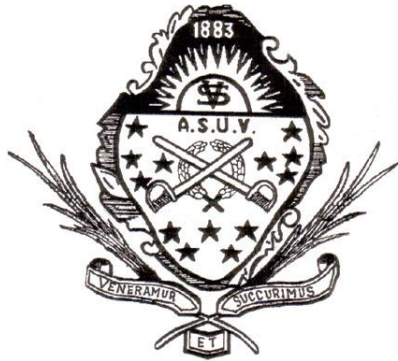


# National Proceedings

One Hundred and Thirty-First  
Annual Encampment

## Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



LANSING, MICHIGAN  
August 10 – 13, 2017



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**Mrs. Beatrice E. Terry-Greenwalt**

Past National President

1989-1990

Department of New York

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the  
Civil War



# **JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic**

**August 11, 2017**

**Lansing, MI**

SUVCW National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski Presiding

Posting of the Colors

Singing of *Star-Spangled Banner*

Pledge of Allegiance

Color Guard Retires

Draping of the Charters

Commander-in-Chief, Presidents and Chaplains

Placing Roses and Lighting Candles

Singing of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Eulogy for PCinC Bud Atkinson

Eulogy for PCinC Charlie Kuhn

LGAR Chaplain Reading Deceased Members

ASUVCW Chaplain Reading Deceased Members

SUVCW National Chaplain Eulogy for Deceased Brothers

Singing of *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Conclusion

# **BANQUET PROGRAM**

**August 12, 2017**

**Lansing, MI**

Master of Ceremonies .....Ed Norris

Posting of the Colors.....14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Co. A  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Cindy Eddy  
Department President, CA&PAC

Welcome Remarks ..... Donald L. Martin  
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

Invocation .....Jerome Kowalski  
National Chaplain, SUVCW

Dinner .....Music by Lauren Maran  
Violinist

Introduction and Greetings .....	David Smith
	Department Commander, MI
	Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV
	National President, LGAR
	National President, DUVCW
	National President, ASUVCW
Closing Prayer.....	Jerome Kowalski
	National Chaplain, SUVCW
Retiring of the Colors .....	14 <sup>th</sup> Michigan Co. A
	Sons of Veterans Reserve

**FIRST SESSION**  
**Friday, August 11, 2017**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA GREENWALT:** Prior to the formal opening of the Encampment, for the record, I would like to enter this. Our National President, Sister Denise Oman, was called home due to her father's illness. Please remember Sisters Denise and Danielle, Elise, Allison, and Anne and their families in your prayers. Sister Chaplain, would you please go to one of the mics and lead us in prayer for our Sisters.

**WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:** Dear Lord, we come before you with heavy hearts. Lord, we ask that you lift up our Sisters Denise, Danielle, Elise, Allison, Anne, and their families as they struggle with the impending loss of their dear father and grandfather. Father, we know that all things are in Your time, but loss can be difficult. Lord, be with us this morning in this proceeding and I especially ask, Lord, that you bind this room; You keep Satan outside. You keep all of us together, hand in hand, heart and heart, focused on Your will, on our mission and our purpose that we are one as we are one now as we pray and ask Your peace, love, and grace on our dear Sisters. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** I hereby declare the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War open.

Sister Chair of Council, may we have the report of your Auditing Committee? While we are waiting, I would like to admonish all of us present that we need to keep the chit-chat and conversations to a bare minimum because this is being recorded and all of the background noise makes it very, very difficult to have it transcribed.

When you approach the microphone to speak, you need to give your name, your rank, and the Department you are representing.

### COUNCIL REPORT

The Council has reviewed the books and everything is in order. Thank you very much.

