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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

My Dear Sisters,

Much has happened since the last encampment. Committees are busy with their assignments, officers with performing their duties, the membership promoting patriotic activities and education, and I have been involved with numerous initiatives. I am pleased to announce the ASUVCW possesses signed contracts for two future Encampments where the prices, amenities, and space requirements will remain as the 2018 Encampment which was negotiated by PNP Ramona Greenwalt. The Sons of the Union Veterans Civil War Encampment Planning Committee head, Brother Mark Day PCinC, was instrumental in obtaining the positive outcome. These Bothers deserve our thanks and respect.



On this last day of the year, while looking back on the past twelve months, we have experienced the loss of several precious Sisters who left voids in our hearts. As we remember their legacy of leadership, skills and friendship, let us resolve to carry on what they started — in our organization. Now it is up to us to pass onto others our skills and recruit our replacements. Please visit or call our sisters ill in health. Let's continue that prayer chain asking the Lord to bless them with returned health and peace of mind.

I am pleased to announce another six lifetime members who have received their certificates and pins since September. Thank you, Sisters.

As we celebrate the holidays with family and friends, take the time to share in the special moments and renew your souls. Shortly after the New Year, we will be engaged in planning activities and our travels. If you wish for me to attend your event or Department Encampment, please get that

invite and information to me that I may schedule it on my calendar and arrange flights and motel rooms. If you have a spare bed, I'd be happy to join your household.

For those wondering how I am spending New Year's Eve, let me just say that the weatherman mentioned we would be receiving a dusting of snow that could possibly reach up to three inches. As I am preparing dinner and my husband is loading the wood burning stove, we have whiteout conditions and 6" of that white stuff on the ground with more on the way. It will be a night in front of the fireplace especially if the electricity is knocked out with the storm.

Health, happiness, prosperity, and success be yours in the New Year! My Love to all.

Blessing to all and may you remain in God's care.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Denise Oman, ASUVCW National President

2019 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



The National Encampment is the annual convention of the National Organization and is the ultimate authority of the organization. Delegates to the National Encampment elect National Officers and conduct other business of the organization.

The Department of Ohio invites you to the Buckeye State for the Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in **Independence, Ohio on August 8-11, 2019**. Information will be posted here and on the website as it is made available.

REMEMBER

General Orders, forms, news and other items of interest may be found on the Order's official website at:



WWW.ASUVCW.ORG

From the National Chief of Staff

As I sit at my computer, looking at the heavy frost on everything outside my window, I pray that bad weather will not keep families apart for Christmas or New Year's celebrations. Just as we are dedicated during the holidays to keep family traditions and memories fresh; our Auxiliary remembers their commitment to honor our Civil War soldiers and veterans of all wars since by participating in many programs, such as Wreaths Across America.

Now could also be a chance for us to support the ASUVCW in their work by donations in honor of a loved one, an ancestor, an Auxiliary sister, or whatever you wish. I ask you to please consider a monetary gift to the National Chief of Staff Fund.

Your Memorial Donation may be sent to: National Chief of Staff Connie Horning, 7541 Napoleon Road, Jackson, Michigan, 49201. Please make checks payable to "National Organization ASUVCW" with "Chief of Staff Fund" in the check memo line.

Thank you for your careful consideration of support, and bless all during this Holy Season of Christmas.



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and Sisterly Love,
 Connie Horning, PAP, National Chief of Staff
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GAR Monument Rededication

I had the honor as your National Chaplain of being asked by the Department of Kentucky, SUVCW to give the Invocation at the rededication of a GAR Memorial in Maysville, Kentucky on Oct. 27th. This memorial has now been added to the National Historic Register. While I was very pleased to have been invited to take part in the ceremony, I was even more pleased when I read the quote engraved on one side of the monument: "We remember with gratitude the

noble Union women of the war time". Then the statue in the middle of the monument was pointed out and explained to me. It is a female figure and it is placed in the middle "since the women are the heart of us all." I have tried to research to find any other GAR monuments with similar dedications to females but have not had any success yet. If you know of any, please contact me at chaplain@asucwv.org or 513-505-6871.



National Chaplain Wanda Langdon

Chaplain's Corner

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: *"Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end"* (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world.

We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psalm 33:12).

We pray for our Order and for our leadership. Give them the vision to lead and inspire us. May our bonds be strengthened and may Unity grow within our groups.

