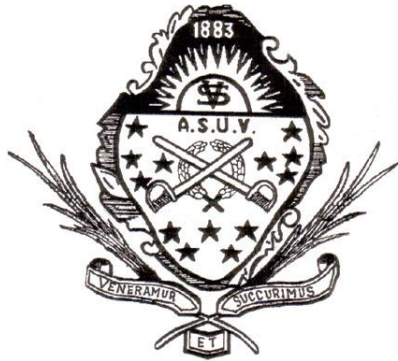


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ENCAMPMENT TOURS

Thursday, August 11, 2016

WALKING TOUR OF LINCOLN SITES WITH GENERAL GRANT

General Grant himself lead a tour of Abraham Lincoln-related historic sites. Tour included the Abraham Lincoln Library, the Lincoln Home and the Illinois Old State Capitol where both Lincoln and Grant worked. General Grant will also give his reflections on his Commander-in-Chief and President.

MOTORCOACH TOUR OF ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES

The first stop was the Lincoln Tomb, followed by G.A.R. founder Dr. Stephenson's Tomb in Petersburg, where a short ceremony was held to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R., and finally, a stop at New Salem, before returning to Springfield.

FIRST SESSION
Friday, August 12, 2016
9:46 a.m.

PRESIDENT LINDA: The Officers and members of the 130th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Officers will assume their respective stations.

I would like to make the following appointments:

Encampment Appointments

Chaplain Elise Oman, PDP WI
 Parliamentarian Beverly Graham, DP CA&PAC
 Guide Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH
 Assistant Guide Cindy Hilliard, DP OH
 Color Guard #1 Jan Davis, DP MI
 Color Guard #2 Cindy Eddy, DP/Rebekah Thomas, CA&PAC
 Inside Guard Betty Wheeler, PDP NY
 Outside Guard Linda Brown, PDP WI
 Escorts Carol Dyer, AP & Jennifer Dyer, IL

PRESIDENT LINDA: We meet again as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past year and to plan for the future. May our actions be marked by tolerance and courtesy, always keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order and to ourselves.

The Officers will please retire to take part in the Officers March.

The meeting opened as per Ritual.

PRESIDENT LINDA: The Secretary will call the roll of the Elected and Appointed Officers of the National Organization. Please come forward and remain standing until all are called. (*So done.*)

I want to thank everyone for making this a wonderful year. (*Certificates of appreciation were handed to each officer.*)

Everyone please stand and give these Sisters a round of applause. (*So done.*)

The Secretary will call the roll of the Past National Presidents who, if able, will stand at their seats to be recognized. Sisters, these, PNPs are the strength of our Organization and are entitled to sit in the row to the President's left. This is known as our "Golden Chain."

*Past National Presidents in attendance: Cynthia Brown, Danielle Michaels,
 Virginia Twist, Anne Sosnowski, Rachelle Campbell.*

I want to thank you Sisters, for your help and guidance in making 2016 a great year.

Let's all stand and give these dedicated Sisters a round of applause. (*So done.*)

The Secretary will call the roll of the Encampment Committee Appointments.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Credentials & Registration: Chair Tricia Bures, NS; Rachelle Campbell, PNP; Helen Granger, PDP

Officers Reports: Chair Virginia Twist, PNP; Susan Fallon; Danielle Vance

Committee Reports: Chair Anne Sosnowski, PNP; Rebekah Thomas; Cindy Hilliard, DP

Recommendations: Chair Danielle Michaels, PNP; Ramona Greenwalt, PDP; Jan Davis, DP

Resolutions: Chair Anne Sosnowski, PNP

Elections: Chair Anne Sosnowski, PNP; Cindi Menzies; Barbara Lynch, PAP

Greetings Committee to the SUVCW: Linda Kronberg, NP, and any Sisters wishing to participate

Greetings Committee to the LGAR: Rachelle Campbell, PNP

Responses:

To the SUVCW: Rachelle Campbell, PNP

To the LGAR: Cynthia Brown, PNP

To the WRC: Danielle Michaels, PNP

To the DUVCW: Anne Sosnowski, PNP

To the recipient of the P.I. Donation: Virginia Twist, PNP

PRESIDENT LINDA: I want to thank you all for accepting these appointments during the Encampment. Your assistance will help ensure that we are able to do the business at hand.

Let's stand and give these dedicated Sisters a round of applause for their efforts! (*So done.*)

Sister Guides, you will take up the collection.

I would like to ask Sister Mary for the total from the collection when she has it counted.

I would like to ask for a motion to split the receipts from the collection and provide half to each of our money officers. (*Motion made, seconded and carried.*)

The total of the collection was \$200.06.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Does the Secretary have any correspondence?

Correspondence:

1. Cathedral of the Pines
2. Virginia Veterans Services Foundation – 2 items
3. President's Scholarship
4. SUVCW General Order #27, August 4, 2016: By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the National Constitution and Regulations; and National Policies; it is hereby ordered as follows:

As the days of my administration of the Sons of Union Veterans are winding down, I took time recently to reflect over the year and the events, ceremonies, meetings and travels I have attended or participated in. It did not take long to reveal a pleasant pattern. The times that I found most enjoyable and rewarding were those where I found myself working, side by side, with Auxiliary President Linda Kronberg. I wish to thank Linda for the support and advice the Auxiliary has given me since I was elected to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. She eagerly shared her knowledge of the Auxiliary and insight concerning issues affecting both of our Organizations, at times when they were most helpful. Linda truly understands that when we work together, we can accomplish more. I thank the members of the Auxiliary for what they do and believe. It is a great organization doing great things. Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, is there anyone known to have any illness or distress in the family of a Sons of a Union Veteran of the Civil War or a Sister of the Order?

Illness or Distress:

1. Loss of 2 Real Sons this past week
2. Marilyn Rittel: Bev Carr has colon cancer
3. Anne Sosnowski: Maine just lost PCinC Larry Williams
4. Carol Kallahan's father just had a stroke
5. Cher Petrovic: Janice Corfman, LGAR has stage 4 cancer
6. Rosemary Martin: Helen Geppi, Ann Blackburn, Gene's stroke, Charlie Kuhn's prognosis is very bad
7. Jan Davis: Real Son in Michigan, Harold Becker
8. Hope Parker & Virginia Twist: Loss of father/husband
9. Cindy Hilliard: Tom Graham is failing steadily
10. Mary Flynn: Florence Jenison fell and she now has cancer
11. Wanda Langdon: Barbara Franklin just lost her husband

12. Janet Kline: Daughter cannot attend due to severe swelling for unknown reasons
13. Tricia Bures: Melissa Barron, please
14. Gloria Fisher: granddaughter received a second cochlear implant

BEVERLY GRAHAM, PDP CA&PAC, PARLIAMENTARIAN: On behalf of our National President, I want to thank you all for coming to the 130th Annual National Encampment!

We have a lot of important business to accomplish in a short time. To help facilitate this, the Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment body present and voting. Sister Beverly Graham will serve as the Parliamentarian.

When called upon for their reports, National Officers and Committee Chairs shall submit two (2) printed copies of their report to the National Secretary, and shall read a summary of their report, not to exceed five (5) minutes in length. They should also read any recommendations contained in their report that require actions of this Encampment.

When speaking on an issue, no person shall speak more than twice to any issue, each time not to exceed five (5) minutes. Exceptions may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates. The person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two (2) minutes to close the debate.

The National President reserves the right to limit debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor.

Cellular phones shall be turned off or are to be set to vibrate to alert for incoming calls. All cellular phone conversations WILL take place outside of the Encampment room.

At the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of officers, anyone outside the room will NOT be allowed to enter until the session is complete.

All discussions shall be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and Sisterhood.

Most votes will be taken by a raised hand. The National President reserves the right to use other forms of voting such as private ballot, rising or roll-call voting, among others.

All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or correction of spelling or typographical errors, shall be in writing, for the National Secretary AND for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter.

The Encampment Committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the National President after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment

with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action.

When rising to address the Encampment to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the available microphones. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair and announce your name, Department, or National office.

PRESIDENT LINDA: We will now proceed with the Department and Auxiliary at Large Reports. I ask that Presidents keep them to no more than 2 minutes. Please provide a full written copy of your report to the National Secretary, to be included into the official Proceedings of this National Encampment.

Before we read the reports, may I please have a motion to accept and turn these and all reports over to the Recommendations Committee to be added into the proceedings.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: Pages, you will please bring all reports to Danielle Michaels, PNP Chairman of the Committee. Sister Danielle, will you please stand so the Pages will know who you are?

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary #2

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23

Sarah Emma Edmonds Auxiliary #32

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52

On behalf of the Sisters of the Department of California and Pacific, I bring greetings to the National President and her staff and the Delegates to the National Encampment here assembled.

I had the honor of being re-elected as President of the Department of California & Pacific. In addition, I have served on two Special National Committees: Girl Scouts and Job Descriptions.

The 105th Annual Department encampment was held in Sacramento on March 3-5, 2016 in conjunction with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The following is a list, by month, of all the different activities of the four Auxiliaries:

August:

Attended the rededication of the Lincoln Statue, Long Beach, CA

Auxiliary members attended the Civil War and the West exhibit at the Autry Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Attended the 2015 National Encampment, Richmond, VA

September:

Huntington Beach Civil War Days, Huntington Beach, CA

October:

Civil War Information Booths, Monterey, CA History Fest

November:

Veteran's Day parades were attended by all four Auxiliaries

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Gettysburg, PA

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Drum Barracks, Wilmington, CA

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Northern CA

Remembrance Day Ceremony (United Veteran's Organization) and Auxiliary

52 & Camp 4 GAR Ceremony, San Jose, CA

Information booth at Santana Row, San Jose, CA

December:

Veteran Connect Holiday Party – Deliver 800 signed Holiday cards for Veterans and establish a relationship with Veteran Connect Program in Sonoma Co., Santa Rosa, CA

Decorated Drum Barracks for Christmas event, Wilmington, CA

Participated in the Annual Wilmington Christmas Parade

January:

Auxiliary 2 Installation at Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles, CA

Dinner and installation of officers, Auxiliary 52, San Jose, CA

Dessert and installation of officers, Auxiliary 23, Windsor, CA

Fort Point Living History Weekend, Presidio, San Francisco, CA

February:

Annual Lincoln Dinner at the Washoe House, Petaluma, CA

Lincoln's Birthday Dinner at Cup and Saucer, San Jose, CA

Cup of Joe Project: Money collected is used for cups of coffee for active duty soldiers. Letters of thanks have been received from the soldiers, Northern CA

March:

Department Encampment CA and Pacific, March 4-5, 2016, Sacramento, CA

May:

Roaring Camp Civil War Reenactment, Information Booths, Felton, CA

Civil War presentations at Quimby Middle School, San Jose, CA

Graves clean-up, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA

Presentations of biographies of 3 Civil War Veterans at Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, Calistoga, CA

Portrayed two Civil War women on the graves tour, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA

Memorial Day events were held by all four Auxiliaries in Riverside, Santa Rosa, Gridley and San Jose, CA

June:

Tulocay Cemetery tour at Salvador Vallejos grave, Sisters provided signature flower ceremony, Napa, CA

July:

Fort MacArthur Reenactment exhibit on Women in the Civil War, San Pedro, CA

Marched in 4th of July parade, Sonoma, CA

Attended Red, White and Blue Parade, San Jose, CA

Beverly Graham

Department President

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COUNCIL #2: Sister President, may I make a Point of Order, please. All Officers' reports should be first, before Department Reports. So your report should be first, followed by the Vice President's and so on.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Ok, thank you. That wasn't in my script.

Sister Vice President, would you please take over the meeting while I read my report? Thank you.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

Sisters, it has been an honor to serve as National President for this fine Organization. I am personally grateful to each of you who voted for me to serve as the first National President from the state of Michigan in this organization in 130 years of history.

As I continue into the future I give the gavel to the next National President and she will complete the 130th year and bring into the 131st year. I would like to thank all the Past National Presidents who have been there through this past year for advice and my officers who have done such a wonderful job. I had a fantastic year because of my officers and staff have been there for all of the Auxiliary Sisters local, Department and National. A special thanks for Sister Helen Granger and Brother Gary Granger for volunteering to be my traveling Secretary and chauffeur. To my Personal Aide Karen Hamann and Sister Vicki Weiss who helped whenever needed and faithfully served as travel companions.

Appreciation is also extended to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortorff and National Chief of Staff Mike Paquette, Junior Vice Commander Mark Day and also Sister Barbara Day. I am grateful to Brother Lee Stone and his friend, who served as my guides on Memorial Day in Washington, DC and Arlington National Cemetery.

Special thanks also go to Brother Jim Crane and Kevin Tucker for the National Encampment Site Committee. We ensured that all organizations within the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were included in planning

for the National Encampment.

I would also like to thank those Sisters who represented me at other Department Encampments this year that I was not able to attend.

And finally, Brother Jim Pahl and Sister Danielle Michaels have been very faithful to me – teachers, guides and counselors. I could not have chosen any better – they were such great advisors. All the Sisters have stepped up to the plate this year to help us grow and expand our Order.

I was very proud of myself. I did not drop the wreath or trip! My sense of humor is different and what you see is what you get. As my National Personal Aide Karen Hamann pointed out, I leave myself in each and every place I have been. I have had witnesses. There are many wonderful Brothers and Sisters who have also served as my baby sitters and guides. I am pleased with all of the local Auxiliaries and Departments across the country. They should be proud of their work. If not for local Auxiliaries and Departments, we would not be such a wonderful National Organization.

My goal this year has been bringing the Allied Orders closer together in F, C and L, which we have been doing in my own Department of Michigan. At our National Encampment this year the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be joining us and the Woman's Relief Corps will be attending the banquet. Another invitation was given to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. I know Sally is not coming so we hope that someone from the Daughters will represent her, please.

Returning to the National Encampment each year is like going to a family reunion to see our Brothers and Sisters.

Recommendation #1: That Sisters who are serving or have served in the military be allowed to wear their military medals at Auxiliary functions whenever they are in uniform.

Recommendation #2: That the incoming National President form a special committee to review the Life Membership Program and report back to the 2017 National Encampment recommendations or changes if any.

Recommendation #3: That each local Auxiliary and Department make an effort to review and update their bylaws during the coming year.

Recommendation #4: That Sisters be reminded that anyone who has changed their address, phone number or email address, please contact the National Secretary.

Recommendation #5: That the CR&R Committee be tasked with reviewing the possible staggering of terms for members for the National Council and report

back to the 2017 National Encampment with any recommendations.

Recommendation #6: That each Department be encouraged to create an award to recognize a Sister who has gone above and beyond the call of duty and also an award to recognize the SUVCW Brothers who have been showing their support also to the Auxiliary.

Recommendation #7: That the National Proceedings be brought up to date as soon as possible and that the incoming National President appoint a special committee with that goal.

Recommendation #8: I would like to entertain the idea of hiring a photographer for the National Encampment for the purpose of history. I would like to have the body discuss this and if they Ok it, it would be up to the next president to research.

Linda Kronberg
National President

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY

That the President's report be spread in full in the proceedings and for her efforts and hard work, we give her a round of applause.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

SECONDED by Hope Parker, NY

That all Officers reports be turned over to the Officers Report Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Vice President, would you like to give your report, please.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

This year has quickly passed and it has been a fun-filled one for me with attending memorials, rededications, patriotic luncheons, community activities and public speaking engagements. One thing that I really got into was going into the schools and community. Hopefully, there is going to be more membership from the Wisconsin area, because we are trying to get the word out. I had the distinct honor of representing the Order as a National Representative and was pleased to be able to extend our President's greetings and well wishes. There were many "Kodak" moments.

Shortly after the last National Encampment, I was given the regretful duty of

selecting a Disciplinary Committee to hear charges brought up by Sister Trisha Bures, National Secretary, ASUVCW, against, PNP Diane Mellor. All you need to know is that when charges are brought, we take them seriously and we follow our CR&R. This was done diligently by the committee. Unfortunately, Sister Diane was found to have been responsible for her actions and the committee came up with a five-year suspension but that she may retain her membership, all her honors, her awards, her titles. However, she may not participate in any activities for five years.

I want you to understand that we, as an Organization, have tenants of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and we practice these values. If you are to see Sister Diane, please treat with the utmost respect that she deserves as a member of this Organization, as well as a Past National President, Department President and many other hats that she wore. She retains all her things, but for five years she will not be able to participate. As mentioned before, the duties of the committee were found to be extremely stressful because no one likes to be in a situation where you have to reprimand. However, you can do reprimand in two ways. One is with harshness and lack of love. The other is with commitment and love and I hope that it is seen that by treating this situation and Sister Diane with respect, that it shows our Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and I ask that you practice that.

Denise Oman, PDP WI
National Vice President

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Departments	New Members
California & Pacific.....	8
Chesapeake	0
Connecticut	0
Iowa	0
Maine	0
Massachusetts.....	0
Michigan	4 + 1 Junior
New Hampshire.....	3
New Jersey	1
New York.....	0
Ohio	4 + 5 Junior
Pennsylvania	10 + 2 Junior
Rhode Island	0
Vermont	1
Wisconsin.....	4
Auxiliaries at Large	
Picacho Peak #1, AZ	0

Mary Logan #20, IL	0
Elizabeth George #356	0
Julia Dent #68, MO	0
Louisa Volker #215, MO	0
Rachel Cormany #2, OK.....	1
Edward Wallace #2, SC	2
Sarah Emma Seelye #1, TX	0
New Members	37 + 8 Juniors

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: This is our future. This makes the tasks that we take on ourselves as a responsibility when we joined. With this, I would like Ohio and Pennsylvania Department members to stand up. Pennsylvania is responsible for 10 new members and two Junior members. (*applause*) Ohio is responsible for nine new recruits of which five are Junior members. (*applause*) Michigan, also, has four new members and one Junior member. (*applause*) You are building our future.

I had the distinct pleasure of representing Linda at our Department Encampment – you were well received!

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Rachelle Campbell with the Council Report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

We the National Council would like to thank President Linda for keeping us busy right from the start of the year. We had not even left Richmond and we had to provide our first decision on a most difficult issue: whether or not the National President should purchase a new suitcase. The Council voted with a resounding “yes” vote! But in all seriousness, the National Council has been available to assist President Linda when called upon. We have had a number of issues with which to deal since the 129th National Encampment, including the posting of Past National Encampment Proceedings on the National website and allowing the National Supply Officer to obtain a credit card reader to assist with accepting of payments.

The National Council has also reviewed the books of the National Treasurer, National Supply Officer, and National Membership-at-Large Coordinator and found them all to be in order. We would like to thank these three Sisters for maintaining such accurate records and for taking time out of their lives to keep the National Organization up and running.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC Council #1
 Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME Council #2
 Cynthia Brown, PNP NH Council #3

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: We would like to ask for a round of applause for those three Sisters. (*So done.*)

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: We have this year 63 Sisters in attendance so far and I know that we are getting three or four more because of work schedules. They are supposed to be here this afternoon and tomorrow. This is one of the largest attended Encampments for many years.

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

The Sisters sitting here in the Encampment represent 69 Auxiliaries in our Organization and about 850 Sister off of the per capita reports that have been received to date. This is my last National Secretary report and I kind of have mixed feelings about it. It has been a challenge and in the last five years, we have gone from handwritten everything to we are online. We have a website that is really functional most of the time. We have reports that are IRS approved. That is the reason most reports had to be redone. IRS requires these little things at the bottom. There's been a lot that has gone forward. There have been some struggles. Not everybody likes computers, not everybody is comfortable with computers. We are working well with our non-computer-comfortable Sisters and those that are lost without a smartphone. I think we get along pretty well most of the time.

I have two recommendations and one of them is very similar to what Sister Linda has. I would recommend that a special committee be formed to receive and review all the bylaws – Department and Auxiliary. We have a frightening number of Auxiliaries that don't have bylaws or bylaws that were written in 1952 before I was born and that is old – if you ask my children. We have Department bylaws that are missing, some that have not been reviewed for years, some that were reviewed and they are really in bad shape. I would strongly encourage that a special committee be formed to deal with the situation and get us caught and cleaned up before we are in trouble.

My second recommendation deals with the At-Large situation that we have in our Organization. In reality, the Sisters that are in the Auxiliaries-at-Large don't have much say and that would have made a big difference in something that we will discuss later today. This is going to be a challenge. I have tried to make it small. It goes to the committee to muddle around and it is the suggestion that we form a Department-at-Large.

Section 1: For administrative purposes, all Auxiliaries-at-Large attached to the National Organization and all National Members-at-Large shall be organized into the National Department-at-Large.

Section 2: The National President shall serve as the President of the Department-at-Large. The Coordinator of the Membership-at-Large shall serve as the Vice President of the Department-at-Large. The National Secretary shall

serve as the Secretary of the Department-at-Large. There shall be no other permanent officers or standing committees of the Department-at-Large.

This is all modeled very much after the way the Sons have done things.

Section 3: The Department-at-Large shall hold its meetings at the call of the National President.

