



THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

We made it. The terrible frigid weather is now behind us with the promises of Spring just ahead. I'm hoping all were able to refresh and restore their strength. Most reported earlier having severe health difficulties have made some gains. Let us continue to pray for them, call or send a card. You have no idea how you could brighten their day.

If you have not heard, the Auxiliary is celebrating PNP Margaret Atkinson's 75 years of commitment to the Order. If you are unable to attend her party, Saturday, April 13, please send a card or call. This is a historic record for a lady who has gently guided us through the years. She has adopted many of us giving words of wisdom and encouragement. We love you, Margaret! Not only are we celebrating her membership, but we can all wish her a Happy Birthday on the 14th. The Auxiliary has purchased a special gift as a token of our appreciation and love for her. Until Saturday, it's a secret!



Since our last newsletter, I have attended the Department of Wisconsin meeting held on February 2nd in Milwaukee. The Auxiliary had a joint opening with the Sons. Hugs were passes to all. It was a pleasure to see Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw and chat. Once our meeting started, they were all down to business. Members were assigned into looking at purchasing a durable porch swing for a Veterans Affairs facility, areas to sell our wares, and the calendar of events for the year. We enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner and a guest appearance by Mary Todd Lincoln, explaining her side of the story. My next trip was to the California and Pacific Encampment. I left 32° F temperatures that morning with white snow on the ground and landed in San José that evening with temperatures in the 60s and green vegetation all around. A special "Thank You" goes to National Secretary Rachele Campbell and her family for picking me up and allowing me to stay at



their "Museum House." I slept in the "Lincoln Bed" decorated with period artifacts and a patchwork quilt. PCinC Tad and Emelia took me to breakfast and then for an awesome scenic trip to Bakersfield. I was amazed with the unending fields of almond, orange and lemon trees. Then there were endless miles of vineyards as far as the eye could see. The California Poppies were in bloom and gorgeous. Once at the Encampment it was a renewal of friendships and many more hugs and kisses. Both the Sisters and Brothers took great care of me. Much was accomplished with plans and goals set. It was wonderful to see how the two Orders respected and acknowledged the value of the other. They sought each other's assistance for their joint efforts. I saw firsthand the Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty by which our Civil War ancestors lived and then passed down to the five Allied Orders. I was glad to see a tradition I have experienced by my Brothers in Wisconsin shown to the Sisters of California and

Pacific. The Department Commander brought red roses that were distributed to the Sisters and the remaining going to the Department President. The National Commander brought a dozen long stemmed yellow roses to me, of which each lady received one. It is these acts of Fraternity that bind us together and remind the membership of why we are committed to the other. Many of us shared the same relatives!

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The next trip is to Springfield, Illinois, to lay a wreath at Lincoln's grave on the anniversary of his death. I am hoping for pleasant weather since the last time there were three tornado touchdowns and torrid rains. April 26th marks the date for the combining of five eastern Departments into the establishment of the new Department of New England, with an Encampment and banquet to follow. The following weekend will take me to the Department of the Chesapeake, where they are offering a tour of Annapolis, meetings and a banquet. As you can see, dates are filling quickly and the next report will have more information.



Until we meet in August, do not hesitate to call, text or email. We rely on each other for strength, guidance, and wisdom. Be kind to each other. There will be times we will need to recognize that it is perfectly fine to disagree, however, we follow the majority rule. For the good of the Order we let it go and work together. Reread the oath you took when you joined. You made promises to each other. This is who we are as an Organization. **BE PROUD AND RECRUIT YOUR REPLACEMENT!**

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Denise Oman, ASUVCW National President

Historical Connections to the National Encampment

As I was looking at some of the old proceedings from Ohio to entice you to start thinking of going to our national convention, I came across the 98th National Encampment held in Ohio. It started on a Monday morning with a joint opening August 13, 1984 at 9:40 AM. National President Mary Jane Simpson and National Commander William Simpson were escorted to the front of the room by their Personal Aides followed by the National Past Presidents, Past Commanders-in-Chief, and National Officers.

As the National aides sang "Isn't She Wonderful?" The National Aide crowned the National President with a silver crown. She was quoted as saying "We have just crowned our President Miss America." When the National Commander was asked to speak, he thanked the Auxiliary for inviting the Sons to a beautiful opening. The Sons then retired to their meeting.

The President made Encampment appointments, including Guide Betty Woerner (CA), Musician Emma Wheeler (NH), Escorts Margaret Atkinson (PA) & Beatrice Greenwalt (NY), and Page Mary Scofield (CT). The National Chaplain was Ramona Greenwalt (OH) and the National Patriotic Instructor was Frances Murray (ME).



Thirty-five years later, it is the Sons that invite the Auxiliary to the joint opening. We start with our joint opening on Friday morning early and retire to our meeting room to conduct the business.

The appointees and officers that I named all earned their title of "Past National President" over the last 35 years. Each has left or continue leaving a legacy of their dedication to the Order.

