

THE AUXILIARY VOICE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Dear Sisters,

I thank you for electing me to the office of National President of The National Organization of Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. Further, you have elected a staff of intelligent, committed, generous, hardworking Sister Officers who have all pledged to serve you well, as do I. The same is true of all Sister Officers who have accepted appointed positions. As members, each of us joined this organization to be of service. And the most rewarding thing about serving the Auxiliary is the fellowship of the Sisters you are surrounded by, and the lifetime friendships that are forged by working together for common causes.

Our organization is moving forward into a time of unprecedented change, especially societally and culturally. It is true that we have lost members, auxiliaries, and departments from generations past, but our ranks are bolstered by committed, passionate Sisters willing to do the real work of moving our beloved Auxiliary and treasured generational traditions forward into a new age while still holding on to who we are and being true to our mission.

We, as The National Organization of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, must morph into a more sensitive and enlightened being. Surely, each Sister recognizes the value of our rituals, traditions, storied history, and ideologies, but we may need to consider being prepared to compromise on the collective image the Auxiliary presents to our society, without compromising our beliefs and core mission statement. Broadly, society at large no longer perceives and defines age, gender, sexual orientation, roles, racial identification, relationships, finances, charitable works, politics, faith, etc. as most of our Auxiliary Sisters are familiar with. This is such an exciting time for our Auxiliary to grow further into our potential, we could change a little and grow a lot. For example, we need younger members, but younger people do not see veterans as female and male, they simply see a veteran as a human being in need, regardless of gender. This distinction may seem trivial, but it is a huge revelation to younger people.

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So, as a suggestion to lessen the risk of off-putting potential members, when explaining our mission of service to veterans, you may want to approach a recruiting statement without designating female and/or male veterans. Just a little change that may make a tremendous personal impact to a potential member.

To build a framework for change that may be necessary, committees are being established for research and education to guide our actions. Change is inevitable Sisters, but we can still control our footprint and have the opportunity to pass the Auxiliary legacy on. We are looking for members to serve on the committees below. We want representation of Sisters from any and all home and at large auxiliaries, and every Department from across the USA. If you cannot serve, please nominate a Sister who might be a good fit for a committee. Personally, I believe it is crucial to have as many perspectives as possible in building this framework- differing opinions are vital to growth! This is your chance to use your voice and lead the Auxiliary to new successes. Please choose a committee and send your assignment request to me at president@asuvcw.org.

Committees:

Rebranding and Marketing – explore new ways to attract new members via Social Media and ASUVCW website

Membership and Recruitment Strategies – develop fresh ways to attract members

Mentorship and Education – explore, develop, and implement Mentorship/Education Program especially dealing in standardizing the reporting necessary from each position on the National, Departmental, Auxiliary, At Large, and MAL levels; a concise step by step how to guide for new members, auxiliaries, and Depts.

Collection of Memories – especially concentrating on the unwritten parts of our rituals and practices, as well as pertinent history to pass on to future generations.

Obtain 501C3 designation with IRS – further exploration of 501C3 designation for the National Organization of ASUVCW

At Large and Membership At Large – investigate focusing on more refined definitions and standardization of rules, regulations, obligations, and responsibilities to the ASUVCW to bring ALs and MAL more closely aligned to the existing CR&R (including fiscal, Per Capita, CoS, and PI). Ultimately this committee will bring a recommendation to the floor at the 2024 National Encampment of the ASUVCW to modify our CR&R

990N Status, IRS Regulations – further investigation relating to National, Departmental, and Auxiliary (inc. AL and MAL) applicability

Monied Officers on the National Level – establish root causes of increasing difficulty in filling Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor monied positions. Examine replacing the voluntary ‘Love Token’ contribution and define who should be contributing to these funds, determine an affordable base contribution requirement at Auxiliary, AL, MAL, Department, and National levels; provide fees for not providing required financial support to the ASUVCW and/or not contributing on time, action to be taken if entities do not contribute to monied positions. We must explore a determination of hardship cases that simply cannot afford to offer pecuniary support to the ASUVCW. Ultimately, this committee will bring a recommendation to the floor at the 2024 National Encampment of the ASUVCW to modify our CR&R .

