



THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

Beloved sisters, I wish to express sincere condolences to the many who felt the profound loss of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. “Bud” Atkinson, and especially to our dear Past National President Margaret Atkinson. Now is the time to celebrate the lives of those that have gone before us by continuing their work in remembering and honoring the “Boys in Blue.” Make a special effort to fly your flag, attend our Auxiliary meetings, participate in Lincoln's Death Day, Memorial Day, and other patriotic events. Visit a Department of Veterans Affairs facility, sew lap blankets, speak about our history, and invite another lady to join your Auxiliary. Who will carry on?

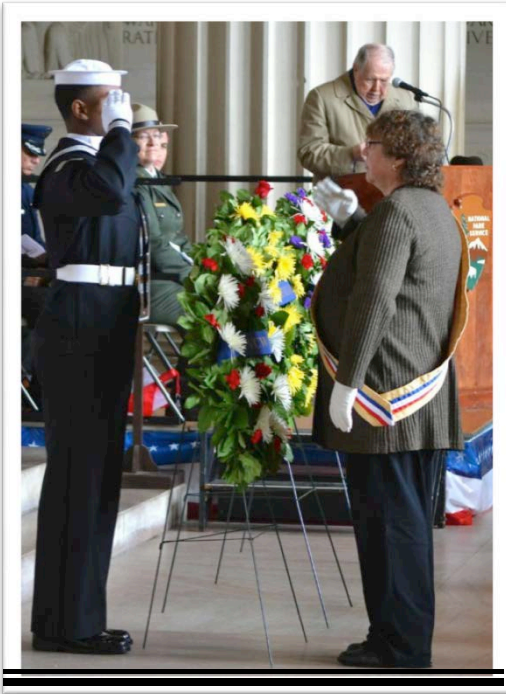


The trip to Washington, D.C. was spectacular. There were no words to express the many emotions I felt when placing the Auxiliary wreath at the Lincoln Memorial. It was breathtaking. I also had the opportunity to visit many of the museums and war memorials. Our country is so rich in history!

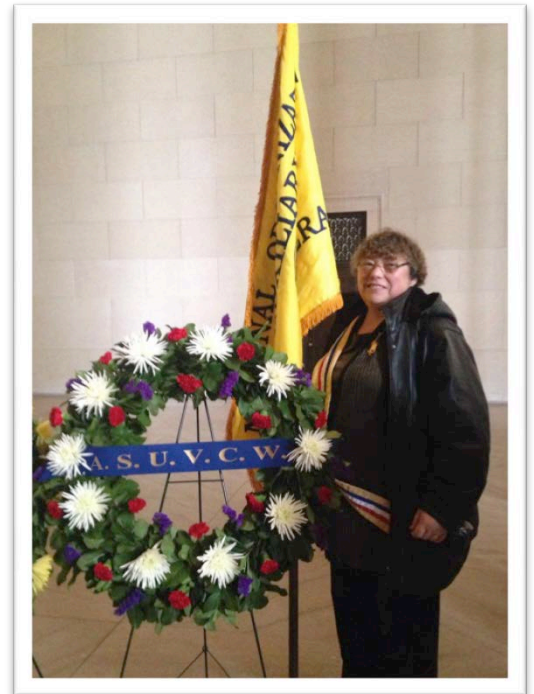
My trip to California was delightful. Upon leaving the airport, the lush green colors were everywhere and the fragrance of roses filled the air. I could not have asked for anything more as the Sons and Auxiliary Sisters attended to my every care. The Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was highly successful. I was impressed with their well-coordinated and cooperative efforts. I was afforded the opportunity to renew old friendships and build a few new ones. The highlight of my day was assisting in the installation of our newest Junior member, Riley Brown. Her great-great-great-grandfather Captain Daniel Riley of Company C, 2nd Wisconsin Calvary, also known as the “Black Hatters”, was from my native state!

Until we meet, show every sister love and kindness, assist them where you can, and promote the ASUVCW to the public.

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



National President Denise Oman presents the Auxiliary wreath and colors at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. during the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in February.



