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THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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



Sisters,

I would like to first extend my gratitude to those who have invited me to their meetings and events this year. It has been my pleasure to meet the wonderful representatives of our Organization and learn of their experiences within the Auxiliary. I look forward to all the upcoming Spring events.

As we continue to grow our membership, we must realize that we are living in a much different world than what we experienced three years ago. The pandemic has forced us to embrace technology, find ways to stay connected from a distance, and innovate. Many of our meetings have become virtual, which has allowed

everyone to remain safely in their homes yet continue to participate. Phone calls, text messages, and social media updates have become more popular ways for our families and friends to stay abreast of what we have done. And we have creatively found methods to continue our mission of honoring our heritage by hosting virtual dinners, teas, and fundraisers. Despite the difficulties we have faced in the past few years, our Organization has adapted.

Having spent so much time secluded in our homes, social distancing, and limiting the number of individuals allowed to gather in a given space has also done harm. In many cases, we have forgotten social etiquettes, forgiveness, and inclusion. Invisible barriers have been created that keep us from shaking hands or hugging one another in greetings. Instead of brushing off an unintentional insult, arguments erupt. Remembering how to cope with others of differing backgrounds is not something that can be accomplished overnight. However, inclusion is absolutely a mindset that we need to commit to in order to regain a sense of normalcy.

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There is not a single member who can claim that they have not been impacted by the virus or effects of the virus. Many of our Sisters and Brothers are still aching with grief for the loved ones they've lost. This is the time to remember that our organization is a family. Though there are disagreements, discord, and uncertainty at times, we must remain supportive of those who need it. Call your Sisters and Brothers just to say "hello." Check in on those secluded from the life they once had. Remember that we must be strong, and the only way to do this is to connect with one another as a friend and with love. The Auxiliary, though it has taken on a more online role in recent years, remains an organization that thrives on face to face encounters. The membership should strive to meet in person and attend events to encourage personal interactions whenever it is appropriate to do so.

As always, please remain safe.

In F., C., & L.,

Allison Pollitt, National President ASUVCW



from the Chief of Staff...

Greetings my lovely Sisters! It's spring and Covid is over — welcome to our new chance at life.

I'm your National Chief of Staff, Sue Freshley.

Our National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan is just short months away; and a wonderful opportunity to see each other after the past two years when Covid and its restrictions defined us.

Every Sister is aware of her obligation and responsibility to support our Auxiliary on the National, State, and Local level — and my part here is to steward the financial aspect. In this, I would ask you to consider more than the "paper and spoken" obligation.

The National Chief of Staff fund is **your** money position. All funds raised by this position are for the benefit of the National Auxiliary, which trickles down to your home Auxiliary. Whether these monies are used to pay for Zoom meetings, bonds, materials, future fundraising campaigns, future membership initiatives, costs associated with the National Encampment to keep our sisters' registration fees down, the list goes on. Here's a huge consideration — the monies in this fund and the ability to meet our national expenses and obligations directly impact the amount of every sister's yearly membership dues.

Those of you who know me know I'm direct and transparent in what I choose to say. Now, let's get down to business.

The National Chief of Staff Fund is dependent on the contribution of every sister, local Auxiliary, Department, and even the other offices of the National Auxiliary. Each penny supports all sisters of the ASUVCW. I ask you to give generously to your National Chief of Staff Fund.

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In addition to your contribution to the general National Chief of Staff Fund, I'd ask for more, and I want to include all sisters in on the fun we're planning, not just those who are able to attend our National Encampment.

Everyone knows I love a good raffle, and a 50/50 is a great FUNdraiser.



If you won't be able to come to Grand Rapids, why not get in on the fun? Send a check for the 50/50 made payable to the National Organization ASUVCW, write in the memo section that your check is for the Chief of Staff 50/50. Every dollar is a single ticket entry. For example: send \$5, you get 5 chances, \$20 you'll have 20 chances. Easy Peasy. You can send something as many times as you'd like. Tell your friends and family about the fun we create! The check can either be sent to our National Treasurer, or to me

(address below). The National Treasurer will notify me so I can process your 50/50 request. When you contribute to the 50/50, you'll be updated of the balance in the barrel.

If you have a quality item, including handmade, that you would consider donating for auction, raffle, or a starring position in a raffle basket, let me know. With luck, I'll be able to use our National Auxiliary Facebook page to post a photo of the items we receive to benefit our National Auxiliary.



**AUCTION
ITEMS
NEEDED!**



And raffle baskets! I. Love. Raffle. Baskets. They're so FUN.

Since I love a good surprise, I am asking each Department to provide me with a basket to raffle off, or funds for me to create a basket in their name. Again, I hope I'll be able to use our National Auxiliary Facebook page to post a photo (with a list of the contents) of the baskets we receive to benefit our National Auxiliary. That way, if your Auxiliary can't attend our National Encampment, it can still participate in this FUNdraiser by sending a check using the same method as the 50/50.

I thank you in advance for your generosity, Sisters — we'll build a better today and tomorrow for our Auxiliary together.

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Peace-

Sister Sue Freshley

National Chief of Staff ASUVCW,
Ohio Dept. President,
President # 142 Eliza Garfield
Past Patriotic Instructor Dept. Ohio

Write to me at:

Sue Freshley
National Chief of Staff ASUVCW
4287 Windsor Ave
Willoughby, OH 44093

from the National Treasurer...

Greetings, Sisters!