Linda Kronberg, PNP MI, Council #1

Susan Fallon, WI, Council #2

Virginia Twist, PNP NY, Council #3 Pro Tem

LINDA KRONBERG, PNP MI, COUNCIL #1: I have a card here at the table for Denise. I have several, so if we fill up one, I have other ones. So please come to the Council to sign for both Denise and Danielle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I am going to make the following appointments:

### ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS

Vice President.....	Karen Hamann, PDP MI
Council #3 .....	Virginia Twist, PNP NY
Patriotic Instructor .....	Gloria Fisher, PDP NY
Counselor.....	Nancy Hilton, PNP OH
Parliamentarian.....	Nancy Hilton, PNP OH
Guide .....	Judy Morgan, PNS OH
Assistant Guide.....	Amy Miller, PDP OH
Color Guard #1 .....	Barbara Day, PDP CHSPK
Color Guard #2 .....	Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC
Inside Guard .....	Linda Brown, PDP WI
Outside Guard.....	Rebecca Black, AP OH
Escorts .....	JoEllen Kowalski, IL and Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH
Pages.....	Emelia Campbell, CA&PAC and Elizabeth Lloyd, MI

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**Committee Reports:** Chair Linda Kronberg, PNP; Wanda Langdon, DP; Carol Dyer, AP

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**Resolutions:** Chair Cynthia Brown, PNP; Connie Horning

**Elections:** Chair Cindy Eddy, PDP; Rosemary Martin, DVP; Cynthia McReynolds, AP

**Greetings Committee to the SUVCW:** Cynthia Brown, PNP; Barbara Lynch, PAP

**Greetings Committee to the LGAR:** Nancy Hilton, PNP; Linda Kronberg, PNP

**Responses:**

**To the SUVCW:** Virginia Twist, PNP

**To the LGAR:** Mary Flynn, PDP

**To the recipient of the P.I. Donation:** Jane Graham, PNP

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: We will now have the Officers' March. Officers will please retire.

*Officers' March proceeded as per Ritual.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, you will proceed to the Altar, open the Bible and ask the Devine Blessing. (*so done*)

Sister Guides, you will make the round of the Auxiliary and report if all present are entitled to remain. Also, see that the doors are properly guarded.

*After several members were found without a membership card and Sisters vouched for them, the Guides reported all entitled to remain and guards familiar with their duties.*

*Opening proceeded as per Ritual.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Secretary, you will call the roll of Officers who will define their duties. (*so done*)

As a matter of formality, Sister Secretary, are there minutes from the last meeting?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I was provided no minutes from our outgoing National Secretary from her previous term for this Encampment.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Secretary, have you any applications for membership?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Sister President, no I have no applications for membership.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Does any Sister know of sickness or distress in the family of a Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War or a Sister of the Order?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Sister President, I report that we lost a Past National President during this past year – Sister Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt.

*The Charter was draped in memory of  
Past National President Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt NY.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I have asked and was told I could do this. Having draped the charter in memory of Sister Bea, I would like to tell a story about Sister Bea and myself and the Alliance Auxiliary when she was living in Ohio. We were having a National President coming to our local Auxiliary meeting and it had been a long time since I had done floor work. Other ladies that were going to be on the floor had never done the floor work. I took my car out of the garage and swept the garage out, set up the floor in the garage, and Sister Bea acted as President as we practiced. Our flagstuffs were brooms that I had in the garage and I will always remember that and I will always treasure that.

If anyone else has a good memory, feel free to relate.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: As being a member of her original Auxiliary #72, she was like a mother to me. We traveled a lot together and we did a lot of things together. She was always such a lady.

