide you with a copy of any of the content that exists on our website. A more informed membership body can act in a way that is both productive and pleasing to everyone.

I very much enjoy being a part of this organization and like to think my service is enthusiastic and selfless. Remember, I make myself available to you for questions and assistance when the need arises

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



2017 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.

Welcome Auxiliary No. 615

Our National President Denise Oman institutes our newest Auxiliary, the Madeline O'Donnell Auxiliary No. 615 of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. Welcome Sisters!



Photo by Sister Linda Marker

Chaplain's Chapter

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
- Betty Baker
- Cheryl Carrera
- Janice Corfman
- Elizabeth Craig
- Anita Davis
- Mindy Eckler
- Barbara Franklin
- Jane Graham
- Florence Jennison
- Caitlyn Kimball
- Rachel McReynolds
- Hope Parker
- Virginia Twist
- Janet Waffler

The last months of 2016 brought us all a loss with the passing of PNP Bea Greenwalt. Sister Bea gave many years of service and devotion to the organization. We can truly say "Well done good and faithful servant". Please keep her family in your prayers, especially her daughter, PNP Betty Baker.

2017 has arrived bringing new beginnings and hopefully some healing across our Nation from the bitter Presidential election. I ask that all of us pray for our elected leaders and for God's wisdom to guide them as a new regime begins.

Many of you are visiting the Chaplains Corner on Facebook and posting prayer requests and praises. For those of you who aren't please check it out. Just search for Chaplain's Corner ASUVCW.

Sisters, I leave you with this scripture:

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

— Lamentations 3:21-23

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Wanda Langdon, 930 Locust Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Memento Mori

Final Muster

Beatrice "Bea" Terry-Greenwalt (1926-2016), Dept. of New York, Past National President

Rowena K. Leibig (1934-2016), Dept. of Ohio, Life Member

Virginia M. Lightner (1935-2015), Dept. of Pennsylvania

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. (1957-2016), Dept. of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

I am excited to announce an upcoming fundraiser for the National Chief of Staff Fund, which will take place at the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan in August 2017.

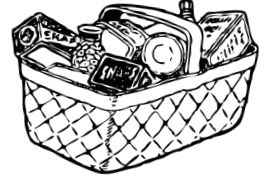
This year we are again asking each Department to bring a basket of “goodies” to be raffled or auctioned off. However, we are going to mix it up a bit for some additional fun! Here’s the twist:



Departments from the East
Assemble a basket with a Midwestern or Western theme.

Departments from the Midwest
Assemble a basket with an Eastern or Western theme.

Departments from the West
Assemble a basket with a Midwestern or Eastern theme.



Once each Department completes their basket, a picture of the basket should be emailed to the National Chief of Staff at chiefstaff@asuvcw.org.

Further details about this fundraiser will be announced at a later date. Thank you Sisters for all of your support!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty — Elizabeth “Liz” Craig, National Chief of Staff

Summary of General Orders, Series 2016-2017

(Full text at: <http://asuvcw.org/communications/general-orders>)

General Order #1 - Change of Command (19 Sep 2016)

The first G.O. of the 2015-2016 term, which establishes headquarters, etc.

General Order #2 - U. S. Citizenship Requirement (23 Sep 2016)

Temporarily requires all new ASUVCW members to be U.S. Citizens and permits non-U.S. Citizens to retain current ASUVCW membership and offices. 2017 National Encampment to finalize ruling.

General Order #3 - New IRS Requirements (2 Oct 2016)

Outlines requirements for filing of IRS Form 8976

General Order #4 - Use of Emblems on Websites (2 Oct 2016)

Bans use of ASUVCW name and emblems on personal websites and social media sites. Grants such permission to Auxiliaries and Departments.

Special Order #1 - Passing of Past National President Beatrice Greenwalt (13 Nov 2016)

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of PNP Beatrice Greenwalt.

Special Order #2 - Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. (18 Dec 2016)

Acknowledges the passing of PCinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Ruminations of the Patriotic Instructor

Your Patriotic Instructor has been very busy since my election in August. To promote patriotism and provide public exposure for our Auxiliary, I have attended and participated in several events both locally and nationally.