The due dates for the Annual Department Treasurer's Report (D04) and the Annual EIN Reporting Form (D11) are quickly approaching. These forms, along with detailed instructions and timelines, can be found on our website or can be obtained by contacting me.

As a reminder, 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-filingrequirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>.

Our National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff have been hard at work raising funds to support our Organization, but they have a long way to go. Donations can be made at any time. Checks should be written to National Organization ASUVCW and sent to:

Rosemary Martin
National Patriotic Instructor ASUVCW
8209 Skipwith Drive
Frederick, MD 21702

Sue Freshley
National Chief of Staff ASUVCW
4287 Windsor Ave
Willoughby OH 44093

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@asuvchw.org.

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Amy Miller, National Treasurer



From the National Vice President...

Hope everyone is healthy and having great Department Encampments. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan!

Linda Kronberg
National Vice President ASUVCW

*Friendly
Reminders*

The ASUVCW awards a scholarship of up to \$1000.00 to high school seniors and college students (male or female) annually. Applications are accepted from January 1 until June 30 for those that meet eligibility requirements. Please visit the national website, asuvchw.org, for details. Completed applications and references may be sent to:

ASUVCW Scholarship
Allison Pollitt, NP
116 Liberty Parkway A08
St Robert, MO 65584

from the National Secretary...

RITUAL – REVISED EDITION

New Rituals are now available for purchase. If you are ordering additional items from the Supply Officer, please use the Supply Order Form. If you would like to purchase one or more rituals only, please use the New Ritual Order Form.



SECRETARIAL REMINDERS



Due as soon as possible after Department Encampments:

- Department Installation Reports to the National Secretary
- Any Recommendations and Candidacy Announcements to the National Secretary
- Department Officer reports to the respective National Officer

Auxiliaries at Large:

- Auxiliary at Large Installation Reports (A01) and Annual Per Capita Reports (A02) are due to the National Secretary by April 15th.
- Auxiliary at Large Officer Reports and the Charitable Activities Report should be completed and forwarded to the respective National Officer/Committee Chair by June 30th.
- Any Recommendations and Candidacy Announcements to the National Secretary by June 30th.

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 = \$250.00
- Age 65 – 84 = \$200.00
- Age 85 and above = FREE



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

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Judy Morgan, National Secretary

FROM THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Rosemary Martin



Reminder: On June 30th Form D07, the Department Patriotic Report on Memorial Day activities and other patriotic work for the year is due to National Patriotic Instructor.

Attention: This is a call out again to all Sisters, Auxiliaries, Departments, and Patriotic Instructors! Since we are fast approaching our National Encampment, now is the time to donate to the Patriotic Instructor Fund.

A special thank you goes to all who already have sent or given donations!!!

As noted in the last newsletter, the donation for the August 2022 Grand Rapids, Michigan National Encampment is to go to Veteran Service Dogs Organization of Howell, Michigan. "Veteran Service Dogs - Restoring hope for dogs and veterans. Our mission is to provide Service Animals to US Military Veterans. Through the hard work, dedication, and passionate care of our trainers and providers, we train both the service animal and the Veteran. The training of each dog is tailor suited to the Veteran in need. We train the dogs to assist with the following disabilities: PTSD, Panic Disorders, Physical Disabilities, Bipolar Disorder, Seizures, and many more."

In addition to sending monetary donations, I also will be collecting material donations (brand new/unused) at the National Encampment for Veteran Service Dogs. You may find these needed items at the Amazon link: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/Is/34CNMJQ8LAE2I/ref=smi_ext_Ink_lcl_cl

Veteran Service Dogs Organization specifically needs the following and hopes that you can find these items on the wish list under the above Amazon link:

- Max & Neo Martingale collars- small, medium and large
- Max & Neo double handle leash
- Gentle lead face harness- medium and large
- Vest- small, medium
- Dog toys- for puppies and dogs a little older
- Poopy bag holders
- Heartbeat pillows
- Dog shampoo
- Dog wipes



I personally purchased a heartbeat pillow to give to Veteran Service Dogs Organization.

Any monetary and material donations (brand new/unused) would be greatly appreciated. Please make out your checks to **National Organization ASUVCW** and send them/correspondence to:

Rosemary Martin
 National ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor
 8209 Skipwith Drive
 Frederick, MO 21702



April 16, 2022 – 2022 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



On April 14, 1865 Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was assassinated by stage actor John Wilkes Booth while attending the play *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. Shot in the head as he watched the play, Lincoln died the following day, April 15, 1865 at 7:22 AM, in the Petersen House opposite the theater. He was the first U.S. president to be assassinated, with his funeral and burial marking an extended period of national mourning.

All are invited to participate in the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), commemorating the 157th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Credits: Wikipedia; suvcw.org



April 27, 2022 – Ulysses S. Grant's 200th Birthday

Hiram Ulysses Grant was born April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, Ohio, the first child of Jesse and Hannah Grant. Most people know Ulysses S. Grant as the nation's highest ranking general during the American Civil War and a two-term 18th president during the Reconstruction Era. He was also a loving husband, devoted father to four children, and a man dedicated to his country and the ideals of a More Perfect Union. Grant is one of the most important figures of 19th Century U.S. history. His legacy is complex, remarkable, and inspiring.