LINDA KRONBERG, PNP MI, COUNCIL #1: When I was Chaplain, I sent quite a few cards and letters and when Bea's apartment caught fire, I sent some to her. I found this poem and she wrote me back when she started feeling better and she said she read the poem every day before she went to therapy and that it gave her a lot of hope.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: I met Bea after she came back to New York and I thought, what a privilege to have somebody with as many years of experience. She was always willing to help and she helped everybody, not just members.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: I have a memory of my husband's that I would like to share and the response he received. He was the Chief of Staff and also the liaison to the Auxiliary and he received the nicest note from Bea. He had just sent a letter out letting her know what was going on. She sent back a thank you for him doing that. I think that just matches what everyone has been saying about her thoughtfulness just extended to everyone.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I met Bea in New York when I attended the Department Encampment and I just want to say she was an outstanding woman. Boy, could she give a Greeting! That was so impressive and that was something that I enjoyed so much. And the time that I did know her, the last four years, I just enjoyed her Responses and her Greetings and she was just a wonderful woman.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Secretary, will you read Correspondence.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Thank you from the Cathedral of the Pines
2. Thank you from Roosevelt Grand Army of the Republic Hall Preservation, Inc., WI

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Guides, will you take up the collection, please? (*so done*)

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**

**That the money that has just been collected be divided equally between the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Chief of Staff funds.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I am going to ask the Chaplain to attend the Altar and close the Bible because I forgot to do the gifts. (*so done*)

Sister Barbara Lynch would you come up, please. These are presentations and citations from the National President: Sister Linda, Sister Susan Fallon, Sister Mary Flynn, Sister Wanda Langdon, Sister Elizabeth Craig, Sister Hope Parker, Sister Melinie Caines, and Sister Judy Morgan. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, will you once again attend the Altar and open the Bible. (*so done*)

Those Department Presidents that have not yet sent their reports and who are here, please make sure that the National Secretary receives both copies of your reports so that we can expedite the situation and continue with our business meeting.

We will now have Officers Reports. The Secretary will read a message from the National President, Sister Denise.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Beloved Sisters,

This has been a year filled with cherished memories of traveling from coast to coast taking in the sites and building greater relationships with Sisters and Brothers in the Allied Orders. I have learned that we are bound to each other as siblings of our Civil War Veterans. We truly are committed to the cause that our Union Soldiers charged to us. We may disagree at times, and like family argue about beliefs; however, our hearts are one. I discovered this on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg as I listened to the words of the Son's Commander-in-Chief at the Woolson Monument, the speeches at the Lincoln Memorial in DC, Arlington's Unknown Soldiers Monument and the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield.

The Department and Auxiliary meetings showed the same values and concerns that we hold dear. We are here because of our ancestors, carry on their work, preserve their story, teach it to future generations, and honor the brave soldiers in Lincoln's Army. Their cause was just and right. We are not here for personal gain, acclamations, or status. As the GAR practiced Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, this is what we base our principles upon. Let us remember to always honor our Ancestors in all that we say, do, and how we treat others.

I have shared my travels in the Newsletter, so I won't repeat the events. Just know that much love was shared and that I am proud to call each of you my Sister.

I regret not being with you at this time; however, I know that you will understand my situation. My father's time with us is very limited and I could not bear to have him go without me at his side. Please pray for us. Please pray for all the Brothers and Sisters in difficult times. We have so many that need us. That F, C & L thing is meant to be practiced. My love and respect to all of you dear Sisters.

In FC&L,  
Denise Oman  
National President

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Connie Horning, MI**

**That this fine and outstanding report and all future Officers Reports be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports to be handled and brought back to this Encampment any recommendations necessary.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister Vice President, would you preside while I read my report, please.

## VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

The first activity as your National Vice President was to attend the dedication service of the marker for the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers on September 11, 2016, in Lancaster, Ohio. The cemetery was a small family cemetery that contained, in addition to the Revolutionary War soldiers' graves, the graves of veterans of the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The program was under the direction of the Sons of the American Revolution, who invited the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to participate. I'm proud to report that the largest group present was the ASUVCW. My plans to attend Gettysburg Remembrance Day were side-tracked by a last-minute health problem.

January saw the mid-winter meeting of the Ohio Department Sons and Auxiliary, which I attended. I presented a short workshop on floor work. The reception for the Commander-in-Chief and the Ohio Department Heads of the SUVCW and the ASUVCW was held at the same time. Shortly after that meeting, I was placed in charge of a disciplinary hearing. Preparations for the hearing, the hearing itself, and the aftermath occupied a great deal of time.

