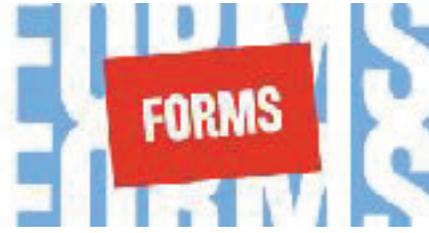




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# THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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



Sisters,

As many of our Departments and Auxiliaries at Large hold their annual meetings, let us consider a call to leadership. What does that mean exactly? A call to leadership can otherwise be described as a call to serve. There are so many Sisters in our organization with untapped skills. However, with the proper encouragement they can take on a more responsible and dependable role. Our membership is a melting pot of professions, life experiences, and knowledge. Let us use that to our advantage to strengthen the Auxiliary.

As a child, I was shy, reserved, and definitely not one to raise my hand to answer a teacher's question in class. It was not that I didn't know the answer. I just lacked the proper encouragement to give it. As a teen, I was finally pushed out of my shell. During a weeklong camp I was placed in charge of a group of 20 peers. I was now responsible for insuring that we made it to class on time, making sure everyone ate their meals, and even responsible for their education. This experience allowed me the growth and realization that leadership is merely a matter of courage. There is no one way to complete a task. Failure and learning from those failed attempts are part of leadership training.

I would like to personally encourage our members to step up. We have so many talented and knowledgeable Sisters who have much to share with our organization. No one is expecting perfection, and no one is alone in leadership. We must rely on one another for support to succeed. If you find yourself doubting your abilities or whether you are qualified enough to hold a position, STOP. You are. Find a mentor to guide you or a friend to stand by your side. Our Past National Presidents hold a wealth of knowledge and yearn to share the traditions and history of our order. Let them guide us.

The Auxiliary is an organic organization. It relies on the capabilities of our members as well as the willingness of those members to act. So let us grow our organization and strive to push ourselves into new roles in the coming months.

As always, please remain safe, and to those who plan on attending the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, MI in August, I look forward to seeing you soon.

In F., C., & L.,

Allison Pollitt, NP ASUVCW

## from the Chief of Staff...



Greetings my lovelies! It's summertime! We live in a world of wonders that grow with each day. Greet each day knowing you are blessed with more than you will ever need.

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

Our National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan is just short months away; & a special time to bond with our Sisters.

Once again, I would like to gently remind each of my Sisters of their obligation & responsibility to support our Auxiliary & give generously to this monied position. Even if you can only afford \$1 more to help support our Auxiliary, it's enough. In this, I would ask you to consider more than the "paper & spoken" obligation.



The National Chief of Staff fund is the main avenue our Auxiliary receives monetary bolstering. All funds raised by this position are for the benefit of the National Auxiliary, which trickles down to your home Auxiliary. This money is the backbone of what our Auxiliary runs on. Again I implore you to remember this huge consideration- the monies in this fund & the ability to meet our national expenses & obligations directly impact the amount of every Sister's yearly membership dues.

I don't mince words, Sisters. I'm direct & 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, & 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.

In addition to your contribution to your general National Chief of Staff Fund, I'd ask for more.

As you recall, 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 ASUVCW National Chief of Staff, write in the memo section that your check is for the 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 & 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 just post a photo of the items we receive to benefit our National Auxiliary.



**AUCTION  
ITEMS  
NEEDED!**



We have had Sisters donate art, a handmade quilt out of historically accurate fabrics, period bonnets, daily wearable jewelry, handmade shrugs & shawls! And wait! There's more! WINE!!!