Ulysses S. Grant's achievements during the Civil War were nothing less than spectacular. Having resigned his commission in 1854 and returned to his family at White Haven, MO, Grant re-entered the army in 1861 as a colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Grant offered his services to the U.S. military and quickly rose to fame following his victories at Forts Henry and Donelson, where he earned the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" Grant. Largely through successive victories by the troops under his command, he rose steadily in rank until he commanded all Union land forces. Grant received a commission as Lieutenant General, which was presented to him by President Abraham Lincoln on March 10, 1864, shortly after Congress had revived the rank at Lincoln's request. Only two men, George Washington and Winfield Scott had held the rank before Grant, and Scott's commission was by brevet. With this appointment, Grant essentially replaced his former nemesis, Gen. Henry W. Halleck, as "General in Chief of the Army" and was subject only to Lincoln as commander in chief. Well-respected by troops and civilians, Grant earned Lincoln's trust and went on to force Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox in 1865.

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Many events are being held in honor of Ulysses S. Grant’s 200th Anniversary of his Birthday. For instance, the Department of the Chesapeake will be commemorating Grant’s Bicentennial and paying tribute to this great leader by hosting programs April 22-30, 2022 as below. Be advised, start times are subject to change:

April 22, 2022 - 3:00 PM. Ellwood Manor (west side), Wilderness Battlefield, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, VA

April 24, 2022 - 12:00 PM Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Union Square, Washington D.C.

Also, on April 24, 2022 11 AM, the Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York City, Department of New York, will be hosting its annual observance in honor of Ulysses S. Grant’s Birthday at the General Grant National Memorial Monument on 122nd Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan, NY.

April 27, 2022 – 1:00 PM McLean House (open field left of building), Appomattox Court House National Historic Park, Appomattox, VA

April 30, 2022 – 11:00 AM Appomattox Plantation (east lawn), Petersburg National Battlefield-City Point Unit, Hopewell, VA

Credits: Roger Leturno, SUVCW Department of the Chesapeake Commander; Tim McCoy; Grant National Memorial; National Park Service; Oliver Tilden Camp #26 of New York City SUVCW

Other Dates of Note

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| April 17 | Easter Sunday |
| April 22 | Earth Day |
| May 4 | International Firefighters’ Day |
| May 8 | Mother’s Day |
| May 15 | Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff) |
| May 21 | Armed Forces Day |
| May 30 | Memorial Day/Decoration Day (half-staff to noon) |
| June 6 | Remember D-Day |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 19 (June 20) | Juneteenth National Independence Day (also Father’s Day) |
| July 4 | Independence Day |

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Rosemary Martin, National Patriotic Instructor 2021-2022



LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY CEREMONY AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL

February 12, 2022, Washington, D.C. Under the National Park Service, the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the 213th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth was marked by a traditional wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, celebrating its centennial year this year.

There are 58 steps leading up to the Lincoln Memorial, said to be two for the number of terms he served as President, and 56 for his age when he was assassinated. There are 87 total steps from the reflecting pool to Abraham Lincoln’s Statue, equal to “Four score and seven years” from Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address. Due to a non-operational elevator, the ceremony took place at the platform at the steps this year, then the wreaths were moved to the Lincoln Memorial Statue.



PLACING OF THE ASUVCW WREATH



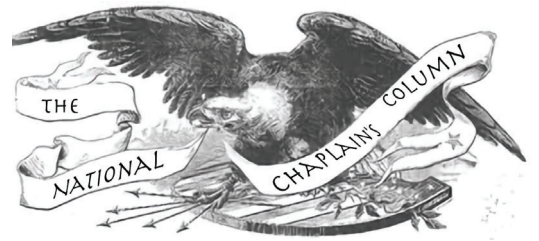
ASUVCW NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ROSEMARY MARTIN



Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Department of the Chesapeake Past President and National ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor Rosemary Martin represented ASUVCW National President Allison Pollitt and the Organization. Other Allied Orders presented wreath tributes including Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-1865 National President Norma Fiedler, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National Secretary Madeline Rock.

from the National Chaplain...

Spring into Something New



For many of us the snow is finally melting and the sun is shining more frequently. The weather in springtime can at times become confusing and even violent; severe storms can hit without much notice. And we see temperatures bounce all over the place in just one week!

Despite the fluctuating temperatures during this season, spring is a beautiful reminder of newness and rebirth in the earth. Trees start budding and flowers begin to bloom. The browns of winter are soon replaced by the pinks, yellows, and purples of spring.

I love how God uses springtime to show us how He makes all things new. Fresh starts. New growth. Provision.

In Revelation 21:5, we hear Jesus from the throne, *“Look, I am making everything new.”* (CSB) While we wait for this promise to be fulfilled, we can take comfort in how the season of springtime shows us the possibilities and the hope that comes with new growth.

As we all come out of the pandemic and find our “new normal,” just like spring weather brings competing air masses that result in storms, we may find ourselves struggling to rebuild attendance at meetings or to find new festivals in which to set up tables and historical displays to promote our Auxiliary. As much as we want things to feel normal, we may still feel the tug of resulting pandemic issues and the effects of things “being different” for so long.

We know, though, that each of these struggles is temporary and is surrounded by the beauty of growth through new ideas, problem-solving and working together. Let’s ask ourselves, **what is possible for the Auxiliary in this particular season?**

Sisters, let us use this time of spring for rebirth of our Auxiliaries—what a great time to reconnect, rebuild relationships and reach out to the community to educate and inspire. Together we can celebrate the promise of renewal and new life in all that we do.