Section 4a: Each Auxiliary-at-Large must provide to the National Secretary by August 1st of each year the names of the delegates from their Auxiliary who will be attending the Department-at-Large Encampment.

This is a special, separate one. The way that the Sons do it, and this is what I had in mind, is that all of the At-Large Camps, and in our case all of the At-Large Auxiliaries, would have a very short, special meeting prior to the National Encampment. That is what this is about. It doesn't take very long.

Section 4b: At the site of the National Encampment, prior to the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the National President will call to order an encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment, Department delegates to the National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the National President is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment, the next ranking officer will call the meeting to order and preside over the Department-at-Large Encampment.

Essentially, have a quick meeting before the National Encampment starts to elect the delegates from the At-Large group. Because right now, you really have no say and that is not the intention of this Organization. But the way our bylaws are at the moment, you don't.

Section 4c: If attendance at the Department-at-Large Encampment is less than the allotment of Department delegates permitted to the National Encampment, then all in attendance with the exception of the Department-at-Large officers will be declared delegates to the National Encampment.

We do our best to make sure that everyone who attends can if any way possible legally will be able to vote. I believe that we have two alternates this year that will not be allowed to vote. It has been a long time since we have had that.

Section 4d: It shall also be the duty of the Department-at-Large Encampment to vote on the ratification of any amendments to the Constitution submitted to the Departments by the National Encampment.

I know this is confusing. I will pass this off to the committee and we will go from there.

The Auxiliaries-at-Large and Members-at-Large have always been treated as one group. I had the opportunity to talk to, PNP Marion Combs and she was the one who helped organize this and put it through. I picked her brain and I got her advice on this. She is not here because she is 94 years old and needs a walker, but her mind is incredibly sharp. A lot of this she actually wrote for me so that it would be legal.

Any other questions about it? I know it is confusing. It is a big change. It is the formation of another Department. It is a kind of nebulous thing.

Sisters, thank you so much for allowing me the pleasure of serving you for five years. It has been interesting and it has been quite a ride. I am tired. I thank you and I thank you all very much for the last year for your prayers.

Tricia Bures, PDP CA&PAC
National Secretary

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Treasurer Mary, do you have your report? Do you want to wait until after lunch?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Though it wasn't in your packet, I did bring copies of the report for everyone to peruse. It does have the budget, which is very important to have a view of that before we vote. I have those copies, but if we distribute them, I would have to ask that since it contains very confidential information, I would not want them to be left just sitting on a chair or sitting on a table exposed. I will pass it out before we leave. I can give my report quickly up to the Budget section, then we can do the Budget after lunch.

NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

It has been a busy and trying year for me personally and I have done my best to keep up with all the duties that I have pledged to perform as Treasurer. Here is an accounting of the activities I have been engaged in since I reported to you all last year.

The two programs that the Treasurer receives money that is held in our Permanent Fund (Savings Account) are the Honor Roll and Life Membership.

Life Membership: A program that allows a member in good standing to pay a onetime fee based upon age (waived if over 90 years old) to allow for the relief of paying annual dues to our National Organization going forward. With the assistance of our National Secretary and National President, these members receive a special certificate, pin and membership card indicating such distinction. This year I accepted and processed eight new Life Members.

Honor Roll: This is a program for which donations are collected and an Honor Roll Certificate is sent in memory of an individual or in recognition of a special occasion such as birthday, anniversary or retirement. This year we did not receive any monies for our Honor Roll program.

The day to day activities of recording, depositing monies and issuing payments is a function that I enjoy very much. Since taking on the Treasury, our checking and savings accounts have been maintained at the Bank of America (BofA), where I continue to use their teller services to make deposits. Our Supply Officer also makes direct deposits at her local BofA branch for items sold. This is

an arrangement that has worked out beautifully over the last two years. Other monies received for deposit are forwarded to me from the Secretary, Patriotic Instructor and the Chief of Staff. For the most part our checks are written manually with the exception of the debit transactions that are made electronically for our newsletter publication.

Although approved at last year's convention by the voting members, I did not obtain a credit card for the Organization. I did not feel that this was a high priority. I am putting this task on the back burner until a true need arises. You must know that in order to open such an account, it does require written approval from the Council so this is something the Treasurer will need to seek out at that time.

Using the National Organization's personal computer, I am able to access our bank accounts on-line and monitor our transactions regularly, obtain bank statements and reconcile our accounts. The local Quicken software allows me to enter transactions and provide additional detail electronically, recording the receipts and spending to the allocated budget categories. As a standard feature, Quicken provides for the reporting and exporting of data to PDF files and Excel spreadsheets affording me to produce the various monthly and annual reports provided to the National President, Vice President and our National Council members with relative ease.

In addition to the banking that is conducted, I have prepared a budget for the upcoming year for our membership to consider. As required, a preliminary copy was provided in advance to our National President, Vice President, Secretary and Council Members. Finally, per usual, I have included my Financial Reports. From these reports, it can be gleaned that our Organization is financially sound and there are no investment instruments at this time.

In closing, I wish to thank the President, all the National Officers and of course our membership for allowing me to serve.

Recommendation #1: Certificate of Deposits – Take no action at this time to commit money from Permanent Fund (savings) using a CD instrument based upon the below description of very low insignificant returns on investment as of 8/1/2016:

Rate	.15%	.12%	.10%	.05%
Deposit	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Minimum terms	4 yrs	3 yrs	2 yrs	1 yr
Maximum terms	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs	10 yrs
Maximum annual yield	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Minimum yield	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
Maximum 10 yr yield	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

Recommendation #2: Supply Officer Receipts – With the introduction of the

new promotional items being sold by the Supply Officer (T-shirts, water bottles and tote bags) and the review of the receipts versus expenditures for this fiscal year are as follows:

Receipts: \$4,799.25 Earnings: \$3,052.03 Profit: \$1,727.00

National Supplies Receipts 2015-2016: \$4,799.25 x 25% = \$1,199.82

I would like to recommend that 25% of these monies (\$1,199.82) be targeted as follows:

- Half to be allocated toward the President's Scholarship Fund, increasing this fund to \$1,000 next year. Amount not to exceed \$500.
- Half to be allocated to a charitable donation for the next fiscal year. The recipient of the donation will be a veteran's organization of the Supply Officer's choice. Amount not to exceed \$500.

It will be the responsibility of the Treasurer to report the detail of these allocations in her annual budget at the Organization's convention in August each year.

Recommendation #3: Term Limit – Consideration is taken to reduce the term limit of the National Secretary and National Treasurer from five years to three years. A five-year commitment in this remote and changing society in a volunteer capacity is difficult for any individual to take on. The following are the arguments in favor of this recommendation:

- The 5-year term for these offices lends itself to the likelihood that qualified candidates may not run as they are not willing to make the lengthy commitment.
- Shortening the term limit to three will also give the membership a more frequent opportunity for a change of candidates.
- The risk of persons holding these offices resigning due to family and professional responsibilities that could not be predicted.

Should the voting body be in favor of such a consideration, all language to the CR&R rules will be made and presented for voting in the next Convention and National President will appoint a committee to study this and make this presentation. If passed, then this change will take place beginning in 2017.

Vacancies in office will be handled as they are today by a vote of the three-member Council. This recommendation if passed will take effect immediately and the officers currently holding office will continue to serve until a minimum three-year term has expired.

Example: Treasurer's five-year term expires 2020 would expire 2018 and the Secretary's five year term will expire in 2019.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH
National Treasurer

HONOR ROLL

(none)

FINANCIAL REPORT**Balance as of July 31, 2015 \$21,677.66****Receipts**

Supplies	\$4,799.25	
Per Capita.....	6,891.00	
New Member Fee	237.00	
Chief of Staff.....	2,887.05	
Patriotic Instructor	1,654.60	
Registration	560.00	
Misc.	<u>162.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$17,190.90.....	<u>\$17,190.90</u>
		\$38,686.56

Disbursements

National President's Expense	\$2,934.48	
National Secretary's Expense	173.05	
National Treasurer's Expense	411.89	
Supply Officer Expense	264.30	
Postage	489.60	
Supplies	3,052.03	
Travel	2,000.00	
Goodwill	850.00	
Supplies	846.15	
Wreaths	371.84	
Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	
Printing	2,785.98	
Proceedings	312.12	
Scholarship.....	0.00	
Site Committee	550.00	
LBCC Dues	50.00	
Bond	100.00	
Web Page	261.81	
Miscellaneous.....	10.00	
Convention.....	<u>3,947.77</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$15,739.87.....	<u>\$15,739.87</u>
Total Balance in Checking Account July 31, 2016		\$23,128.69

PERMANENT FUND**Balance August 1, 2015..... \$51,436.05****Life Memberships**

Linda Pheiffer	\$200.00
Therese Doyle.....	250.00
Alice Doyle.....	200.00
Louise Blodgett.....	200.00
Nancy Newman	200.00
Emelia Campbell.....	350.00
Anna May Matoon	Free
Gladys M. Phillips	Free
Alyssa Alger	350.00
Patricia Reed.....	200.00
Doris Lyon.....	200.00
Rebekah Thomas.....	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$2,350.00

PERMANENT FUND

Balance August 1, 2015	\$51,436.05
Honor Roll (reported last year)	10.00
Life Memberships.....	2,350.00
Interest	<u>15.47</u>
Total Permanent Fund July 31, 2016	\$53,811.52

SUMMARY

Checking Account – Bank of America #0962	\$23,128.69
Savings Account – Bank of America #3762	<u>53,811.52</u>
Total Funds July 32, 2016.....	\$76,940.21

PRESIDENT LINDA: Thank you, Mary. Wonderful job.

Sister Chaplain, would you please close the Bible so we can go to lunch. (*So done.*) Would everybody please come back at 1:30 so we can start off again and get our work done. Thank you!

SECOND SESSION**Friday, August 12, 2016****1:35 p.m.**

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, would you please approach the altar and open the Bible, please. (*So done.*)

Sisters, did everybody enjoy their lunch? I forgot to tell you that over there

by the charter is Michigan Bridget. She fought in the Civil War and when Jan Harding was National President, she couldn't come to our Department Encampment, so she sent us this picture of Michigan Bridget. We always bring her to our Department and I had to bring her here to National.

Sister Mary, do you want to finish the Budget?

BUDGET REPORT

	2015-2016	2016-2017
<u>Receipts</u>	Actual	Proposed
Nat'l Supplies (<i>note 1</i>).....	\$4,799.25.....	\$3,000.00
Per Capita.....	6,891.00	7,500.00
New Member Fees.....	237.00.....	150.00
Chief of Staff.....	2,887.05.....	2,500.00
Patriotic Instructor	1,654.60.....	2,000.00
Registration	560.00.....	500.00
Miscellaneous (<i>note 2</i>).....	162.00.....	250.00
Bank Account Contributions (<i>note 3</i>).....	0.00.....	750.00
Total Receipts	\$17,190.90.....	\$16,650.00

Disbursements

National President's Expense.....	\$2,934.48.....	\$3,500.00
National Secretary's Expense (<i>note 1</i>).....	173.05.....	400.00
National Treasurer's Expense (<i>note 2</i>)	411.89.....	400.00
Supply Officer Expense	264.30.....	300.00
Postage (<i>note 3</i>)	489.60.....	500.00
Supplies (<i>note 4</i>).....	3,052.03.....	2,600.00
Wreaths	371.84.....	350.00
Cathedral of the Pines.....	25.00.....	25.00
Printing	2,785.98.....	2,500.00
Proceedings (<i>note 5</i>).....	312.12.....	750.00
Scholarship (<i>note 6</i>).....	0.00.....	1,000.00
Site Committee.....	550.00.....	550.00
Lincoln Birthday Commemorative dues	50.00.....	50.00
Bond	100.00.....	100.00
Web Page (<i>note 7</i>)	261.81.....	210.00
Miscellaneous.....	50.00.....	50.00

Convention

Room (<i>note 8</i>)	673.02.....	750.00
Board	150.00.....	150.00
Chaplain Expense.....	0.00.....	25.00
Chief of Staff Expense.....	50.00.....	50.00
Patriotic Instructor Memorial.....	359.85.....	350.00

Patriotic Instructor – GAR.....	100.00.....	100.00
SUVCW Gift.....	250.00.....	250.00
Supply Officer Expense.....	100.00.....	100.00
Supply Officer Charitable Project (<i>note 9</i>)	0.00.....	500.00
Mileage (<i>note 10</i>)	<u>1,914.90</u>	<u>1,090.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$15,739.87.....	\$16,650.00

Proposed Budget Notes

Receipts:

1. Supply Orders
 - a. Increase due to sales of new promotional products
2. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Decrease – Category covers new Auxiliary charter fees
3. Bank Account Contributions
 - a. Decrease
 - i. Money needed to cover the printing (4- Proceedings \$600)
 - ii. Per Capita for Life Memberships pulled from savings – 81 members @ \$9.00 each = \$729 (Recommendation to follow.)

Disbursements:

1. National Secretary's Expense: decrease due to declining expenses over the past two years
2. National Treasurer's Expense: decrease due to declining expenses this past year
3. Postage: decrease due to declining expenses this past year
4. Supplies: increase to support additional promotional inventory items (Recommendation to follow.)
5. National Proceedings: decrease based upon actual expenses for the previous two proceedings done last year
6. Scholarship: increase based upon sales of Supply Officer's promotional items
 - a. Anticipated \$1,000 profit of supply items to be split between Scholarship and Charitable Donation \$500 ea (Recommendation to follow.)
7. Web Page:
 - a. Three-year web site hosting subscriptions (\$150)
 - b. Annual domain registration (\$60)
8. Room: Decrease
 - a. Last year included National President in error
 - b. two rooms for three nights estimated at \$130 each night for Secretary and Treasurer (\$780)

9. Supply Officer Charitable Donation:
 - a. New Expense Category based upon sales of Supply Officer promotional items
 - i. Anticipated \$1,000 profit of supply items to be split between Scholarship and Charitable Donation \$500 ea (Recommendation to follow)
10. Mileage (round trip to Lansing MI):
 - a. President - \$140 (468 mi)
 - b. Secretary - \$720 (2400 mi)
 - c. Treasurer - \$240 (800 mi)

Projected Expenses:

Patriotic	\$2,625.00 – 16%
Convention	\$2,755.00 – 17%
Communications	\$3,910.00 – 24%
Operational	\$7,350.00 – 44%
Total	100%

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: I inherited the hosting company for our website from Ken Freshley. Our website was hacked twice last year. I have sites on 1and1.com that, knock on wood, have never had an issue with that. I would like to change our site over to 1and1 so all the sites I have are all the same. I contacted 1and1 and am going to get a reduction in some of the fees. The hosting for three years is \$180 dollars. We have three sites: .org, .com and .net. The .net and .com are redirected to the .org site. The reason we have those is to protect our name so no one else can come in and take those names and we have to pay for those three sites that are under domain registration. Last year I had requested \$100 miscellaneous. This year, as you can see, I spent \$261.81 and that was the hosting and registration. And then I had to pay for what is called Site Doctor to go in and clean up the website. The additional money that I need is to update the website. The website has not been updated since its inception two years ago and it should be done every year. The additional money I am asking for is another \$500 on top of the \$210 to help pay for the expenses of changing the hosting and having our website updated. So I would like to change the \$210 to \$710.

If we don't do this, the site might crash. It is not 100% foolproof, but all updates make the site more secure against hackers.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: What I would suggest because we need to have it balanced at least in our presentation at this point, I would have to find that \$500. It would be my suggestion that the proceedings, we could pull from the checking account for that \$500 if the body would vote for that so that we could keep it in balance. Obviously, when you go to actual versus

projected, there is always that difference. We are hearing good things from all of the officers making their quotas. I can't impose or suggest an imposition of making the Chief of Staff \$3,000 rather than \$2,500 this year or we could take it right from the \$50,000 we have sitting in the bank. This is not my money, it's just a presentation.

MOVED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC

That the Budget be accepted with adjustments to show \$1,250 for the Bank Account and \$710 for the Website to keep the Budget balanced.

DISCUSSION:

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I have a way of finding that money that is totally legal. (*laughter*) In our CR&R it states that \$2,000 is the goal of the Patriotic Instructor. There have been many years where we have gone over that goal. \$2,000 is regulated for Patriotic work. All of that excess, couldn't that be put into our General Fund?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: But this is the Budget. So you would really be asking for the \$500 to increase the Patriotic goal. I understand the actual, but we have to project for the next year. And so, as we project, we are projecting where are we going to get that \$500. If we have a greater than the goal next year, then...

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: You will see that many Patriotic Instructors went over that goal of \$2,000. It is in there in some bank account. I went over the goal by \$900, myself.

UNKNOWN: Yes, but it's in the bank account, right, then? So it is a bank account contribution.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I hear what you are saying and the excess of the fundraising line item is to be used to balance if there's any shortage. And that, I understand, applies to actual versus projection.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Is this \$710 going to be an every year thing for the website?

UNKNOWN: I was just going to ask that. Is this \$500 going to be needed for this cost every single year or is this just a one-time cost of \$500?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I want to answer your question. The way that technology works, we can't foresee the future costs, but Ellen has projected out a couple of years for our recurring standard costs. This \$500 is not part of our recurring standard cost. It is a one-time-only cost. Should she come back next year with something bigger and better, we can make a decision on that as well.

UNKNOWN: I understand that there's going to be recurring costs, but instead of paying \$500 constantly, can't we pay the \$500 over a period of time to set aside for future change to the webpage we may come across rather than putting it on another decision to raise an additional \$500?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: If we wanted to have a contract of sorts, we would look to the Web Committee to present a contract that would, perhaps, give us service. Like if my boiler if it should break, I have a service that I am going to pay an annual rate and I wouldn't be charged individually. That would be up to the Web Site Committee to recommend. This \$500 that I am hearing is not that and if there's any clarification on that, she is right here ready to speak to it.

UNKNOWN: I think I understand the situation about the \$500 and if this is just a one-time thing. I agree that we could possibly find a way to use funds that have been saved up from people accruing over their set limit but maybe in the future set aside smaller amounts for future problems.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: That is a great idea and Ellen is right here to take that into consideration.

JAN DAVIS, DP MI: I have another thing that I would like to share here in regards to the Patriotic Instructor. I looked at our website, ladies, and there was no one, absolutely no one, running for Patriotic Instructor and yes, I was late, but I did it because no one was running. I believe that the reason that no one is running for Patriotic Instructor is the obligation that is put on the Patriotic Instructor of raising such a large amount of money instead of doing what the Order is meant to do and that is spread patriotism. OK, I am going to get on my soapbox here again. I took the job knowing that I need to raise \$2,000 within the next year. I am running for election, I should say. Please don't put so much more burden on our ladies that are Patriotic Instructors and Chiefs of Staff. Kudos to them that year after year after year they have known that obligation and they have stepped up and raised over the amount that they need to raise. But when we've got a checking account that's raising money every single year, give the Patriotic Instructor their job back of doing what they are supposed to do and that

is spreading what our Order is all about – patriotism. (*applause*)

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Did we not have money set aside every year for like, advertising? If it is not being used for that, is it still in our Budget?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: It used to be Publicity Funds and it was allocated from the \$5 New Membership Fee that came to National. That has been rolled into a different category and so there is no longer Publicity in her budget lines. Going to back where we are coming from, we need to do exactly what Lisa said. Just take it from the bank account and put it in the budget for this year. I did a quick tally of the Patriotic Instructor's fund. Yes, she has to make the \$2,000 for her fund but there are four sub-categories where we send the money out that she has to pay for: Wreaths are \$350, the scholarship is \$500, the Patriotic Love Token that is given when we are at the encampment is \$350 and then the \$100 for the GAR Hall. So when you tally that up, that is \$1,300 of the \$2,000 that we are asking that one individual to raise each year. To make the transition easy for Ellen's need is to basically take it from the bank account and to put it into the Budget in the expenditure on the end. That way we are not changing a bunch of categories around or asking anyone to do this, that or the other, we are just simply saying we have an excess in our checking account, we are going to utilize some of that because we had fewer expenditures in other areas and make our budget still balance in the end.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: I would like to ask everyone to give Mary a round of applause. She has done a tremendous job. (*So done.*)

Sister Hope, Patriotic Instructor, would you please give your report?

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: Just so you know, the National Patriotic Instructor has three reports: her personal report, the Patriotic Instructor's report which is a compilation of all the Departments and Auxiliaries-at-Large reports and a financial report. I am going to give my personal report, my Patriotic Instructor's report and a quick update on my financial report.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

My busy year started off almost immediately when I returned home. I was able to set up a craft table in September and started receiving donations almost immediately; however, things began to take a downward turn. I was in a car accident on August 27 that left me with a very sore knee and a lot of pain. I was

able to get through most of it and was still able to set up tables to raise money for the organization. My family and I had every intention of traveling to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day celebration, but tragedy struck our family. My father, Thomas Twist, husband of 47 years to, PNP Virginia Twist, passed away Christmas Eve. He fought a long hard battle with cancer and never gave up the fight, a testament to his stubborn nature. He went to be with our Lord and the grieving process is slow, but with the amazing support from our Auxiliary family, we continue to get through the difficult times.

