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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

My hope is that you are well and have been successful in your endeavors. This is our busiest time of year as we attend memorials, parades, fundraisers, visits to those in the veterans' hospitals, cemetery clean-ups and numerous other activities. Almost every weekend has held an event for me to attend. The Auxiliary and Department meetings have demonstrated your dedication and tremendous support of the ASUVCW. It is difficult to find the correct words that express my deep and sincere gratitude for all that you have accomplished and the warm hospitality shown to my representatives and myself. You ladies are spectacular!

You are engaged in the work handed down to us by the "Boys in Blue." After the Civil War, former Union soldiers formed the Grand Army of the Republic, also known as the GAR. The men banded together to make sure history was written correctly, the brave soldiers were remembered and the battlefields and monuments preserved. They had developed strong relationships that were built during the war, which were continued through their lifetime. As they had struggled to survive and complete their objectives on the battlefield, they continued to support each other in times of peace. Many were wounded, permanently disabled or killed, leaving a widow and orphans back home. The GAR took it upon itself to care for those who were in need by fighting for financial support and health benefits for veterans and their families. As the GAR veterans grew too old to continue this enormous task, five other orders were formed and became the Allied Orders of the GAR, tasked with carrying on the work of the GAR. These Allied Orders are the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW).

The GAR veteran lived and practiced Servant Leadership long before the practice was given a name. That is why it is so important to take ownership of the tasks at hand. Our work is important to the success of our organization. It is built on principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. More importantly, it was and is done with respect, honor, integrity, and love. That is why we address each other as Brother or Sister. We are bound by the same commitment and pledge of support as our Civil War ancestors. This is why we all have the duty to perform our tasks to the best of our ability, assist others to be successful in their responsibilities, to teach our skills and duties to others, and to strive to take on new or more difficult responsibilities. Remember, this is always done in love.

My message now leads us to our fast approaching National Encampment to be held in August in Lansing, Michigan. The ASUVCW organization needs you there! This is where the critical decisions are made. If you are a newer member, or have never attended an Encampment, this is where you will see the organization in action. Let this be my personal invitation for you to join history in the making. Please introduce yourself to me so that I may secure time to spend with you and answer any questions. I wish to start that special relationship that the veterans emulated in their lives. To the Sisters returning to our annual meeting, I offer the invitation and challenge for you to serve at the National level. Many hands make lighter work for all, so the saying goes. I also pledge my assistance with helping you be successful in a position. Leadership does not come easy to most of us and requires us to step out from our comfort level and trust our Sisters to support us. Believe me when I say there are numerous Sisters here to assist, guide and roll up their sleeves to help you. There it is ladies, my wish to see you in about eight weeks in Michigan. I entrust you to God's care.



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

Memorial Day



Left: 85 year-old Life Member Alice Doyle places flags on the graves of Civil War soldiers in Chelsea, Vermont



Left: Sisters of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43 at the cemetery in Kittanning, Pennsylvania

Right: Sisters of the Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Auxiliary No. 10 at the cemetery in Dunmore, Pennsylvania



Left: Junior Sisters Riley Brown & Emelia Campbell of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 at the cemetery in San José, California



Trea\$urer Time — By May Flynn, National Treasurer

This year I have tried to diligently performing my duties as Treasurer, which has included those of the Supply Officer. I want to thank Cher Petrovic for her years of service as Supply Officer and I appreciate her working with me in transitioning the inventory to my residence. Cher did an outstanding job expediting orders, deliveries and record keeping, which is evidenced by the sales volumes she obtained. Unfortunately, she resigned her post earlier this year. Last year a motion passed at the National Encampment that 25% of the revenues brought in by the National Supply Officer, providing they are in excess of \$1,000.00, be targeted toward increasing the President's Scholarship amount by \$500.00, as well as increasing our charitable donations to include an additional \$500.00 donation to a Veterans organization at the choice of the Supply Officer. I am happy to report that that target was met thanks to Cher's efforts and promotions. With this, our targeted spending for this year was allocated as follows:

- Patriotic (Wreaths, Donations, Dues and Scholarships) – 16%
- Convention/National Encampment (Site Committee and Officer Expenses) – 20%
- Communications (Printing, Postage, Web-Site) – 29%
- Operational (Office Supplies, Auxiliary Supplies, and National Officer Expenses) 35%

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 Organization. A final request, as acting Supply Officer, I will not be able to transport the vast array of items as has been available in the past to our National Convention because I will be traveling by air. I will however take orders and those placed will not be accessed a shipping charge. If you wish badges and know your order in advance I will accommodate by bringing them with me.