Auxiliary Images



**Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, Dept. of Michigan
Officer Installation – Traverse City, Michigan**

Seated, L-R: Mary Rose, Debra Downey, Emily Breaugh. Standing, L-R: Dorothy Roush, Jane Prebble, Lisa Smith, Darlene Hinkley, Lorraine Jones, Dale Aurand



**Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Dept. of California & Pacific
Officer Installation – Fort Point, San Francisco, California**

L-R: Rebekah Thomas, [unidentified], Ann Schleeter, Amelie Brown, Elaine Christian, Emelia Campbell (Aux. No. 52), Cali Debevoise, Rachelle Campbell, Katherine Cannon

Trea\$urer Time

As the Treasurer of the National Organization, I am obligated to remind each Auxiliary to complete and mail their Annual Department Treasurer's Report (Form D04) or Annual Auxiliary Treasurer's Report (Form A04) once a year to the proper authority. If you have not done so already, these reports can be found on our National Website or by calling me directly and I will ensure you have the forms needed. The due dates for the Departments and Auxiliary-at-Large reports to the National Treasurer, is May 15th. For each Department, if you have not already, please enclose a copy of the Annual EIN Reporting Form (Form D11). Any questions please contact me at 1-978-208-0543.

Thank you all for your serious attention to this notice.

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



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 National President
Beatrice E. 'Bea' Terry Greenwalt

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Past Commander-in-Chief
Richard L. Greenwalt

Past National President
Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson

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DONATION BY:

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, PNP

Cynthia W. Brown, PNP

Ramona Greenwalt, NVP

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Cynthia W. Brown, PNP

Ms. Margaret Johnson



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.

CHARITY

Hello Sisters!

I was once again appointed to be the head of the National Charitable Activities Committee.

Please send me your Charitable Activities Reports (Form A10 or D10) by July 15, 2017, so I can have the totals in time for the National Encampment.

You can mail them to: Vicki Weiss, 1420 Gerry Drive, Jackson, MI 49202

I look forward to seeing everyone in the capitol city of Michigan – Lansing – on August 10-13, 2017.

Hope everyone has a wonderful spring and summer!

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

Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting

Submitted by Wanda Langdon

The mid-winter meeting of the Department of Ohio brought together Camps and Auxiliaries from across the state. National Vice President Ramona Greenwalt let an exemplification of the Rituals session, and Department Secretary Nancy Hilton, PNP updated the Auxiliary members on the need to complete reports in a timely manner. National Chaplain and Dept Vice President Wanda Langdon led a session on marketing.

Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed a joint testimonial dinner for Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, Department of Ohio Commander Pete Hritsko and Department of Ohio Auxiliary President Cindy Hilliard. Several national officers and guests from other Departments were present.



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
- Melisa Barron
- Tricia Bures
- Elizabeth Craig
- Donna Dinkelaker
- Jane Graham
- Rachel McReynolds
- Hope Parker

All people need HOPE. I have felt for a long time that the biggest problem we have in the world today is there are so many people who have lost hope. There seems to be so many hurts, problems, sicknesses, troubles, financial woes, family problems, world issues, political concerns, etc. It seems the world has no hope.

Apart from God, it is an awful, hopeless place. But with God's help, we can make it. I want you to know that whatever situation you find yourself in at this moment, there is hope. You may not be able to see or feel the hope, but it is there for you. How do you find the hope?

The Bible gives us some wonderful words of hope: Read them, then share them with someone else who needs hope.

"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."—Psalms 39:4 NIV

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."—Psalms 42:11 NIV

"Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you."—Psalms 25:4-5 NLT

"No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame."—Psalms 25:3 NIV

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love."—Psalms 33:18 NIV

"Remember your promise to me, for it is my only hope."—Psalms 119:49 NLT

May these words of HOPE lift you today!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Wanda Langdon, 930 Locust Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Memento Mori


Final Muster

Rachel A. Perine (1916-2016), Real Daughter, West Virginia

Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson (1924-2017), Dept. of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief

NATIONAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION



GIRLS - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A JOB?
FIND OUT WHAT AN OCCUPATION HAS TO OFFER YOU IN
PAY-EMPLOYMENT-SECURITY AND PROMOTION
FREE CLASSES IN OCCUPATIONS

***Now is your opportunity
to serve the Order at the National level!***

Recent changes in the National Officer Corps have brought vacancies in the following positions:

National Patriotic Instructor National Supply Officer

Job descriptions for these positions can be found at <http://asucw.org/images/pdf/OfficersDescrip2016.pdf>

If you are interested in serving,
please contact the National Council at
council1@asucw.org

Until further notice, donations to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund should be sent directly to National Treasurer Mary Flynn, 174 Maple St., Methuen, MA 01844.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR VETERANS PROJECT

By Amelie Brown

At the Veterans' Day Parade in Petaluma, California on Nov. 11, 2016, the table set up by sisters from the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 proved very popular once again.

Many people who came to see the parade, stopped by at the table decked out with many holiday cards and all kinds of writing implements to send a personal message to a veteran. Members of the California Coast Guard congratulated us on this worthwhile endeavor, family members of veterans shared personal stories, and teenagers asked if they could possibly sign more than one card. By far the most precious moments came when we watched young children, in their preschool or early elementary school years, carefully select a color – or two – and then bend deep down over the card to draw a picture. The ones who couldn't write their own names yet would ask us to help them with it. Once the artwork was completed, they would hold it up close to our faces and explain what their thoughts were behind the drawing. "Do you think they will like it?" came the sincere question.



This marks the fifth year of our Holiday Cards for Veterans Project. The last couple of years we have written and collected more than 600 cards each holiday season. Of course our members and their families and friends have written many, many holiday cards but we also received substantial support from Girl Scout troops, book clubs, church groups and many others in our respective communities. In mid-November, members of Auxiliary No. 23 gathered once again at the home of our president, Elaine Christian, for our holiday card-signing get-together. Fortified by delicious dim sum, we wrote many a card while cherishing each other's company.

Initially, we presented the holiday cards to the Veterans Home of California in Yountville where they were very well received. Yet, in an effort to reach a population that might receive fewer services, last year we established a relationship with Sonoma County Vet Connect. It "is a Veterans helping Veterans Group formed to assist Veterans in locating the services they have earned during their military service." Several members of the Auxiliary attended their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 20, 2016, to personally present the holiday cards to this veterans group.

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 is proud to continue to spread awareness about the needs of veterans and offer the wider public an opportunity to participate in a personal way.

Reaching Out to Veterans

Submitted by Wanda Langdon

Members of the Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary No. 10 and the Gen. William H. Lytle Camp No. 10, Department of Ohio spoke to the Kroger's Veterans Associate Resource Group (ARG) In Cincinnati, Ohio on Friday, March 10, 2017.



National Chaplain Wanda Langdon spoke on women's lives in the Civil War and the Sisters Supporting Women Veterans Project. Sisters Donna Dinkelaker, Judy Brown and Jenna Osborn demonstrated women's period dress.



From the National Vice-President

[Part 1]

First I wish to express my appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me by my Sisters when they elected me as the National Vice President. It was a very humbling experience.

As most of you know, one of the duties of the National Vice President is membership. She is assisted by each Department Vice President and Auxiliary Vice President. These are the people to whom members can turn to with questions and for assistance. Because these officers are charged with a specific area of responsibility does not mean that everyone else can relax and assume those officers will take care of the issue. Each Sister must do her part in recruiting new members. If you are not excited about your organization, no one else will be interested either. You must show enthusiasm for your Auxiliary and the work that we do. We have something to sell to prospective members and it behooves all of us to present our product in a positive, enthusiastic manner. Follow the Scout Motto – “Be Prepared”. When seeking new members, have application blanks, cost information, and pictures of your activities with you. Family, friends and co-workers are often the best and easiest new recruits. If you are a member of another hereditary or patriotic organization remember that the members of that organization may share your interest in our principles. Growing our membership is key if we are to continue to exist and carry out our charitable works in memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Many hands truly make the work lighter. Our ancestors fought bravely to maintain the Union. We owe it to them to fight to keep our organization alive and vital so that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

To those of you, who need a carrot for motivation, there will be a reward for the member, the Auxiliary and the Department recruiting the most members.