And raffle baskets! I. Love. Raffle. Baskets. They're so FUN. Since I love a good surprise, I am asking each Department Auxiliary to provide me with a basket to raffle, 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 just post a photo of the baskets we receive to benefit our National Auxiliary with a list of the contents. That way if you can't attend our National

Encampment, you 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 & 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



**Sister Amy Miller**

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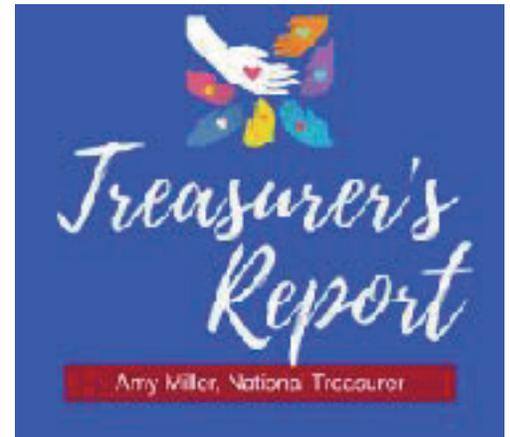
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## from the National Treasurer...

Greetings, Sisters!

Not much to report. Just a reminder that our National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief of Staff are still working to raise funds to support our Organization. Donations may be made at any time (and would be very welcome!). 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 Avenue  
Willoughby OH 44093

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan!

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

Amy Miller, National Treasurer

*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, [asuvcw.org](http://asuvcw.org), for details. Completed applications and references may be sent to:

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

## 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 [asuvcw.org](http://asuvcw.org) under Forms/Auxiliary.

# from the National Secretary...

## MORE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION

### VOTING DELEGATES

Please reference the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for detailed information concerning voting delegates.

Alternates will be seated as voting delegates as spots become available. Voting delegate status automatically goes to the following:

1. All Past National Presidents in good standing, and all sitting National Elected and Appointed Officers (except the National Personal Aide) in good standing.
2. All sitting and past Department Presidents in good standing. A Department may also send two (2) voting delegates.
3. All sitting Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary at Large Presidents in good standing, and one (1) voting delegate from each Auxiliary.
4. National Membership at Large delegate allotment is based on the total NMAL membership at the time of the Annual Per Capita Report.

### NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you will not be able to attend the National Encampment, please send a copy of your report to National Secretary Judy Morgan before July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you will be attending the National Encampment, please be prepared to read a summary of your report, and have two (2) copies of your full-length report to be submitted to the National Secretary and the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. Please try to keep your oral summary report to approximately five (5) minutes or less.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORTS

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

<b>Department Vice Presidents</b>	Report to Sister Linda Kronberg at <a href="mailto:VicePresident@asucw.org">VicePresident@asucw.org</a>
<b>Department Chaplain</b>	Report to Sister Kim Villalva at <a href="mailto:chaplain@asucw.org">chaplain@asucw.org</a>
<b>Department Patriotic Instructor</b>	Report to Sister Rosemary Martin at <a href="mailto:PatrioticInstructor@asucw.org">PatrioticInstructor@asucw.org</a>
<b>Department Secretary</b>	Report to Sister Judy Morgan at <a href="mailto:secretary@asucw.org">secretary@asucw.org</a>
<b>Department Treasurer</b>	Report to Sister Amy Miller at <a href="mailto:treasurer@asucw.org">treasurer@asucw.org</a>
<b>Department Charitable Activities</b>	Report to Sister June Lloyd at <a href="mailto:gogranygo95@gmail.com">gogranygo95@gmail.com</a>

## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

At the National Encampment Department Presidents will be expected to dress in all white. Each Department President should prepare a written summary of her Department's activities since the last National Encampment. If the Department President will be at the National Encampment she should be prepared to read a summary of her report and have two (2) copies of the full-length report for submission to the National Secretary. Please try to limit oral reports to two (2) minutes or less. If she is unable to attend, the Department President should submit her written report to National Secretary Judy Morgan at or before the National Encampment, for inclusion in the National Proceedings.

Delegates to the National Encampment are encouraged to visit the following links to learn more about items that will be coming up for a vote.

### Recommendations and Resolutions

<https://asuvcw.org/national-encampment/recommendations/>

### Candidates for National Office

<https://asuvcw.org/national-encampment/natl-officer-candidates/>

Submitted by Judy Morgan, National Secretary

# 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment Reminders

**ATTIRE** – All National Officers (including appointed) and Department presidents should wear appropriate business attire in white during the sessions while at the Encampment. All attendees should strive to wear white so that they are able to fill in for an absent station if necessary.