From the National Vice-President

Sisters:

This is the last communication from me before the National Encampment. It is my last opportunity to remind Department Vice Presidents of the reports that are due. Department Vice Presidents serving 2016-2017 need to forward their consolidated reports to me as soon as possible after the conclusion of their Department Encampments. I must compile my report for the National Encampment. Those Department Vice Presidents whose encampments aren't until June will have to be especially vigilant about the time factor so that my report can be accurate and complete. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to remind each Sister, local Auxiliary and Department of the rewards to be presented to the Sister, local Auxiliary and Department that has recruited the largest number of new members. In order to be able to confer the rewards, I will need the information. Please mail or email the name of the Sister, local Auxiliary and Department along with the number of new members, as well as the reports of any new Auxiliaries organized in the past year.

Once again I wish to express my gratitude to the Sisters of the Auxiliary for allowing me to serve as your National Vice President. It has been a learning experience in more ways than I ever thought it would be. Holding this position has broadened my understanding of the duties of the job. I'm not referring to just membership but to the knowledge that is required and that others expect you to possess, the responsibility that you bear to be correct in your facts and fair in your decisions. I was humbled when elected to this position but even more humbled as I experienced the magnitude of the responsibility entrusted to me. I thank you for your trust and belief in my abilities.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ramona Greenwalt
National Vice President



Mother and Daughter Reach Half-Century Mark



At the annual Encampment of the Department of Vermont, held in Barre on Saturday, May 20, 2017, Department Commander Errol Briggs presented 50-year pins to Auxiliary members Alice Doyle and Teresa Doyle, mother and daughter, members of H.E.K. Hall Camp Auxiliary No. 15 in Chelsea.

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Congratulations!

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

It has been an honor serving as the National Chief of Staff of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this past year. Many great thanks go to the Sisters, Auxiliaries, Departments and individuals who have donated 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 our goal.

Most of you know we ask the Departments and Auxiliaries to appoint aides to help raise at least \$25 to go towards the fund. For those who have not send in funds yet, please mail them to me at National Chief of Staff, Elizabeth (Liz) Craig, 4622 W. Mill Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53218, but make the checks payable to the "National Organization ASUVCW" and mark for the "Chief of Staff Fund." Your support for the organization is greatly appreciated!



In addition to the cash donation, I have already announced the "Great Basket Challenge" with a twist – create a basket with a theme from state other than the one you or your Department represents. Anyone who wishes to participate in the challenge, I encourage them to bring the basket to the National Encampment to be raffled off to raise funds. Tickets will be offered for \$1.00 each or six (6) tickets for \$5.00.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, so for individuals and departments who send in a donation before the National Encampment will receive one "free" 50/50 raffle ticket. These tickets will be \$1.00 each.

ASUVCW Umbrellas! Limited Quantities Available

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!

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@asucwv.org or 414-217-2553 or visit the Chief of Staff Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/ASUVCWChiefofStaff>



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty — Elizabeth Craig
National Chief of Staff, ASUVCW

Neshaminy Bake Sale

Sisters of the Anna M. Ross Auxiliary No. 1 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania participated in a successful bake sale during the annual Civil War reenactment at Neshaminy State Park in Bensalem, Pennsylvania on April 29-30, 2017. The Auxiliary raised \$253.03. Such funds raised have historically been used for postage to send "goodie boxes" to veterans at Christmas and Independence Day.



Pictured under the fly from center then left to right are: Peggy McPhillips, Janice Showler, Barbara Indan, Kim Di Peira, Theresa McPhillips, and Danny McPhillips. The framed portrait is of the Auxiliary's namesake Anna M. Ross.