I was able to set up some local tables again in my area, and while raising money for the National Auxiliary, I am also NY Department President and had the honor of attending the banquet with the NY Department Commander in the Fall. I was also able to attend several local functions in the area and was invited to speak at our local libraries for Presidents Weekend. I was honored and sold bracelets at the function and raised \$45.00. It was truly a great day.

As spring moved on, the pain in my knee grew and I had to have reparative surgery in May. I was off my leg for five weeks and I have many more months of rehab, but I keep moving forward.

There is no way that I could have been able to get through this difficult year without the love and support of my Auxiliary family. The cards, letters, and words of encouragement were truly a blessing and helped push me to strive forward. Also, I feel that all of the Departments, Auxiliary, and Sisters and Brothers that donated this year should get a huge THANK YOU!

I have a few special "Thank You's." To my Aunt Betty Baker, PNP and Aunt Michelle Langley, PNP, thank you for everything, for your support, encouragement, and a strong faith in our Lord. To my mom, Virginia Twist, PNP, there are just no words to express everything you have done for me this year. And finally to my husband, Frank, for loading and unloading, for your personal donations, helping me find raffles, and for taking care of me in my darkest hours, I will never be able to express my heartfelt thanks for your support and honor in this organization.

As our country is in turmoil, I find that now, more than ever, we need to spread the word of the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue and the TRUE meaning of Patriotism. This word is not based on color or religion; it is instilled in us as Americans to fight for a better country for all who dwell here. I fly my flags and wear my badge proudly and we all need to show charity and love of country so that others may see that all are responsible to support a nation.

I have had my husband, Frank, my sons Jared and Justin, serve this country, along with many uncles, my father-in-law, and many, many others. I had the pleasure of supplying the Syracuse Airport Lounge for our servicemen and women. I encourage all members to find a local airport that could use the support. Simple items such as chips, water, etc. Most will place a sign or information about the donating person. This is another great way to get our

NAME out there while supporting our troops. There are also so many veterans homes that could use the basics and Auxiliary #15 has done that. Socks, blankets, books, shaving cream, magazines, and many other items sent to a VA Home and to the Veterans at two nursing homes. It was truly an honor to give back to those people that had given so much to our Country.

That you all for allowing me to serve this year as your Patriotic Instructor.

Hope Parker, DP NY

National Patriotic Instructor

Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries	2,304
Number flags flown by Sisters on Memorial Day.....	399
Number of Patriotic Programs given by the Aux.	253
Number of National Anniversaries observed.....	163
Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in Patriotic Work	166
Amount expended for Patriotic Work	\$6,746.95

Amount of Cash or Monetary Donations for the

Patriotic Instructor's Fund	<u>\$1,322.00</u>
	\$8,068.95

Special mention:

Ludwig Marks – Civil War marker presentation, flags at Gettysburg, ROTC Awards, lap quilts and gift bags for Veterans, 502 GAR museum tours and Maple Manor House Museum, joint meetings, blankets for hospice, Christmas party at VA hospital, Memorial Day parades, passing out flags at Memorial Day parades, special talks at libraries, veterans gifts, wreaths, attended observances, Christmas tree for veterans at GAR Hall, Civil War education, 5,000 magazines to VA facilities, local women's history Mary Walker program, memorial stone rededication, re-dedication of a cemetery and reenactment, donation of historical artifacts to the military history center

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I don't have the exact total, but I took my total at lunch and I had \$2,109.58. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT LINDA: Thank you, Hope, wonderful job. Chaplain, would you please give the Chaplain report?

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as National Chaplain. This year has been a very challenging and busy year for this office. I received reports from thirteen Departments and three detached Auxiliaries. We have seen the loss of no

fewer than twenty-two Sisters, including five Life Members and three Past Department Presidents.

I say “no fewer than” because there seems to be some lack of communication between the local Auxiliaries, Departments and National that has made the simple task of memorializing our departed Sisters a challenge. I would like to personally thank our National Secretary, Tricia Bures, as well as Council Member #1 Rachele Campbell, for forwarding to me the death information gleaned from their reports. The Department Chaplains reports that I received documented the loss of just eight Sisters, a far cry from the actual total of twenty-two. Clearly, there is a disconnect somewhere.

This year, I created the Chaplain’s Corner on Facebook as an avenue of communication, to let our Auxiliary family know when a Sister is sick or in distress. Prayers can be offered up, cards may be sent, and phone calls may be made in a timely manner. This has proven to be of great use, and may continue to be so if our Sisters utilize it. This page is an open forum, where all Sisters are able to post as the need arises. It is my hope that this page will continue to be an asset for the ASUVCW in the years to come.

I had hoped to be with you all in Springfield for our Encampment; however, this was not meant to be. I have been dealing with personal health issues most of the year, and then, on June 19th, my youngest, Gracee, dislocated her knee, requiring me to take four weeks of unpaid Family Medical Leave. With no vacation time left for the year, there was no way that I could make it to Springfield. I miss you all and am with you in spirit!

Ann M. McMillin
National Chaplain

Number of members present on Memorial Day	245
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service.....	171
Number of children assisting the Auxiliary on Memorial Day	472
Number of deaths which have occurred since May 30th.....	7
Number of occasions where the Funeral Service of the Order was used	8
Amount expended in floral and grave decorations.....	\$1,661.33
Amount of cash or monetary donations.....	\$7,391.00
Number of cards and well wishes sent to the Sisters of the Order	24
Amount expended for cards and postage.....	\$20.00

Departed Sisters

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>
Barbara Bures	California & Pacific
Mary Lou Christian	California & Pacific
Phyllis Holton	Maine

Margaret Hyson Joy, Life Member	Maine
Doris Warner, Life Member	Maine
Joyce A. Moore	Massachusetts
Barbara Ross	Michigan
Marjorie Schultz	Michigan
Joan Sanders	Missouri
Winnifred Bassett, PDP	New Hampshire
Pauline Mitchell, Life Member	New Hampshire
Virginia Ritter, Life Member	New York
Jeanne Blatt	Pennsylvania
Deborah Estep	Pennsylvania
Margaret "Peggy" Frantz, PDP	Pennsylvania
Velma Gebhardt	Pennsylvania
Jane Jacoby	Pennsylvania
Audrey Long, PDP, Life Member	Pennsylvania
Darlene Waltenbaugh	Pennsylvania
Marion Snow May	Vermont
Wilma Matz DiRienzo	Wisconsin
Frances Galow	Wisconsin

PRESIDENT LINDA: Thank you for reading her report, very nice. Thank you.
Sister Supply Officer, will you come and read your report, please?

NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER REPORT

The report is going to be very short. The sales were good, but due to all the problems I had, I resign.

Cher Petrovic, PAP MO
National Supply Officer

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Mary, will you read Jan Harding's Membership-at-Large Report?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I have been in touch with Jan over the last three weeks. I worked with her to pull together information for her per capita and she has sent me a letter that she would like me to read. Those of you who know, PNP Jan, she has been sick this year with surgery and she has an upcoming procedure next week not enabling her to come. I actually crafted the report that included her letter so that I could convey to you the information that I got over the phone.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE REPORT

Please allow me to read the National Membership-at-Large (NMAL) report

that I received from our Coordinator, PNP Janice Harding for the year ending 2016. This report indicates that, unfortunately, Janice had some critical health issues this past year and is unable to make today's meeting. I did speak with Janice over the telephone and she conveyed to me despite her illness, she was able to undertake the following activities:

- Send initial notices to NMAL members for dues collection
- Where necessary, send 2nd and 3rd requests for membership dues
- Distribute NMAL membership ID cards for members in good standing
- Deposit funds for all collected NMAL dues
- Reconcile and update the NMAL membership roster and issue per capita payment

Before I read Jan's letter, I can report that based upon information she provided me, the balance in the Bank Account held at the Wells Fargo Bank is \$1,215.09 as of July 31st. From that balance, the per capita funds are to be subtracted, giving a true ending balance of \$976.09. I received and deposited this check and the per capita reports have been delivered to our National Secretary for safe record keeping. These reports reveal the following:

Last Annual Report – 25 members in good standing

Gains by Reinstatement – 9

Losses by Drop – 6

Transfer – 1

Janice Harding, PNP CHSPK
Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Letter read from, PNP Jan Harding regarding her medical condition and not being able to attend Encampment.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Danielle, do you have your Historian's Report?

HISTORIAN REPORT

I don't know how to explain this other than I was so busy gathering my notes on Servant Leadership that I believe my report is sitting next to my computer at home. What I have to say is this gathering is a historical event, us being in Illinois so close to Abraham Lincoln's home, so close to our ancestors starting the GAR. If you go up to Petersburg to see the Stevenson monument, it's the whole cemetery, but it also rings true about our Order, their Order – that it started out small in God's country farmland and it grew to be and passed on to us for us to continue through the ages – taking care of veterans, taking care of the widows, keeping their memory Blue. I will be happy to send my report to the Secretary ASAP as soon as I get home. I apologize for not getting anything in the newsletter. It was a very busy year for me outside the Auxiliary, so my year has passed by without me talking about historical things or talking about servant

leadership. I had a wonderful time with quite a few Sisters last night, so you will get some key points on what servant leadership is and I can tell you that it is alive and well. It is not just dealing with churches, it is dealing with the community and I see so many opportunities that you are taking to exemplify servant leadership, so kudos to everybody and that is my Historian's report for now.
(applause)

Danielle Michaels, PNP
National Historian

PRESIDENT LINDA: Good job! Sister Ellen, Webmaster – do you have anything to say?

NATIONAL WEBMASTER REPORT

This past year a few changes were made to the website. With the permission of the 129th National Encampment, a “Members Only” page was created. This page contains the personal information of the officers and committee members, namely: US postal addresses and phone numbers. A user name and password were created to enter the new page. A letter was drafted and sent via USPS to all Department and At-Large Presidents. The hope is that each new National President will choose a different password to use for her year in office. The new password will be disseminated each year, shortly after the annual Encampment, to each Department and At-Large President, who in turn will announce at meetings the new password.

The Committee Job Descriptions document was added and several past National Proceedings were uploaded to the site as they became available to this officer. The scroll bar is changed as needed to alert our Sisters to changes on the website. Editions of the Auxiliary Voice, General Orders and Special Orders were also posted in a timely manner after becoming available to this officer.

I continue to encourage my Sisters to send this officer recommendations and suggestions to the website. This is your site, please help me to make it as helpful as possible for you.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as National Webmaster for the administration of National President Sister Linda Kronberg. I hope that my Sisters have found the National website informative and helpful. I look forward to serving in this same capacity for the next National President.

Recommendation #1: Whereas the National Website has a Members Only password protected page,
Whereas the page can contain personal information of our Sisters such as US mailing addresses and phone numbers.
Therefore, the National Webmaster recommends that the Auxiliary Voice be produced in at least two formats. One would be used to distribute by United

States mail and one to be published on the National website. The copy that would be published on the National website would be available to anyone and this copy would have blank pages, with the words “See Members Only page for detailed information.”

The purpose of this is to keep Sisters’ personal information private and only available to Sisters who have the current user name and password.

Ellen Higgins, NJ
National Webmaster

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Danielle, do you have a Co-Counselor’s Report?

CO-COUNSELOR REPORT

Sister, thank you for assigning me as your Counselor. You made my job very easy with just a few calls, but the calls you made, I hope I gave you some kind of enlightenment. If you remember, I always give you my opinion, always gave you some justification, I always gave you some history but my comment always was to you, don’t tell me the answer. It is your choice as president; it is your legacy. So I am not turning in a report, because that would be telling what we talked about. That would not be right. It was in confidence and therefore I leave it in confidence – this is your legacy.

Danielle Michaels, PNP
Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sisters, right now we are going to take a potty break, sounds good? Sister Chaplain, will you please close the Bible for a 15- minute break?

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.

PRESIDENT LINDA: We have guests coming in. Sister Hope Parker, are you ready to make your Patriotic Instructor’s presentation?

Would the Guides and Color Guards retire from the room and escort the Patriotic Instructor and her guests to my station?

*Guides and Color Guards returned to the room with the
Patriotic Instructor, escort, and guests Janice Whiting from New York and
Carolyn Yates from Camp Butler National Cemetery, escorted them to the altar
and then to the President’s station.*

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I did a lot of research on the area and there are quite a few organizations that can use the help. I made the decision to choose Camp Butler National Cemetery for a couple

of different reasons. First of all, in order to be buried, it is open to all members of the armed forces, but this cemetery also has a special connection to the Civil War. 5,000 men were mustered out of Camp Butler to participate in the Civil War. Since then Camp Butler has been improved, they have monuments erected and they are still working feverishly on keeping and maintaining this facility. So I have the honor of presenting this check and I have Carolyn Yates who would like to say a few words.

CAROLYN YATES, CAMP BUTLER NATIONAL CEMETERY: Thank you, we appreciate the donation. As she said, we are a historic cemetery but we are a working cemetery so we are still serving veterans, but we also are a historic site. So this money will go to good use. We will use it for the beautification of the cemetery particularly around Memorial Day when we have a large attendance at services. We have a lot of school groups, so we help educate the community about our historic cemetery. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you so much. (*applause*)

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: My second donation is the Patriotic Instructor GAR Hall and that has been a project going on in our New York Department which Janice Wineman and her husband and her husband George have been working feverishly to raise money for and that is for the Green Point Monitor Museum. So my second donation goes to Janice Wineman for whatever you can use it for.

JANICE WINEMAN, NY: Since we are from New York, many of you from other states may not know that we have been working for 20 years. We started a museum but we don't have a building yet. The oil company Motiva donated one acre of their waterfront property so we could build a museum there eventually, but that was 12 years ago and the city put eminent domain on us so then we had to fight the city. We won so now we don't have to fight the city anymore. We have a grant now because there was an oil spill in the neighborhood so environmental money came in for community groups for their projects, so we have some money to the engineering work on the shoreline to protect it. Our community was flooded from Hurricane Sandy. That money is going to help us raise the site so we will be able to protect it from flooding and also to keep alive the memory of the Civil War; the memory of John Ericsson, the builder of the Monitor; the Navy of the Civil War; and the Army of the Civil War. The local school, PS110 The Monitor School, has given us a classroom. Temporarily we will have our classes there until we have a museum. (*applause*)

The Guides and Color Guards escorted the guests from the room.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: I just want to add something to what Jan said. I am currently residing in Williamsburg, VA. There is a mariner museum in Newport News, VA that has a Monitor exhibit. It is expensive to go to the museum, but for the whole month of August, they are charging only \$1 per person to go to the museum. If anybody is in the area or they are going through that area, it is worth seeing.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY

That since we are pressed for time, hand the recommendations to the Recommendations Committee and then tomorrow have discussion on the recommendations instead of reading each.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: Having completed the National Officers reports, we will now move on to the Standing Committee Reports.

Before we read the Committee Reports, may I please have a motion to accept and turn these and all reports over to the Committee Reports Committee to be added into the proceedings?

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

That the Committee Reports be accepted, turned over to the Committee Reports Committee and added to the proceedings.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: Pages, you will please bring all Committee Reports to Anne Sosnowski, PNP, Chairman of the Committee. Sister Anne, will you please stand so the Pages will know who you are?

National Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Rachelle Campbell, PNP.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS REPORT

Unfortunately, the National Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&R) has been inactive this year due to unforeseen circumstances. The last revision of the CR&R was completed in the year 2010 with an incomplete revision started in 2013.

The Committee is fully aware that there are many updates to the CR&R that need to be accomplished and recommendations that need to be followed. I have two recommendations.

Recommendation #1: That the incoming National President reappoint this Standing Committee with the same membership, since we are familiar with the issues and are now prepared to address them.

Recommendation #2: That the Committee fully review the CR&R and present its recommendation for a full revision to the 2017 National Encampment for a vote.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC, Chair
Jan Davis, DP MI
Margaret Atkinson, PNP PA
Allison Graff, PDP WI
Barbara Day, PDP PA

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Denise, do you have a National Committee on New Auxiliaries Report?

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: I do not have a report on new membership.

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

We continue to review the forms and documents. There are a couple of things that I want to really take a look at or pass on to my successor to really take a look at. We need to make sure that on each form it says where the Auxiliaries are supposed to send their reports and where the Departments are supposed to send their reports.

Sisters, please, please, please, one of the first things we did when we started updating the forms, there is on the National website a list of who fills out what form, when it is due and what officer it is due to. Everybody go home and everybody download it. Make 57 copies and distribute it at your next Auxiliary meeting. Let's kill trees here. A lot of problems that people have at the end of the year would be solved if they would just look at the report.

Other than that, everything seems to be ok. We continually get really cool ideas and suggestions. We are working on those; it is an ongoing thing. We have to keep seeing who needs what updates.

If you have suggestions, please pass them on because they are very much listened to. Suggestions should go to the National Secretary because she chairs that committee.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Mary, IRS and Tax Issues Committee?

COMMITTEE ON IRS AND TAX ISSUE REPORT

The National Committee on IRS and Tax Issues is comprised of two

members. As Treasurer, I hold Chair of this Committee. Sister Cynthia Day-Elliott, of CA&PAC Department, serves as the second appointment made by the National President. This year I did not task Sister Cynthia with any committee work.

Presented below are my activities undertaken in support of our Organization along with my attached recommendations for consideration.

- Filed the National Organization's annual IRS 990N tax forms using the EZ filing system online. This is done for the periods ending 07/31/15 & 07/31/16
- Updated the Annual SRGR list and submitted it to the IRS. This is a listing of all the subordinate Tax-Exempt entities (new Auxiliaries) that belong to the parent organization (National ASUVCW). Subordinates include all Membership-at-Large Auxiliaries, Department Auxiliaries and each individual Auxiliary belonging to a Department. Updates include additions of newly formed Auxiliaries, changes to existing Auxiliary officer data and the deletions of those disbanded Auxiliaries.
- Promoted the insistence of the importance of filing annually with the IRS a 990N Form in the Auxiliary Voice Newsletter as a means of communication
- Assisted a number of individual Auxiliaries filing IRS 990N forms using the new system implemented this year
- Reviewed and received Department EIN forms (D11) and filed them with the Treasurer's financial records

In closing, I would like to thank the National President for her appointment and hope that my recommendations be considered.

Background: Commander Eugene G. Mortorff of the Sons Organization (SUVCW) recently issued General Order #22. This order outlines a new IRS requirement that mandates the filing of a new form 8976. This new form pertains to newly formed Auxiliaries or those already formed that have not yet filed their initial 990N e-postcard. The 8976 form is filed electronically and is required to be done within 50 days from the issuing of the Charter or by an imposed September 8, 2016 deadline. There is a \$60 fee that must be paid when the 8976 filing takes place. Failure to file will impose a daily penalty of \$20 per day up to a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

Recommendation #1: The President-Elect issue a similar General Order to that issued by SUV Commander Eugene G. Mortorff and have it posted to our website.

Recommendation #2: The National Organization's Forms, Policies and Procedures are updated to include the details of this General Order as it pertains to new Auxiliaries, guiding them through this process.

Recommendation #3: The National Committee on New Auxiliaries employs a definite knowledge transfer process that advises a new Auxiliary on the IRS mandates, fees and filing deadlines and ensures that the National Treasurer is included as an active member in the Chartering process.

Recommendation #4: The National Organization reimburses the \$50 8976 filing fee back to the Auxiliary once they provide evidence of the filing. This reimbursement will serve as a measure of unity as there are already so many fees imposed for membership and chartering to the new Auxiliary.

Mary Flynn, PNP NH, National Treasurer
Cynthia Day-Elliott, CA&PAC

MARY FLYNN, PNP NH NATIONAL TREASURER: Everybody has worked well with me and it has been a positive experience. I really appreciate everybody's efforts.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: And we appreciate you. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT LINDA: Yes! Sister Vicki, your Charitable Activity Report. She is a newbie, so be prepared!