I encourage each sister to think of attending the National Encampment to see some of the old traditions, as well as partake in the business sessions. Come see how our organization keeps true to our preamble and carries out our principles and objects. Come to get a deeper understanding of our endeavors and meet the members. Our members are our richest assets. Come share, learn, and be motivated. Enjoy the comradery and exchange ideas. Don't miss this opportunity. Plan now.

See you there!

*Danielle Michaels, PNP
National Historian*



Happy Spring!

Now with the upcoming flurry of outdoor ceremonies and Memorial Day Services, it is the perfect opportunity to get our organization noticed. Proudly wear your membership badges and have something with your Auxiliary's contact information. I hope to see lots new members on the Vice President's reports this year.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MaryCatherine Knight — National Vice President

FROM THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

I apologize if there was a misunderstanding of my message in the last Auxiliary Newsletter. I was asking for contributions to the Chief of Staff fund, not meaning to be in conflict with any contributions to any other fund. I'm truly sorry.

Department Encampments have already begun, it's hard to believe we are now just SIX MONTHS away from our National Encampment. Sadly, our National Chief of Staff Fund has been slowly accumulating.

When meeting at your Department Encampments, please consider contributing a basket for a Chief of Staff raffle in addition to the Department's monetary donation. Please include "made-in-state" and your regional own unique items; it will add interest and fun to the raffle! Have any Civil War related items collecting dust? Consider donating them to sell at National Encampment—it will help raise additional funds for our Auxiliary.

Thank you for considering my requests. I appreciate your help tremendously!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty — Connie Horning, National Chief of Staff

chiefofstaff@asuvcw.org



Past National President Margaret Atkinson has moved

Her new address is:

Room 141H @ Paul's Run Retirement Community
9896 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115

Her new phone number is 267-388-7499



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. There have been no recent additions to the Honor Roll.

Positive Thoughts and Prayers Needed

Recent losses:

Helen Dodd, Iowa

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Mary Jane Bannon, Pennsylvania

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*Please keep lifting these
Sisters in prayer:*

Margaret Atkinson, PNP
Pennsylvania
Celebrating 75 years in the Auxiliary

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Donna Dinkelaker
Ohio

REMEMBER

General Orders, announcements, contact information, forms and other information can be found on the ASUVCW website:

www.asuvcw.org

Consider a Life Membership for yourself or someone else!

After making a one-time payment, a Sister may become a Life Member. She will remain a member of her local Auxiliary and may provide any additional support she deems fit, but will never be subject to per capita dues again. The cost for Life Membership is as follows:

Under Age 50 = \$350.00

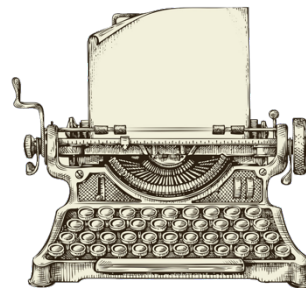
Age 50 – 64 = \$250.00

Age 65 – 89 = \$200.00

Age 90 and above = FREE

Information and the Life Membership Application Form may be found on the national website or may be obtained from National Treasurer Mary Flynn, 174 Maple Street, Methuen, MA 01844.

Secretarial Reminders



- All installation and per capita reports for Auxiliaries-at-Large are now due.
- All Department installation and per capita reports, along with any recommendations and candidacy announcements, are due to the National Secretary no later than two weeks after the respective Department Encampment.
- Department Officer reports should be completed and forwarded to the respective National Officer as soon as possible.
- Departments should also send their completed ratification forms for the proposed amendment to the National Constitution to the National Secretary as soon as possible.

Prayer works

“[God] hears us whenever we ask him; and since we know this is true, we know also that he gives us what we ask from him” (1 John 5:15 GNT).

Do you ever wonder if prayer really works? You're praying about something and Satan whispers to you, "Who do you think you are? What do you think you're doing? God is not listening. Don't waste your time. Forget it!"

Prayer works because God is in control. The basis of all miracles is God's sovereignty. Why does he do one and not another? Because God is in control. We have to trust his wisdom and his goodness.

Ephesians 3:20 says, "God . . . is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes" (TLB).

Prayer can do whatever God can do. His resources are available to you. Twenty times in the New Testament it says, "Ask." It's encouraging to know that things out of my control are not out of God's control. I may not be able to change a situation, but I can pray and God can change it.

That includes changing a relationship from bad to good, and the quickest way to see that change is to start thanking God for people you are having difficulty getting along with.

Praying for them will change your attitude—and it will change them. Positive praying is much more powerful than positive thinking. People may resist our help, spurn our appeals, and reject our suggestions, but they are powerless against our prayers.

What do you pray? The more specific you are in prayer, the more specific the answer will be.

In Philippians 1:9-11, Paul spells out exactly what he's praying for people. *"This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God"* (NIV).

Philippians 1 offers four specific ways you can pray for people today. As you practice this habit, see how it changes your attitude toward others—and how it changes them.



Abound in love: Pray that they will grow in love.

Discern what is best: Pray that they make wise choices.

Be pure and blameless: Pray that they will do the right thing.

Filled with the fruit of righteousness: Pray that they will live for God's glory.

May your prayers be fervent!