Bro. Chuck Odell with Odell's Bell

Odell's Bell - A Moving Tribute

This year Brother Chuck Odell of Taneytown, Maryland, a member of the Antietam Camp No. 3, Department of the Chesapeake, reached an impressive milestone — 75 years of membership! Shortly after his fourteenth birthday on March 13, 1942, Chuck was initiated into the SUVCW at the GAR Hall in Beverly, Massachusetts. At the Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake at Fort Royal, Virginia on April 22, 2017, the Antietam Auxiliary No. 3 assisted the SUVCW in recognizing this momentous occasion. The SUVCW and ASUVCW Departments jointly dedicated a "new" ceremonial bell, fondly named "Odell's Bell" in his honor. Brother Odell is a past Department Chaplain.

The year-long effort resulted in a World War II U.S. Navy bell, representing Odell's WWII naval service, mounted on a wood base made from a more than 150 year old American Elm "witness tree", which had been brought down during Hurricane Sandy. Much of the work on the bell and the base was donated by craftsmen through professional and veteran generosity. As a highlight during the Encampment's Memorial Ceremony, Chuck Odell himself initiated "Odell's Bell".



Presentation of Odell's Bell
L-R: Kevin Martin PDC; Rosemary Martin PAP, Dept. Vice President; and Bro. Chuck Odell

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.*

- Tammy Britton
- Jane Graham, PNP
- Karen Hammann, PDP
- Madge Moore
- Uta Schenck
- Jennifer Rosenwald
- Zachary Rosenwald
- Janet Waffler

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." – Romans 12:18 (NIV)

Live at peace with everyone? Easier said than done, right? Especially when that one person is pushing their agenda (and your buttons) and becomes upset if you don't embrace it; but Romans 12:18, encourages us that as far as it depends on us, we're to live at peace with everyone. When a relationship like this one begins to wear me out, absorb my life, or create chaos, I try to check three things:

Have I listened with compassion and responded in love? It's important to evaluate my own behavior to see if I am contributing to the toxic relationship. Every situation has many factors and owning my part is key.

Set limits. People can only get in your space if you leave the door open! Decide what is healthy for you and draw a line

there.

Know when to walk away. Our key verse clearly says if it is possible, live at peace. That means there may be times when it's not possible. We may need to part ways for a season. God can redeem anything and often He brings folks back together after a time of separation.

Confronting difficult people is hard, but important, so you can control how much of a negative impact they have on you. And to live at peace with them. Our first step is adjusting our focus on the Prince of Peace and then our own behavior.

Want to take a personal challenge with me? Instead of avoiding our 'grinders'—let's grind to a halt, drop to our knees and pray for our friends today.

Dear Lord, how easy it is to fall into relationships that absorb our strength. Refocus our attention on You and how You want us to behave. Teach us how to set healthy boundaries in all of our relationships. May we always reflect Your Son. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I have truly enjoyed serving as your Chaplain this past year. I am sad the time is drawing to a close.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Wanda Langdon, National Chaplain
930 Locust Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45245



“Thank God for Michigan” 2017 ASUVCW and SUVCW National Encampments



The 2017 annual SUVCW and ASUVCW National Encampments (Conventions) will be held August 10-13 in Lansing, Michigan. If you have any questions or concerns please contact National Secretary Rachele Campbell PNP, 9110 Avezan Way, Gilroy, CA 95020. Phone: 408-842-7368. Email: secretary@asuvchw.org.

The Department of Michigan invites you to Lansing, Michigan for the 2017 National Encampment. The Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol will serve as our headquarters from August 10-13. The hotel's convenient downtown location is just a five-minute walk from the Michigan State Capitol and other sites.

This hotel is connected to the Lansing Center, and guests ride the complimentary shuttle to and from Capital Region International Airport (LAN).

Additional details and forms are available at:

<http://www.suvchwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/2017Encampment.php>



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.asuvchw.org/recommendation.html

Candidates for National Office
www.asuvchw.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



2017 ASUVCW National Encampment Pre-Registration Form

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

AUXILIARY NAME & NUMBER: _____

I will be attending the National Encampment as a (***select only one***):

- Delegate
- Alternate
- Past National President
- Guest

() If under 18 years old, check – Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please complete this form and send with check or money order (no cash) for **\$10.00** made out to “**National Organization, ASUVCW**” and mail to:

Rachelle Campbell PNP, National Secretary
9110 Avezan Way, Gilroy CA 95020

Important Reminder: This form does ***NOT*** replace a completed Credentials Card and current Membership Card, both of which are required to complete your registration at the Encampment. ***You will not be able to register at the Encampment without both of these cards.***