The Memorial Day Committee for the City of Alliance invited me to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and to take part in the program at the City Cemetery. It was my privilege and honor to represent our Order on that special day.

In June I attended the Ohio Department Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary as the representative of the National President. I was able to extend the greetings of the National Organization, as well as the personal greetings of the National President. I thank her for that opportunity and distinction.

A memorial service was held on July 15, 2017, at the Buffington Island Battlefield in Ohio, which is the site of the only major Civil War Battle fought in Ohio. It involved approximately 1,800 of John Hunt Morgan's Confederate Cavalrymen and approximately 3,000 Union Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry, supported by Navy gunboats on the Ohio River. Future U.S. Presidents participating in the battle were Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, and James A. Garfield.

I received one request for a New Auxiliary Packet for the Department of Maine, which I sent out along with an offer of any assistance they might need. I exchanged emails with a Sister in Massachusetts, who had questions about Auxiliary formation. Several on-line applications were handled, some of which resulted in members and some which did not. One potential member, when told there was an application fee, never responded in any way. Because I received applications without checks for the fees, I offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation #1:** The application fee is to be placed on the application blank in a prominent place where the applicant will know that a fee is required.



It has been a pleasure to have been able to represent the ASUVCW this past year. Thank you for according me this opportunity.

Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH  
National Vice President

### **DISCIPLINARY HEARING REPORT**

For the second consecutive year, we have had to hold a Disciplinary Hearing at the National level. The hearing took place in March. I believe that we need to implement some changes to our current policy. I think we need to create a step before formal charges are filed. We have made it too easy to file charges by not having provided any reason to hesitate before filing charges and not providing a step prior to filing formal charges. Submitting a grievance to mediation would be a step prior to the formal filing of charges. The Sons have a cost factor included in their policy. The party that is not successful has to pay the cost of the hearing. The National Organization paid \$133.82 for printing and postage. I paid approximately \$380.00 for gasoline, food, room, a recording device which is required by the CR&R, batteries, and a charger. I did not ask the other Sisters involved with the hearing what their costs were. It is unfair to ask Sisters to shoulder the expense of the hearing or the National Organization to absorb the cost. Therefore, I offer the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** Article IV, Section 4 to read: Before the commencement of formal charges between Sisters, the Sister wishing to file charges shall submit in writing the charges and specifications for mediation to the appropriate President.

**Recommendation #2:** Section 5: Violation of Offence #3 of Section 1 negates any option of mediation.

**Recommendation #3:** Section 6: The mediator shall be a Sister of the Order and be appointed by the appropriate President. She should have mediation training or training in conflict resolution or training in reconciliation.

**Recommendation #4:** Section 7: The mediator shall arrange the time and place for the mediation session. Both Sisters shall be in attendance. Resolution of the issue shall end the matter. There shall be no written record or otherwise kept. If there is no resolution, the formal process shall begin starting at what will be the new Section 8.

**Recommendation #5:** Article IV, Section 13, Subsection C to read: The actual cost of the hearing shall be paid by the accused if found guilty or by the petitioner if the accused is found not guilty.

I will only add one thing to this, which was I have talked to Sister Denise and she was wholeheartedly in favor of mediation.