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Department		Hours	Material		Mileage	
	Blood	Value	Value	Cash	Value	Total
California & Pacific	2	\$2,360	\$360	\$450	\$305	\$3,475
Chesapeake	-	\$13,735	\$558	\$902	\$74	\$15,270
Connecticut	3	\$3,451	\$2,754	\$1,135	\$326	\$7,666
Iowa	2	\$32,951	\$7,539	\$10,977	\$1,823	\$53,290
Maine	1	\$7,634	\$2,590	\$6,550	\$551	\$17,325
Massachusetts	5	\$22,258	\$5,232	\$200	\$333	\$28,023
Michigan	-	\$19,401	\$11,785	\$8,261	\$8,677	\$48,123
New Hampshire	-	\$10,752	\$3,493	\$2,100	\$5,880	\$22,225
New Jersey	-	\$1,791	\$9,286	\$370	\$389	\$11,847
New York	22	\$18,988	\$118,650	\$7,262	\$636	\$145,536
Ohio	-	\$51,845	\$50,562	\$21,427	\$3,806	\$127,639
Pennsylvania	4	\$45,407	\$13,064	\$7,177	\$2,886	\$68,534
Vermont	0	\$870	\$350	\$2,375	\$50	\$3,645
Wisconsin	2	\$3,121	\$2,699	\$1,620	\$2,294	\$9,734
Auxiliaries-at-Large						
Illinois	-	-	\$460	-	-	\$460

Indiana	-	\$145	\$2,437	-	-	\$2,582.13
Missouri	-	\$8,113	\$1,285	\$7,600	\$1,864	\$18,862
Oklahoma	-	\$5,786	\$15	-	\$5	\$5,806
Texas	-	\$196	\$1,320	\$763	\$350	\$2,629

TOTAL VALUE DONATED \$592,671.00

Not reporting: Department of Rhode Island; Auxiliaries-at-Large Arizona, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington

Special Projects

Assisting in Sons' activities, community work, genealogy, cleaning of cemeteries, Relay for Life, Grange meals, library reading program, baskets for veterans, scarves for homeless, Christmas for veterans, Civil War remembrances, visiting veterans homes, Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day services, burial place research, Christmas cards for wounded Military, cleaning of Civil War monuments, flag retirements, GAR Highway Project, grave dedications, recording gravesites on Find A Grave, marching in parades, restoration on Civil War monuments, thanks to Vietnam Veterans at state capitol in MI, cannon dedications, educational days, Civil War musters, donations to VA hospitals/homes, sewing catheter bags for VA, volunteering at churches and libraries, Civil War teas, Civil War newspapers and memorabilia to library, PLUS MANY MORE

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Vicki, you did a wonderful job and next year would still take it again?

VICKI WEISS, MI, CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES CHAIR: I'll do it.

PRESIDENT LINDA: I knew she would! (*applause*)

I want to thank all the Sisters that were appointed to the Standing Committees for their hard work this year. We will now move on to Special Committee Reports.

Sister Bev Graham.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS REPORT

This committee was inactive between August 2015 and August 2016.

Recommendation #1: That this committee be dissolved and the responsibilities of this committee are transferred to the National Committee on Policies and Procedures.

Beverly Graham, DP CA&PAC CHAIR

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS

Since the 2015 National Encampment, 120 letters, certificates and folders for Gold Award recipients were sent to Girl Scouts of Northern California by the Department of California and Pacific. I had the cooperation of our local Council who provided me with the names of the girls and offered to do the mailing. These letters and certificates were included in a packet of commendations sent by the President of the United States, Senators and House of Representatives, State Officials and local Mayors. Again this year, our Alumni organization took on the challenge of organizing and holding a beautiful event for these girls. The packets of commendations were handed out to those girls who attended and mailed to those who could not attend.

The Department of California and Pacific donated 100 letters, 100 certificates and 100 folders to the National Supply Officer. Auxiliaries or Departments may purchase these items through the National Supply Officer for \$2.00 per set.

Recommendation #1: That this committee be dissolved.

Beverly Graham, DP CA&PAC CHAIR

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: You reported on California giving out Gold Certificates. I don't recall from any of the forms if that is asked from any of the Auxiliaries if they have been giving out certificates. Is that something that could be recommended to the Forms Committee? I know that we this year are giving out certificates and I don't recall anywhere to report that.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, DP CA&PAC: I don't have any information on that but I know that they have been buying the certificates through the Supply Officer. I hope they continue.

CHER PETROVIC, PAP MO, NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER: Just to let you all know, I have 67 of these certificates with the cover letter as well.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Danielle?

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP POLICY REPORT

The paperwork is at home, but I will tell you what transpired. Junior membership is a double sword. With having members that young, we, as adults, must make sure that they are taken care of because we have heard through other organizations where they have had problems, be it Boy Scouts or anything else. We don't have a large fund to cover any liabilities. We don't have legal services that are readily available to us. So, it looks grim if we look at it only that way. In other organizations they have training but it also always surrounds the legality.

Somebody's there to back you up. If you take the training, you sign off that you are responsible for learning the training. We are not at that point yet. We are too small, so the only thing that I can see where it can work, and it has to work because they are our future, is if we require a guardian or parent to be with the child. That is the only way we can do it right now. We can't say, you know, she is 14, yes she can go with you. All a child has to do is say they were harmed and what would happen to us. Could be because they didn't like to be in the back seat, it could be anything. No matter what, I don't like that policy, the policy must be that we must be diligent that when we are with their children is that we travel in numbers when we are around a child and then we have a parent there. That's the only thing. I could do more research. I can look at putting together some kind of, I don't want to say it has to be training for it to be signed off or anything, but I think it could be something that's presented somehow in writing as to appropriate behavior because if we put it in as training and something goes wrong, we are liable. However, if a comment is made clear off the cuff or in the newsletter of just what you guys should be doing, at least it is making the membership aware. I would like to continue with looking into it, seeing what smaller organizations are doing like rec programs and seeing what schools do. I started big, but I find that I need to define it a little bit smaller to meet our organization. I think we need another year of looking at that.

Danielle Michaels, PNP WI Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING REPORT

I said that when I took on as Historian, that I asked that we put on a course for Servant Leadership. The first year the word didn't get out. I had someone from another organization listening. They had questions, but they didn't know it was going on. I want to thank the two Sisters that had the computers to save my little neck, otherwise, you would have had to listen to me drone. This way you got to see certain things from PowerPoint but we had a good discussion. The Sisters who took the time out, we spent almost two hours talking about Servant Leadership, the ten qualities of a Servant Leader and looking at examples and how we can take this information back home.

I said I was going to get it in the newsletter this year; I failed. I was very, very busy and I will not make any excuses. I could say well, I didn't know the date to get it into the newsletter, but I didn't even bother to try to get hold of Trish to get that information. So, I am fault with that. However, now that I have the program ready to go talk to some Sisters, I think what I am going to do is try to put out one or two of the leadership characteristics in the newsletter and open it up for discussion maybe through Facebook or some other means but I think that the Sisters that saw it, see the kinder side of the Order and how it can work. That is my recommendation, that I continue on as long as I am Historian.

Danielle Michaels, PNP WI, Chair

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: I would like to thank Past National President Michaels for putting on the seminar and encourage everyone to go the next time she has it. It was absolutely wonderful. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT LINDA: We will have Department Reports. Iowa?

IOWA DEPARTMENT REPORT

In my year of being President of the Department of Iowa, I am proud to report the many activities that my Sisters have accomplished. We are 19 members strong with 3 as Life Members and 2-3 possible new Sisters. A new Auxiliary was formed in western Iowa – Col. Kinsman Auxiliary #23. This is a summary of the many accomplishments:

- Christmas cards for Wounded Soldiers Project
- Veteran's Day/Memorial Day parades
- GAR Highway project
- School programs
- Monument repairs/ceremony
- Grave dedications
- Grave registration/soldier & burial place research
- Meals from the Heartland
- Get out the vote/Hillary's Quilt
- Food pantry donations
- Flag retirement ceremonies
- SVR Hitchcock House Program – Underground Railroad
- General Dodge Days, historical programs
- Crime victims seminar
- Classy Chassis Car Club
- Monitor bluebird trails

Janet Kline, Department President

MAINE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Our Sisters have been very patriotic throughout the year. Memorial Day found many Sisters at graveside ceremonies, in parades and some even go as far as Gettysburg to honor our Boys in Blue. During the year the Sisters made polar fleece blankets for our hospice veterans in Togus Veterans Hospital in Augusta, Maine. We participated with the American Legion with donations of cash, toiletries, cakes, cards and attended the annual Christmas party with the veterans in Building 207, the long-term care unit at Togus. Wreaths Across America found our Sisters once again in attendance at our veterans' cemeteries. Our Sisters donated graciously of their baking talents and time during the Remembrance Day festivities in Gettysburg, PA in November and the successful celebration of the National Ball.

Some of our Sisters host teas to benefit our veterans and some were involved in demonstrations at schools and Grange Halls throughout the state. Most of our activities were done along with our Sons.

At our Department Encampment in April we held a Memorial Service to remember two of our late members who went home this year, Sister Doris Warner and Sister Margaret Joy. Past National President Florence Murray's twin sister, Phyllis Holton, also went home to our Lord this year. There was a bouquet of flowers of white carnations for endearment, a red rose for love and fern for sincerity. The bouquet was presented to Sister Frances in remembrance of her twin, Phyllis Holton. We were honored to have National Treasurer Mary Flynn and her mother, Past National President Cynthia Brown, as the National representatives at our Encampment.

I am giving this report for our Department President, Tracy Williams, whose husband passed away last Friday. The family needs all our prayers and support to endure the hardships that this illness has done. Tracy is very devoted to our Auxiliary and her Sisters and needs all the emotional and spiritual support we can give her.

Wishing Sister Linda Kronberg and all the National Officers who are attending this National convention a very successful, harmonious and productive Encampment in our late, great President Abraham Lincoln's home state of Illinois.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased to report that the Department of Michigan is strong, vibrant and doing well. Our Department consists of three Auxiliaries located throughout the state of Michigan.

The Frances Finch Auxiliary #9 located in the northern part of our state in Traverse City, consists of 21 members and continues to grow with the addition of 6 new Sisters this past year.

Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 is located in the middle of the state in Jackson and has 17 members with one new member this year.

Our third Auxiliary, Nash Hodges #43, has 11 members and is located in the southern part of the state.

Together the Department of Michigan has 48 Sisters. I am pleased to report that the Department and each of our Auxiliaries are financially sound.

Our members are extremely active in self-supported activities as well as serving and supporting our Brothers in the 24 Sons Camps in the Department of Michigan in a variety of activities to keep green the memory of those who wore the blue in performing Memorial Services, Headstone Dedication Services, Educational Programs, and numerous special events such as the recent Returning of the Battle Flags ceremonies at the state Capitol, the Battery Park rededication

in Bay City, Michigan and attending an honorarium dinner at the American Legion Post 18 for Colonel Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient during the Vietnam War.

Michigan will be hosting the 2017 National Encampment for the Allied Orders and many of our Sisters are actively engaged in a variety of important activities in support of this effort.

Our Auxiliaries are very active in community outreach activities as well. This past year we collected and distributed personal items and financial donations to a number of veterans' facilities throughout the state. We have raised funds for the Toys 4 Tots program and provided support and recognition to many Girl Scouts.

Our Auxiliaries have made a renewed and concerted effort this past year to strengthen our bonds and working relationship with the Sons of Union Veterans and the Michigan MOLLUS Commandery. We support with our presence and financial support the GAR Museum and Memorial Hall in Eaton Rapids, where we continue our efforts to make our organization known and the many services we can supply in the support of others.

We continue to reach out to the members of the other Allied Orders, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the GAR, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to foster cooperation and working relationships.

We have also increased our presence and visibility at numerous patriotic venues throughout the state to foster a better understanding and provide a positive impact on our youth and the public in general in further expanding our mission and public presence not just in our state alone, but at various venues outside our state, such as the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois; the November Gettysburg Remembrance Day activities, including the placement of flags on the graves of Michigan soldiers; and the Stevenson Memorial Service in Petersburg, Illinois.

We are very proud of the generosity of our Sisters who freely give of their time and do a great deal more than what our smaller numbers might indicate.

Jan Davis, Department President

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I bring you greetings and hopes for a very successful 130th National Encampment from the home of the award-winning recipients of this year's ASUVCW and SUVCW 2015-2016 scholarships, the Department of New Hampshire. As Department President, let me begin by recognizing three very key and distinguished members of the NH Department that are here today. I thank you for your service this past year:

- Laura Ward DVP and Past President of Mary Elizabeth Kimball Auxiliary 62 and her daughter Hilary Ward, the President of the same.
- My mother, Past National President and National Council #3 for this current year, Cynthia Brown.

As many may not know, I regained the position of Department President last fall after accepting the resignation and granting an honorable discharge from our organization from our then President Linda Murray. This was not without tireless efforts from me and our National President Linda Kronberg, to persuade her to reconsider. As the President of the NH Department, I hereby present the accounting of the activities of the Department of NH last year.

The Auxiliaries reported decorating Civil War veterans graves over Memorial Day weekend, participation at funeral services at one of our recently passed Life Members Winifred Bassett, partnering with the Lebanon Historical Society to aide in the administration of the Adopted Civil War Veterans Community Project.

We awarded the first Alfred W. Brown Memorial Scholarship to Michael Sweet, a graduating high school senior and member of Gilman E. Sleeper Camp.

The Secretary/Treasurer collected and recorded data from five Auxiliaries showing a gain of 10 members in the last 12 months, so our membership now sits at 49.

The Patriotic Instructor presented the Junior ROTC medal to a deserving graduating female from the high school.

We purchased and arranged to have placed 50 New Hampshire flags on the graves of New Hampshire in the Gettysburg National Cemetery on Remembrance Day in a ceremony led by our members honoring the New England soldiers interred there.

The Chaplain, in addition to the figures reported on our D06 form, was very dutiful in sending cards and notes to those known to be in need of greetings. Also, contributions are made to our newly developed Chaplain's Corner Facebook page.

Our Press Correspondent was active in sending articles and photos to the Banner, local media and other Civil War-related publications, as well as the Facebook page for the Auxiliary.

Charitable Activities were reported to National as valued at \$22,110.45.

As always, we continue to appreciate the support provided through the year by my Counselor, Cindy Brown, my personal Aide, Hilary Ward and my Chief of Staff, Kristen Sweet. Their efforts allow our Department to remain solvent.

Council – on a final note, when charged by our National President, post our Encampment, to collect and distribute needed items to our local VA facilities, our Council members quickly approved a cash donation to the Manchester, NH "Liberty House." This is a homeless shelter for veterans. We were assured that our donation would be used at the local food pantry to purchase twenty times the monetary value. A confirmation and thank you letter for our donation was received by our Secretary.

I thank you for allowing me to present this report and for all of the

contributions made by all of our NH members.

Mary Flynn, Department President

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Our New York Department has had a busy year, but we were also met with some tragedy as well. New York was represented at our NYS Department Banquet to honor the Department President, Hope Parker, and the NYS Department Commander. Four of the Allied Orders were present at the Banquet and the fellowship, talk and food were amazing.

We also had our Department Christmas Party. Again there were many members from the Sons and the Auxiliary and our Host, Diane Thetghe, was wonderful.

New York was represented at Gettysburg, Grant's Tomb, and Memorial Day, where more than 30 members participated in local parades. We were also in attendance at the celebrations in Waterloo.

This past year the New York Department was also able to secure a table at the Syracuse Veterans Day Parade and Expo. I had many people stop and look at our displays, take information, and had many men and women interested in joining. It was a great event and we are set up to attend this year as well.

We were also fortunate to participate in our local Strawberry Festival and Presidents Weekend.

Our New York Encampment was held in Suffern and had many in attendance and was presided over by our New York Department President Hope Parker. We have the Daughters and the Sons at our Encampment and we all had a great time.

Many of our Members had very difficult times this year. Sister Diane Thetghe had a fire and her home was destroyed, but in true GAR fashion, many members from all the Allied Orders came together and helped her get back on her feet. It was an amazing display of love between the Organizations.

Sister Virginia Twist lost her husband of 47 years to cancer. Tom had traveled many times with, PNP Virginia and also attended many other Auxiliary functions. He was also the father of Sister Hope Parker. He is missed by so many.

Later in the year, Sister, PNP Beatrice Greenwalt suffered from severe smoke inhalation and was hospitalized for many weeks. She is the mother of, PNP Betty Baker. Again, many Sisters and Brothers showed their support of Sister Bea and I am happy to report that she is doing great.

With the losses that our New York Department suffered, we always came together to lend a hand and support our Sisters. This year has shown me and many others in our Organization the true meaning of Sisterhood and the principals of our Order, especially to our newer members.

We continue to seek out new locations to set up information tables and encourage membership throughout our Great State.

Hope Parker, Department President

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT REPORT

It has been another busy year for our Auxiliaries. The following is a summary of our volunteer activities and accomplishments.

- A number of our Auxiliaries made monetary donations to benefit our overseas troops.
- Many of our Auxiliaries conducted or attended wreath layings at various cemeteries and held programs for Memorial Day.
- Many Sisters participated in parades and dedication ceremonies for local monuments.
- Many Sisters attended Gettysburg Remembrance Day activities – the wreath-laying at the Woolson Monument, many walked or rode wagons in the parade, and we danced at the Civil War Ball which benefits the monument fund at Gettysburg.
- Some of our Auxiliaries assisted with educational programs at various historical societies and community events.
- A number of our Auxiliaries were represented at our annual Lincoln Luncheon, which was held in Sunbury, PA on February 15, 2016.
- Also well attended was our annual Appomattox Luncheon, which was held in Williamsport, PA on April 16, 2016.
- An Auxiliary Ritual Funeral Service was held for the passing of Sister Peggy Frantz, PDP.
- Many hours of genealogical research was done to assist prospective members in tracing their Civil War lineage.

I feel that we had a very harmonious and enjoyable Encampment for our Department. It was well attended. We continue to work with our Sons' Camps to assist them as needed.

Betsy Nightingale, Department President

SARAH EMMA SEELYE #1 TEXAS, AUXILIARY-AT-LARGE REPORT

The following is a report of the activities of the Sarah Emma Seeley Auxiliary #1 of the great State of Texas since the last Encampment.

The Auxiliary held our 8th Annual Stars and Stripes Sock Drive for the patients at the Michael E. DeBakey Medical Center in Houston, TX. The Auxiliary provided veterans on the Nursing Home Unit with white crew socks.

On October 3, 2015, the Auxiliary held a Bake Sale and raised \$154.13 for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Houston, TX.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2015, the Auxiliary attended various services in our area.

On November 20, 21 & 22, 2015 the Auxiliary joined the Brothers of the Edward Lea Camp at the Liendo Plantation Reenactment and helped with their annual quilt Raffle and promoted the SUV and Auxiliary.

On December 12, 2015, the Auxiliary held our 8th Annual Gift Presentation

and Hot Chocolate Brunch Christmas Party for the patients in the Nursing Home Unit at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Medical Center in Houston, TX. We were joined by Dr. Stevenson Holmes, Dept. of Texas SUV Commander and Cmdr. Tom Coughlin and Brothers of the Edward Lea Camp. During the Brunch, we entertained patients with Christmas carols and several encore performances were requested! And our Camp Brothers spoke about the SUV and the Civil War.

On January 9, 2016, in Galveston, TX the Auxiliary was honored to join the Edward Lea Camp #2, commemorating the Battle of Galveston during the Civil War and the Camp's namesake, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea. The Auxiliary, in period attire, joined in the ceremony honoring Lt. Commander Edward Lea by laying roses on his grave.

On April 30, 2016, the Auxiliary held our 9th Annual President's Tea and Civil War Presentations fundraiser. The tea was held in Dickinson, Texas and included the participation of Dr. Stevenson Holmes, Dept. Commander of Texas and Camp Cmdr. Tom Coughlin and Brothers of the Edward Lea Color Guard, SUV.

Memorial Day, May 30, 2016, joining our Brothers of the Edward Lea Camp, the Auxiliary took part in the Parade of Colors and the Presentation of Wreaths, at Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX.

Prior to Memorial Day, the Auxiliary placed flags on the veterans' graves at the Hypolite Cemetery in Hitchcock, TX.

On June 7-8, 2016 Auxiliary Sisters attended the 22 Annual Department of Texas Encampment, (including Louisiana), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Houston, TX. The Auxiliary's purpose was to encourage the formation of new Auxiliaries in Texas. The Auxiliary attended the Friday evening reception at Commander Holmes' house. The Encampment was held at the Clayton Library, Carriage House. The Auxiliary honored and aided the Edward Lea Camp by serving as Hostess for the refreshments also providing handmade patriotic cockades for the delegates attending.

This summer the Auxiliary, promoting love of flag and country, held an American Flag Poster Contest for children in the Summer Reading Program at the Hitchcock Library in Hitchcock, TX. On July 23 we awarded and recognized the winners of the American Flag Poster Contest for children in grades 2-6.

Some of this year's milestones for the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 here in Texas, 2015-2016:

1. On January 9, 2016, the Auxiliary was honored to participate in the Battle of Galveston ceremony honoring Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea in Galveston, Texas.
2. On June 7-8, 2016, Auxiliary Sisters, four in total, attended the 22nd Annual Department of Texas Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans to encourage the formation of new Auxiliaries here in Texas.
3. The Auxiliary welcomed Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain of the Sons

of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to the Lone Star State of Texas for the Department of Texas 22nd Encampment held in Houston, TX. Presenting Chaplain Kowalski with a Certificate of Appreciation and a patriotic cockade.

4. American Flag Poster Contest

I am honored to have served this past year as President of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 and look forward to another great year with our Brothers of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp. I send warm and best wishes to President Kronberg, the National Auxiliary and Allied Orders, wishing you a very successful 2016 Encampment.