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.



Current Prayers Needs

PNP Virginia Twist
PNP Margaret Atkinson
June Lloyd's son

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty — Wanda Langdon, National Chaplain

Department of the Chesapeake Hosts Civil War Christmas and Tree-Trimming



DP Rosemary Martin and DC W. Faron Taylor flank Christmas tree decorated in Civil War fashion. Photo courtesy of Brother Mike Beard.

EMMITSBURG, MD (December 16, 2018) – Twenty-five Sisters, Brothers and guests from across the Department of the Chesapeake came together on Sunday, December 16 to celebrate the holiday season. The event was held at the historic Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, MD, an antebellum structure dating from 1857 which saw thousands of Union troops pass its front door on their approach to Gettysburg in 1863.



Revelers pose in Civil War-era garb at Department of the Chesapeake Civil War Christmas event. Photo courtesy of Sister Danielle Vance.

In addition to a holiday meal with all the trimmings, attendees reveled in Civil War-era games, period Christmas carols, Victorian “crackers,” Santa Claus trivia, a raffle and gifts. Of special note, two Christmas trees were decorated in historically-correct fashion to represent trees in the homes of a Union soldier’s family and a tree that might be found in a typical Union camp.

Hosted by the Department’s Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, many of the Sisters wore period dress while several Brothers were in uniform or civilian attire of the era. In addition to Auxiliary President Rosemary Martin and Department Commander Faron Taylor, special attendees included Department Brothers Gene Mortorff and Mark Day, both past Commanders-in-Chief.



The Sister Anthony O’Connell Auxiliary, Dept. of Ohio, held a new member initiation and Officer Installation Sunday, Oct. 29th. New Members Wanda Leaman and Joyce Vogel were initiated. The new Officers were installed by Dept. President Wanda Langdon. Several members of the Lytle and Sherman Camps were in attendance as well as the Dept. Commander and other Dept. Officers.



Remembrance Day Weekend Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 17 & 18



Despite a snowstorm on November 15th, members of the Jennie Wade Auxiliary #27 participated in events for Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg.



Above right: Madlyn Galliher, daughter of Auxiliary President Emily Galliher, helping to pick up flags on Sunday.

Above left, L to R: Emily Galliher (Pres.), Gracee McMillin (VP), Barbara Etman (Chaplain), Madlyn Galliher, Darlene Shrader (Guide), Ann McMillin (PDP), Leah Andrews (Secy.-Treas.), and Janice Poirot.



Last Civil War Veteran in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

President Shelly Krecota of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary, Dept. of Pennsylvania, lays a wreath at the resting place of Absalom Riggle, the last Civil War soldier in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, who died in 1942. Absalom was wounded while serving in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. In 1938 he attended the 75th Reunion at Gettysburg.



Veterans Day in Silicon Valley

Emelia & Rachelle Campbell (PNP) lead the combined ASUVCW/SUVCW contingent in the Veterans Day in downtown San José, California on November 11th. Participants included members of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 & Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4.





NEW REQUISITION FORMS

At the National Encampment it was voted that a requisition system would be put back into place. This system will require the signatures of the President, Secretary and Treasurer at each respective-level of the organization (Auxiliary, Department and National). When making a requisition, the new Forms A-16, D-16 and N-16 will need to be completed and then sent with attached receipts to the respective-level Secretary who will then sign and send to the respective-level President for her signature. Once this is completed, the form will be sent to the respective-level Treasurer for completion of payment and proper filing. These forms

can be easily downloaded from the national website. Please remember to use the most current version of all forms by obtaining them directly from the national website.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
National Forms and Documents Committee
Rachelle Campbell, PNP (Chair), Danielle Michaels, PNP (Member), Elizabeth Craig, PDP (Member)

Constitutional Amendment



The following proposed amendment to Article IX of the ASUVCW Constitution was passed at the 2018 National Encampment:

“Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and shall be effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than ~~ten (10) Departments~~ *two-thirds (2/3) of the Departments and Auxiliaries at Large*, and proclaimed in General Orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution.”

The change does not take effect until favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than ten (10) Departments. A ratification certification form will be forwarded to each Department in time for its respective Encampment, at which time a “yes” or “no” vote should be taken on the change.