Restoration of Rank – further investigate and recommend policy on this topic, with recommendation to be approved by National President and National Council, with immediate implementation.

Perpetual Standing Committees

National Committee on Constitution, Rules, and Regulations

- Rituals
- Policy and Procedures
- New Auxiliaries
- Membership
- Technology and Communications
- Forms and Documents
- Remembrance Day
- Charitable Activities
- National Encampment Site (Note: NP Freshley to chair)

I believe every member of the Auxiliary is my Sister. I am convinced that Sisters will step into the future by joining in all the above dialogues that are necessary for growth within our Auxiliary. And the Auxiliary as a whole must openly and honestly begin to discuss the necessary changes to our public Auxiliary presence. I believe in the mission that was established by the Sisters who have gone before us. We are charged with perpetuating our National history and honoring those who have served their country well and faithfully, and doing this with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Yours in sisterhood,
Sue Freshley, PDP
National President ASUVCW



from the National Vice President...

Hello, dear Sisters. I, Rosemary Martin, as your 2023-2024 National Vice President invite you to share your ideas on recruitment and membership retention. I am here to support you as you grow and maintain your Auxiliary or as you form a new Auxiliary.

Did you know that in addition to the Application for Permission to Form an Auxiliary, Form N13, we have a packet for starting a new auxiliary?

Did you know that you are to immediately let me know when you get a new member? I also would like to know who recruited the new member. I plan to recognize all those who bring new Sisters into our outstanding Organization.

Please send me the new member contact information and recruiter information or feel free to contact me by email to VicePresident@asuvcw.org or mail to Rosemary Martin, 8209 Skipwith Drive, Frederick, MD 21702, or by phone 301-682-7336. I also plan to reach out and send a welcome card to each new member.

Another item on my to-do list this year is to hold Zoom meetings with our Vice Presidents, most likely on a Sunday evening. These meetings are to brainstorm and share our recruitment and retention concerns, ideas, and suggestions.



Two main questions for us to consider are what does the recruitment journey for our new members look like now, and what should it look like going forward?

I read multiple articles of 99 ways, 50 ways, 38 ways to “get new members”. One article noted that there are three steps: Capture, Nurture, Convert, and then to partner. In step one, prospective members get involved or “captured” when they are looped into our organization’s workings. This could be by emailing newsletters, attending events, or word of mouth.

Step two, nurture, is to send follow-up emails, mailers, or phone calls nudging prospective new members to sign up. Causing prospective members to feel appreciated and valued with personalized attention, especially if they have shown interest, is key. Step three, conversion, is to offer incentives for signing up, as membership benefits. One possibility is emphasizing key aspects of the membership experience as networking or community impact.

Just to get the ball rolling, a first step is to attract new members by getting help from current members. This includes hosting a bringing a friend type of meeting, reaching out to former members, sharing our newsletter with others, holding family-friendly events, or offering an alternate meeting time to attract people with different schedules, and many others.

I sincerely thank all my Sisters for being part of our Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and look forward to working with you and future members

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rosemary Martin, National Vice President

National Chief of Staff

Sisters, greetings from Tennessee! My name is Julie Huttick and I was asked to serve as your National Chief-of-Staff by our newly elected President Sue Freshley. I am honored that she asked me to take on such an endeavor at such an early stage of sisterhood. I am originally from Mendon, Ohio and an alumnus of Ohio Northern University. Over the past 30 years of married life, we have lived all over the Southeast. I am married to the Department Commander of TN w/MS, George Huttick. Our son, George Michael Huttick, is also a Brother, and was this year's recipient of the ASUVCW Scholarship funded by the Patriotic Instructors funds. He is a Senior Civil Engineering student at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN. We are all lifetime members and committed to honoring our boys in blue!



I initially joined as a Member-at-Large in June 2022, as I was interested in forming a new Auxiliary in Tennessee. I had the privilege of being initiated at National Encampment in Grand Rapids, MI and returned home and began recruiting. With much help and guidance from fellow Sisters, we were initiated March 2023 and are growing!