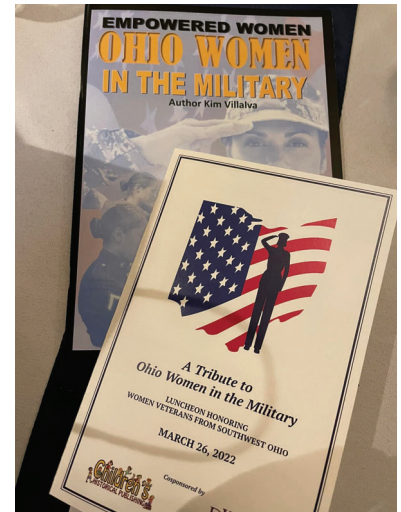


Yours in F., C., & L.,
Kim Villalva, National Chaplain

HONORING OUR MILITARY WOMEN VETERANS

On March 26, 2022, 175 guests attended “A Tribute to Ohio Women in the Military Luncheon Honoring Women Veterans from Southwest Ohio” that was co-sponsored by Children’s Historical Publishing and the Dayton Woman’s Club. National Chaplain, Kim Villalva, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event.

Guests at the event received a copy of the book, *Empowered Women: Ohio Women in the Military* by Kim Villalva, as they listened to the powerful stories of the honorees. From being a trailblazer to confronting racism and gender discrimination, each woman veteran who spoke echoed the qualities of women who first began serving way back in the Revolutionary War. Even then as laundresses, camp followers and nurses, the story of women in the military began as a story of bravery, dedication, and perseverance.



And we see compelling story after story throughout history, throughout wars and conflicts, that demonstrated the strength and resilience of our women in the military...even when women were not always seen for who they were or for their contributions. They carved out a path for their service and they impacted history again and again.

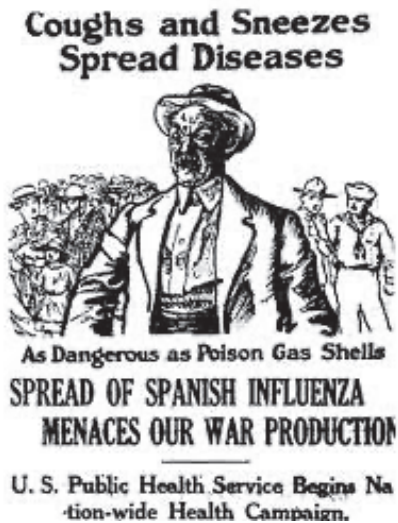
The story of our women in the military calls us to see our nation’s veterans—to see *all* of our nation’s veterans, both men and women. And then to recognize and preserve the important role of women throughout history.

Yours in F., C., & L.,
Kim Villalva. National Chaplain



from the National Historian...

As I looked back on the 1921 Proceedings, I saw no mention of the aftermath of the Spanish Influenza February 1918 - April 1920.



The Auxiliary had suffered sickness and had lost members and family members to this monstrous epidemic. With no vaccine to protect themselves or their loved ones against influenza, and no antibiotics to treat the secondary bacterial infections associated with it, they were practically helpless.

People were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions such as wearing masks, isolation or quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, limited travel and public gatherings — all of which were applied unevenly throughout the nation. The human population had little to no immunity against the virus so it spread rapidly, killing over 50 million world-wide. It targeted the very young and

elderly but, there was also a high mortality in healthy 20-40 year-olds who succumbed to the disease.

However, what I read was pleasantly surprising. Our sisters were resilient. They worked through a World War and the epidemic. Their membership rose! They conducted a membership drive with a net gain of 1,124 new members in one year and the president cited a goal of having 30,000 Auxiliary members by the next encampment.

An Honor Roll was created by the National President for Auxiliaries making a gain of 33%. The Fryer Banner went to Greenville, Ohio which was organized with a Charter list of 141 new members. Many of the Sisters travelled in groups to participate in the National Convention: reporting their activities in their communities, donation and charitable works, learning more about the Organization, and partaking in camaraderie with the Allied Orders.

It was also noted that the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons allowed an article to be printed in *The Banner*, titled "Our Auxiliary." This article brought a great many inquiries to areas where no Auxiliary existed and some Auxiliaries were sponsored/formed with local camps.

Can we take lessons from our Sisters from 100 years ago and emulate their passion to grow the Order and carryout the principles of the Auxiliary? Because these brave Sisters acted on their goals, we can speak of belonging to a great Organization. They didn't let it die in spite of their crosses in life. If we each try to recruit new members this year, find ways to carry out the Principles of our Order (perhaps even come up with new ways and ideas), and attempt to attend the National Convention, think how strong we can be.

See you at National!

Danielle Michaels, PNP, National Historian



from the National Graves Registration Officer...

As the weather started getting a little warmer in Michigan (which is still barely above upper 30's during February – March), I gathered names and dates off Civil War veteran's headstones in order to then search for their service records. The six cemeteries totaled about 10 acres of land and were established early in the 1850s with several beautiful designs and carvings in the stone above the graves of our "Boys in Blue." What impressed me is that caretakers had taken advantage of the early warm weather and already cut grass and trimmed shrubs. How nice it was to witness the care taken to honor those who made our country what it is today!



One cemetery had tree crews cutting down old, dying oaks and maples. How sad. The shade of those old trees will be missed come summertime, but sadly where the trees had fallen and broken some headstones, there will be some Civil War veterans missed.

Many cemeteries can't direct decedents to where their relatives are buried because fires destroyed the original records.

Without a permanent record of the Civil War veterans, in a matter of years after more wear and damage to the existing headstones, no one will be able to tell who lies beneath those illegible, broken, and missing markers.