**APPOINTED OFFICERS** – If you are attending the Encampment and are interested in serving in an appointed position, please notify the National President as soon as possible. The following positions will be appointed: Parliamentarian, Guide, Assistant Guide, Color Guard 1 and 2, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Escorts and Pages.

**APPOINTED COMMITTEES** – If you are attending the Encampment and are interested in serving on a committee, please notify the National President as soon as possible. Sisters will be requested to serve on the following committees: Credentials & Registration Committee, Committee on Officers Reports, Committee on Committee Reports, Recommendations Committee, Resolutions Committee, Elections Committee, Greetings Committee, and Response Committee.

**ENDORSEMENTS** – Those Sisters wishing to run for a National Office shall send endorsements and a letter of intent to the National Secretary before July 30, 2022. These will be published on the National Website.

## DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

One hundred years ago, our Organization was named "Sons of Veterans Auxiliary" . The 1918-H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin had affected 33% of the population. These members struggled with the outcomes of death not only from World War 1 but then also lived through a World Pandemic.

Yet, a few short years later, the proceedings discussed a gain of membership in 1921 of 1,124 new members nationwide, after a planned national membership drive. They owed their success to identifying with "so splendid a body—The Grand Army of the Republic" and realized more than ever before how much service they were able to render them. Our past Sisters were aware of how these precious veterans were dwindling each year answering the "Last Roll Call." What an honor it must have been to serve and take care of the "Boys in Blue." As the pandemic subsided, they kept the wheels of patriotic works in motion.

Now we can serve our ancestors by fulfilling and upholding the Principles of our Order, handed down and sculpted by these veterans. Our Order must continue these efforts as well as be a patriotic beacon of our times. That is not to say we need to change as time goes on. It is by holding our Principles steadfast and giving our energies toward patriotic works, that we will be true to our Fathers and be recognized by these principles.

The second component in their successful membership drive was by having an article posted in the Sons' "Banner." Spouses and daughters were encouraged to join the Auxiliary so that they could assist the Sons in carrying out the principles of both Orders and the Sons were educated in the purpose and capabilities of the Auxiliary.

As I read the Sisters' reports, the Chaplain lamented that her report was incomplete because

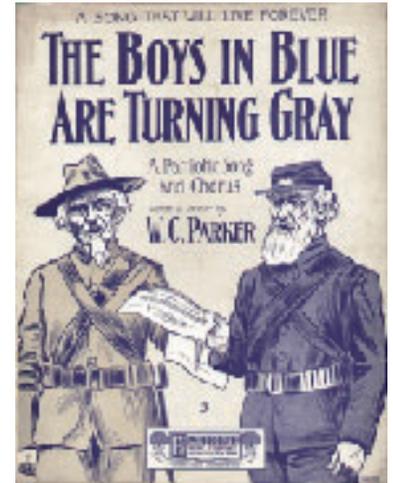
Departments failed to send in their reports. Because of that, the charitable/patriotic efforts from some States had been lost to the future generations. That meant a section of our whole history had been lost.

Yes, we have suffered and lived through a pandemic like our Sisters did 100 years ago; but our future has yet to be written. There are so many wonderful, talented Sisters in

our organization. Share your gifts. Step forward in leading others out of this pandemic. Make a difference by being active in this Organization and if you are an officer at any level, please send in your reports on time so that we and future generations will benefit from your experiences and demonstrate how we fulfilled the Principles of the Order through troubled times.

See you at National—where we can share our thoughts and talents! It's not too late to make your reservations.

Danielle Michaels, PNP  
National Historian



## FROM THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Rosemary Martin



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

**Attention:** This is a call out again to all Sisters, Auxiliaries, Departments, and Patriotic Instructors! As 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 me donations!!! Of note is the Department of California-Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of the Chesapeake who both passed the Kepi and gave very generously.