Ramona Greenwalt, NVP OH, Chair  
Disciplinary Hearing Council

### NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Departments	New Members	
California & Pacific.....	4	no report
Chesapeake .....	5	
Connecticut.....	0	
Iowa .....	1	
Maine.....	0	
Massachusetts .....	0	
Michigan.....	3	
New Hampshire.....	0	
New Jersey.....	1	
New York .....	0	
Ohio .....	17	
Pennsylvania.....	10	no report
Rhode Island.....	0	
Vermont.....	2	
Wisconsin .....	2	
<b>Auxiliaries at Large</b>		
Picacho Peak #1, AZ .....	0	no report
Mary Logan #20, IL .....	2	no report
Elizabeth George #356, IN .....	3	no report
Louisa Volker #215, MO.....	1	
Auxiliary #326, MO .....	0	no report
Rachel Cormany #2, OK .....	2	
Edward Wallace #2, SC.....	0	
Sarah Emma Seelye #1, TX.....	0	
Gov. Isaac Stevens #1, WA.....	0	no report
National MAL .....	1	no report

Number of New Sisters Reported:	54
Number of Departments/Auxiliaries Reporting:	17
Number Not Reporting:	8
Applications Processed by Vice President:	7

We have lost 108 Sisters and Gained 54 in the 2016-2017 year, which gives us a net loss of 54 members.

We have lost three Auxiliaries: Edward S. Bragg Auxiliary #8, WI  
Clara Barton Auxiliary #3188, MA  
Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary #68, MO

**Special Mention:**

PA Dept: New Auxiliary, Madeline O'Donnell Aux. #615 (10 members)

OH Dept: Sister Anthony O'Connell Aux. #10 – 12 new members – most of any Auxiliary

Sister Wanda Langdon, DP OH, recruited most new members.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister Rachelle says that she sells a house and gets a membership. (*laughter*)

I have promised that the person, the Department, and the Auxiliary who received the most new members would be receiving a reward. I would like to come down and present those right now: Sister Wanda, Department President of Ohio, and the Auxiliary President of Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary #10. (*applause*)

May I have the Council's report, please?

**COUNCIL REPORT**

The members of your National Council have stood beside our National President, Sister Denise Oman, through a very difficult and trying year. Our advice has been sought on numerous occasions, and situations and issues have been discussed, enabling our President to act to the best of her ability. We commend her for her patience and long-suffering, as she has required much of both.

We received notification of the resignation of the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Supply Officer. In accordance with Chapter III, Article V, Section 2 of the Regulations, the National Council is tasked with filling vacated elected National offices. Sister President was directed to write a Special Order for each office, notifying every Sister of the existing vacancy and soliciting applications from anyone desirous of serving of either office. These were placed on the National website.

Sister Elise Oman stepped forward to serve the remaining term of the National Patriotic Instructor, and we deeply appreciate her willingness in taking on this huge task - our thanks to her for bravely doing so.

Unfortunately, the position of National Supply Officer has remained vacant. As it is under the oversight of the National Treasurer, she has had to assume these tasks. After much discussion among ourselves, your National Council wishes the Sisters to consider changing the National Supply Officer from an elected position to an appointed one. The National Supply Officer would be appointed by the National Treasurer, and serve at her pleasure. The term of office would end with either her replacement by the sitting National Treasurer or at the end of the sitting National Treasurer's term of office. The biggest negative and

drawback to this change would be that the National Supply Officer would no longer be bound by an Oath of Office. Thus she would have control of funds, property, and merchandise of the Auxiliary without being bound by any obligation due to an Oath of Office that we require of all of our elected officers.

We received from our President a request to approve the contract for the transcriptionist for our Proceedings, as outlined in Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 8 of the Regulations. We immediately and wholeheartedly rendered our approval.

Sister President, you have had to deal with much that can be laid at the foot of something that appears to have been forgotten by far too many of our Sisters: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. You have had to face verbal assaults and insults from both Sisters and Brothers within the Allied Orders; insubordination of officers; rumors and gossip used to spread distrust and dishonor, and to discredit other Sisters. We commend you for being able to work through these stressful situations, not sinking to the level of the perpetrators, but trying to remain focused on our purpose and mission.