Reminder — Elections

Elections for Auxiliary Officers will soon be upon us. Please be sure to fill out the required Certification of Election and Installation of Auxiliary Officers (Form A01) and send to your Department Secretary. This form and all others can be located on the national website at <http://www.asuvcw.org>

Newsletter Expense

The printing and mailing of the *Auxiliary Voice* currently costs the National Organization **\$2,840.00** per year, or roughly **\$8.00 per Sister**. This is money that might be better spent on furthering the goals of the Order, such as monument preservation, education, etc. Those who opt to receive the *Auxiliary Voice* electronically not only save the Auxiliary money, but receive the newsletter in **COLOR** and in a timelier manner.

If you would like to opt for electronic delivery, please contact me either via mail or email at:
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GOINGS ON IN ILLINOIS



At left: Carol Dyer during Dedication of Unknown Soldiers.

At right: Jennifer Dyer was surprised to receive the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award. She is standing with her parents, Terry and Carol Dyer.



At left: Sisters of the Mary Logan Auxiliary No. 20 welcome members of the Mary Ann Bickerdyke Auxiliary No. 2, the state's newest Auxiliary.



National Chaplain Wanda Langdon was honored to take part in the December 15, 2018 Wreaths Across America ceremony at historic Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Despite buckets of rain and ankle-deep mud, patriotism reigned. A crowd of approximately 80 joined with several organizations to take part in the 2018 Wreath Across America program, an event that takes places in over 1,600 cemeteries across the United States including those located on military bases and Arlington National Cemetery.

297 wreaths were placed in the Civil War section of the cemetery, where 999 soldiers are buried. Ceremonial wreaths were placed in honor of the Nation's Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. A wreath was also placed to honor POW/KIAs. Sister Langdon had the privileged to present the closing benediction. The ceremonies are held nationally every December for the purpose of remembering fallen veterans while honoring those who serve and teaching children the value of the future.





PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

As I stated in our fall newsletter, I will write about United States flag protocol.

I will quote the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, “Guidelines for Display of the Flag”.

You might be surprised to learn that prior to Flag Day in 1923, there were no official guidelines on how to display our flag. On this day, the National Flag Code, Public Law 94-344, was drafted by representatives of the Army and Navy with the American Legion and the National Americanism Commission. On June 22, 1941, Congress passed a joint resolution (later amended on December 22, 1942). This resolution is what is known present day as the U.S. Flag Code. The language of the federal code makes clear the flag is a living symbol. Congress enacted the Flag Protection Act in 1989 which the Supreme Court ruled violates the First Amendment right of free speech in 1990.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has adopted these flag guide lines:

Always display the flag in public from sunrise to sunset unless it is illuminated during darkness. Do not subject the flag to damaging weather such as rain or snow storms unless it is an all-weather flag. The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of public institutions, schools during school days, and polling places on election days. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

When carrying a flag in a procession, the flag should be either on the marching right or the front and center of the flag line. On a float, it should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free and never draped on a vehicle.

When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the U.S. flag should be on its own right (left to person facing the wall) and its staff should cross over and in the front of the other flag. When suspending a flag from a building and another flag from the same building, the U.S. flag should be on its own right. If the U.S. flag is on a staff suspended from a building and a second flag is on the same staff, the U.S. flag should be on the uppermost part of the staff.

In a group of flags displayed from their own staff, the U.S. flag should be at the center and the highest point.

When the U.S. flag is displayed other than from a staff, it should be displayed flat, or suspended so that its folds fall free. When displaying over a street, place the union (blue field of stars) so it faces the north or east depending upon the direction of the street.

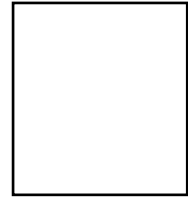
When flags of states, cities, or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top of the staff (except during church services conducted at sea by a Navy chaplain).

During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. According to the U.S. Veterans Affairs, this is how we are required to salute the U.S. flag: Military members in uniform, render the military salute. Military members not wearing their uniform, render the military salute. Men not in uniform or not a veteran should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart. Male veterans should salute the U.S. flag the same as an ununiformed military member. Women should place their right hand over their heart unless they are veterans. Women veterans should render the military salute. Those who are not U.S. citizens should stand at attention.

Next issue of the newsletter, I will go over things not to do to our flag and how to respectfully retire worn flags.

Yours in F, C, & L,
Susan Fallon — National Patriotic Instructor

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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