As noted in the last newsletters, 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 at the National Encampment for Veteran Service Dogs. You may find these needed items at the Amazon link: [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/34CNMJQ8LAE2I/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/34CNMJQ8LAE2I/ref=smi_ext_lnk_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



Again, thank you for any monetary and material donations. They 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, Maryland 21702



Captain John C. Tidball, West Point Class of 1848, started the custom of playing "Taps" at military funerals. In early July 1862 at Harrison's Landing, a corporal of Tidball's Battery A, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Artillery, died. He was, Tidball recalled later, "a most excellent man". Tidball wished to bury him with full military honors, but, for military reasons, he was refused permission to fire seven rifles three times (three volley salute) over the grave. Tidball later wrote, "The thought suggested itself to me to sound taps instead, which I did. The idea was taken up by others, until in a short time it was adopted by the entire army and is now looked upon as the most appropriate and touching part of a military funeral." As Tidball proudly proclaimed, "Battery A has the honor of having introduced this custom into the service, and it is worthy of historical note." It became a standard component to U.S. military funerals in 1891.

Although there is no associated lyric, many bugle calls had words associated with them as a mnemonic device but these are not lyrics. A Horace Lorenzo Trim wrote a set of words intended to accompany the music:

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath  
the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.*

*Sun has set, shadows come,  
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their  
beds  
Always true to the promise that they made.*

*While the light fades from sight,  
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.*



Credit: Wikipedia

## **Days of Note Until Our National Encampment:**

July 4	<i>Independence Day</i>
July 27	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
August 4	Coast Guard Birthday



## *Ligaments of the Heart*

With Memorial Day fresh on our minds, I hope that all sisters were either able to participate in a local Memorial Day ceremony or that you were able to reflect on the significance of this day for our country through whatever means worked best for you.

I participated in two different Memorial Day Ceremonies with Sister Anthony O'Connell and Sherman Camp SUVCW. As I left the last ceremony, I lingered at a beautiful memorial that lovingly marks the GAR section of Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

There, inscribed on the back of the memorial, were the words I was so moved to read as I thought of those who gave their lives for our country:

*"Interwoven is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts."*

This is a line from President George Washington's Farewell Address in 1796.

Think of those soldiers and service members throughout history who gave the ultimate sacrifice out of love for their country. We remember them, especially on Memorial Day, but should remember them every day.

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)*

Those who gave their lives understood this verse. Now more than ever we are called to consider these words in our daily lives. Our freedom in this country is a priceless gift and we can use that freedom to serve one another with love.



What a powerful reminder that we should carry with us this summer.

A few months ago, brothers and sisters said goodbye to Brother Chuck O'Dell. He was just short of 80 years of service to the SUVCW. Eighty years. His devotion to carrying forward the legacy of those who served and sacrificed in the Civil War was a beautiful example of dedication to our highest principles, and what we should strive for in our service.

Sisters, while we are enjoying the freedom of summer with its sunny days, picnics with family, Fourth of July Celebrations and more, let us always remember those who gave us the many freedoms we enjoy. May we remember those whose love of liberty will forever be interwoven with every ligament of their hearts.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Kim Villalva, National Chaplain

# GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT

## 200th Birthday Commemoration Grant's Tomb, New York

**April 24, 2022 Manhattan, New York.** The Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War officiated the opening ceremony for the National Park Service to commemorate 200th anniversary of the birth of President and General Ulysses S. Grant. The ceremony was held at the General Grant National Memorial on Sunday at 11:00 AM. Oliver Tilden Camp SVC Arthur P. Kirmss, JVC John Gregor and Commander George J. Weinmann, PDC co-hosted the event.

Rosemary Martin, ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor represented National President Allison Pollitt and the ASUVCW. She presented a wreath and gave remarks.