*National Chaplain
Wanda Langdon*

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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

For this issue of retiring a United States flag I will be quoting the United States Scouts website. For the things not to do with or to the United States flag, I will be quoting the United States Veterans Affairs website.

The flag should never be draped or drawn back in folds. Draped red, white, and blue bunting should be used for decorations, with the blue always on top and red at the bottom.



Out of respect for the U. S. flag, never: dip it for any person or thing, even though state flags may be dipped as a mark of honor. Never display the flag with the Union (blue field) down, except as a signal of distress. Never let the flag touch anything beneath it such as ground, floor, water and merchandise. Never fasten or display it in a way that will permit it to be damaged or soiled. Never place anything on the flag such as, letters, insignia, or designs of any kind. Never use it for holding anything. Never use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. Never use it as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations such as military, or police and firefighters. Never use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use to discard.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

According to the Scouts website, the retirement of a U.S. flag should be performed in conjunction with the Scouts or American Legion.

The traditional method of flag retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire (intact) flag into a fire. A flag ceases to be a flag when it is cut into pieces. A flag should never be torn up like an old bed sheet. It should be cut up with scissors or shears in a methodical manner. The corners of the flag should be stretched out over a table top and someone should cut the flag in half vertically (be careful not to cut up the Union (blue field)). Then, place the two halves together and cut them in half, horizontally. You will end up with four pieces of the flag, one the Union. The reason we do not cut the Union is it represents the Union of the fifty states and one should never let the Union be broken. The flag remnants are now ready for incineration.

The next part is usually performed by the Scouts or The American Legion: While all of the flags are being cut, other Scouts or Legion can start to tend to the medium size wood fire (preferably in a metal drum or incinerator). The Ceremony is as thus: The Leader says, the flag is a symbol of our nation. Seven red stripes and six white stripes represent the original 13 colonies that gained us liberty. Red is for the lifeblood of brave men and women who were ready to die for this country. The white stripes remind us of purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed. The blue is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens. The stars represent the fifty sovereign states of our union. Then after this explanation of what the symbolism is, the American Creed is said. Then the flag remnants are placed in the fire. Once they are placed in the fire, the Scouts or Legion keeps vigil over the fire until all traces of the flag remnants are destroyed. Then, the fire is extinguished and the ashes are buried. The burial can be completed with a moment of silence while taps is played by a bugler.

As a safety measure, check with your local fire department before you start any outside fire.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Susan Fallon — National Patriotic Instructor

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 — August 8–11, 2019

Encampment Headquarters will be the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland–Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio, 44131. Phone: 216-447-1300.

The Encampment Host Committee is pleased to offer two unique day trips for visitors on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Both trips will depart from the Headquarters Hotel at 10:00 am and are set to return to the Hotel at 7:30 pm. The cost of each trip is \$49 and includes all transportation, admission and tour fees, a box lunch, tax and gratuities and a private evening reception at the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. **Tour #1 is the "Civil War Tour"** and includes the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, James A. Garfield National Historic Site, Lake View Cemetery, and an evening reception back at the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. **Tour #2 is the "Downtown Cleveland Tour"** and includes the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, International Women's Air & Space Museum, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and an evening reception back at the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

The Friday night Campfire program will begin at 7:00 pm and will feature music from the 73rd Ohio Regimental Band. Following the band's performance, at approximately 8:00 pm, Departments will be given the opportunity "perform" for and give gifts to the Commander-in-Chief and National President. Please **not** that in order to end the program at a reasonable time, Departments will have a *strict* time limit of **TWO** minutes to make their presentations.

Much more information is available on the website:

<http://2019nationalencampment.org>





2019 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- Rank _____
- Alternate- Rank _____
- 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 made out to **“National Organization, ASUVCW”**
Early Bird Pre-Registration = \$10.00 (Deadline July 15, 2019) and mail to:

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

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.*

Reminder: Early Bird Pre-Registration Deadline is July 15, 2019
(Registration at the door will be \$20.00)



2019 National Encampment
 For the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and
 the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Allied Orders Banquet

Saturday August 10, 2019

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Department _____ Camp / AUX No. _____

See the Banquet page on our website for more details of the menu

Seating is limited to 300 persons. Make your reservations early as we expect the banquet will sell out. Reservations will be confirmed via email.

Reserve _____ Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin @ \$40 each

Reserve _____ Chicken Milanese @ \$40 each

Reserve _____ Salmon Filet @ \$40 each

Reserve _____ Penne Pasta w/ Fresh Vegetables @ \$40 each (vegetarian)

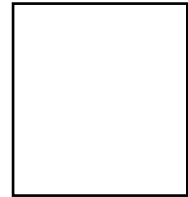
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Note Food Allergies _____

Send this form with check (payable to James A. Garfield Camp 142, SUVCW 2019) prior to July 1, 2019 to:

2019 Allied Orders Banquet
 c/o AP Sue Freshley
 4287 Windsor Avenue
 Willoughby, OH 44094-6025

**Auxiliary to Sons of Union
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9110 Avezan Way
Gilroy, CA 95020-7545



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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