Valencia Reyes, Auxiliary-at-Large President

GOV. ISAAC STEVENS #1 WASHINGTON, AUXILIARY-AT-LARGE REPORT

The biggest thing that the Auxiliary celebrated this year the opening of the library research center at Historic Fort Steilacoom. It is a project we have been working on for 2 ½ years. It is a private library that has holdings that the state library doesn't even have. You may come in and research or just look. It is not a "checkout" library. We now have at least 2-3 people who come in every week – different people. The state library, the state historical society, the state historical research center have all referred people down to us because the holdings we have in there, they do not have. It is not an ended project; we are still collecting books. We are pretty proud of ourselves.

Historic Fort Steilacoom is part of the Smithsonian Live Museum Days. The Sisters in the Auxiliary put together a display of what a laundress' job is like. That has turned into a request by the Board, that the Auxiliary take on the entire room and make it into a hospital ward. So we are going to contact all the ladies out at Fort Lewis and see what they can do to help us in designing a hospital. That is pretty exciting.

The usual flags and cemetery cleanings and the thing there is that there is a private cemetery that belonged to Fort Steilacoom and it is on private state property. No one gets to go in there. We do now because we received permission to maintain it. We brought it back into shape and cleaned it up. There is an Eagle project this weekend to replace the fence that surrounds it into what was there during the period of the war. That will be nice to see when I get home.

Kind of mixed feelings about this. Last year or so, Oregon wanted to start an Auxiliary, the Mary Baker Auxiliary, but they just cannot get it off the ground. They get four gals and that is about it. They can't seem to get much bigger than that, so they have asked if they could join Isaac Stevens because they just live, basically, across the river from us. So, that's good for Stevens because it looks like we are going to pick up some members, but that is really sad that Oregon is not going to have an Auxiliary, at least for a while. Things are really looking

positive up there. It moves very slow – maybe it's the cold weather, I don't know, but it's been an outstanding year for us. Thank you for listening and thank you for the support because many of you have sent us books and we appreciate that.

Tricia Bures, Auxiliary-at-Large President

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Department of Wisconsin extends warm wishes to all Sisters here at this Encampment and to those in their home states.

We have initialized and are learning more about the Servant Leadership model in implementing values in our work. Over the years we have built a strong relationship with the Sons and continue to work jointly.

Some activities accomplished this are purchasing and dedicating a plaque to honor numerous Civil War Veterans buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Department meeting and dinner, recruiting drive, public speaking, parades, money-making events, grave cleaning and visiting the veterans at the VA. The VA visits are a favorite activity for not only the veterans but for the Sons and the Auxiliary. They receive greeting cards and holiday cards along with chocolates and other tasty treats. Since we have adopted the 8th Ward and, for everyone not familiar, the 8th Ward is for the terminally ill, we keep this unit supplied with underwear, soaps, deodorants, lotions, socks, gloves, caps, scarves, etc. We also sew lap robes and colostomy bags which allows them the freedom of leaving their room to socialize with their peers.

As you can see we honor the veterans of the Civil War as well as the veterans of today.

Denise Oman, Past Department President

PRESIDENT LINDA: We will receive the reports tomorrow for the three Departments who have requested an extension.

As we have had a full day of business, we will adjourn for today. The Campfire and Courtesy Hour will take place this evening at 7:00 in the Sons' room.

Please remember our fundraisers for the Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor.

Are there any other announcements? We will start tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. We did a lot of work today.

UNKNOWN: I would just like to say something while all the ladies are still in the room. Thank you for everything you guys taught me this morning. You are wonderful, wonderful people and I think you should realize just how wonderful you are. And thank you for all the help you have given me all day long.

PRESIDENT LINDA: You are welcome.

Various meetings and announcements were made.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, will you close the Bible, please. *(so done)*

THIRD SESSION
Saturday, August 13, 2016
9:26 a.m.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sisters, please give your attention. Would the Chaplain go to the altar and open the Bible, please. *(So done.)*

Would the Guides and Color guards retire from the room and escort the President of the LGAR and her guests to my station.

The Guides and Color Guards escorted the Greetings Committee of, PNP Lynn Bury, Carolyn Agosto and a Sister from Oregon from the LGAR to the altar and then to the President's station.

LYNN BURY, PNP, LGAR: Good morning, Ladies. As the senior-most Past National President, it is my happy duty to speak officially for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and bring you our greetings. I have been coming into your room for many years and I know many of you. I have known you, Linda, for a long time and I am glad to see you in this position. I have had many good times with others who didn't get live roses *(laughter)* and I see your flowers are live this year, so that's a plus. All joking aside, I do have one rather sad piece of news. Many of you know that our Past National President Sister Janice Corfman found out about two weeks ago that she has a very serious form of cancer. She was all set to come this weekend and had to cancel out because she is probably having surgery as fast as they could get her in. She sends her greetings and she misses everybody and certainly wishes she were here rather than there. I just wanted to mention that in case some of you were not aware. Cards and letters would be nice and we are sending her flowers. Something that can cheer her for the moment until we hear the outcome of all this, so keep that in mind.

I must tell you that we are having a wonderful convention. We are getting a lot of work done and flying through everything very smoothly. We have a bunch of people who are willing, finally, to do some work and this is good. One of those is our current National President. We kind of foisted her into office really fast but she took up the gauntlet and she learned a lot very fast. She is proving to be a very effective, efficient and caring National President for us. We are on the upswing. We have about five new Circles in the wings about to start. We are very, very happy and hopeful at this point.

Again, I am bringing my personal greetings as well because, as I said, I know

a lot of you. With that being said, I will introduce to you our current National President, Carolyn Agosto.

CAROLYN AGUSTO, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LGAR: I had the most fun last year at Gettysburg. That was my first big trip by myself, being a single woman, never being out that far by myself. Well, I flew into Harrisburg and quickly learned that the car they gave me to rent wouldn't start. Who knew it had a push-button! Why did they bother to give you a key? (*laughter*) Then when I got out of the parking garage, there was nowhere around that even comes close to having a street name. I drove around the airport and am leaving that area and only God knew where I was going to end up. I went to McDonald's and as I was praying for guidance, I looked up and across the street was a road sign and it was the sign I needed to see to get me over to the highway I needed to be on. I was thanking Jesus all the way. I made my way. Linda had arranged for all the National Presidents to ride in a carriage/cart but we had quite a time getting up into it and getting down. All four National Presidents bonded at that point and it was great.

So I just want to bring my greetings. I come from Marion, Kansas. I am a born and raised Kansan. My great-great-grandfather mustered in here in Illinois. Camp Butler is where he was mustered in as a Corporal and when he came out of the Civil War three years later, he was a Sargent. He resided in Saline County for some time before moving back home to Kansas and then to Oklahoma where is buried in Nowata County. The Oklahoma men have already approached me, so excited to have a National President that close. I am looking forward to branching out as a goodwill ambassador as well as being National President. Next Saturday I will meet our National Chaplain at the airport in Atlanta, Georgia, and we are going to be picked up by some ladies there and we are going to institute a new Georgia Circle. Their old Circle disbanded decades ago, so these ladies have decided to be back in the group and so we are going into Rebel Country. I am so excited and I will be doing more traveling to different groups who have formed their Circles and to bring them in and let them know we are happy to have them. We want to work with you guys, too. I know some of you also are LGAR and are very involved here and so we love you all. I know that there are things that you have to do but we want you to know that we are all good and we are having one of the best meetings that we have had for a very long time this year. I hope you are, too. Thank you for letting me chatter. (*applause*)

PHYLLIS HOUSTON, PNP, LGAR: Good morning. It is nice to be here and see all of you. I am one of those that come from the West Coast – I am from Oregon. I hope you are having a nice convention because we sure are!

Guides and Color Guards escorted the LGAR Greetings Committee

from the room.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Wanda, would you please lift up a prayer on behalf of all of us, as we have many, many Sisters in need, some just this weekend.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Sister Hope had a marvelous idea. I am going lay a tablet on the Chaplain's table for a list of people that you think needs prayers, cards and we will make copies for whoever wants the list. No matter how long it is, we will put it on the Chaplain's Facebook page as well.

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I am going to pay to get copies made because I feel it is important to send cards and letters to our Sisters in need all across the Allied Orders – Sisters and Brothers.

Chaplain Wanda Langdon offered a prayer for everyone in need.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Would the Guides, Color Guards and Escorts retire from the room and escort the Commander-in-Chief and his guests to the altar and then to my station.

Guides, Color Guards and Escorts escorted the Sons Greetings Committee consisting of CinC Eugene Mortorff, PCinC Tad Campbell, PI Kevin Martin, PCinC George Powell, Chaplain Jerry Kowolski and DC CA&PAC Frank Avila to the altar and then to the President's station.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Gentlemen, welcome. We appreciate the Sons and it is coming together. Slowly but surely, it is coming together. Would you like to speak to your Sisters?

EUGENE MORTORFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Try and stop me! The greatest times that we have had were this year. I don't have words to tell you how much I appreciate your Organization and what you do and the support that you give to the Sons of Union Veterans is critical. We appreciate it very, very much. You have a special Commander-in-Chief here in Linda. From the moment we met, we knew that this was going to be a good relationship and knew that if we could work together we could get a lot of stuff done for the Organizations. We were right. I hope that will move on and continue with the Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty that is part of being Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That is what we are here for; it is to help each other. We cannot do anything by ourselves. We must have the help of everyone. We thank you for everything that you do for our Organization.

With that, I will give you one last hug, probably, as Commander-in-Chief. We did a lot of traveling together. She loves me, too.

TAD CAMPBELL, PCinC, SUVCW: Greetings, ladies. It is always a pleasure to have a chance to speak with you all. This is a wonderful group – you have a lot of attendees. Is this a record for recent years? I appreciate everything that all of the Ladies' organizations, and especially our Auxiliary, do for us and to support us as Sons. The work that we do would be so much more difficult without your support and your assistance. I just can't say how much I appreciate everything you do. You have had a wonderful President this year, you had a pretty good President last year. (*laughter*) We had that close working relationship! With that, please continue to have harmonious Encampment and get all of the business of your Order done and we look forward to seeing you tonight at the Allied Orders Banquet. Thank you.

GEORGE POWELL, PCinC, SUVCW: Never ask a Past Commander-in-Chief if he wants to say anything! I have spoken before this group many times. I thank you for the aid you give the Sons. Thank you for the aid that the Auxiliary gave to me when I was Commander-in-Chief. This is great, to see a room full. You keep up the good; we'll keep up the good work and together we will remember the Boys in Blue. Thank you.

JERRY KOWALSKI, CHAPLAIN, SUVCW: I am going to ask Almighty God to bless you, ladies, and to give you health and happiness. I am going to ask Him to give you a spirit of communication, cooperation and compromise so that you can make your Auxiliary grow and make the Allied Orders grow; that you have peace and harmony in your own lives and in your own Organization. If you agree with me, say AMEN. (*AMEN*)

EUGENE MORTORFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I have one last announcement to make before we leave here and go back to work; I would prefer to stay here, frankly. (*laughter*) Every Department I went to I talked to the Auxiliary and some of you are going to hear this a second time, but something special is going to happen this year at Gettysburg at Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day, as you know, and if you have never been to a Remembrance Day, it is when the Sons of Veterans Reserve puts together one of the largest parades in the United States. It is Confederates and Union Soldiers who march through Gettysburg and it is always on Remembrance Day which is the Saturday closest to the November 19. This year is very special because the 19th, of course, is Dedication Day – the anniversary of when President Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address. There is an organization in Gettysburg called the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and Charlie Kuhn was president of it for about four

years. I was on the board for a while, up until just recently when I had my stroke. My wife said that you really have to get rid of some of this. They always have important and famous people come as speakers. We have had Steven Spielberg speak. When I was still there we made the decision to have another very important and famous person. I will give you a hint, and some of you know, but Reading Rainbow... LeVar Burton is going to be speaking at Remembrance Day/Dedication Day at the cemetery around 8:00. I know it is a little bit of inconvenience for the Sons because the SVR has their breakfast and it might impact on that fellowship, but this would be worth your time to come see and hear LeVar Burton speak about the Civil War, about Gettysburg and about Lincoln. If you are coming to Gettysburg, try to put that in your schedule.

One other thing, it is going to be kind of crowded in Gettysburg probably that weekend. I am going to suggest something and this is for all the time. Even if you are going to Gettysburg for the weekend. Chambersburg is just a very short ride away and hotels are going to be almost half of what you pay at Gettysburg. Or you can go to Carlisle, PA, about half an hour or a little more to the north and it's not that far and again, you are going to pay nothing compared to what you are going to pay at Gettysburg. If you go to Carlisle and drive to Gettysburg, you are going to go on the same road that the Confederates came down from Carlisle after they bombed it. The same farms that you see are the same farms that they pillaged, including my family farm. You get to see this beautiful countryside. So, come see LeVar Burton. *(applause)*

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Last night when you were given your gifts, something was left here in the room and we didn't get it into any of the packages. We don't want you to forget New York.

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: Or what happens there – which is snow.

EUGENE MORTORFF, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Should I break out into song? New York, New York!

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: We love seeing you men come into our room. There are some familiar faces up there – actually all of you. We just love seeing you come in. We hope that we support you the way we are supposed to and I know you support us. We just love seeing every single one of you. Thank you.

*Guides, Color Guards and Escorts escorted the Sons' Greetings
Committee from the room.*

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sisters, the Encampment will now come to order. I hope

that everyone enjoyed the Campfire last night. Thank you for your gifts.

We will begin with the Department Reports left from yesterday.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are sending our wishes for a successful National Encampment.

Our year in New Jersey has given us another new member from the town of Millville.

We had several events that we participated in with our Sons and are happy to say that one of the Sons' Camp is looking into starting a new Auxiliary.

As we work together to continue preserving the history of the Boys in Blue, may we all have a wonderful year ahead.

Patricia Wilhelm, Department President

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE REPORT

The year started with great expectations that we would finally be involved with the Brothers' Camps. The Commander stated he would work on communications with the Brothers and we were to have a joint newsletter listing events, but this never came about.

We currently have four Auxiliaries: Antietam, Garfield, Lincoln-Cushing and Taylor-Wilson. Lincoln-Cushing is struggling and we will probably be turning in the Charter to National.

The following is a combination of what the Auxiliaries did for the year:

- All Auxiliaries participated in Memorial activities.
- Anne Lewis is our National Representative for D.C.
- A new Auxiliary, Antietam, had its start-up meeting on August 3, 2015.
- Gettysburg Reenactment on August 8, 2015.
- The Department of the Chesapeake hosted the 134th National Encampment in Richmond, VA August 14-17; three Sisters were on the committee as well as the Department President.
- Attended the 150th Anniversary of the release of the POW's from Camp Hoffman, Point Lookout June 13th.
- Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff's Testimonial Luncheon Oct. 24th.
- Marker dedication for Sgt. Caleb Lowe, 1st Potomac Home Brigade, Hoffmanville, MD, Aug. 8th and for Pvt. Ira Watson Company E, 147th Illinois Inf., Richmond, VA Nov. 14th.
- 2015 Remembrance Day in Gettysburg Nov. 21st. Sisters participated in the parade and other activities.
- Loudon Park National Cemetery wreath Laying ceremony, Dec. 12th
- All Auxiliaries had their annual Abraham Lincoln's birthday dinner.
- U.S. Citizenship, presented flags and congratulatory cards and welcome gifts Feb. 17th.

Anne Blackburn, Department President

OHIO DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Ohio Department has had a great year. We have been very busy attending fairs and participating in Memorial Day parades to promote patriotism and promotional work which led to at least eight new members.

Many of our Auxiliaries have donated items to our two VA hospitals located in Ohio for the women veterans. On a yearly basis, Ohio has gone over \$100,000 in charitable deeds and volunteer hours.

Our mid-winter meeting held in January at the Dayton VA Complex was quite informative. As a Department, we discussed new ideas on promotion and fundraising.

We participated in the rededication of three GAR highway signs located along Lake Erie.

We donated money to have a bust of Lincoln dedicated in Dayton.

National President Linda was in attendance for the Ohio Encampment in June in Kenton. We participated with the Sons to lay a wreath at the grave of Jacob Parrot, who was the first soldier to be given the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Encampment was very successful. We increased our attendance by about 50%.

In July we participated in the ceremony at Buffington Island along the Ohio River, which is the only Civil War battle fought in Ohio. This battle started the Morgan's Raiders run.

As Department President, I am very proud of my Sisters.

Cindy Hilliard, Department President

POLLY TOOLE #17 TENNESSEE, AUXILIARY-AT-LARGE REPORT

- Attended 2015 National Encampment and received Charter for new Auxiliary
- 15 August 2015 – Attended History Day and Fair sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society with the Major William A. McTeer Camp 39
- 21 September 2015 – Attended quarterly educational meeting of the Major William A. McTeer Camp #39
- 7 November 2015 – Held first Auxiliary meeting in conjunction with the Annual Encampment of the Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 and also met with the Lucinda Heatherly Tent #10 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- 17 November 2015 – Met with Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) with my husband, Commander of McTeer Camp and fellow Polly Toole Auxiliary member and daughter Rachel McReynolds. Discussed what both the Sons and Auxiliary do and received congratulations on success over past year.
- 19 November 2015 – Participated in Remembrance Day Parade at Gettysburg, PA, riding a red surrey with my husband, Commander of the McTeer Camp.
- 13 February 2016 – Attended George Washington Birthday Dinner sponsored

by the Sons of the American Revolution at the East Tennessee Historical Society representing the ASUVCW.

- 20 February 2016 – Attended Department of Tennessee Annual Encampment in Germantown, TN representing the ASUVCW. Presented husband and Commander David McReynolds with Tennessee Colonel Award Representing Governor Bill Haslam.
- 20 March 2016 – Attended quarterly educational meeting of McTeer Camp.
- 26 March 2016 – Participated in cleaning the Sultana Memorial at Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Knoxville, TN
- 16 April 2016 – Living History Days at the Thompson-Brown House in Maryville, TN.
- 23 April 2016 – Rededication of Sultana Memorial celebrating its 100th anniversary (placed 4 July 1916) in conjunction with the McTeer Camp and the Sultana Descendants.

Cindy McReynolds
Auxiliary-at-Large President

PRESIDENT LINDA: Having completed all the reports, we will now move on to Unfinished Business from the last National Encampment.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: One piece of business that I have from last year was the ratification that was sent out. It was a mess. Officially, I am going to say that it was turned down. The numbers are really interesting. Part of the problem is that I have unreceived confirmations and I have gotten stuff via email and telephone calls, but I don't have the official forms. Official forms say five "yes" and official forms say five "no." Two "no's" I have not received the official form for. The Auxiliaries-at-Large, because of the way our bylaws are written, they are essentially disenfranchised in the votes – they don't count. They were 10 "yes's." Something to consider and that is the reason I thought we would try out a Department-at-Large to kind of bring them in and get their votes a count. That's the purpose of that. I discussed it with several of the other officers. As it stands, because as soon as I say "I didn't get your form," it's going to pop up. This was turned down. There are several recommendations that the Recommendation Committee had to deal with that revolved around this so whether we actually need to do anything with those recommendations later today will be up to the decision of the Sisters, but keep that in mind when we start to discuss the recommendations. I know that is kind of nebulous and confusing right now but I think it will become clearer as we go through the day.

That is all the Unfinished Business that I have.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Does anyone else know of any other unfinished business

carried over from the last National Encampment? There being no further Unfinished Business, we will move on to New Business.

We will now hear from the Officers Reports Committee, who has had time to look over all the recommendations contained in the Officers Reports. Sister Ginny, are you ready to make your report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Recommendation #1: That Sisters who are serving or have served in the military be allowed to wear their military medals at Auxiliary functions whenever they are in uniform. THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH ONE CHANGE, THAT THEY WEAR OURS FIRST WHEN THEY ARE IN AN AUXILIARY ACTIVITY.

MOVED by Denise Oman, PDP WI

SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Does that mean that last year when we voted on them getting a bar or something that says veteran, does that mean that we exclude that now and just have them wear ribbons or are they allowed both?

HELEN GRANGER MI: There is a differentiation between veteran, as you know, and an active service person. We want to make sure we honor our active servicewomen and hope that we are going to be getting a lot more in the near future as well as those who are veterans. They deserve the honor of also being able to wear their medals as well as the veteran ribbon that they have served.

SUSAN FALLON WI: A clarification of what a veteran is any person who is active duty is considered a veteran so they would fall under this stipulation. Anyone who has their separation papers is also a veteran. I do have my separation papers and anyone can see them for proof that I am a veteran. What we are saying is because we are always Auxiliary first, we wear our Auxiliary badge first and next to it wear our military stuff.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: That is only in an Auxiliary function. If you are out on the street and you want to wear your badge, you can do it in any placement you want as long as it is in a place of honor. In an Auxiliary function, it has to come first.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: That the incoming National President form a special committee to review the Life Membership Program and report back to the 2017 National Encampment recommendations or changes if any. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE FOR TWO REASONS: TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWS THAT THE LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM IS IN GOOD STANDING AND THERE WAS A SECOND PART OF THIS THAT LISTED PEOPLE THAT THE SITTING NATIONAL PRESIDENT WANTED ON THIS COMMITTEE. IT IS REALLY UP TO THE NEXT NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Susan Fallon, WI

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: Sister Linda, I would like to ask why you would like to see it reviewed. Was there something that was off to you or was there something that wasn't organized? I just want to know why you thought we needed a committee.