At our National Encampment closing banquet Saturday evening, each table was adorned with a centerpiece- a ring buoy. When I looked at this, I thought, how appropriate- a life preserver. We're in this Together. Together, we can achieve our organization's goals, Together we can survive another 100 years, Together we can become stronger, Together we can preserve our history and Together we can honor our veterans and boys in blue.

This year "OUR" fundraising goal is \$3,000.00! That's quite an undertaking but Together, we can achieve this. Each section (4) of the Buoy will represent a \$750 fundraising milestone. You can follow our progress with each newsletter and on the following webpage: http://www.suvcwdeptn.org/?page_id=1332 Page will be updated and available beginning October 10th. Since encampment, I have \$60 towards our goal – We only have \$2,940 to go.



At this time, for fundraising I have organized four options:

1. Wreaths Across America – go to: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/176957/Overview/?relatedId=0>

As an organization dedicated to honoring veterans, there are certain core tenets we must all hold true. The sacrifices made by our military and their families should be remembered for all time; it is through this remembrance and honor towards their lives that the rest of us may show that we are part of their fight too. We show we are committed to supporting them and valuing the freedom they stood for and fought for; the freedom some gave everything for. We must manifest this and live in a way that takes advantage of this freedom, perpetuating it in peacetime through the way we live, the way we fulfill our civic duty, and the way we treat others. We are all in this together, where our nation goes, we follow, and strive to preserve this foundation of liberty – lifting it up so it may never sink beneath the most turbulent waves of opposition, the battles within and without. All of us seek opportunities to show this commitment and back our veterans and their families through every effort they make for our nation.

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My hope and request is for assistance in purchasing wreaths for our veterans in participating National Cemeteries. This somber act of dedication reminds us to reflect on all they have given to create and protect the lives we live now, and allows us to show our respect in a physical and personal way that may truly resonate.

How many of you have a Civil War veteran? Know or are a Veteran? Or know of a loved one you would like to purchase a wreath for this holiday season – it can be in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. You may have it donated to any participating National Cemetery or please donate to Shiloh National Cemetery, TN. There are over 3,800 graves within the Shiloh National Cemetery and unfortunately, they only receive a few hundred each year. You can make a difference for the National Cemetery and for our organization. For \$17 you can purchase a wreath and \$5 is donated back to our organization.



Presently, our Brothers SUVCW membership is just under 6,000 members and we're just under 600 members. Imagine how many wreaths could be provided if each member purchased one wreath! We have the power to raise significant money through a simple act of remembrance.

2. 50/50 drawing – Tickets may be purchased through the mail and will be drawn Saturday evening at the banquet at National Encampment in Kentucky 2024.

Need not be present to win. Once \$1,000 is raised, the pot will start over for the second drawing. Tickets are \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 13 tickets and for \$20 you'll get 31 tickets! You can order now and I'll send you your ticket numbers confirmation by email.



3. Items for sale – A talented Brother has donated wooden Christmas ornaments and beautiful hand-crafted ink pens. These may be mailed to you once purchased or you may choose to pick up in Lexington, Kentucky at our 2024 National Encampment. Go to: http://www.suvcwdeptn.org/?page_id=1332



Items will be available beginning October 10.

4. Donations – Monetary and items to sale/raffle are greatly appreciated and accepted throughout the year. I will also hold a sale/silent auction at National Encampment.

Checks may be made payable to: **National ASUVCW** and mailed to:
Julie Huttick • 57 Highway 22 S • Shiloh, TN 38376

Or payment/donations may be made as a friend through PayPal.
Contact me for email address to use for PayPal.

We're In This Together!

Thank you for your shared love for our nation and cause.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Julie Huttick • National Chief of Staff ChiefofStaff@asuvcw.org

National Patriotic Instructor

Happy Fall, Sisters! Not too long ago we wrapped up a wonderful National Encampment in beautiful warm weather in New Hampshire and now the colors and temperatures of fall are slowly making their way across the country!