Sisters, we urge you all to give serious consideration to your own actions, always asking yourself “Is it kind? Is it true? Is it needful? Why am I saying/doing this? What is the real purpose of this?” The strife that has riddled this Organization in the last few years is causing us to implode and self-destruct. Honor and honorable conduct seem to mean little if anything at all. Please give careful, prayerful thought to this matter, as our future depends upon each of us choosing the proper path.

Linda Kronberg, PNP MI, Council #1

Susan Fallon, WI, Council #2

Tricia Bures, AP, Council #3

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Secretary, your report, please.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

This has proved to be a year of learning for me, both in my professional life and in the National Auxiliary. One can never say they know everything. Being the National Secretary is a much more difficult job than even the one that I held as National President. I have broken my report down into different sections to make finding specific information easier.

### **Status of National Property and Paperwork**

There have been many questions asked regarding the status of National property and paperwork. Sister Tricia Bures made a drive down from her home in Washington State shortly after the National Encampment and brought me roughly a dozen boxes of paperwork and other items. Sister Tricia had let me know that there were some items that she was going to hold on to in order to

complete her term in office. At the time this did not seem like it would be an issue, but as the year progressed, it became clear that not having some of these items on hand made some tasks more difficult.

### **Status of National Encampment Proceedings**

The status of past National Encampment Proceedings has been a topic of interest this year and there have been many email exchanges regarding this subject. I understand that there may be recommendations coming to the floor of this Encampment regarding this. One thing that has proved challenging is the lack of communication directed to the National Secretary. Even though the proceedings are something with which the National Secretary deals directly, many times Sisters have gone to other sources seeking information on their status. When assuming the office of National Secretary, it was clear that the proceedings were among the top priorities. Two key factors have directly affected this issue. One, the National Organization never entered into a formal contract with transcriptionist Wendy McWhorter, which would establish time frames for completion, etc. Two, Ms. McWhorter had been dealing with serious personal health issues, which had delayed completion of both the ASUVCW and SUVCW proceedings. Since then, a formal contract has been established, which has been signed by both the National President and Ms. McWhorter. Ms. McWhorter has since been working to complete the two recordings in her possession.

There also seemed to be much concern that the other recordings have been lost or misplaced. That is not the case. I have the recordings for 2014-2017 with me at this Encampment. The Order will need to consider how best to proceed with the completion of the past and future proceedings. The National Treasurer has proposed to have them completed with an online transcription service versus using Ms. McWhorter to complete the task. Having reviewed numerous National proceedings, I will say that the work done by Ms. McWhorter is by far the most detailed I have ever seen.

### **Membership Status**

Based on information contained in the per capita reports, the Auxiliary has seen a decrease in membership. One (1) new Auxiliary was formed, while four (4) Auxiliaries closed this year. Membership currently stands at 848, including 752 Regular Members, 19 Juniors, and 77 Life Members. Among the tasks of the National Secretary, this year was the completion of the five-year membership census and reconciliation. Of those Departments and Auxiliaries that responded to the request for membership rosters, the census found 21 members removed due to death, 120 members removed due to roster updates, and 38 new members reported due to status change forms. These numbers might even have been higher

had all Departments and Auxiliaries provided rosters as requested. The following failed to provide information:

1. Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1, PA
2. John Hartcraft Auxiliary #7, PA
3. Hancock Auxiliary #44, PA
4. Brindle Camp Auxiliary #50, PA
5. Col. James Bradbury Auxiliary #89, PA
6. Department Auxiliary at Large, PA
7. Edward Wallace Auxiliary #2, SC