For those who would like step-by-step instructions from start to finish of how to register Civil War veterans, there will soon be recorded instructions that can help. Our Brothers are excited to have us assist them. We will need as many sisters as possible (in all At Large, Department, and local Auxiliary levels) to understand and be proficient in this graves registration program. Many Auxiliary Sisters, in years past, would write a poem to strengthen sentiment attached to their report. Reminiscent of that, here is my try at what was done nearly 90 years ago.

*They gave their full devotion to a true and noble cause,
Let us bow our heads, remember them; and pause.*

*As years pass by, without our help, and gravestones we neglect,
Forgotten by all those who pledged their memory would reflect.*

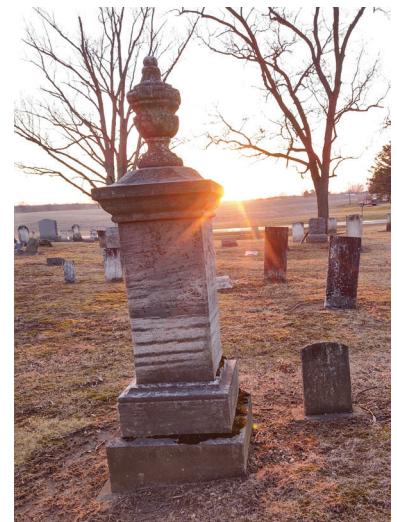
*So rededicate to strive and work before it's far too late,
To gather each and every; All their names and dates.*

*Not do this task, would be not just have sorrow and feel regret,
It's for the selfless "BOYS IN BLUE" we said we'd NOT FORGET!*

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In F., C., L., and sisterly love,

Connie Horning
National Auxiliary Graves Registration Officer



NATIONAL OFFICERS ATTEND WISCONSIN MEETINGS, LUNCHEON

The 52nd annual Patriotic Luncheon, hosted by Wisconsin's C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 returned to being an in-person event on February 5th. President Abraham Lincoln (Max Daniels) spoke on constitutional conundrums: the right to secede, provisions to put down a rebellion, the writ of habeas corpus, the emancipation Proclamation, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments and much more. Nearly 90 people from over 30 patriotic and public service organizations attended.

Prior to the luncheon, both the SUVCW's and ASUVCW's Wisconsin Department held their mid-winter meetings. Those attending included Auxiliary National President Allison Pollitt, Chief of Staff Sue Freshley, and PCinC Ken Freshley.

Contributed by PCinC Steve Michaels
Photos by PDC Kent Peterson



Chief of Staff Sue Freshley and NP Pollitt address the SUVCW Wis. Dept. mid-winter meeting.



PCinC Ken Freshley greets WI DP Toni Howard (left), while PAP Lisa Avila, NP Pollitt, and PNP Danielle Michaels look on.



The luncheon audience listens attentively to President Lincoln.

THE 2022 DEPARTMENT MEETING OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

The Department of California & Pacific held a Zoom Department Meeting on March 26, 2022. We were blessed to have National President Allison Pollitt, National Patriotic Instructor Rosemary Martin, National Chief of Staff Sue Freshley and Department Commander Frank Avila join us.

Commander Frank brought greetings from the Camps and gave us highlights of the Sons' successful Department Encampment in Bakersfield.

National President Allison installed our new Officers. Congratulations to our new Department President Melinie Caines, Secretary Trish Bures, Treasurer Rachelle Bursheim, Patriotic Instructor Cindi Menzies, Press Correspondent Rosemary Martin and Counselor Phil Caines. It was a joy to get together, and fingers crossed, we'll all meet together in person next year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Rebekah Thomas, Past Department President



JEREMIAH CLEMONS AUXILIARY #1



Alabama is forming its first Auxiliary! PNP and NMAL Coordinator Wanda Langdon traveled to the Dept. of Alabama Encampment to help organize the new Jeremiah Clemons Auxiliary #1. Seven adults and one junior member are ready to roll. Phyllis Hubbs will serve as the founding President.

Sisters shown - from back: Janice Granger, Kat Alford, Phyllis Hubbs, Mary Ann Garrett, Charlotte Alford, Mary Ellen Edwards, and PNP Wanda Langdon.

Additional Charter members are welcome!

TELLING THEIR STORY...

By PCinC Steve Michaels
National Co-counselor

Two requisites for the survival of any volunteer organization are sufficient funds and sufficient members.

One activity, which has been found quite helpful in both fund raising and recruiting is public speaking. We all like to talk about what we've learned about the Civil War, our ancestors, and our patriotic activities. Some organizations have formed a speakers' bureau to draw attention to this service. When members ask themselves what they could sell or provide that would be of any value and that others would pay for, the answer is simple...knowledge! Knowledge of the Civil War, the lifestyles

ABOUT US

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a volunteer, non-profit, patriotic and educational organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and is officially recognized as its legal successor (founded in 1881 by sons of Civil War veterans. The SUVCW today has over 6,000 members.

Our mission:

- Honoring Union Veterans
- Preserving and Perpetuating the Grand Army of the Republic
- Patriotic Education

The SUVCW's patriotic education includes teaching patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag. Each year, the order conducts presentations in schools and at various community events.

Presentations

Not all presenters appear in Civil War era attire; some wear modern day clothing. Also, many speakers are able to present topics not listed here, and will speak on topics of specific interest to your school's classroom studies or your community organization. Just ask!

Fees and honorariums:

We do not have a formal speaker's fee structure. However, an honorarium is requested if appropriate, especially if travel is involved. Please discuss these arrangements with the individual speaker.