Pre-registration deadline is July 31, 2017

TENTATIVE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday August 10, 2017

8:00 am – 9:00 pm	----- Encampment Help Desk Open	----- Main Lobby 2 nd Floor
9:45 am – 9:55 am	----- Guided Tour #1 Meet for Bus	----- Main Lobby
3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	----- Exhibitor & Vendor Room Set up	----- Regency II
3:00 pm – 10:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Room Set up	----- Capitol I
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Registration	----- Main Lobby 2 nd Floor
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Council Meeting	----- Capitol I
7:00 pm	----- Workshop	----- Capitol I

Friday August 11, 2017

7:00 am – 9:00 pm	----- Encampment Help Desk Open	----- Main Lobby 2 nd Floor
7:30 am – 9:00 pm	----- Exhibitors and Vendors	----- Regency II & Michigan I
8:00 am – 9:00 am	----- Joint Memorial and Opening	----- Capitol II, III and IV
9:15 am – Noon	----- ASUVCW Business Meeting	----- Capitol I
Noon – 1:00 pm	----- Lunch (<i>on own</i>)	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Business Meeting	----- Capitol I
3:00 pm (tentative)	----- Patriotic Instructor Presentation	----- Capitol I
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	----- PNP and PCinC Dinner	----- TBA
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	----- Campfire & Courtesy Hour	----- Capitol II, III and IV

Saturday August 12, 2017

7:00 am – 9:00 pm	----- Encampment Help Desk Open	----- Main Lobby 2 nd Floor
7:00 am – 8:15 am	----- SVR Breakfast	----- Capitol II and III
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	----- Exhibitors and Vendors	----- Regency II & Michigan I
8:45 am – Noon	----- ASUVCW Business Meeting	----- Capitol I
Noon – 1:00 pm	----- Lunch (<i>on own</i>)	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	----- ASUVCW Business Meeting	----- Capitol I
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	----- Allied Orders Banquet	----- Capitol II, III and IV

Sunday August 13, 2017

8:00 am – 10:00 am	----- Encampment Help Desk Open	----- Main Lobby 2 nd Floor
7:00 am – 8:00 am	----- Religious Service	----- Regency II
8:00 am – 9:00 am	----- Old and New Council Meeting	----- Capitol I
9:00 am – 10:00 am	----- New National Officers Meeting	----- Capitol I
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	----- Guided Tour #2 Meet for Cars	----- Main Lobby 1 st Floor

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. If you are interested in serving as an appointed officer or on a committee during the Encampment, please notify the National President as soon as possible.

The National President will designate Sisters to serve in the following appointed positions during the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan:

Parliamentarian, Guide, Assistant Guide, Color Guide #1, Color Guard #2, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Escorts



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The National President will designate Sisters to serve on the following committees during the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan:

Credentials & Registration Committee, Committee on Officers Reports, Committee on Committee Reports, Recommendations Committee, Resolutions Committee, Elections Committee, Greetings Committee, and Response Committee.

Dress Code Reminder

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

I look forward to renewing our friendships at the National Encampment in August. Please remember the dress for the meetings is business attire. All are encouraged to wear white. Those members holding a national office or occupying a position on the floor of the meeting are required to wear white. Leggings, stretch pants, jeans, shorts, t-shirts, tank tops and sundresses are not appropriate for the meeting, but may be worn during the casual events. The dress code will be enforced as this is a ASUVCW historical event. Thank you and see you in Lansing!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Denise Bernadine Oman, ASUVCW National President

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 Rachele Campbell 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

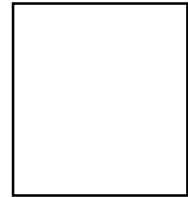
All Department Officers shall please provided a copy of your Department reports to your corresponding National Officer so that the National Officers can complete their reports to be presented at National Encampment.

Department Vice Presidents	Report to Sister Ramona Greewalt at vicepresident@asuvcw.org
Department Chaplain	Report to Sister Wanda Langdon at chaplain@asuvcw.org
Department Patriotic Instructor	Report to Sister Elise Oman at patrioticinstructor@asuvcw.org
Department Secretary	Report to Sister Rachele Campbell at secretary@asuvcw.org
Department Treasurers	Report to Sister Mary Flynn at treasurer@asuvcw.org
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 Rachele Campbell 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