Other participants included Mike Paquette, Commander-in-Chief SUVCW; Leo Maguire, Past NY Dept. Commander, SUVCW; Norma Fiedler, National President, DUVCW; Caren Cleaveland, SVP, New York Department DUVCW; Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, President of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum & ASUVCW member; Thomas Principe, BG Ret. NYARNG, Soldiers' and Sailor's Memorial Association; Patrick Falci, Past President of The Civil War Round Table of New York; Tilden Camp members Bros. Steven Lally, Sergeant-at-Arms, Marc Hermann, Chaplain, Mark Goret, and Bill Webb, Jonathan R. Doucette, William M. Hemminger, Kyle E. Turrie, Alex Pappas; Col. George L. Willard Camp #154,

Moses Baldwin Camp #544; Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW; and Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW.

The keynote speaker was Frank Scaturro, President of the Grant Monument Association. Brother Eugene played the violin and Louse Bender sang Civil War period pieces. SVC Arthur P. Kirmss also played guitar, sang, and played a Civil War flute. 1st Lt. John Portanova, Co. I 83rd NYV (9th NYSM) SVR led the Color Guard and 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.



C-in-C Mike Paquette with Tilden Camp Chaplain Marc Herman initiated new members from Oliver Tilden Camp. Commander George and Janice Weinmann received the Bob Wilder Lord "Patriot of the Year" award.

The program was dedicated in memory of Donald T. Steinmaker, Richard Henry Wolfram, Paul Lorentzen and Brother Bob Costello, who portrayed President Abraham Lincoln. Bro. John Portanova, PCC made a special tribute to Bob Costello.

With fine spring weather, the program was an excellent tribute to President and General Ulysses S. Grant's 200th Birthday on April 27th.

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## DEPARTMENT MEETING IN IOWA

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By: Allison Pollitt, NP

The Department of Iowa held their annual Department meeting on April 4, 2022, in Atlantic, IA. Both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary members began their meetings on Saturday morning at the American Legion Memorial Hall. National President, Allison Pollitt, was graciously welcomed as an honored guest. A delicious buffet styled lunch was offered with many desserts, including homemade fudge. The Iowa Sisters retained their current Department Officers for a second term and discussed several patriotic works. For dinner, a banquet was held a short distance away with President Abraham Lincoln as the guest speaker.



# National Graves Registration Officer

Memorial Day is a supreme call to all our Auxiliary to honor 1st and foremost our ancestors who died in service of our country during the Civil War. There should not be question of our honoring them; whether they died of illness, on the battlefield, or of wounds that did not heal—slowly taking their lives long after the battles were over.

But let us remember that with the “Boys n Blue” there were “Women in Blue” who served

alongside during the battles and campaigns disguised as men. There were women in the camps serving; as doctors and nurses tending the wounded and sick, as cooks and laundresses keeping soldiers fed and helping morale with clean clothing. Women also served in hometowns across America making items of food and clothing; their churches then organized shipping those items where they were needed.

Auxiliary sisters--as we lay wreaths, read poems, and attend Memorial Day service, we can keep in mind those women ancestors who served during the Civil War away and at home. They also gave their blood and lived lives in support of keeping this nation united.



“So”, you are pondering, “What does this mean to our Auxiliary?” Here are some thoughts. We should rededicate ourselves to making and keeping our Auxiliary strong. Let’s find the good in each other and support one another; help our officers stay encouraged, and keep a united sisterhood behind our charters!

Our Auxiliary has a special committee in charge of designing a flag holder that can be placed on those women’s graves that we want to honor—we should give this committee our full support.

The Sons have asked that the Auxiliary partner with them for Civil War Graves registration. We know that

“many hands make lighter work”; let’s structure our Auxiliary Graves Registration volunteers like the Sons---with Departmental and Local committees to assist obtaining and registering Civil War graves information. I am asking you to please support my recommendation, and vote to adopt it.

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Memorial Day was created to show the solemn recognition of our soldiers who gave their lives in service to our country; but it is just one day a year. By including the suggestions above I hope to encourage daily and personalized ways we can honor all who died to protect our Nation’s freedom.

**In F, C, L, Connie Horning,  
National Graves Registration Officer**



A group of archaeologists found a mass grave of Civil War soldiers underneath a collapsed hill at the Vicksburg National Cemetery in Mississippi. They found 15 graves underneath the said hill, and DNA testing may be needed to identify each soldier’s remains. The Vicksburg National Military Park released a statement saying that they will carefully remove and store the remains to make sure that each soldier’s remains are kept together. One of the archaeologists, Dawn Laurence, expressed how important it is to be able to identify and properly store the remains of the Union soldiers.