To make arrangements for a speaker, contact individuals directly.

To find out more:

For more information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the SUVCW Auxiliary:

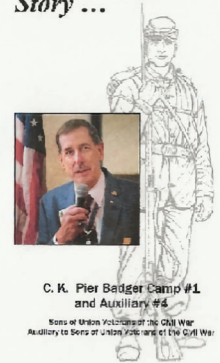
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Civil War Presentations from the SUVCW

Telling Their Story ...



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of those who lived and fought during that time, and afterwards, the Grand Army of the Republic.

If you're willing to share your knowledge and can speak clearly and enthusiastically about it, you're on your way to speaking publicly for a fee. If other sisters and brothers are able and willing to do the same, you have the makings of a speakers' bureau. With some publicity, you and your Auxiliary can have a source of income from speaking honorariums.

Of course, the other benefit is putting the name of your organization before the public in a very positive way. While

speaking to a receptive, target audience, your message about your Order's patriotic public service will be attractive to like-minded individuals. The idea of joining kindred spirits will be fruitful...but you have to get started planting it now!

Shown is a pamphlet, advertising a joint Camp/Auxiliary Speakers' Bureau, sent to historical societies, libraries, schools, etc. It was also posted on the Camp's Facebook page.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 Speaker's Bureau Topics

Ancestor Research

Researching Your Civil War Ancestry
Steve Michaels (414) 712-4655
L1.co1.am@gmail.com

Developing a Compelling Story about Your Ancestor and Battles from a Wide Variety of Sources
Tom Mueller (414) 380-2732
themueller3800@gmail.com

Civil War Arms

Civil War Weaponry
Dean Collins (262) 782-0535
dcollins2899@gmail.com

Civil War Artillery
Tom Brown (414) 425-8979
tbcorver@stglobe.net

Post-Civil War

History of the Grand Army of the Republic in Milwaukee
Steve Michaels (414) 712-4655
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Post-Civil War

The 6,000 Civil War Graves at Wood National Cemetery Including Five Medal of Honor Recipients
Tom Mueller (414) 380-2732
themueller3800@gmail.com

Civil War Service

The Civil War—Then and Now
David Howard (414) 571-1281
DHoward@yahoo.com

Strange and Fascinating Facts of the Civil War
Bruce Mason (414) 460-9022
bmason@wi.rr.com

Life of the Civil War Infantryman
Patrick Fallon (262) 994-3285
Susan.Fallon@wi.rr.com

The "Waukesha Regiment" – 28th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry
Kent Peterson (414) 614-3690
kpeterson@wi.rr.com

Spies in the Civil War and in WWII
David Howard (414) 571-1281
DHoward@yahoo.com

First Person Impressions

Gen. Kilburn Knox, First Governor of the Milwaukee Soldier's Home (1889-1891)
Steve Michaels (414) 712-4655
L1.co1.am@gmail.com

Women in the Civil War

Heroines of the Civil War
Danielle Michaels (414) 425-4648
Michaels_family@hotmail.com

Women of the Civil War
Susan Fallon (262) 994-4199
Susan.Fallon@wi.rr.com

Role of Women in the Victorian Era
Danielle Michaels (414) 425-4648
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Medical Care and Nursing in the Civil War
Kent Peterson (414) 614-3690
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Women's Clothing during the Victorian Era
Danielle Michaels (414) 425-4648
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Mrs. Mary E. Mason, 4th National President

Mrs. J.S. Mason was elected the National President at the 5th National Encampment, held in Minneapolis on August 9-10, 1892.

Mrs. Mason was born Mary Evaline Allen on November 24, 1845, in Brunswick, Ohio. She was the eldest of four children born to Hiram and Lucy Blanchard Allen. When she was two years old, she and her parents moved to Medina Ohio. Her mother died in 1863 and her father remarried in 1869.

She married Joshua Seymour Mason, a printer, on December 31, 1868, and the two moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

Joshua was born in Delta, New York, on May 30, 1844. He enlisted in Co. F, 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in August 1862. During the Atlanta Campaign, he was shot in the right shoulder at Olley's Creek near Kennesaw, Georgia, on June 30, 1864. He was subsequently discharged on October 12th and received an invalid pension in November 1864.

Mary and Joshua soon moved back to Medina and had one child, Joshua Ezra (1878-1943).

Joshua, Sr., a prominent merchant in his community, was a member of Medina's H.G. Blake GAR Post 169 and served four terms as post commander. He also "commanded" the 17th Brigade, which was a reunion association. In 1893-94, he served as Department Senior Vice Commander.

Mary was described as a faithful, consistent Christian, a woman of pleasing personality, great natural refinement and culture. Her unselfishness and an earnest desire to be of service made a host of friends in all walks of life.

By 1885, Mary had become very active in the Order of the Eastern Star. She was elected Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Indiana and four years later, was elevated to Grand Matron.

However, Mrs. Mason was constantly reminded of the war's cost to her permanently injured veteran husband and his family. She became a member of the Ladies' Aid Society early in its history. In 1887, Medina's LAS #13 was installed in her home. She was a charter member and served as its first chaplain. In 1888, her society sent her as a delegate to the Division Encampment at Sidney, Ohio. There, she was elected to the Division Council and as a delegate to the Second National LAS Encampment, held at Wheeling, WV. She returned to the Ohio Encampment in 1889 with an excellent report. Mary was President of her home Society when she was elected Division President at the 1889 Encampment. In June 1890, at Mansfield, Mary was re-elected the Ohio Division President.