With the fall season come great opportunities for us to celebrate our patriotism and respect for our country's history.

September 22, 1862 – Lincoln released his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation which “marked a crucial shift in Lincoln’s views on slavery. Emancipation would redefine the Civil War, turning it from a struggle to preserve the Union to one focused on ending slavery.” (www.history.com)

November 19, 1863 – 160th Anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address which commemorated the new National Cemetery of Gettysburg, and which gave Lincoln a chance to share his vision for a “new birth of freedom” for our country.

November 11, 1918 – WWI ended with Armistice Day on the 11th hour.

November 11, 2023 - Veterans Day when we honor all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

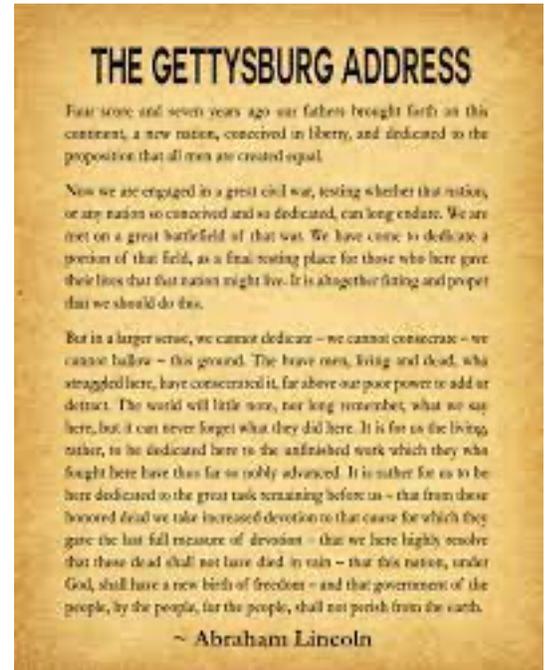
How will your Auxiliary recognize these events this year, especially the 160th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address? Try one of these ideas an upcoming Auxiliary meeting, or on your own:

- Consider the risks Lincoln took when releasing the preliminary Emancipation, reflect on the courage it took for him to not retract it and to follow through. What does courage mean to you?
- Read the Gettysburg Address aloud or take turns each reading a line. Share your reflections of the speech.
- Read the Gettysburg Address aloud with your children or grandchildren.
- Attend an online or in-person event such as a historical speaker, a Veterans Day parade. or program at a local school or library.

Remember, it doesn't have to take a lot of time or planning for your Auxiliary to acknowledge any of these special days coming up. In fact, you are invited to share in two upcoming National Patriotic Instructor projects for this fall that focus on Veterans and our Civil War ancestors—read on for more details!

“Thank You Veterans” Project:

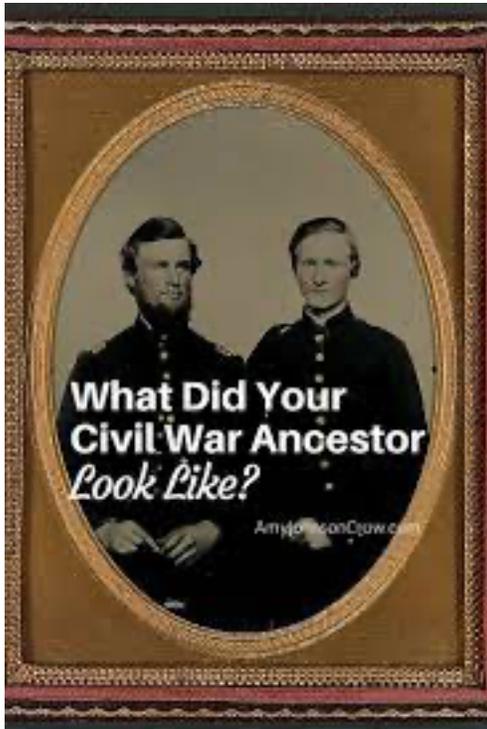
Throughout the month of November, I will be posting stories of veterans to our social media pages. You are invited to share a veteran from your family to be honored in this way! And yes, that includes you if you are a veteran!