Locally I participated in the Jackson Civil War Muster, the largest event of its kind in Michigan. I also went to the River of Time event where I worked with the public and approximately 2,200 school children ranging from elementary level grades up through high school. I took part in headstone dedications and memorial services working with the SUVCW, the SVR, and the Sisters of our Auxiliary.

In November, I participated in the Gettysburg Remembrance weekend events including the Woolson Memorial Service, placing national and state flags on the graves of Michigan soldiers and the laying of wreaths. This year we added an additional part to our remembrance ceremonies by reading the names of those soldiers buried there. We also performed a memorial service at the 3rd Michigan Infantry monument in the same fashion.

To better understand what our Civil War ancestors experienced and endured, I participated in a tour of South Mountain and the Antietam Battlefield. We walked the same route that was taken by the 17th Michigan Infantry.

I continue my fund raising activities and want to thank all of the Sisters who have demonstrated their support by supplying me with items to sell in our fund raising activities.



Above: Auxiliary and Sons members placing flags on the graves at Gettysburg National Cemetery during Remembrance Day weekend.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Jan Davis, National Patriotic Instructor



At right: Sisters Jan Davis (left) and Connie Horning (right) placed flags and wreaths in Gettysburg during Remembrance Day observances.



Historian's Reflections

As your National Historian, I attempt to keep fresh the memory of our Sisters' past deeds and services. Knowledge of our past gives us firm footing upon which to carry out our goals and principles as we move into the future — keeping our history true, our values firm, and our Order strong and relevant. The following is a true story.

In 1995, my husband Steve Michaels decided that he was going to attend his second National Encampment, which was being held in Columbus, Ohio. My designated task was to entertain our four young children at the Columbus Zoo . . . by myself! After returning from this daylong ordeal — a parent's nightmare — I was told to pack up the kids and bring them to the Encampment hotel for a "camp fire." One can guess what was going through my mind — "Big city? Big Hotel? Camp fire?!" At least Steve was going to be watching the two younger children, so I packed everyone into the van and drove to the hotel. When I arrived I found Steve and Past Commander-in-Chief Dick Greenwalt relaxing in the lobby and chatting about the day's events. Before long a woman appeared to collect her husband. Dick introduced me to his wife Bea and I was greeted with the broadest smile. She asked me if I was a member of the Order. At the time I did not even know the Auxiliary existed. I had never heard of the "Allied Orders." This was all so new to me, yet Bea had the ability to explain the Order in simple loving terms, which made me want to learn more. She told me some of the exciting things that the Order was doing, how I could become involved, and whom to contact in Wisconsin to join an Auxiliary. I was invited to attend the Auxiliary's business meeting the next day. When I attempted to graciously bow out, she insisted that my girls would be welcome, so I decided to attend. Before the meeting began, Bea selected a long-term member to sit with me in the back of the room and answer my many questions. The girls quietly played under the Patriotic Instructor's sales table. During the break, Bea made it difficult for me to skip out by introducing me to the many in attendance. She made me feel wanted and appreciated — and I wasn't even a member yet! With her words of welcome and encouragement, and with that broad smile, it was clear to me that Bea already had plans for me in the future. She confidently told me that one year, soon, she would be looking at me at the front of the room in the National President's position. "Me? A National Officer?" She stated that she looked forward to pinning the badge of the office upon me. In just nine years her vision came true.

Past National President Bea Greenwalt led by example. She showed me how to be excited about the Order, appreciate the many gifts of future members, and trust to aim higher than I perceived my own abilities in the moment. As our long-time National Historian, Sister Bea always presented interesting tidbits of history at the National Encampments.

Do we recruit with enthusiasm? Do we visualize our goals that include our members? Do we create a path of success for our members? These are tenets that Sister Bea followed and held dear. Let us all continue to be inspired by her example. How lucky we were to have her guidance!



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Danielle Michaels, PNP — National Historian

Servant Leadership

In the last newsletter, we discussed the importance of active listening. Did you give it a whirl?

Empathy is a core value of the “Servant Leader”. It is also a key characteristic of effective leaders. The empathetic leader attempts to see through the eyes of others. In a sense, there becomes an understanding, a connection, and a relationship with the members.

An empathetic leader doesn’t force her ideals, or makes demands on others but, rather reasons with sound judgment, educates for understanding, and encourages others in participation and celebration of the Order.