It was clear that the Woman's Relief Corps was still uncomfortable with the term "Auxiliary." Five years earlier, LAS National President Laura Miller had addressed the term as it applied to the LAS in a circular. In September 1890, Mrs. Mason spoke to the 17th Ohio Brigade Reunion (of which her husband was commander). She said:

"From the relations we sustain we should here find our friends. I am sorry to say we have enemies; but no excuse can be offered for ours. The Sons of Veterans fraternity is now an established fact. They, therefore, have an Auxiliary. All societies have kindred organizations. Should a vast order, numbering 125,000, abstain

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from the restraining influences of the gentler sex. The Ladies' Aid Society may become the barometer which shall indicate the moral position of the Sons of Veterans. But we are always ready to lend a hand to the Relief Corps. They have their hands full, and they cannot divide their interest. We do not desire to interfere with them, but to assist them and when they lay down the mantle to wear it with grace. The existence and growth of one order proves its necessity. We now have 6,900 members. I am grieved because of the resolutions adopted by the Ladies' Relief Corps at the Boston assembly. The stand taken reflects no credit upon them. We desire to aid the Relief Corps. But no matter as to our treatment, we will continue to do our part. They need not fear us, we are only a spoke in the great wheel."

At the 1891 National LAS Encampment in Minneapolis, it was noted that there were 4,249 sisters in the Order, a gain of 1,216 over the previous year. There was over \$1,000 in the treasury and an increase from four divisions to nine. Upon being elected National President, Mrs. Mason appointed Mrs. A.P. Davis Chaplain-in-Chief.

By the time of the 6th National Encampment, the Order had grown to 8,000 Sisters in 250 societies and ten divisions. Mary was presented a handsome Past President's badge at the end of her first term.

Mary had joined the Woman's Relief Corps, presumably to improve relations between the WRC and the LAS. In 1892, Mary was elected Senior Vice President of Medina's Hamlin Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Mason was re-elected at the 6th National LAS Encampment, held in Helena, Montana, on August 9-10, 1892. One newspaper reported, "She showed the same sound judgement and remarkable executive ability, which she had previously shown. Keen to perceive, quick to decide, yet cautious withal, prompt to act, and keeping abreast of the times on subjects of the day. Despite her LAS responsibilities, she found time for Church and family. Her gentle Christian character permeated all of the work and her administration."

One of the highlights of the second term was a receiving line at the Capitol rotunda in which Mrs. Mason participated with Mrs. John Logan, Miss Clara Barton, the heads of the WRC and Daughters of Veterans, as well as the wives of many of the heads of state.

In 1893, at the end of her second term, she was presented an elegant five-pointed star with diamond center. She was elected National Treasurer.

Joshua died on May 14, 1898, and Mary filed for a widow's pension that July. Joshua Jr. finished his 3rd year at Oberlin College and continued to live with his mother while working as an assistant bank cashier.

Mary died quietly on January 24, 1914, and was buried in Medina's Spring Grove Cemetery.

By PCinC Steve Michaels with research assistance by PDC Kent Peterson

Sources:

Chicago Tribune, 20 Sep 1892

Medina Sentinel, 14 Aug 14

1894 Proceedings, 28th Annual Encampment, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic

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National Tribune, 3 Sep 1891, 21 Apr 1892, Washington, DC.

The Sharpshooter (Barre, VT), 1 Sep 1891, 1 June 1892

Wellington Enterprise (OH), 27 Jan 1892

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST MARSHAL

"Dear Sisters,

Hello and greetings. As Provost Marshal of the Annual Remembrance Day I am often asked questions about the dress for the parade. This is the official policy on dress for the parade. All persons participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will be dressed in American Civil War era attire or Grand Army of the Republic uniform. Military uniforms worn will be either Union or Confederate military originals or reproductions or Grand Army of the Republic originals or reproductions. Civilian attire of the mid 1800's is acceptable. Footwear must be appropriate for the Civil War era uniform or dress authorized by this Order. Parade participants may not wear sandals, sneakers and similar modern-day footwear.



Only the following will be permitted to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire with the badge of their Order affixed: Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Women's Relief Corps, Sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Members of the Order of Stars and Bars, Members of the Order Confederate Veterans, and Members of the Order of Confederate Rose.

This means no jeans or sweat pants, sneakers or sandals. If I had to give a word of advice I would

suggest that you dress as if you were going to church or a special event. As always please feel free to contact me at Majorsvrprovost@Gmail.com

Yours in F., C., & L.,
Dave Hann, Major SVR

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT FORMS!

Following are the various forms for the National Encampment, including the tour, program book, exhibit hall display table, banquet, and more for your use.

Hotel reservations need to be made on-line through the Encampment website at: <https://suvchwmi.org/2022NatEncampment/hotels.php> There is not a group code, this link takes you directly to the Encampment hotel reservation site.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
James B. Pahl, PCinC
Chair - 2022 National Encampment Host Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**2022 Allied Orders National Encampment
Program Book Advertisement
Order Form**

Express your pride and honor your Civil War ancestors and their units. Send greetings on behalf of your Auxiliary, Camp, Tent, Circle or Department. Congratulate the Commander In Chief and/or National Presidents on a job well done. Pre-2023 National Encampment Host Committee ads are also welcome.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP Code _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Organization _____

Ad Specifications and Requirements:

- Size of the Program Booklet is 8 ½" wide by 11" high (vertical)
- All ads are **black and white**
- No bleed ads will be accepted. Ad must fit within the 8 ½" by 11" page size.
- All ads must be complete and supplied in an electronic format. **A digital copy, 300 dpi or more in a jpg or pdf file format, and at the final size the ad is to be reproduced.**
- All ads must include all graphics, photos and any design elements in place as well as all type fonts must be imbedded.
- You may request a type only add and ads of this type will require that you send all text in either a Microsoft .doc or .docx file.
- Photo copies of ads or formerly printed ads, especially if they are already half-tone screened are not recommended and if submitted as such, the quality will not be guaranteed.