*from an article in the EconoTimes/Science May 11 2020*

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## DEPARTMENT MEETING IN WISCONSIN

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By: Steve Michaels, PCinC

The Department of Wisconsin held their 108th Department Encampment on June 4th at the Wisconsin veterans Museum in Madison, WI. Pictured are: Left to right: PDP Toni Howard, Sr. Lucy Peters, PAP Susan Fallon, PNP Denise Oman, CinC Mike Paquette, NP Allison Pollitt, and PNP Danielle Michaels.



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# LINCOLN MEMORIAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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**ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor  
Rosemary Martin at the 100-year-old Lincoln  
Memorial**

**May 22, 2022 Washington, D.C.** The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated on May 30, 1922. The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia in conjunction with the National Service and co-sponsored by the Lincoln Forum brought together the two-hour Lincoln Memorial Centennial Program to commemorate that event from 1922 and rededicate the Memorial to reflect on Abraham Lincoln’s continued importance in today’s America and the expanding role the Memorial has played over its 100-year history. National Patriotic Instructor Rosemary Martin represented Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans National President Allison Pollitt and the ASUVCW.



**Speakers**



**PDC Kevin Martin and PI Rosemary Martin with  
Stephen Lang, Award Winning Screen and  
Stage Actor who provided Dramatic Readings**



**Attendees**

# LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

By: Allison Pollitt, NP



President Abraham Lincoln spent 17 years in Springfield, IL purchasing a two-story house in 1844. Here he lived with his family until 1861 when he became the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. After his assassination on 14 April 1865, mourners spent three weeks transporting, memorializing, and conducting services before laying him to rest about 2.5 miles away from his Springfield home on 4 May. In 1874, a grand obelisk was added to President Lincoln's tomb.

On 16 April 2022, the five Allied Orders came together to remember President Abraham Lincoln. The 66<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony was held at his tomb located within Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Many wreaths were placed in President Lincoln's honor by various organizations, the Civil War band played period pieces, and a firing squad shot a three-round volley. Following the ceremony, members were given the opportunity to tour the tomb. Within, visitors could pay respects not only to President Lincoln but to Mary Todd, Willie, Eddie and Tad (Robert is buried at Arlington National Cemetery).



Pictured from left to right: Col. Robert Pollock, MOLLUS; National President Jessica Booth, WRC; National President Elizabeth Rock, LGAR; National President Norma Fiedler, DUVCW; National President Allison Pollitt, ASUVCW; Commander in Chief Michael Paquette, SUVCV.

ASUVW National President Allison Pollitt presented her own homemade wreath. Other attending Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic included Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865 President Norma Fiedler, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic President Elizabeth Rock, Women's Relief Corp Representative, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion Commander-in-Chief Rob Pollock.

## Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois cont'd



**PI Rosemary Martin and President Allison Pollitt outside of Lincoln's Tomb**



**PI Rosemary Martin  
at Lincoln's Tomb**

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## CIVIL WAR NURSE ELIZA ANN HARDY BOSTON

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Sister Amy Bowyer and her husband, Brother John Bowyer, wanted to share a picture they took after cleaning the tombstone of a little known Civil War Nurse. Eliza enlisted in the US Volunteers Medical Corps in 1843 as a Nurse. They discovered information from the Madison County Historical Society that shows she served two years in Memphis, TN and Louisville, KY. They also found information about the Hardy family and others who saved Fredrick Douglas from a mob attack while he was speaking in Pendleton in 1843. Eliza died in Pendleton Fall Creek Township, IN on July 26, 1922. In the picture, Sister Amy is on her way to the Pendleton Legion for a flag retirement ceremony with her Girls BSA Troop.



# DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON

By: Allison Pollitt, NP & Rosemary Martin, NPI

Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson was born in Wayne County, IL on October 3, 1823. After receiving an education at Rush Medical College, he decided to practice medicine in Petersburg, IL. Dr. Stephenson later became a surgeon for the 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry on April 7, 1862. After three years of service, he was mustered out and returned to Springfield, IL. Dr. Stephenson then began to contemplate the idea of creating a society for Civil War veterans as many sought their care from his practice. On April 6, 1866, post No. 1 of the Grand Army of the Republic was formed with only 12 members on the original charter. Though Dr. Stephenson was never selected to act as the figure head of this organization, he is credited with being the founder of the GAR.

On 16 April, 2022, a large crowd gathered to remember Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, IL. A ceremony was held in his honor with the placing of wreaths in front of his gravesite. National President, Allison Pollitt proudly represented the Auxiliary in this presentation. It was also attended by ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor Rosemary Martin.

The program included: a Call to Assembly, Posting of Colors by Battery “L” 1st Illinois Volunteer Artillery Regiment, the “National Anthem” and Pledge of Allegiance, an Invocation by Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, a Moment of Silence Honoring Illinois Brothers, the song “Amazing Grace”, guest speakers, Presentation of Wreaths, an Artillery Salute, the song “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, a Rifle Salute, Benediction, and Closing Ceremony/Retiring of Colors.



Stone benches donated by the Allied Orders lined the brick walkway in front of Dr. Stephenson’s grave. Many of the bricks have been sponsored by individual members or organizations in memory



of their ancestors. These benches and walkway are a new addition to the cemetery this year.

Credits: Kevin Martin and Department of Illinois

Submitted by Steve Michaels, PCinC

## MEMORIAL DAY

### Sentiments from Julia Dent Grant

It seems to me that the observance of Memorial Day becomes more and more beautiful every year. If that is possible, because of the deeper and deeper pathos of the event. The old soldiers are rapidly passing away. Not only does disease

waste them and take them off, so many this year and every year, but as the years pass, the proportion of deaths is larger and larger with the rising age of the veterans and the heavier and heavier burden of their wounds and the disabilities incurred in the service. The company that gathers to decorate the graves becomes smaller and smaller, and there is a touching pathos in the circumstance itself, but I do not think their decorations are any less the devoted or their memories any the less dear. Indeed, they are probably, the more devoted and dear on account of the added sacrifice that I speak of. The flags and the figures tell their patriotic tales all the more eloquently. The tears of the veterans and of the sons of the veterans are all the more heartfelt; and the bystanders, who cannot, perhaps fully appreciate the import of the day, may still be able to feel purer and more patriotic and bolder.



I sometimes fear that the rising generation does not always realize the magnitude of the civil struggle, nor with what zeal, with what a frenzy of patriotic joy almost the youth and the maturity of our cause poured out their blood on the field of battle, or what equal fortitude and patriotism died of wounds or disease in the hospitals or out of them. Nearly 2,000,000 men went into the war from the North and from the South, 1,500,000. On the North side, 400,000 men perished. This was the immediate result of its ravages. I have read that more men perished in our civil war than in all the wars of England for 800 years. This indicates a wide spread and deep love of country hardly equaled in the history of the world. The services of Memorial Day are not only beautiful and consolatory, but they teach the younger generations of Americans those lessons of patriotism which are so necessary and valuable.

General Grant and I used to observe Memorial Day together. He always loved his men; he was always one of them. He had known what struggle was. He had known struggle not many years before. He was so tender as to excite comment among all who knew him well. To him, war was the most terrible of all earthly catastrophes. We used to go to Arlington for observance when we

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happened to be in Washington, but wherever we were, the day was not forgotten, nor the sentiments that made the memories so tender. The general was a member of the Grand Army and was proud of the Grand Army button that he was entitled to wear. You know he was never accused of forgetting his friends, whether they had fought directly under him or not. They had all done their part in the fight. His feeling for the soldiers of the South was most magnanimous and tender. He could forget everything in a new fellowship, which he believed would be loyal and lasting.