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: I don't know if this goes to the same dilemma that we discussed in the Department of Michigan, but one of the things that happen with Life Membership is that the Auxiliaries no long get any funds from those members unless they make a donation. I am wondering if that may be part of it.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I think that is according to each Auxiliary. I know in our Auxiliary they do pay their per capita tax.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: The Auxiliary can charge dues which is separate from the per capita tax, the Department can charge dues which is totally separate from that. Most Auxiliaries don't but you can stipulate in your bylaws that everybody pays a fee.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP OH: I had sworn that I was not going to get up at the mic this year. I was among the first to become a Life Member. Under the original program, the Auxiliaries were to receive from the National Organization a reimbursement to cover the dues of the members who became Life Members. The Life Membership program was changed. The Auxiliaries no longer got that money. Those of us who are Life Members, some signed off, some did not. We had one Department no one signed off. All of those members received money back and I don't understand what happened there because I was not President at

the time. I do know that unless I give my Auxiliary money to pay my per capita tax, they are going in the hole with me as a member. That is the only thing that I can speak of from personal knowledge.

UNKNOWN: Madame Secretary, could we add to the form for Life Membership a clarification (indecipherable – not at mic)

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I am hearing conflicting responses. I did publish in the Auxiliary Voice Second Edition the details of how the Life Membership Program works. That is still available online. I think that it is a great idea to look at that form and see if it requires updating so that we don't have this confusion. What I hear and what I understand is that the Life Membership as I know it today, it allows you to be relieved of your per capita at the National level only. At the Auxiliary and Department, that is up to your bylaws or your ruling as to whether you feel that Life Member could be relieved of that responsibility and perhaps collect money in other ways. That is the way that I understand it. If it is different than that, then perhaps we need to have some smarter folks get together and make these clarifications.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: If that last part where the names of those people suggested for that committee were eliminated from that, would the committee concur? That is what I am confused about.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: If the next President were to include this recommendation in her report but leave off the last part, as I said a lot of this is according to each individual Auxiliary whether they collect dues or not from these people, it would have to be totally rewritten.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: That each local Auxiliary and Department make an effort to review and update their bylaws during the coming year. THE COMMITTEE OVERWHELMINGLY AGREES WITH THIS.

MOVED by Hope Parker, DP NY

SECONDED by Many

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Just a quick thought. I don't know where the bylaws are. I haven't read the bylaws. How do you make

these bylaws? Are you really saying the CR&R? Because I have read those but I haven't referred to them as bylaws. The National bylaws are really synonymous with the rules section of the CR&R.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: Nationals are called CR&R. The Department's and the Auxiliaries' are called bylaws.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So when the Sister Secretary referred to the bylaws, whereby the Auxiliary-at-Large membership can't vote, that is in the CR&R?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: Yes.

DANIELLE VANCE CHSPK: Is there a template for the bylaws?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: We are going to go down to the basics – your Auxiliary. Some Auxiliary bylaws are so outdated that they don't even go anywhere near what we need. Those are very simple bylaws like are you going to send flowers at a funeral, are you going to follow the National suggestions, are you going to have your meetings on the same day – very basic bylaws. That's where we have to start. Then you have to send them to the Department President. She has to go over them and sign them if they are OK or send them back and get the Auxiliary to update them a little better. Then the Department can make their changes to their bylaws which are sent to the National President. She will go over them, she signs them if they are OK, sends them back if they need tweaking.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: Ultimately, they all have to coincide with the Rules and Regulations of our CR&R. That's wherein lies the problem. We have a couple of sets of bylaws that are not in line with the CR&R.

TRICIA BURES, PDP WA, NATIONAL SECRETARY: This was also in my report to do the same thing. To make it simple for you, in your Auxiliary bylaws, if it is something that is covered in the CR&R, don't rewrite it. Leave it out of yours. It is already dealt with. Same for the Departments. If you include something that is in the CR&R and we change the CR&R, you automatically have to change yours. Like Sister Virginia said, keep the Auxiliary bylaws simple. They don't have to be multi-page, multi-articles. The Department bylaws are just a little bit more, but not much. The CR&R covers pretty much everything. Go to the Department of California & Pacific if you want really simple bylaws that don't say a whole heck of a lot, you are going to find them. We don't have to tweak ours very often. We look at them every other year and we have tweaked

them a couple of times, but they are simple and they are very legal and you can understand what is written. A lot of them don't make any sense.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: I don't want to belabor this, but Sister Trish, I think our new members and even some of the old ones would like a little guidance. Would you be willing to share yours as an example? I think that if you have something like that, you can always tweak it to your community. But I think they are asking for a little guidance.

TRICIA BURES, PDP WA, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I will write a template and we will send it to each Department President. Will that work? (*applause*)

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: That Sisters be reminded that anyone who has changed their address, phone number or email address, please contact the National Secretary. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME
SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, AP CHSPK
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: I am not sure I understand what we are voting on here. We have an A03 that is due monthly that should cover address changes.

TRICIA BURES, PDP WA, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Yes, but it is not being used.

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: So we are voting to remind people? Is this really something we have to vote on?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: It was put down as a recommendation. Any recommendation has to be voted on.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #5: That the National CR&R Committee be tasked with reviewing the length and possible staggering of terms for the members for the National Council and report back to the 2017 National Encampment with any recommendations. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR. IT HAS BEEN

BROUGHT UP AT OTHER NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS. WE ARE GETTING MORE PEOPLE, AND IF YOU TAKE THESE JOBS OFF THE MARKET FOR TWO YEARS OR SO, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE TEACHING THE NEW PEOPLE ELECTED TO IT HOW TO DO IT.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #6: That each Department be encouraged to create an award to recognize a Sister who has gone above and beyond the call of duty and also an award to recognize the SUVCW Brothers who have been showing their support also to the Auxiliary. THE COMMITTEE AGREES.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH

SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #7: That the National Proceedings be brought up to date as soon as possible and that the incoming National President appoint a special committee with that goal. THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP AT PREVIOUS ENCAMPMENTS AND IS REDUNDANT. THERE ARE TWO THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND AS SOON AS WE GET THEM ALL UP TO DATE, THEN WE CAN SAY, OK WE NEED TO HAVE THESE DONE WITHIN 8 MONTHS, BUT WE CANNOT SAY THAT HERE AND NOW. THAT IS NOT FOR US TO DECIDE AT THIS POINT BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THEM CAUGHT UP.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: The messages that those proceedings are coming soon are inaccurate and need to be removed from the website.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #8: I would like to entertain the idea of hiring a photographer for the National Encampment for the purpose of history. I would like to have the body discuss this and if they OK it, it would be up to the next president to research. THIS IS ANOTHER EXPENSE THAT WE DON'T SEE AS NECESSARY. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN TAKING PICTURES. HOW DO WE SAVE ALL THIS STUFF? IT HAS GOT TO GO SOMEWHERE ON DISCS OR THUMB DRIVES, BUT WHO IS GOING TO BE THE CARETAKER OF IT? WE DID NOT THINK THAT THIS WAS AN EXPENSE THAT WAS NEEDED.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME
SECONDED by Linda Snook, PA
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Recommendation #1: With the introduction of the new promotional items being sold by the Supply Officer (T-shirts, water bottles and tote bags) and the review of the receipts versus expenditures for this fiscal year are as follows:

Receipts: \$4,799.25 Expenses: \$3,052.03 Profit: \$1,727.00
National Supplies Receipts 2015-2016: \$4,799.25 x 25% = \$1,199.82

THIS IS KIND OF TWO RECOMMENDATIONS IN ONE: I would like to recommend that 25% of receipts be targeted as follows:

- Half to be allocated toward the President's Scholarship Fund, increasing this fund to \$1,000 next year. Amount not to exceed \$500. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS, BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH EXTRA PROFIT FROM THESE THINGS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE TO GIVE THE \$500 EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE EXTRA PROFIT. IT IS GOING TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THIS ONE, TO RAISE THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WHEN THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

MOVED by Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH
SECONDED by Tricia Bures, PDP WA
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

CHER PETROVIC, PAP MO, NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER: My idea for this was to either to increase the amount of one scholarship or make more than

one scholarship.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: If we are taking 25% of the receipts, aren't we digging into the costs as well? The receipts have to reimburse the cost. I would think that you would only work with the profits, not the receipts, because the receipts include the cost and the profit.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: The 25% is of the receipts, which equates to less than the profit, as you can see. When I look at the budget for next year, I allocated an amount of receipts coming and I allocated our expenditures as well. The difference between the expenditures and the receipts for next year my prediction was \$1,000. That \$1,000 is what we are targeting, as I am describing here. In terms of clearing up this recommendation, if we do not have the funds, then we would not be allocating the full \$1,000. It is 25% of the receipts.

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I think anything we can do if we have the money to support our sons and daughters within this Organization, I say we do it.

LAURA WARD NH: Is this something that will happen every year?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Yes. Every year the budget will recommend what that 25% is, so it will be presented every year what we will be adding to the \$500 scholarship up to the maximum of \$500. It may not even be \$1, but it will be reported every year and we will continue this until we change our minds.

MOTION CARRIED

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: The second half of this says:

- Half to be allocated to a charitable donation for the next fiscal year. The recipient of the donation will be a veteran's organization of the Supply Officer's choice. Amount not to exceed \$500. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE WITH THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE A PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR FUND THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE TAKING AWAY IDENTIFICATION FROM HER. SHE IS THE ONE WHO IS SUPPOSED TO PICK OUT THE NON-PROFIT OR WHATEVER. THAT IS WHY THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THIS.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: If we don't approve the budget, there will still be patriotic donations. Those are still there. This takes nothing away from them. This motivating the Supply Officer to continue to sell promotional items. That was my feeling, to let the Supply Officer choose a veteran's organization in addition to the patriotic ones. I am looking for motivation. What we are doing is selling t-shirts, we are getting our name out there, we are promoting and at the same time, we are donating. We are motivating her or whoever holds that office to choose where that veteran's donation would go. That was my thought, not to detract from the patriotic ones. If you want to raise our donations to the patriotic, that surely could come up for a recommendation.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: As it is written right now if that money was to be used to give away to a military organization, would that also include to an individual or just to an organization?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Organization.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: She said that it would not be taking away from the Patriotic Instructor but I really believe it would, because that is her prestigious thing to do as a Patriotic Instructor. If you take that motivation away and give it to somebody else, she can still make one, but it wouldn't be as important.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: What I am thinking of is something very similar to what the Sons do with their extra funds from their supplies. It is one more avenue to be able to extend aid to an organization, get our name out there and it also is a motivator for the Supply Officer to make as many funds as possible. I know for a fact that we needed a plaque done for the thousand and some veterans at one cemetery. Our Sons requested the funds from their Quartermaster and the funds were given so that Wisconsin was able to get that plaque up so much sooner. I believe that is what the intent was and is not to take away from the Patriotic Instructor. The Patriotic Instructor always picks something from the locale where the National Encampment is going to be. This is going to be allowing some far stretch throughout the 50 states.

JAN DAVIS, DP MI: I said yesterday that I feel that the responsibilities of the Patriotic Instructor are being taken away from her. You may as well make that individual a fundraising person. I understand that the Patriotic Instructor's

responsibility is to raise \$2,000, yes, but the Patriotic Instructor also has the responsibility of picking out a patriotic organization. The one honor that I think is most deserving of that position. I also understand that we could raise more money for that endeavor. Can we not say that whatever the Supply Officer raises that it goes to the same fund as the Patriotic Instructor so that we have more money to give to that one organization that the Patriotic Instructor picks out?

BEV GRAHAM, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sorry, that is out of order. There is a motion on the floor and you are changing the intent of the motion.

MOTION NOT CARRIED

Recommendation #3: Consideration is taken to reduce the term limit of the National Secretary and National Treasurer from five years to three years. A five-year commitment in this remote and changing society in a volunteer capacity is difficult for any individual to take on. The following are the arguments in favor of this recommendation:

- The 5-year term for these offices lends itself to the likelihood that qualified candidates may not run as they are not willing to make the lengthy commitment.
- Shortening the term limit to three will also give the membership a more frequent opportunity for a change of candidates.
- The risk of persons holding these offices resigning due to family and professional responsibilities that could not be predicted.

THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE OUR CR&R, WHOEVER IS THE TREASURER WOULD GET TO MOVE FUNDS TO THE BANK OF THEIR CHOICE AND THAT COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS. THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT IF THE TREASURER NEEDS HELP MAYBE SHE COULD BE GIVEN AN AIDE TO HELP HER. I DON'T CARE IF THE TERM IS ONE YEAR, THREE YEARS, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT COMES UP THAT YOU CANNOT DO YOUR JOB AND YOU HAVE TO RESIGN FROM THAT POSITION, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF IT IS ONE YEAR, TWO YEARS, FIVE YEARS, TEN YEARS – YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT.

MOVED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: It is nothing against you, I want you to understand that. I think it is because the Sisters are so scared of stepping into that position and that you do such a great job and if we lose you, just like we have lost Frances Murray before and then Betty Baker. All of them have done such a great job that we have become selfish and say we want you in that position. I am thinking ahead, though. Are we being too selfish in putting them in for that term, that steals from them the opportunity to be able to stand up here as National President?

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: Is there anything that says that if she is in a five-year position and would like to run for another thing that she can't resign that position to run for another position? *The answer was "no."*

HOPE PARKER, DP NY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: There is an honor that comes with serving as National Secretary and National Treasurer for five years they are an Honorary Past National President. If we change this rule, that would remove that honor.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: What that means, ladies, is that at the end of this weekend, I could run for National President. After five years in this position, Sister Mary would be able to run for National President. We don't have to do anything else. Believe me, you earn that honor; you earn that honor.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: I am not clear on if it was a three-year term, you wouldn't have that honorarium? Do you have to sit in that office for five years to get it?

SEVERAL: Yes it is in the CR&R that it has to be a five-year term.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I had an additional paragraph that wasn't read. It does talk about the CR&R's rule and it recommends that we appoint a committee to study and make a presentation of the impact of these rules. I didn't account for the five-year honor here and the intention here is that you are committing to five years and it is not just the Treasurer, I also included the Secretary who has to commit to five years as well. I just wanted you to think about what five years means in your lives and your commitments. I am not saying that I didn't commit to it and if I need to resign, I'll resign, but when you make these commitments you are not asked to make a five-year commitment anywhere, not in a company these days for your loyalty. Five years is a long time so as we look at our future, we want to consider what we are asking.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I changed that a little bit if you had listened – that we appoint an aide to help the Treasurer in case she needs some time off. It was a suggestion of what we could do, but we are voting on whether we are changing the term of office.

MOTION CARRIED

National Webmaster Report

Recommendation #1: That the Auxiliary Voice be produced in at least two formats. One would be used to distribute by United States mail and one to be published on the National webpage. The copy that would be published on the National webpage would be available to anyone and this copy would have blank pages, with the words “See Members Only page for detailed information.” THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH THIS BECAUSE WE NEED BETTER COMMUNICATIONS IN GETTING THAT PASSWORD OUT. I DON’T KNOW IT. IT HAS CHANGED AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: What Ellen is asking that I do, is that the version that gets electronically sent to you through email would not have the addresses in it. In that section, it would say see the National website under this section. The ones that go through the physical mail would have the addresses printed. When they are posted on the National website, those addresses are not posted under the unprotected areas. Now, I am going to play devil’s advocate with you. How the newsletter goes through the mail, it is folded in half and it has two little tabs on the bottom that secures it. For those of you who receive it, you know this. There is nothing to say that when it goes through the national postal service that it A, goes through correctly or B, that those tabs are broken and someone has looked at your mail before you receive it and then they, in turn, have those addresses. So it is, in a lot of ways, me, I am going why are we doing it one version and one for the other when we have to provide our Sisters the National roster and on top of that we have a lot of Sisters who would like to receive it electronically but have had issues with the site in getting into the protected areas. Now we again are limiting them in receiving the information when they need to contact a National Officer. I also have two Past National Presidents who do not receive their newsletter in a hard copy, they only want it electronically. So they, again, will have to go to a separate area to find out their

information. We are not making it user friendly, we are making it harder for the individual. But I, as the newsletter editor, will do whatever you lovely Sisters ask me to do.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, NATIONAL WEBMASTER: I understand what Rachelle saying, however, as we all are aware, there are crawlers out there that grab those email addresses. The likelihood of that being used incorrectly is astronomically higher than the little seal being broken while it is going through the mail. It was passed several years at an Encampment that Sisters did not want their personal information published on the website.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: There are a lot of us who don't have computers and we want our hard copy. I am old school. So if those addresses are not in there, then I don't have any way of contacting anybody.

MOTION CARRIED

The report was suspended to receive the Encampment Site Committee: Jim Crane, Chair and Kevin Tucker, Committee member. The Guides, Color Guards and Escort brought them to the altar and then to the President's station.

JIM CRANE, SUVCW, ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE CHAIR: I just wanted to welcome everybody to the hotel and to let you know that we are glad you are here. We have a lot of people here; we have great numbers. I had the pleasure to work with Linda this past year. It was something that National President Rachelle Campbell started and we had a meeting with her last year with the National Presidents and we continued to do that. I just want to let you know that I think we made some leeway, especially in the money. We rolled that back \$150 to \$400. Commander Mortorff was very gracious in doing that and also for the LGAR. You supported the men and after discussion with the committee, we felt that it was equitable with never paying versus what the ladies were paying. So we decided to ask for a decrease in that. And we continue to work towards having a real Allied Orders. When we started this we knew it was going to take two to three years to do it and we are going to continue to work to the benefit of everyone in this room to hopefully have a bigger say than what you do now. I can pledge to you that that is where we are headed.

KEVIN TUCKER, SUVCW, ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE MEMBER: I am new to the committee. We did a lot of work this year and we have the next two years set up. We hope to see you next year in Massachusetts. We want to get better at this and we want you to be happy with the accommodations that you get and that you have a great encampment every year. If you have any comments or

suggestions or issues, please let us know and we will be happy to see what we can do about it.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Thank you for coming in. We appreciate it. I have worked with Jim all year and it has been a pleasure. The Sons are really working for all the Allied Orders. Thank you so much. All the Commanders are behind us, so that is a plus.

The Committee was escorted from the room.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Ladies, we are going to break for lunch. We have to. Time is short here, so please be back at 1:00.

Chaplain, please close the Bible. *(So done.)*

FOURTH SESSION
Saturday, August 13, 2016
1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, will you open the Bible. *(So done.)*

The Greetings Committee to the SUVWC consisting of President Linda and a delegation of Sisters left at this point. Vice President Denise Oman conducted this portion of the Encampment.

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS
CONTINUES:**

Secretary's Report

Recommendation #1: For administrative purposes, all Auxiliaries-at-Large attached to the National Organization and all National Members-at-Large shall be organized into the National Department-at-Large. **THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.**

MOVED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY

SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

**MOTION FAILED – A DEPARTMENT-AT-LARGE WILL BE
ESTABLISHED**

Recommendation #2: The National President shall serve as the President of the Department-at-Large. The Coordinator of Membership-at-Large shall serve as

the Vice President of the Department-at-Large. The National Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Department-at-Large. There shall be no other permanent officers or standing committees of the Department-at-Large. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.

MOVED by Hope Parker, DP NY
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
That the committee be sustained.

RECORDING WAS NOT STARTED - AUDIO FROM 1:00 P.M. UNTIL THIS POINT WAS MISSING.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: The Membership-at-Large that is currently going through the MAL Coordinator would still be handled through the MAL Coordinator. What it potentially could do is that the MAL Coordinator would only take care of the membership portion of it and the fund of that would no longer need to be a separate account. It would go directly to the National Treasurer.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: It sounds to me like you don't need a Coordinator and that if you are going to have a Department, it shouldn't operate differently than other Departments.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: We have had three discussions and we are short on time. I will give you just a little more clarification. When the committee met, we took this as a whole, because there are a couple of things here that need to be clarified before they are ratified.

MOTION FAILED – OFFICERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED

Recommendation #3: The Department-at-Large shall hold its meetings at the call of the National President. THIS IS ONE OF OUR STICKING POINTS. HOW ARE THEY GOING TO GET THERE? IF YOU ARE FROM NEW YORK OR FLORIDA OR CALIFORNIA AND YOUR PRESIDENT IS FROM TIMBUCTOO, WHERE WILL THEY HOLD THE MEETING? SHE COULD CALL A MEETING ANY TIME SHE WANTS. IT IS POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHY WE DISAGREE WITH THIS. THERE IS ANOTHER AREA TO THIS THAT COVERS THIS.