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Please share a photo and a brief bio of your veteran (up to 200 words) and include their name, branch of service, rank, years of service and any other pertinent information you would like to include. You may submit multiple veterans, if desired. Please send your Thank you Veterans” photo and story (or stories) to me at kdanisk@yahoo.com with “Auxiliary Veterans Project” in the subject line. Please send your submissions by October 27th. Help us thank as many veterans as possible this November! Send in your veterans’ stories and be sure to share from our Auxiliary page as well! Thank you for your help with this project!

Honor Our Civil War Ancestors Project:



A great opportunity to talk about your Civil War ancestors! Please send a photo of your ancestor (if you have one) and a brief story of their life (maximum 200 words), be sure to include their unit and any battles that they fought in as well. Even if you don't know a lot about them, send in what you have!

Beginning in January 2024, I will be posting these stories to our social media pages. Help us honor our Civil War ancestors by sharing your family's story—we will remember and honor them together in 2024! Please send in your submissions by December 10. Email me at kdanisk@yahoo.com with “Civil War Ancestor” in the subject line. Thank you!

Whatever you do in the upcoming months to promote patriotism and our Civil War history, thank you in advance!

Lastly, now is a great time to be thinking about fall fundraising projects for Auxiliary's National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Will you be attending any craft fairs this fall? Perhaps having a final garage sale before winter comes? Please consider donating a percentage of your sales to the National Patriotic Instructor's

Fund. The work our Auxiliary does relies on each one of us for financial support. Thank you!

And finally, dear sisters, thank you once again for the honor of serving as your National Patriotic Instructor for the 2023-2024 year. I am open to your suggestions and ideas, to any questions you may have and am more than happy to help you however I can. Please feel free to email me at kdanisk@yahoo.com or to call 512-680-8729 and to text a message if I cannot answer.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Kim Villalva

National Patriotic Instructor

from the National Secretary...



from the Encampment

Summary of Actions at the National Encampment August 4-6

National President

1. That the ASUVCW discontinue its membership in the Lincoln Birthday Celebration Committee but continue to request participation in the wreath-laying ceremony at the annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration in Washington D.C. until further documentation can be provided by the LBNCC at which time membership can be reconsidered. **Passed**

National Council

2. The incoming National President appoint a committee to study the problem of filling the offices of National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor and examine any changes that may be required to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations since these are fundraising positions and one position or the other is required to be eligible to run for the offices of National President or National Vice President, any changes to job descriptions for these positions and if the fundraising requirement is eliminated how the National Organization will replace the necessary income. They report to the National Encampment the suggestions/recommendations they have to alleviate the problem. **Failed**

National Vice President

3. New members must be recruited to sustain the ASUVCW. While 14 new members are welcome and advantageous, this level of membership recruitment does not offset potential members, especially younger members. **Not specific. Failed**

4. A fine of \$10.00 per form for any and all forms for National, Department, and MAL Auxiliaries not received by the appropriate officer that has been reminded of reporting obligations and responsibilities by the appropriate officer. **Tabled**

5. ASUVCW Form N05, published on the National website, recognizes the MAL Auxiliary of Illinois as one entity, not two separate MAL Auxiliaries. Illinois MAL Auxiliary #20 did file A05, but Illinois MAL Auxiliary #2 did not file any report to the NVP. Due to this, the NVP's report N05 would not survive the actual legal challenge outside of the ASUVCW to ascertain its validity since the ASUVCW does not officially recognize both MAL Auxiliaries in Illinois ASUVCW Form N05 does not list Alabama, Oregon, and Tennessee. These MAL Auxiliaries must be added to form N05. The NVP officer recommends a section being added to Form N05 for the number of MAL Auxiliaries reporting and the number of MAL Auxiliaries not reporting (similar to how Departments are reported in like form). As MAL Auxiliary membership should be expected and therefore be provisioned for immediately, this addition to N05 would help alleviate reporting inconsistencies. **Can be corrected by the National Secretary.**