[Part 2]

Recently, on the national ASUVCW Facebook page, I saw pictures of the institution of a new Auxiliary within the Department of Pennsylvania. This is exciting news! Congratulations to the organizers and charter members, and to the Department for its continued growth. Please keep me informed of any Sisters who perform exceptional recruitment so that they may be properly recognized.

A recruiting flyer is being developed at the national level and will be made available to all Sisters as soon as possible. This has the potential to become an excellent resource to help bring to members into our Order.

Increased membership has numerous benefits! In addition to ensuring our continued existence, more members mean better visibility and additional resources available for our many worthy projects.

[Part 3]

The Department of Ohio recently held their mid-winter meeting. At that meeting, several Sisters presented programs designed to help members with various aspects of the Auxiliary. The Department Vice-President presented a wonderfully informative program on recruitment. She provided handouts and examples of brochures, information on web sites related to printing, and suggested recruitment opportunities. Other Department Vice Presidents might find this information to be helpful for their own Auxiliaries. Although recruitment is the primary responsibility of the Vice President, every Sister should strive to be a recruiter.



WE WANT YOU

Our future depends upon gaining new members and retaining our existing membership. We should get new members involved as soon as possible, and keep our longer-term members active and interested. We need to teach the new members our traditions and involve them in our work.

Everyone needs to understand that they are important to the Auxiliary. Each of us has talents and skills that can be put to good use. You may think that you don't have such talents, but don't sell yourself short! You may be able to see the humor in situations, have computer skills, you may



sing, sew, knit, crochet, read, play an instrument, drive a vehicle, have people skills, communication skills, have historical knowledge you can share, research skills, organization skills, be creative or any one of a number of other ways in which you can be of service to our Order. Each one of us is a special unique creation of God with our own set of gifts given to us by Him. Our talents are God's gift to us. How we use them is our gift to God. Utilize those wonderful gifts in your Auxiliary. We need you!

I recall a couple of lines from a song we used to sing in Girl Scouts, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." As an organization, it would behoove us to remember that and to practice it. In everything we do, we need to always remember to do it in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. These principles are the hallmark of our organization. Keep them uppermost in your thoughts and actions.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Ramona Greenwalt, PDP
National Vice-President, ASUVCW

Great Lakes, Great Times!

The Department of Michigan cordially invites you to the **131st Annual National Encampment**, which will be held in Lansing, Michigan on **August 10-13, 2017**.

The venue will be the Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol, located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in downtown Lansing.

Information and registration forms may be found at the following link:

<http://suvcwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/2017Encampment.php>

If you have any problem accessing the forms, please contact
National Secretary Rachele Campbell at secretary@asucwv.org (or) 408-489-0115

"Thank God for Michigan" - Abraham Lincoln



Summary of General Orders, Series 2016-2017

(Full text in the "Communications" section of the national website - www.asucwv.org)

Special Order #3 - Passing of Real Daughter Rachel A. Perine (13 Mar 2017)

Acknowledges the passing of Real Daughter Rachel A. Perine of West Virginia.

Special Order #4 - Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson (13 Mar 2017)

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of PCinC Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson.



Historian's Reflections

Within the proceedings from 1937, the historical committee stated the findings of their efforts from their two-year study. The historical committee requested a listing of current markers, historical interests to the Grand Army of the Republic and monuments from each department. Their major finding was that many sisters acted on their own in supporting other entities or that local auxiliaries supported other orders without receiving recognition for the ASUVCW. To correct part of the problem the committee asked for the historian to map out a comprehensive program for the Order.

The report of the committee noted the tangible efforts by our sisters. Many of these have long been lost from our history and long been removed from their original dedicated space.

Here are a few examples from the report. Do they still exist?