MOVED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC
SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PDP PA
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: It may be addressed in another section, but I also wanted to remind everybody that bylaws will also address how people need to be there to make a quorum.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: Now that this Department has been established and they will have voting rights, will that take away from the voting rights of each separate Auxiliary. If they are an Auxiliary, they are allowed to send delegates.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: They are but on things like ratification of a change in our CR&R they could not.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: Each Auxiliary-at-Large must provide to the National Secretary by August 1 of each year the names of the Delegates from their Auxiliary who will be attending the Department-at-Large Encampment. THE COMMITTEE TOOK THIS WHOLE THING AS ONE THING, SO WE DISAGREE. WE DISAGREED WITH PARTS OF THIS WHOLE THING.

MOVED by Hope Parker, DP NY

SECONDED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: This no different than the form you have to fill out at your Department Encampments of who is going to go to National. Same form – it just goes to the National Secretary and gives her an idea of who is coming to the National Encampment. You fill that form out as part of the Installation of Officers Report that is filled out and sent to the National Secretary. It starts the ball rolling on who is going to be a Delegate to the National Encampment.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: This seems so complicated. I thought the issue was voting rights and because it is not in our bylaws that they couldn't vote as a delegate, why don't we change the bylaws to allow the voting and not come up with another structure, another set of rules.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #5: At the site of the National Encampment, prior to 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the National President will call to order, an Encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment Department Delegates to the National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the National President is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment, the next ranking officer will call the Encampment to order and preside over the Department-at-Large Encampment. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME
SECONDED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: This meeting would take about five minutes – how many Members-at-Large actually showed up, who do you want to be your delegate, who is your alternate. I modeled this after the Sons. This is how they accommodate their Brothers who are disenfranchised. The Auxiliary-at-Large still has their one vote at National Encampment and for every additional twelve members they get another vote, but they don't have that many members. Out of those Sisters that don't have a vote then you may elect someone who can represent the Department. It makes their vote count at National. The other place where it truly affects the organizational structure of the National Organization is when we need votes from Departments. You must have three Auxiliaries to form a Department and somehow it has gotten where once you have formed a Department you may not dissolve it. We are working on not having enough people to ratify our own rules.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #6: If attendance at the Department-at-Large Encampment is less than the allotment of Department Delegates permitted to the National Encampment, then all in attendance, with the exception of the Department-at-Large officers, will be declared Delegates to the National Encampment. If the number in attendance is greater than the allotment of Department Delegates permitted to the National Encampment, then a vote for Delegates and Alternates must occur. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY
That the committee be sustained

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #7: It shall also be the duty of the Department-at-Large Encampment to vote on the ratification of any amendments to the Constitution submitted to the Departments by the National Encampment. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE.

MOVED by Hope Parker, DP NY
SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PAP
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION FAILED

*The Greetings Committee was sent to visit the
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

The Greetings Committee to the SUVCW returned. President Linda reported that they were well received and everything was wonderful. She gave them certificates and they wished us a very good time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Committee on Constitution, Rules & Regulations

Recommendation #1: That the incoming National President reappoint this Standing Committee with the same membership since we are familiar with the issues and are now prepared to address them. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC
SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: What it means is that the President's arm is twisted. The President has no selection to add or subtract.

MOTION FAILED

Recommendation #2: That the committee fully reviews the CR&R and presents its recommendation for a full revision to the 2017 National Encampment for a vote. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS NULL AND VOID AS A RESULT OF THE PREVIOUS VOTE.

Committee on New Auxiliaries:

Recommendation #1: That this committee should still be part of the Vice President's job. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY
SECONDED by Rosemary Martin CHSPK
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So we are dissolving the committee?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COUNCIL #2: No, we are saying that this committee would always be the Vice President's job to be the New Auxiliary Chairperson.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: How many are on the committee? A committee of one and she is the Chair? You are the chair of your own committee and there are no committee members? You don't need a committee if there are no committee members.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: It is part of her job description.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So you are dissolving the committee is basically what we are doing?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COUNCIL #2: No, we are not dissolving, we are agreeing that yes, it is the Vice President's job.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: It is not a committee. We are saying it is her duty.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So we are dissolving the committee and making it the duty of the Vice President?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COUNCIL #2: There's no committee. It is just that this is the Vice President's job.

MOTION CARRIED

Committee on Membership

Recommendation #1: That the Committee on Membership does not need to exist, as it is already the job of the Vice President. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY
SECONDED by Rosemary Martin CHSPK
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION CARRIED

Technology and Communications

We commend Sister Ellen Higgins on the job she has done to keep the website up to date. There was no recommendation.

Forms and Documents Committee

THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE JUNIOR MEMBER'S APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE UPDATED TO INCLUDE THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES AND WITH THE JUNIOR MEMBER. IT SHOULD ALSO HAVE WORDS TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE BE THREE ADULT MEMBERS PRESENT. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY TRAINING AS THIS COULD LEAD TO LEGAL COMPLICATIONS.

MOVED by Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC
SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: There are other organizations I mentioned that say three people. I think that still leaves us illegal if we have a little one with us and we are not related and the kid is having a bad day and could be going off. My suggestion was parental rights only – they are responsible for their own kids. I don't want to be responsible, even though I am a teacher, I don't want to be responsible for other kids being dumped on me.

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: Is it appropriate to make a recommendation to divide this into sections? The first makes sense to go on the form and the second part makes sense to go to a bylaw or some other thing.

BEVERLY GRAHAM, DP CA&PAC, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, it can be an amendment.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I think that if we don't put these things on the form, we are going to have to come up with liability insurance. If we have a parent or guardian there, it is their responsibility for their child. If the child does not have a parent or guardian there, we will have to have liability insurance or we will be going to court or we will be paying medical bills if something should happen to that child.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Changing hats very quickly, Sisters, I am putting on my National Boy Scout Youth Protection Trainer hat. What we want on the form is that a parent or legal guardian must be with the child at all times. That is all we need on that form. The rest of it we need to put into our own procedures. It should be split in pieces.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COUNCIL #2: That being said, all we want to do is have a parent or guardian present with the Junior member at all times on the application form.

TRICIA BURES, PDP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: What I have written, Sisters is:

Recommendation #1: That the Junior Member's Application Form must state that a Legal Guardian must be in attendance at all times. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOTION CARRIED

IRS and Tax Committee

Background: Commander Eugene G. Mortorff of the Sons Organization (SUVCW) recently issued General Order #22. This order outlines a new IRS requirement that mandates the filing of a new form 8976. This new form pertains to newly formed Auxiliaries or those already formed that have not yet filed their initial 990N e-postcard. The 8976 form is filed electronically and is required to be done within 50 days from the issuing of the Charter or by an imposed September 8, 2016, deadline. There is a \$60 fee that must be paid when the 8976 filing takes place. Failure to file will impose a daily penalty of \$20 per day up to a maximum penalty of \$5,000. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE PERIOD TO FILE THE FORM SHOULD JUST BE 60 DAYS FROM ISSUING THE CHARTER AND NOT HAVE THE IMPOSED SEPTEMBER 8 DEADLINE AS CHARTERS ARE ISSUED AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE YEAR.

Recommendation #1: The President-Elect issue a similar General Order to that issued by SUV Commander Eugene G. Mortorff and have it posted to our website. THE COMMITTEE CONURRED PROVIDING THE SEPTEMBER 8

DEADLINE IS OMITTED.

MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY
SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY
That the committee be sustained.
DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I have the General Order in front of me. But first off, the September 8 deadline is an IRS deadline and what it means is that if you are a new auxiliary, in order to be recognized by the IRS you have to fill out another new form that needs to be done by September 8 if you are already chartered. Once you become chartered, you have from that charter date 60 days, you don't have a September 8 date. We already have chartered organizations chartered last year that haven't filed, so they will have to file this new form. That September 8 is really something we are making you aware of; we are not imposing that date. It is a date that the IRS imposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: The National Organization's Forms, Policies and Procedures are updated to include the details of this General Order as it pertains to new Auxiliaries, guiding them through this process. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Hope Parker, DP NY
SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI
That the committee be sustained.
MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: The National Committee on New Auxiliaries employ a definite knowledge transfer process which advises a new Auxiliary on the IRS mandates, fees and filing deadlines and ensure that the National Treasurer is included as an active member in the Chartering process. THIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DISSOLVED WHICH MEANS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL LET THE NEW AUXILIARIES KNOW OF THE TRANSFER PROCESS WHICH ADVISES A NEW AUXILIARY ON THE IRS MANDATES, FEES AND FILING DEADLINES AND ENSURE THAT THE NATIONAL TREASURER IS INCLUDED AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE CHARTERING PROCESS. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Danielle Michaels, PNP WI
SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #4: The National Organization reimburses the \$50 8976 filing fee back to the Auxiliary once they provide evidence of the filing. This reimbursement will serve as a measure of unity as there are already so many fees imposed for membership and chartering to the new Auxiliary. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Denise Oman, PDP WI

SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, AP CHSPK and Virginia Twist, PNP NY
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: I have a question. Treasurer, where is this \$50 coming from?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Last year we had a number of new Auxiliaries and we charged a \$50 charter fee so it is a net-zero. So we are doing the chartering just as part of the work that we have to do.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC NATIONAL SECRETARY: The chartering fee is \$30.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Sorry for thinking it was a net-zero. My proposal is that we started a new Auxiliary and you are asking them for fees and, paperwork. They have to do this \$50 regardless. Where are we finding the \$50, well, I haven't put it in this year's budget, but I will figure it out and then I will have something to present next year.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee would like to thank Sister Mary Flynn for keeping the National Organization in compliance with the Federal Government. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the Auxiliary. (*applause*)

Charitable Activities

The Committee felt you did an excellent job counting all the reports and we would like to commend you for taking on this task at your first Encampment. The Committee thanks you with a hearty "Huzzah!" (*So done.*)

Committee on Job Descriptions

Recommendation #1: That this committee be dissolved and the responsibilities of this committee are transferred to the National Committee on Policies and Procedures. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

That the Committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Girl Scout Committee

Recommendation #1: That this committee be dissolved. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GIRL SCOUT COMMITTEE FOR THE DONATION OF LETTERS, CERTIFICATES, AND FOLDERS TO THE NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER AND WE FELT THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE THEIR JOB.

MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY

SECONDED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Junior Membership Policy Committee

The Committee thanks Sister Michaels for her extensive investigation regarding this matter. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Management Training Committee

SOME OF THE LADIES FELT THAT THE THURSDAY NIGHT SEMINAR WAS A SPECIAL GROUP ONLY ATTENDANCE. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE ADVERTISEMENT AND AGREED THAT PRIOR TO THE ENCAMPMENT WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY THE SEMINAR IS BEING HELD IS PUT ON THE WEBSITE AND THE NEWSLETTER. THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE SEMINAR NOT TAKE PLACE IN OUR MEETING ROOM AS IT WAS VERY CONFUSING WITH THE ROOM BEING SET UP. THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE WORKSHOP ROOM. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SISTER DANIELLE MICHAELS FOR ALL HER KNOWLEDGE AND HER HARD WORK ON THESE SEMINARS.

MOVED by Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC

SECONDED by Linda Snook, PA

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT LINDA: The reason why was there was another convention in here. We couldn't get in until they were out and there was no other place.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee on the Committee Reports would like to thank Sister Kronberg for this appointment and we would also like to thank all the Sisters who worked so hard on their respective committees and for turning in their reports.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME Chair

Cindy Hilliard, DP OH

Rebekah Thomas, CA&PAC

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC: Sister President, before we jump in, I want to give you a recap of your Greetings Committee to the Ladies. We, unfortunately, arrived too late and they had closed their session for this year's meeting. But they did take us into their Executive Meeting and we spoke to them. They were very grateful for you sending us over to them and they said that other than a few minor hiccups, their encampment went very well and they hoped that you have a very enjoyable end of your day and that they will see you tonight at the banquet.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Thank you.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Maine

There were two recommendations from Maine and because they were not ratified, they were thrown out.

Michigan

Recommendation #1: That the Department Facebook pages be allowed to be linked on the National Website in addition to the already allowed Department websites. **THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT YOU HAVE TO COMMUNICATE TO OUR NATIONAL TO GET THAT PUT ON. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR NATIONAL WEBSITE MISTRESS TO HUNT YOU DOWN, SO WE DID NOT CONCUR. (AFTER DISCUSSION THIS WAS CHANGED TO "CONCUR")**

MOVED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI
SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: This came from us. I had requested that the webmistress link our Facebook page. It was my understanding that she did not feel comfortable without permission from National, so we are asking National if it is OK to have it on there.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: I don't disagree with you, but there was a vote last year to have the Facebook page linked to the National site, so I felt that this assembly needed to approve that I can now put a link for those Departments and Auxiliaries that would like to have them on the site. I am not comfortable with Facebook, but I will do the links, whatever this body feels.

UNKNOWN: I just want to clarify about the National one that is already linked there. That is a public Facebook page, but in order to post on it, it needs to go through whoever set it up, but anyone else can see it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Ok, just a second. Now we are going to change it to CONCUR. Our understanding was there was no filter, so we said "no" but seeing that someone will filter it, we will change, so we will concur with the recommendation.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: I want to clarify. The one that we have now, there is only one person who hosts. But these one, you are going to give each Auxiliary the control of what would go and what wouldn't go on it. No? Oh, so who would control the ones that would be linked?

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: This is for the public Department Facebook pages and there are different levels of security. I believe in Michigan other people could post on ours, but we could make it more restrictive like the National page. There are other places that could be completely open and that would be the Department to choose how they want to do their own Facebook. If you are already on Facebook, you already have some security there. You are already out in the public. This is just another string to drag people towards that Facebook. If you are already a Facebook person, you have already found Departmental public websites.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: I want to make sure I am doing this

right. So, the ones that would be linked, the administrator would be who?

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: Whoever is the administrator of the Department's Facebook public page.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: With the introduction of the scholarship form in August 2015, it was officially made known that the scholarship is for members and descendants of members of the ASUVCW or SUVCW. Prior to this form, this restriction was not common knowledge. It is recommended that an additional category be allowed to submit for the scholarship. This category would be active military members or veterans who are not members or descendants of members of ASUVCW or SUVCW. Applicants from this new category would still need to be recommended by a Department the same as current applicants and go through the same submittal process. Reasoning: the National President may still show preference in her final decision to a member or descendant of members of ASUVCW or SUVCW at her discretion; this would open the applicant pool slightly; this would allow us another avenue to serve active military and veterans. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR. WE HAVE YOUTH WITHIN OUR OWN ORGANIZATIONS AND WE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A HIGH PRIORITY. IT IS THE DISCRETION OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND WE WANT OUR PEOPLE PICKED.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Hope Parker, DP NY

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: It is recommended that the phrase "or local Auxiliary" or similar be added as an option of where to send membership applications. Right now, the website implies that all applications must be processed only through the National Vice President. Adding the phrase, or one similar, will reduce confusion and reduce application processing time. OUR PROBLEM WITH AGREEING WITH THAT IS THAT WILL FORCE ALL LOCAL AUXILIARIES TO BE LISTED. IF THEY ARE APPLYING BLIND, THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE IS AN AUXILIARY. WE FEEL THAT IT STILL IS THE DUTY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO GET THAT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE DEPARTMENTS. WE DID NOT CONCUR.

MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI
SECONDED by Connie Horning, NPI MI
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: This one came about because we wanted to help trigger the applicants to look for their local Auxiliary, first of all, and second so that there is not a delay of a back and forth to National. We would like the wording to change that. We were hoping that would trigger them to go to their local Department to find out where an Auxiliary might be for their local Auxiliary. Some of the confusion comes from members who actually know who their local Auxiliary is but they are filling out their form and sending it to National anyway.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC: The form that is on the National website is for an individual who is not from a Department or an Auxiliary and they know where that entity is. It is for that individual who is surfing the web and comes across us and wants to fill out an application. That is why it is linked to the National Vice President. At one time on our previous website, there was a secondary application that did not have the Vice President's information and it was just an application. There is a list of all Departments and there is a list of all Auxiliaries on the National site but if you link them over to an application, first off, I know that everybody's application is not all the same. The application for our Auxiliary has the amount on it. The second problem is that we run into the issue that we have discussed previous years and again this year about our contact information and keeping it private because if you are going to list who these applications go to, you have to list your Vice Presidents of all your Auxiliaries and provide their information. We don't have dummy emails for every Auxiliary and every Department for those individuals. They are unable to access that information on the website because they are not members.

MOTION CARRIED

New Hampshire

Recommendation #1: WHEREAS, the current text and any approved and accepted and not yet ratified text of Chapter 1, Article IV, of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) National Constitution regarding eligibility to membership consider the following terms as a female person:

Mothers, Widow, Wives, Sisters, Daughters, Grand-Daughters, Great-Grand-Daughters, Nieces, Great-Nieces, Associates; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that until such time as the ASUVCW

changes its National Constitution to use terms that specifically call out a male relation:

1. No male persons will be considered for initiation into the organization as a member.
2. Any non-female person already having been initiated does not conform to the spirit of the text and shall be considered terminated immediately and any monies collected for membership dues be reimbursed back to such said male person by the initiating Auxiliary, Department or National body;
3. Should the officers and/or members choose to recognize a male person's contributions and efforts the ASUVCW urges them to do so in a manner similar to those used by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War when recognizing ladies of the Allied Orders.

THE COMMITTEE CONCURS – NO MALES IN THE ORDER.

MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

SECONDED by Cindy Eddy, CA&PAC

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: As of right now, we have two males that have been taken into the Organization. One is in Michigan and one is in California.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC: No, there is a total of five and they are Honorary Members. We are honoring them for the work that they have done for our Order. Where we earlier excepted that we could give them accolades if a Department felt that it was acceptable.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Ok, one of the male members in Michigan was taken in as a full member because I initiated him and that was Jim Pahl. He was given a badge and he paid dues.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Ok, there is a difference. We have brothers who are honorary because there is no badge of honor to give them. This states that we are not taking anybody in as a member who is male. That does not take privileges away from someone.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: One was taken in as a member.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: A lot of times

when things change that are already in place, what we say is that they are “grandfathered in.” Is that a possibility and I don’t want to bring any anxiety to this gentleman because he has been wonderful. I think that if we take that away they will take that as an abandonment of the love that we gave to them. Is there a possibility that we grandfather him in place?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: They want the money given back and the badge given back.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: We understand that these are members. I have never heard of the word Honorary brought up in the past. Are these honorary people paying per capita? Based on my recollection I was seeing per capita tax come in. What we are talking about is that we have members. Now if we are talking about Honorary Members, that’s different. Everybody is agreeing that we are not allowing males as members. I think we ought to be clear on what an Honorary Member is so that we can recognize them as such.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Ok, I will talk to the gentleman from Michigan and make sure that he understands that he is an Honorary Member and doesn’t have to pay dues anymore.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: If we want to vote that there are no males in the Order and if we can exclude our Honorary Members because we don’t have a badge or anything else, does New Hampshire want to make that change right now?

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #3: I see no place in our rules for Honorary Members. This is what we have to approach. If we want to have Honorary Members, we need to put it in writing. No one made me a member of the Sons but I certainly got a nice award. I don’t know why we couldn’t institute a nice award to give to people that we appreciate. I know there are many Sons who do a lot of things for us. I think a nice certificate and a medal would more than suffice. I feel this is a female organization.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: What I am going to ask then, Sister, before there is a vote on this, would you be kind, would you be willing, to send this to the CR&R Committee so that they can make some kind of adjustment to the honors of our Sons, because right now it’s either they are in, they are out.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #3: Absolutely, I don’t want to

offend anybody.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: We will send this to the committee. Thank you.

New Jersey

Recommendation #1: A committee be formed to study a different oath of membership for non-USA applicants to be a legal member of any Auxiliary of ASUVCW. THIS IS THROWN OUT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT RATIFIED.

Recommendation #2: When displaying the Application of the National web page:

1. That it be posted that there is an Application fee of said amount to be paid to National and;
2. That each Auxiliary also has a membership fee that will need to be paid.

This information is not posted and so applicants do not realize that there are these fees that need to be paid. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS. WOULD NEW JERSEY BE WILLING TO SEND THIS THE FORMS AND DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE FOR THEM TO WORK ON?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, WEBMASTER: Yes.

Pennsylvania

Recommendation #1: All Department Sisters wishing to become a National Officer, a recommendation must come from the Department with a majority vote. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR BECAUSE THAT WOULD ELIMINATE NATIONAL FROM PRESENTING ANYONE FROM THE FLOOR. IF THERE IS A VACANCY, THAT MEANS WE CANNOT FILL IT.

MOVED by Tricia Bures, PDP CA&PAC

SECONDED by Mary Rittel, PDP IA

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: Sisters can only be a dual member in one Auxiliary. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR BECAUSE DUAL MEMBER MEANS MORE THAN ONE. IF THE SISTER IS WILLING TO PAY THE PER CAPITA, IT IS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER THAT SHE IS JOINING TO HELP THAT AUXILIARY. NO ONE CAN AFFORD BELONGING TO EVERY ONE, SO THERE MUST BE A PURPOSE IN JOINING. WE NEED TO LEAVE THAT SPIRIT OF HELPING IN THE SISTER.