6. Of the 9 Departments and MAL Auxiliaries that didn't submit Form D05/A05 to the NVP, 5 were MAL Auxiliaries. Based on this information as well as information garnered in communication with Sisters, the MAL Auxiliaries may require reinforcement training of the National Organization's formal expectation of how and when to file the necessary and applicable forms. **Up to the MAL officer and did not need a vote.**

7. The number of new membership applications processed through the position of National Vice President does not support the number of new members reported by each Department (7 processed through NVP, 10 processed through other sources). After speaking to members (specifically MAL Auxiliaries), Sisters are generally unaware of the obligations and responsibilities of their offices. Do not know which forms to use or who forms and/or reports should be sent to. Sisters need to be mentored and have their training reinforced so they can confidently accomplish their goals and pass on their knowledge to Sisters they communicate with. **Up to the MAL officer and did not need a vote.**

National Secretary

8. That the position of Assistant National Secretary be established to aid the National Secretary in the performance of her duties. **Passed**

National Female Veteran Liaison Officer

9. To post new valuable information on our Veterans Resource page of the Auxiliary website. **Liaison Officer may contact the Webmistress with the information.**

National Treasurer

10. To encourage other Sisters to consider taking the office of National Treasurer, I recommend that the term be reduced from 5 years to 3 years. **Failed**

National Chaplain

11. That a committee be established to decide on and purchase a new Auxiliary Bible (decide on which version, color, type, size, cost, etc.) A nice sized full leather Bible which would withstand the years could cost close to \$300-\$400. **Failed**

12. That a committee be formed to investigate the potential of an ASUVCW Chaplain's Memorial or statue at one of the Civil War Battlefields or Cemeteries. Only one statue seems to be dedicated to Chaplains of the Civil War. Chaplain Corby of Gettysburg is an outdoor sculpture by American artist Samuel Murray (1869–1941). It is located on the University of Notre Dame campus, and is owned by the University. The sculpture, made of bronze and limestone, depicts Father William Corby giving absolution to soldiers at the Battle of Gettysburg. **Failed**

Pennsylvania Department

13. That the incoming National President appoint a committee to study the issue of Departments and Auxiliaries for the annual filing of 990N postcards with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that the results of this study be presented to the 2024 Encampment with recommendations for those Departments and Auxiliaries that do not currently have their own individual ruling of tax-exempt status with the IRS. **Passed**

Ohio Department

14. Each Department shall contribute a minimum contribution of \$100.00 to the National Chief of Staff and \$100.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor. In addition, every local Auxiliary and Auxiliary at Large will be responsible for sending a minimum of \$15.00 to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund and \$25.00 to the National Chief of Staff Fund. This change would be effective immediately following this Encampment. **Failed**

Supply Officer

15. That the postage for supplies be increased to reflect the increase of the postal service. **Passed**

16. That a new supply list be posted on the website to reflect the huge increase in badge striking and production costs. **Passed**

17. Take possession of the badge plates and use at the new company selected. **Passed**

18. Be allowed to purchase from Ebay or outside parties to offer as a source of our current used badges. **Passed**

National Officers for 2023-2024

Elected

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from the National Treasurer...

Greetings, Sisters!

As we look toward the next year there are a few housekeeping items that I want to share:

- Donations to the National Chief of Staff and National Patriotic Instructor can be made at any time throughout the year.

- All Auxiliaries and Departments are required to file Form 990-N (e-Postcard) with the IRS annually. Information regarding the 990-N, including the link to file online, can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirementfor-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>.

As always, if you have any questions or need some assistance, please contact me at treasurer@asucwv.org.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

Amy Miller, PDP

National Treasurer

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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 = \$250.0

Age 65 – 84 = \$200.00

Age 85 and above = FREE

The Life Membership Application Form (A15) may be found on the National website at asucwv.org under Forms/Auxiliary.





One thing our camp and auxiliary has created is a "Speaker's Brochure" listing many presentations our members can provide. We distribute these at libraries, historical societies, schools and community buildings.