Ad sizes are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 9-3/4" high) | Price: \$40 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 5" high) | Price: \$30 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (ad area not to exceed 3-1/4" wide by 4-1/4" high) | Price: \$20 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Ad 1-1/2" high by x 6" wide | Price: \$10 each |

Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form and a check payable to the DEPT. OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW 2022 to:
Robert R Payne, PDC, 3940 Keller Rd, Holt, MI 48842. Also please include a printed copy of your ad.

Send all ad electronic files to: rrpayne@suvchwmi.org. If your files are too large to Email send a CD or other recordable media to the mailing address above.

DEADLINE : All orders must be received prior to July 11, 2022

Saturday Encampment Banquet Dinner

Entree 1 – Chicken:

Grilled Airline Chicken Breast with Arrabiata, Bell Peppers and Asiago Cheese,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Reserve _____ Chicken Entrees at \$38.00 per person Total _____

Entree 2 – Pork:

Herb Rubbed Pork Loin with Michigan Demi, Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Reserve _____ Pork Entrees at \$38.00 per person Total _____

Entree 3 – Fish

Seared Bay of Fundy Salmon with Cherry Maple Glaze, Wild Rice Pilaf

Reserve _____ Fish Entrees at \$38.00 per person Total _____

Vegetarian/Vegan – Chef's Selection

Reserve _____ Vegetarian/Vegan Entree at \$38.00 per person Total _____

All Entrees Served with:

Warm Rolls with Butter

Fresh Garden Salad

Maple Glazed Carrots

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Dessert – Preset at Every Other Seat:

Double Chocolate Cake & Cheesecake with

Strawberry Compote

\$38.00 Pre-Order only

All Entrees are Gluten Free

Name: _____

Email: _____

Please Note: All Reservations must be received by **JULY 25, 2022**

Make Checks out to: **Department of Michigan, SUVCW** Mail Reservation to:
Linda Kronberg, PNP
6885 Plantation Dr.
Tecumseh, MI 49286

**Tour Registration
Allied Orders of Grand Army of the Republic
August 12, 2022**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse or Other Guest Names: _____

All tours include transportation in a Motor Coach. Further information may be found on the www.suvcwmi.org/2022NatEncampment/tours.php.

8:45 – Load Motor Coach

9:00 – Tour departs Hotel

Stop 1: Meyer-May House, a Frank Lloyd-Wright designed house.
450 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49503

Stop 2: - Greenwood Cemetery, 1373 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids MI, 49504.
Dedication of new grave stone for Civil War Veteran, ancestor of David Hann of the Department of New Jersey

Stop 3: - Meijer Gardens. Eat lunch on your own at the café and then tour the sculpture park by tram and walk through the horticultural display gardens.

Costs: \$37.50 per person. – Lunch on your own

#Tours _____ X \$37.50 each = _____

Make Check out to “Department of Michigan – SUVCW”

Mail to:

James B. Pahl, PCinC

445 W. Maple St.

Mason, MI 48854

ALL TOUR REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 28, 2022

2022 Allied Orders National Encampment Vendor And Display Table Order Form

There are a limited number of tables available. They are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

All tables are standard 8 foot tables. The \$25.00 fee per table covers the duration of the Encampment. Vendor Tables will be in a secured room, outside isle and center isle. Setup may begin at NOON on August 11, 2022.

Reservation Deadline:

Reservations and payment must be received before July 15, 2022. Reservations will be confirmed via Email.

Please Note: Vendors must have their goods packed up and removed from the Vendor area by 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Please Reserve _____ Outside Isle Tables @ \$25.00 each

Please Reserve _____ Center Isle Tables @ \$25.00 each

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP Code _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Organization _____

Mail this Form with check payable to **Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW 2022** to:

2022 National Encampment Vendor Tables
James B. Pahl, PCinC
445 W. Maple St.
Mason, MI 48854

2022 National Encampment Polo Shirts sizes M - 4XL \$45.00 + shipping



| <i>Description</i> | <i>Price</i> | <i>Qty.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Navy Polo Shirt size Med | \$45.00 | | |
| Navy Polo Shirt size Large | \$45.00 | | |
| Navy Polo Shirt size XLarge | \$45.00 | | |
| Navy Polo Shirt size 2XL | \$45.00 | | |
| Navy Polo Shirt size 3XL | \$45.00 | | |
| Navy Polo Shirt size 4XL | \$45.00 | | |
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| | Sub Total | | |
| | Pick-up | | |
| | Shipping | | |
| | Total | | |

Shipping for shirts:
\$10.00 each

**Make checks
payable to:
Department of Michigan**

**If picking up at
National Encampment:
put checkmark in
“Pick-up” line.**

PLEASE PRINT

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| Name: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | |
| City: _____ | |
| State: _____ | Zip: _____ |
| Telephone No. (____) _____ | |
| Email: _____ | |

**Mail to:
James B. Pahl, PCinC
445 W. Maple St.
Mason, MI 48854-1519**