MOVED by Unknown

SECONDED by Mary Rittel, PDP IA

That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

LINDA SNOW, PA: What we were talking about in the encampment meeting was someone transferring, so the way it is written is a bit confusing English wise. This person wanted to join this one and then jump around and join another one and then join another one. They wanted to belong to all of them. They wanted to belong this week to Pennsylvania and next week belong to California. That was the reason for the recommendation.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Transfers are totally different. When you transfer, you give up your rights from that Auxiliary.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #3: Proper attire for Auxiliary members as follows:

- a. Long dresses
- b. Street length dresses (not above the knees)
- c. White slacks with white top

WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS IN LENGTH FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND IT IS OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE WE SAID THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE BROUGHT UP, DEALING WITH DRESS.

Wisconsin

Recommendation #1: The Department of Wisconsin recommends the newsletter submission dates for articles are posted on Facebook, the Auxiliary website, and in the current newsletter.

The due dates are currently listed in each job description, but nowhere else for members to see. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

MOVED by Helen Granger, MI

SECONDED by Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH

That the committee be sustained.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation #2: Since the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic order and its members are proud of their ancestors' heritage, therefore, the Wisconsin Department ASUVCW recommends that the Supply Officer be allowed to stock standard pole size Auxiliary Flags, blue

background with the Auxiliary seal, to be purchased by its membership for display or flying with their American Flag. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS. MOVED by Lisa Smith, PAP MI
SECONDED by Hillary Ward, NH
That the committee be sustained.

DISCUSSION:

CHER PETROVIC MO, NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER: I have tried since I took over to find somebody to make said flags and have not been successful. Unless you all want to pay \$400 or \$500 a flag.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: The way that was worded sounded like we have an inventory in stock. What I am thinking is we find out what the Sons do and how they order flags. We don't want to be putting out money in advance for flags.

RAMONA GREENWALT, PDP OH: Sister National President, may I clarify. When we discussed this issue, the first thing that I had written was 'cost of stock.' We wanted the Supply Officer to investigate the cost of stocking these flags and then we could make an intelligent decision.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: The problem is, we can't stock the flags. They have to be individually made for the Department or the Auxiliary so they have your names on them. That is how the Sons do it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: We are not doing that. We are not talking about personalization. We are talking about blue ones with the seal that can be put up under the American flag – a 3x5 or 4x6.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Sisters from Wisconsin, can we drop the word "stock" to read "investigate" the cost? *Delegation agreed.* With the changing of the wording, does the committee still concur? THE COMMITTEE SAID YES, THEY STILL CONCURRED.

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: My local Auxiliary doesn't care if it is screen printed or if it is the \$450 kind where you sew on the letters, we will find the money if we need to. We don't care – we want a flag.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT LINDA: Is there any further new business to be brought before this

Encampment? If there are no objections, the Encampment shall now recess for 5 minutes. Sister Chaplain, will you please close the Bible?

The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess.

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, will you please open the Bible. (*so done*)

We will now have the nomination and election of National Officers for the 2016-2017 term. Each office up for election will be nominated and elected before proceeding to the next office.

President

ELISE OMAN, PDP WI ACTING NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: It is my privilege to nominate a Sister who has donated countless hours to speaking and educating the public and school children, participating in various endeavors, selling goods and has raised thousands of dollars for the Auxiliary. This past year held some trying times. She has handled difficult tasks with sensitivity, grace and the utmost respect to all parties involved. I wholeheartedly believe there is no one more capable for this position than the current VP Denise Oman.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Wisconsin, stand up. We all agree with Sister Elise: that is her mother, that is my sister. I can tell you she worked very, very hard and even though she has not been in as long as I, she has always, always been one to try to catch, because she just moves quickly and fast learning and trying to do what needs to be done for the Auxiliary. We wholeheartedly from all Wisconsin nominate her for President.

Vice President

CINDY HILLIARD, DP OH: I would like to nominate Sister Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, for the office of National Vice President. SECONDED by the Department of Ohio delegation.

Secretary

UNKNOWN: On behalf of the Department of California & Pacific, it is my pleasure to nominate, PNP Rachelle Campbell for the office of National Secretary. SECONDED by the whole Department delegation.

Council #1

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI: The Department of Michigan wholeheartedly nominates the current National President, Linda Kronberg, for Council #1. SECONDED by Wisconsin Department

Council #2

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: Sister Fallon, please stand up.

I want everybody to take a good look at this young lady. She has worked very hard in the state of Wisconsin. She has volunteered to help out as Council from the knowledge that she has learned from our Department, and we wholeheartedly nominate her for the second seat of Council. SECONDED by Elise Oman, PDP WI

Council #3

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC: It is my great pleasure to nominate our Past National Secretary and nominate her for the position of Council Member #3. SECONDED by several

Chaplain

BARBARA LYNCH, PAP OH: It is my great pleasure to nominate Sister Wanda Langdon for the position of National Chaplain. SECONDED by Ohio Department delegation

Patriotic Instructor

LISA SMITH, PAP MI: It is my great pleasure, honor and other things to nominate Sister Jan Davis. SECONDED by Karen Hamann, PDP MI

Press Correspondent

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I would like to nominate a person who has done a fantastic job as PI this year as the Press Correspondent – Sister Hope Parker. SECONDED by unknown

PRESIDENT LINDA: We will now move into the Chief of Staff report.

NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

It has been an honor to serve as Chief of Staff this past year. Thank you Sister President Linda Kronberg for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position. Thank you to all the Departments, Auxiliaries, Clubs and individuals who gave donations, items to be sold and supported the fund-raising activities. A huge thank you to Sisters Barbara Lynch and Judy Brown who helped in so many ways!!!

I am pleased to say the total amount received from donations and sales of items and raffles was \$3463.52.

Departments and Auxiliaries

Chesapeake	
Antietam #3	\$ 12.50
Connecticut	25.00
Conklin-Sellew #20	15.00
Iowa	25.00

Michigan	15.00
Ohio	150.00
Sister Anthony O'Connell #10	25.00
McClellan #91	15.00
John S. Townsend #108	25.00
Eliza Garfield #142	25.00
 New Hampshire	 25.00
Gilman Sleeper #60	25.00
Pennsylvania	25.00
Jenny Wade #27	15.00
Sarah A. Crawford #43	15.00
Brindle Camp #50	100.00
Vermont	100.00
Wisconsin	25.00
	<u>\$662.50</u>

Clubs:

Mary Jo's Muffins	\$10.00
Mary's Mademoiselles	10.00
Minnie's Whalers	5.00
Ginny's Gems (included in Cash)	
PNP Club (included in Cash)	
	<u>\$25.00</u>

Personal Donations:

Anne Sosnowski, PNP	\$10.00
Cynthia Brown, PNP	25.00
Ramona Greenwalt, PDP	50.00
Jane Graham, PNP	10.00
Nancy Hilton, PNP	25.00
Judy Trepanier, PNP	10.00
Judy Morgan, PDP	20.00
Teresa Doyle, PDP	25.00
Linda Kronberg, NP	50.00
Anonymous	25.00
Connie Horning	150.00
	<u>\$400.00</u>

Remembrance Day Sales & Raffle	\$300.00
SUVCW Raffle	300.00

Sale of items	815.00
Cash (raffles, table sales, etc.)	<u>960.03</u>
	\$2,375.03

Grand Total **\$3,462.53**

Basket donations were donated by:

Department of Texas

Department of Maine

Department of Michigan

Department of New Hampshire

Antietam Auxiliary #3, Department of the Chesapeake

Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary, Department of Ohio

The Antietam Auxiliary won the 1st place prize for the most raffle tickets sold with the Department of Texas taking 2nd place.

Several individuals donated items to be sold or raffled (please forgive me if I overlook someone since people were giving us items during the hectic sales at the encampment).

Ohio Sisters Jane Graham, Nancy Hilton, Ramona Greenwalt, Judy Brown, Barbara Lynch and Becky Black all donated items.

The totals amount of money received from raffles, sales of items and silent auctions was \$1,565.00.

Wanda Langdon, PDP OH
National Chief of Staff

(applause)

PRESIDENT LINDA: We will move on to the Patriotic Instructor Financial Report.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

We are going to make this quick. We are going to do a bottom line and there's going to be two items that will continue to be raffled this evening. Instead of saying "I," I would like to say "we" because it has been an absolutely wretched year for me. Without all of your support, I would not have been able to do this - \$2,207.50. *(applause)*

Hope Parker, DP NY
National Patriotic Instructor

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: Sister Linda, we have a bit of business that the Council needs to bring to your attention. Currently, the office of the DC Representative is sitting vacant because the Sister who held that office resigned her membership within our Order. By our current bylaws or CR&R, this office needs to be held by a Sister who lives in the DC proper. We currently do not have a Sister who is living in the DC area. The Auxiliary that was associated with that area has had their charter revoked and they have closed. With that being the case, it is the recommendation of the Council that the office of the DC Representative be eliminated. As we are not a Congressionally chartered organization, we are chartered through the state of Ohio, we do not feel at this time that we have the office of the DC Representative.

MOVED by Bev Graham, PDP CA&PAC

SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP PA

That since there is no one qualified for the office of Washington DC Representative, therefore that office be dissolved.

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Just a clarification. Does this change our bylaws?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, COUNCIL #1: Yes, because this is not in the Constitutional portion of the bylaws. It is in the Rules portion of the bylaws so we can make this change here on the National floor and then make that change afterward.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN: I think I have a Point of Order. I do believe before any more discussion that there has to be Australian ballots cast for all the members because there is no one competing against them. The Australian ballot is when the National Secretary reads off their name and says that the membership has voted them in. After that, we can finish with this vote and then go into swearing them in.

Discussion suspended while the National Secretary read the slate of officers and then cast the unanimous ballot. Discussion resumed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHER PETROVIK AP MO NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER: I have a gift for Sister Mary - \$1,368.50 (*applause*)

PRESIDENT LINDA: Does anyone have anything for the good of the Order?

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI, PERSONAL AIDE: I was going to give you this big old speech and I can't do it! (*Presented scrapbooks.*)

HELEN GRANGER, MI: I want to thank all the Sisters who added their names to Linda's personal guest book. If you have not signed the book, please let me know. Thank you very much.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I organized a dedication for my great-great-grandfather. I had all five Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic represented at this dedication. My great-great-grandfather, Ludwig Marks, was never honored as a Civil War veteran when he died. He was not allowed to be in the GAR. He was blackballed for some reason that his family does not know. So he never had anything at his grave to mark him as a Civil War soldier. He marched in Sherman's March to the sea, but he was never honored. So I wrote to the President of the LGAR and she sent me a letter that I read at his dedication last May. I had a lovely representation from the Woman's Relief, I had representation from the Daughters and I had representation from the Auxiliary, so I was able to accomplish my goal of having representation of all five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic for a veteran who was not ever honored as a Civil War veteran. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT LINDA: Is there anything else for the good of the Order? No?

If there are no objections, the Encampment shall now recess for a ten-minute break to prepare for the installation of the new Officers. Sister Chaplain, will you close the Bible?

*The Chaplain attended the altar for a short recess
to prepare for the Installation of Officers.*

PRESIDENT LINDA: Sister Chaplain, will you please open the Bible? (*so done*)

Sister Installing Officer, we are ready to proceed with the Installation of Officers.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National President, have the Secretary's and Treasurer's books been duly reviewed by the National Council and reported correct, and has that report been accepted by this National body?

PRESIDENT LINDA: They have.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National

President, you are now relieved of the command of the National Organization and, in accordance with Chapter I, Article IX, of the Regulations, having creditably and faithfully served a term as President, you are entitled to, and will occupy for the ensuing year, the seat of honor in this organization, the Past President's chair.

*The Past National President's badge was pinned on her
by Personal Aide Karen Hamann, PDP MI.*

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, INSTALLING OFFICER: I will appoint Sisters Virginia Twist and Cindy Eddy to act as Guides, Sisters Cindy Hilliard and Rebekah Thomas to act as Color Guards, and Sister Helen Granger to act as Chaplain. These Officers will please take their stations.

Sister National Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our esteemed Sister to the Past President's chair.

*Past National President Linda Kronberg was escorted around the room and then
to the Past President's chair.*

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National Secretary, you will call the names of the officers-elect, who will take positions or be escorted on my left in the order named.

*The following officers-elect took places on the left as their names were called.
They were installed in ritualistic form.*

President	Denise Oman, WI
Vice President.....	Ramona Greenwalt, OH
Council #1	Linda Kronberg, MI
Council #2	Susan Fallon, WI
Council #3	Tricia Bures, CA&PAC
Secretary.....	Rachelle Campbell, CA&PAC
Treasurer	Mary Flynn, NH
Patriotic Instructor	Jan Davis, MI
Chaplain	Wanda Langdon, OH
Press Correspondent.....	Hope Parker, NY
Co-Counselor.....	Danielle Michaels, WI
Co-Counselor.....	Stephen Michaels, SUVCW
Chief of Staff	Elizabeth Craig, WI
Personal Aide.....	Elise Oman, WI

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National Guide, you will escort to this station the President of the National Organization.

National President Denise Oman is escorted to clapping from the delegates. Installation proceeded as per ritual. The National President's badge was pinned on President Denise by her daughter, Elise Oman.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DENISE OMAN: (*a portion not recorded*) I love each one of you and I want you to be able to call me at any time. I'd like to know when you have celebrations, to know when you are rejoicing and I also want to know some of your sorrows and perhaps I will be able to give you a little support and aid. I am just overwhelmed to think that I am even here. A number of years ago, I want you to know that Past National President Danielle is my sister and that one over there is my daughter, who I am very proud of, but years and years and lots of years ago my daughter was brought into the Organization by my sister. I was somewhere else, doing other things. And after a while, Danielle snagged me and brought me to a National Encampment where my someone took me aside and she said someday you will have to really, really work hard to be up there and at that time I believe Margaret Atkinson was President. No? Well, the thing is, Margaret was another one that took me aside and she said, you, young lady, will need to work hard to get up here and I thought hmmm, I don't want to! Lots of work! And I tell you over the years, getting to know different people, I didn't consider it to be work as much as an honor to have the company of the other ladies. I really rejoice with my Auxiliary Sisters from Wisconsin in that we have a good time when we get together. We work hard, believe me, we work hard and I would like to have that relationship with all of you. The only thing that stands between us for having a relationship like that is distance. However, with today's technology, I will be able to text, Facetime, phone and that brings it way down to no excuse. So I am going to let you know right now at this moment, I do not have a computer, but that is going to be rectified as soon as I get home and have a talk with my husband. In case you think I still live in Milwaukee, we have bought a 168-acre farm and I have retired from full-time teaching and I am subbing and farming. I have all sorts of animals and you are more than welcome when you are in the state of Wisconsin, come on by and we can do chores together! (*laughter*) So, in all seriousness, if you have not heard around the Servant Leadership program, that is what I am going to try to instill into the Auxiliary with your help, with your guidance, with your support. Because it's got a title on it; however, it is what you do every day. It's how we should talk to each other. It's how we should support each other, recognize each other and so I am going to ask your help with the things that I do. Because, yes, I am the one making the final decision on many things; however, this is your Organization, not just mine. I will abide by the bylaws, the Constitution, and I will fight for that

with all my heart. But you are the people that make up the Auxiliary and are the living Constitution and bylaws and; therefore, I get the need for your support and your help. And so, I entrust my success in your hands because I know that you are the ones that are going to be doing the work and hopefully when we are here next year, we're going to have a marvelous time celebrating our achievements and let's hope that those that weren't able to attend this year's Encampment, will be either healed, or relieved from their work, whatever it is, but I want you each to try to bring one more person to Encampment, and then I am going to expect that you bring one more to the Organization.

Ok, I have talked enough so you need to pretty up for your banquet tonight.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP, WI: Let it be known that this is history. Never has this Auxiliary been served by twins! (*applause*)

PRESIDENT DENISE: Ah, the chain of command and you will take your instructions from me. For what's it worth, we go back and forth. We have a little bit of history with Civil Air Patrol, which is an auxiliary of the Air Force and it is the only civilian group that is recognized as part of the Air Force. Danielle just came off of a tour of being a Squadron Commander and having over a hundred people under her command, including aircraft and all sorts of other things. I was Squadron Commander a bunch of years ago, so have traded back and forth, so that is what this is. Ok, there are a few announcements to make before we adjourn.

1. Don't forget the Allied Orders Banquet that will take place at 7 p.m. There will be a pre-banquet Reception starting at 6:30 p.m. in front of the banquet room. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
2. The Open House will take place at 9:45 p.m. in the Past Commander-in-Chief's room, the Governor's suite on the 12th floor.
3. The Non-Denomination Church service will take place tomorrow at 7:00 a.m.
4. The Old and New Council Meeting will take place at 8:00 a.m., Linda Kronberg will check with Jim Crane on the location.
5. The New Officers will have a short meeting immediately following the Old and New Council Meeting.
6. Next year's Annual Encampment will be August 10-13 in Lansing, MI.

Any other announcements?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Just so everyone knows, Trish lives in Washington as the outgoing National Secretary. I still live in California, so the same rules apply – if you are getting up for work at 5:00 a.m., it is 3:00 a.m. in California. Do not call me before 9:00 my time. The

other thing, just so you guys know, every Saturday will be my business working day for the National Organization. Monday through Friday, you can call and leave a message for me, but I probably will not answer you as I have classwork every single day of the week. I just wanted to let you know what my office hours are so you can get hold of me. Thank you.

*Congratulations and Best Wishes were extended
to National President Denise by many.*

PRESIDENT DENISE: Seeing as there is no further business to come before this Auxiliary, we will proceed to close.

Chaplain, will you ask the blessing of God to be with us before we part.

WANDA LANGDON, PDP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Our Father in Heaven, as we are about to depart for our homes, we ask thee to go with us. Keep us ever mindful of our duties and help us to faithfully and impartially perform them. Amen.

PRESIDENT DENISE: Sisters, we have completed our business and are about to depart to our homes, let us remember our duty to each other and our Order and conduct ourselves in such a manner that our objects may be seen and appreciated by all persons. God bless us and keep us all safe until we gather again. This meeting is now closed. Thank you.

The Encampment closed until August, 2017.

**LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 130TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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Cynthia Eddy D
Cindi Menzies D
Rebekah Thomas D

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Kristina Molitor G
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Susan Weart D

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Carole Morton D

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Gloria Fisher D
Janet Hilyer D
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Betty Wheeler D

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Judy Brown D
Ramona Greenwalt D
Cindy Hilliard D
Judy Hritsko D
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Darlene Alcorn D
Laura Kane D
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Anna Frail D

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Jennifer Dyer D

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Cheryl Petrovic D

Louisa Volker #215, MO

Susan Breland D

Polly Toole #17, TN

Cynthia McReynolds D
Rachel McReynolds D

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Norma Pollard D

Gov. Isaac Stevens #1, WA

Patricia Bures NS

D – Delegate

J – Junior

G - Guest

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1894-96 †	Mrs. Margaret Howey Coe, Springfield, IL
1897 †	Mrs. Kate G. Raynor, Toledo, OH
1898 †	Mrs. Elizabeth H.R. Davis, Takoma Park, DC
1899 †	Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Greenwood, MA
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1903-4 †	Mrs. Addie M. Wallace, Indianapolis, IN
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† Deceased

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No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI
14th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI
16th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL
21st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC
24th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ

25th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA
41st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH
45th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA
59th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN

61st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
63rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Indianapolis	IN
64th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
73rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
81st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
83rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
91st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI

97th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY
102nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH
111th	1997	Aug. 7-10	Utica	NY
112th	1998	Aug. 6-9	Harrisburg	PA
113th	1999	Aug. 19-22	Indianapolis	IN
114th	2000	Aug. 17-20	Lansing	MI
115th	2001	Aug. 10-12	Springfield	MO
116th	2002	Aug. 8-11	Springfield	IL
117th	2003	Aug. 7-10	Ft. Mitchell	KY
118th	2004	Aug. 12-15	Cedar Rapids	IA
119th	2005	Aug. 4-7	Nashua	NH
120th	2006	Aug. 10-13	Harrisburg	PA
121st	2007	Aug. 9-12	St. Louis	MO
122nd	2008	Aug. 7-10	Peabody	MA
123rd	2009	Aug. 13-16	Louisville	KY
124th	2010	Aug. 12-15	Overland Park	KS
125th	2011	Aug. 11-14	Reston	VA
126th	2012	Aug. 9-12	Los Angeles	CA
127th	2013	Aug. 8-11	Brookfield	WI
128th	2014	Aug. 14-17	Marietta	GA
129th	2015	Aug. 20-23	Richmond	VA
130th	2016	Aug. 11-14	Springfield	IL

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