Two recent events have left me excited about being a member of the Auxiliary. The first was when I presented an hour and a half presentation this past week, on the "Wisconsin Women of the Civil War". As I told the audience of the roles the women did at the home front: made banners, silk Regimental Flags, took over the factory duties, stores, farms, sent medical supplies, food etc. I explained how our ancestors were resilient. Yet, even when they still did not have the right to vote, they took it upon themselves in caring for the needy soldiers. Some even went off to war to fight or take care of the sick and dying. Their hardships were just as difficult to face as many of that time.

I included the vignette of Cordelia Harvey who was the wife of one of our governors, Louis P. Harvey. During the war, she lost him to an accident, as he was visiting Wisconsin troops and traveling on a paddle boat he slipped on the plank and drowned. Afterwards, Cordelia herself went to the war front to care for the wounded. She petitioned



President Lincoln for northern hospitals where the Wisconsin wounded could convalesce and then return to their duties. President Lincoln said that they would only desert. Her quick response was that dead men can't fight nor desert. She was granted her hospitals in Wisconsin. The one in Madison was named after her husband. After the war it became an orphanage. When asked if they were Union orphans, her response to the reporters was that she only saw American orphans.

I tied these glimpses of women to the principles of our Order. After all, the principles were directives from the Grand Army of the Republic. I explained how we continue to perpetuate the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors and strive to assist the needs of the veterans and soldiers of today.



Soldiers' Orphans Home, formerly Harvey Hospital in Madison

I gave examples of our auxiliary making blankets or quilts and earning funds for items for the domiciliaries and Soldiers Homes in Wisconsin. I was amazed that several in the audience voiced a concern in helping our cause. They asked how they could assist us. Out of that presentation, I received two opportunities for the community to gather needed items for the veterans.

The second was an email from Linda Bonnell stating that a charter was inherited from PDP Marguerite Bonnell's estate. A charter for the Uzal Dodd Auxiliary #9, New Jersey was now in their possession. She had three great aunts Marguerite Bonnell, Catherine Bonnell, and Gertrude Murphy all served as Past Department Presidents. She asked if this was something National Auxiliary would be interested in for our archives. Yes – wholeheartedly YES! – past charters give us a glimpse of our history. I hope to receive this charter soon.

Such blessings shared this week.

Danielle Michaels, PNP

National Historian

Speaking of history...

Kim Villalva (National Patriotic Instructor, Department of Ohio President, and Sister Anthony O'Connell President) spoke at a 'Lunch & Learn' for the Warren County Historical Society on August 16, 2023. About 45 people enjoyed lunch followed by Kim's presentation called, "**Civil War Women Forge a Path.**" The presentation was aired on local cable for a month following the event and is now on YouTube. "I love to inspire people with stories from history. And Civil War women left us such powerful stories — stories of courage, perseverance and creative problem-solving. This is one of my favorite presentations to give and I just love when I research and find more inspiring stories from these women!"



Helpful tips for a great experience at The Original Civil War Ball



If you've ever thought, "I wish I knew this about the Ball before I arrived," then this list is for you! Here are the top six things you need to do before you arrive at the Original Civil War Ball:

1. Buy your tickets in advance

Reservations are not required and tickets will be sold at the door, but save yourself some time and skip those lines at the Ball. Tickets are available by mail.

2. Stay hydrated!

Water dispensers are available at the Ball. Soft drinks, beer, and cocktails are available for purchase at the cash bar.

3. What do I wear to the Ball?

In keeping with the Remembrance Day theme, Civil War period attire is highly recommended and is a lot of fun!

4. Beverages, the photo booth, and silent auction are cash only!

Cash is king at the Ball, so make sure you have plenty of cash for beverages, the photo booth, and silent auction. Please note that there is an ATM for your convenience at the newly renovated Eisenhower Hotel.

5. Wear comfortable shoes

You can easily dance for a couple of hours. Make sure you break in your boots and shoes before you come to the Ball. Please note that shoes are required at all times.