- IOWA — Gettysburg plaque to Ben Franklin Jr. High School in Cedar Rapids, a boulder with tablet marking the site of Camp Tuttle in Oskaloosa, a bronze on State House grounds in Des Moines, a plaque by the Court House in Davenport.
- MAINE — Lincoln plaque present at Woolson School in Portland.
- MASSACHUSETTS — Dormitory G 14 beds and tablet on wall at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea, flag pole in Plymouth, Gettysburg Address plaque at Lincoln School in Boston, a granite bench at Hillcrest Park in Springfield.
- NEW YORK — Flagpole at Mt. McGregor where General Grant died, hospital beds for children's ward in Albany.
- PENNSYLVANIA — Memorial window in chapel for veterans of the GAR and their wives, marble bench in Peen Park in York, plaque in the Memorial Hall in McKeesport.
- WISCONSIN — Memorial bench at Wisconsin Memorial Hospital in Madison, in Vollrath, Bowl and Sheboygan.
- WASHINGTON — A monument statue of Lincoln on the Columbia River 10 miles north of Wenatchee.
- INTERNATIONAL — 14 ambulances were donated for service in France – cost of over \$25,000.00.

Unfortunately the entire report was not published but placed in the committee folder along with the descriptions and picture of the many listed items. This folder has been lost over the years. Part of our history is lost or hidden from us.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to once again attempt such a feat? It has been eighty years since this record told of our rich accomplishments. Do you know of any of our lost markers, statues, trees, flagpoles, etc. that bear our name? Are they still in good order? If you come across such items please note where they are, if they are still being used, are need in repair, and above all send me a picture of each item. As National Historian, I will attempt to log each item so others will have this information for many years to come. So, with spring right around the corner, start walking the grounds and find our plaques, marker and monuments, and take a picture — and if your department has a copy of their report, please send a copy!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Danielle Michaels, PNP — National Historian

Servant Leadership: Reflection on Healing

We don't often associate the element of *healing* when we think of leadership characteristics. The healing of relationships is a most powerful force that can transcend relationships to even higher, deeper wholeness. The force of healing one's self or someone else brings potential stability in our lives.

People do not live in a bubble, nor do they get to pick or choose the crisis in their lives. We each carry a cross; some are more visible to others. Some burdens are secretly hidden but to the individual alone.

Each time we interact with one another, we have an opportunity to uplift the other's life. The broken spirits and suffering of emotions can potentially decrease through kind acts, kind words, and sometimes forgiveness. When the leader empathizes with others, that leader understands their cross by "walking in the other's shoes", and therefore can attempt to "make whole" those they come in contact with.

By design, we are social beings that find value in working together towards a just cause. The opportunity to work on something we believe in when shared, gives us opportunities to transcend our individual abilities and goals. Each owns a shared effort in the results. When we value others, we value their efforts in making a difference. Everyone has a sense of direction and purpose, which makes us whole.

Many times, the leader needs to heal as well. It is ok- in fact- it is healthy to forgive one's self. When you can recognize the problem, don't forget to recognize your limitations. Figure out possible solutions that with work and act on them. Don't forget to move on. When we perseverate on the past, we often dig a rut that prevents us from growth and forward motion. Sometimes, forgiving one's self is the hardest task but essential for growth and wellness.



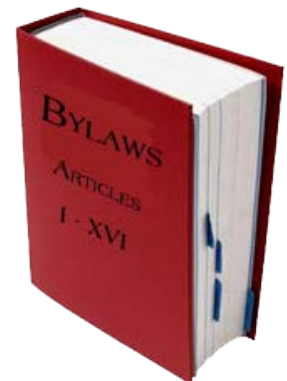
The search for wholeness is something we all share in. We need to be there for each other. At times we feel that we are on our own in the world on the journey of life. If we are bound by common values and principles, it is our duty to work together. Let us be there for one another; let us strive to make each other whole. People join because they share common values. People stay because they are valued, respected, and they feel their efforts make a difference.

So your next task---- go make a difference in the Auxiliary!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Danielle Michaels, PNP

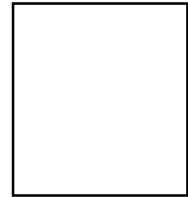
Bylaws

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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out of Facebook!**

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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>