**Source:**

Utica, New York Sunday Journal, May 30, 1897. Julia, along with other widows of famous generals, tells of honoring the soldiers on Memorial Day.

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## MEMORIAL DAY – ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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By: Allison Pollitt, NP

For over 150 years, families and friends of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice have been gathering at gravesites to honor fallen service members. Picnics would be eaten, stories would be told, and memories would be shared. The 154th National Memorial Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was conducted at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Monday, 30 May, 2022. Hundreds of people gathered to participate and share in the special day of remembrance at the amphitheater within the cemetery. Remarks were given by General Mark A Milley, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III, and President Joe Biden. Following the address, participants made their way to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to lay a wreath on behalf of their organization. National President, Allison Pollitt was accompanied by her Personal Aide, Anne Michaels, PDP as she paid her respects by presenting a wreath at the tomb. CinC Michael Paquette additionally represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National President, Norma Fiedler represented the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and National President, Jessica Booth represented the Woman's Relief Corps.



National President Allison Pollitt and Personal Aide Anne Michaels, PDP present a wreath on behalf of the ASUVCW at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



CinC Michael Paquette, National President Allison Pollitt, Personal Aide Anne Michaels, PDP, and National Patriotic Instructor, Rosemary Martin, PDP

# Sister Anthony O’Connell

On May 14, several sisters gathered at the home of Judy Brown to make patriotic gnomes to be sold at a festival on the 4th of July. We were so excited about learning a new “skill” and making them, that we forgot to take a picture of ourselves while doing so! However, here is a picture of the some of the results of our efforts.



Musket Salute

In addition to making patriotic gnomes, on May 30, SAOC Auxiliary members attended the annual SUVVCW Memorial Day Service at Spring Grove Cemetery where 999 Civil War soldiers are buried in a separate area dedicated to them. Altogether, there are over 5,000 Civil War soldiers buried in the beautiful cemetery. Devon Brown, one of our younger members, gave the speech for our Auxiliary and Judy Brown (Devon’s

grandmother) organized the presentation of a wreath and strewing of rose petals on the graves of the soldiers.



Sister Wanda Leaman wearing her “Civil War Sunglasses” (black veil)



Presentation of Wreaths: Richard Davis, Commander, Dept. of Ohio; Rob & Liam Kidd, Lytle Camp, SUVVCW; Judy & Devon Brown, SAOC Auxiliary

## Mary Logan #20

We had a great Memorial Day. Attended the parade with a horse drawn carriage, decorated patriotically. Carole Dyer and I (Barbara Turner) rode in it. Amanda Becker (historian) and Jennifer Mickelson (treasurer) walked in front carrying our banner. Also a high school girl and Jennifer's son attended.



Mary Logan #20 Memorial Day 2022 -Carole Dyer & Barb Turner



Then, as always, we went to Greenwood Cemetery for readings and prayers in the G.A.R. plot. Fresh flags and fresh floral flowers in our huge concrete urn.

Here are photos from our fantastic day. Great weather was a major bonus too!

Barbara Turner, Chaplain  
 Mary Logan #20  
 Rockford, IL

## Department of Michigan - Memorial Day 2022



Dept MI President, Connie Horning & Dept MI Chaplain June Lloyd at Mt Hope Cemetery in Lansing , MI



Kim Paul Horning, Quartermaster and 2nd Vice Commander at Austin Blair Camp #7 (Jackson, MI) and Connie Horning, ASUVCW Dept of Michigan President.

Connie's 2x great-grandfather, CW Vet from Jackson, buried at Mt. Evergreen, Jackson, MI

# 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://suvcwmi.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

## 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 – Present 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

**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 1/2" wide by 11" high (vertical)
- All ads are **black and white**
- No bleed ads will be accepted. Ad must fit within the 8 1/2" 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: [rpayne@suvchwmi.org](mailto:rpayne@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**

**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](http://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 6 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		
	<b>Sub Total</b>		
	<b>Pick-up</b>		
	<b>Shipping</b>		
	<b>Total</b>		

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

Name: _____	
Address: _____	
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Mason, MI 48854-1519**