6. Plan ahead...arrive early.

The doors open at 7:30 pm and we encourage you to arrive as early as possible to get the best possible parking and seating. The raffle drawing and cake walk are included in the price of admission. Most people stay an average of 2 ½ hours, while many stay for the entire Ball (8 pm to midnight).



Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
Dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble
Fabulous door prizes and Ladies Cake Walk prizes
Period dress encouraged, but not required
Photo Booth Cash Bar
TIME & PLACE: 8 PM, November 18, 2023,
at the newly renovated Eisenhower Hotel—Gettysburg
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from the National Press Correspondent...

Hello from your National Press Correspondent,

I am looking forward to letting the world know what's happening in your Auxiliary/Department. PLEASE send me your news of any upcoming events, parades, gravesite dedications or any special activity that you are hosting or attending. Early news of your event might bring in greater attendance and possibly new members!

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FOCUS on what's
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CAPTURE the GOOD TIMES
DEVELOP from the
negatives
 if things don't
 & **WORK OUT,**
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I'm here for you!

Rebekah Thomas

Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary Cincinnati/Dayton Ohio



Sister Wanda Leaman represented the Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary, Dept. of Ohio, at the annual commemoration hosted by the Lytle Camp, SUVCW, honoring the death of General William H Lytle who was killed on Sept. 19, 1863 at the Battle of Chickamauga. General Lytle was one of Cincinnati's most beloved military heroes.

William Haines Lytle (November 2, 1826 - September 20, 1863) was born in Cincinnati, the grandson of one of Cincinnati's first pioneer settlers. He was a politician, renowned poet, and military officer in the Mexican American War and American Civil War. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia while leading a counterattack against the Confederates on horseback. Once his identity was known, respectful Confederates placed a guard around his body, and many recited his poetry over their evening campfires.

No event during the Civil War produced such a demonstration of grief in Cincinnati as did General Lytle's death at the age of thirty six. It was Cincinnati's most

impressive funeral. So many people lined the streets that the funeral cortege did not reach Spring Grove cemetery until dusk.

Lytle Park, Lytle Tunnel and other Cincinnati Landmarks are named for the fallen general. Ironically, his most well known poem was "Anthony and Cleopatra," whose main character was killed in battle.



Joseph H Rider #62 – Tennessee

Little Patriots Parade

On the 4th of July, the Army of Tennessee Camp 64 with help from TN ASUVCW Joseph H Rider #62 held a Little patriots parade in Livingston, TN. We had several members in attendance to walk with the kids in period dress from the Revolutionary War and Civil War. The kids decorated their bike, wagons, strollers or themselves and walked. They left the Chamber of Commerce and walked up to the square, went around and back to the Chamber. After the walk prizes were awarded to the top 3 best. The 1st place winner a flag that had been flown over the Tennessee State Capital, a book and a two-dollar bill from President Lincoln. The 2nd and 3rd place winners received a book and two-dollar bill. We had around 28 kids and President Lincoln himself. After the prizes were awarded, each child enjoyed a cold popsicle.



**Brothers and Sisters from left to right:
 Norm Osbourne, David Burchfield, Sue Wright (Mary Todd Lincoln),
 Tom Wright (Abraham Lincoln), Dan Girton, Dale Welch, Theresa Loftis,
 Jim Loftis, portraying 5th great grandfather Isaac Crabtree, Tommy
 Hollywood Phillips, Bill Heard**



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Antietam #3 Joint Picnic

July 30, 2023 Home of Department Commander George T. Chapman, Purcellville, Virginia. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Antietam Camp and Auxiliary #3 celebrated fraternity through an Auxiliary and Camp Picnic.

SUVCW new member initiations took place as well as camaraderie and the enjoyment of good food.



National Chaplain Rosemary Martin (2022-23), SUVCW Antietam Camp #3, PDP, Antietam and Department President Denise Thompson and Secretary/Treasurer/Chaplain Danielle Vance

Initiation of new member, Brad Stone, by 2022-23 JVCinC Kevin Martin. Brad Stone gives talks for the National Civil War Medical Museum in Frederick, Maryland



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