The leader must not only be concerned with the tasks but must also be diligently aware of the “social” concerns. The Servant Leader must try to eminently display positive behavior and “Can Do” attitude to encourage others in furthering production of the Auxiliary goals. By learning about individuals, you are accepting that person as a member and recognizing the special skills and talents that can be shared within the organization.

Through proper recruiting, we can assume the members joined with good intentions and willingness to assist the Order in our endeavors. We can also believe that the members have a willingness to share their time and talents.

Retention of our members will remain strong when the membership feels appreciated, wanted and has ownership in the commitment of fulfilling the Principles of the Order. When the members’ goals align with Organization’s and the members are free to share their many talents, then we have an active vibrant organization.

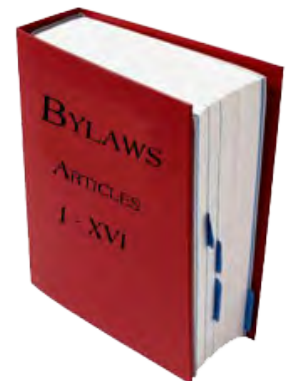
As leaders, we are investing our energies to inspire others with our Order’s vision. The quality of our organizational life depends on the climate created by the leadership. The climate must be favorable to sharing of ideas, promoting creativity, and encouraging the members to gather as community or family. Could this be one of the reasons we call each other “Sister?”

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Danielle Michaels, PNP



Bylaws

A ruling by the 2016 National Encampment requires that each Department and local Auxiliary must send a copy of their current bylaws to the Special National Committee on Bylaws for review. This is to ensure that all bylaws are in compliance with the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and with applicable State and Federal laws. This is to be accomplished before the 2017 National Encampment. Please send an electronic or hard copy of your bylaws to the committee by April 1, 2017.



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Hot Off the Press!

I am so honored to be serving as this year's National Press Correspondent. Among my responsibilities are ensuring that the ASUVCW is represented in the news and assisting the National President in keeping apprised of the many good works being done by our Sisters throughout the Order.

Another duty is compiling a scrapbook of activities for the National President that will represent her year in office and which will be presented to her at the National Encampment.

You can assist me by sending me copies of your Auxiliary and Department newsletters. My contact information is as follows:

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I am generally available all day, however I do still work full-time, so please leave a message and I will return any calls as soon as possible.

I have a number of flyers, brochures, and other publications available to share for use as recruiting tools. Among the most important things one can do for recruiting is to be visible. Learn what local events might be open for Auxiliary participation. Have at least one person in period Civil War attire, and have lots of information available. Photos, scrapbooks and memorabilia make any presentation more interesting for the public, including potential new members. I encourage all to get our name out there!

Thank you again for your confidence in me and I look forward to hearing from you all.

Hope C. Parker, PDP — National Press Correspondent

Please Help Us Complete Our Census!

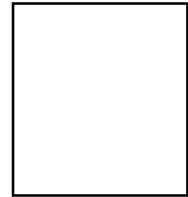
Every five years the Auxiliary conducts a national census to ensure accuracy of our membership lists and that we have current contact information on file. Each Auxiliary should forward a complete membership roster, mailing address, and city in which the Auxiliary regularly meets. Additionally, each Auxiliary should also state whether or not they are associated with a particular Camp of the SUVCW and, if so, identify the Camp by name and number. So far we have not received information from the following Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large:

Connecticut	Massachusetts	New Jersey	South Carolina	Vermont
Illinois	Missouri	New York	Tennessee	Wisconsin
Iowa	New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Texas	

Please send information electronically to National Secretary Rachelle Campbell via email at secretary@asuvcw.org or via regular mail at: 9110 Avezan Way, Gilroy, CA 95020-7545.



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If you would like to submit an article for consideration, please send it to the National Newsletter Editor at newsletter@asuvcw.org

Membership

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

1. As the wife, sister, daughter, legally adopted daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and so forth, niece and grandniece and so forth, not less than twelve (12) years of age, of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy or Coast Guard (including Revenue Cutter Service) during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865.
2. As the wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of the following member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage, and who is in good standing.
3. As an Associate who is not a descendant of a Union Civil War veteran, but desires to affiliate with the ASUVCW.
4. Junior Membership is available for young ladies of not less than six (6) years of age.

For a membership application, please visit: — <http://www.asuvcw.org/membership/application>