### **Activities/Events in which the National Secretary Participated**

08-13-2016 National Encampment, Springfield, IL  
08-13-2016 New National Officers Meeting, Springfield, IL  
08/14/2016 New/Old Council Meeting, Springfield, IL  
09-10-2016 Auxiliary #52 Meeting, San Jose, CA  
10-15-2016 Fort Mervine Civil War Event, Lower Presidio, Monterey, CA  
11-05-2016 Auxiliary #52 Meeting, San Jose, CA  
11-11-2016 Veterans Day Parade, San Jose, CA  
11-20-2016 Remembrance Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Mem. Park, San Jose, CA  
12-03-2016 ASUVCW/SUVCW Holiday Social Event, Los Gatos, CA  
01-20-2017 Installation Banquet, Gilroy, CA  
02-04-2017 Four Chaplains Memorial Service, San Jose, CA  
03-15-2017 Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment, Bakersfield, CA  
05-19-2017 Civil War Presentation, Quimby Oak Middle School, San Jose, CA  
05-27-2017 Information Booth, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Encampment, Felton, CA  
05-29-2017 UVC Memorial Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Mem. Park, San Jose, CA  
05-29-2017 Decoration Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, CA  
07-04-2017 Independence Day Parade, Monterey, CA  
08-10-2017 Council Meeting, Lansing, MI  
08-10-2017 Department at Large Meeting, Lansing, MI  
08-11-2017 National Encampment, Lansing, MI

### **Recommendations**

**Recommendation #1:** That all reports to the National Encampment from National Officers, Committees, and Special Committees be submitted to the National Secretary no later than two (2) weeks prior to the National Encampment. This will give the National Secretary time to compile delegate packets and extract recommendations. With the exception of the National Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor, and the Chief of Staff.

**Recommendation #2:** That a pre-registration fee for future National Encampments be set and that after a certain number of days prior to each

National Encampment, the registration fee be increased, including for at-the-door registration, to encourage pre-registration. Having a more accurate figure for registration prior to the National Encampment greatly benefits both the Host Committee and the National Secretary.

**Recommendation #3:** That an Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings be appointed by the incoming National President to assist the National Secretary with the production of the annual proceedings of the National Encampment, including those National Encampment Proceedings that remain unfinished. The job is very time-consuming and the National Secretary already has many responsibilities.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC  
National Secretary

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It's a little after 10:00, so I would like to call a short recess.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar for a short recess.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister National Treasurer, may we have your report, please?

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: For those of you who don't know already, I am very detail-oriented. So, I have a very detailed report for you. I have provided copies for everyone because as we go over this, I am not able to recite all the numbers and thank goodness for that, but I think it is important that we all do know of our financial status and the work of this past year. I have the copies and if it would be appropriate now to pass them out, that would be fine with me.

### **NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT**

The two programs that I, as Treasurer, receive money from are held in our Permanent Fund (Savings Account) are the Honor Roll and Life Membership. In addition to that, all of the funds from the Membership at Large Coordinator have been deposited to this account.

#### **Life Membership**

This is 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 we did

not receive any monies for Life Memberships; however, we did process one Life Member for a member that had reached the tender age of ninety. For this member the membership was free. To date, we have issued 112 Life Memberships.

<b>Years Issued</b>	<b>Dollars Collected</b>	<b>Total Memberships</b>
1979-1979	\$ 1,040.00	8
1980-1989	2,025.00	16
1990-1999	2,550.00	19
2000-2009	2,250.00	29
2010-2017	6,300.00	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,175.00</b>	<b>112</b>

### **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 issued nine honor roll certificates and added \$285.00 to the National Auxiliary Permanent Fund. Monies collected since 1978 are as follows:

<b>Years Issued</b>	<b>Dollars Collected</b>
Beginning – 1999	\$ 5,660.00
2000 – 2009	4,481.00
2101 – 2017	2,295.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,436.00</b>

### **Membership at Large**

Those Sisters that are not associated with an Auxiliary or Department belong to the National Organization and are known as Members at Large. Currently, there are twenty-eight members having this distinction. These members pay \$15.00 per year to maintain their membership. The general account held by the Membership at Large Coordinator was closed in June of this year in preparation for the smooth transition to a new coordinator since the three-year term is expiring this year. These monies are being held in our National Treasury and were deposited into the Permanent Fund for safekeeping. The total monies held are \$991.09.

As is standard practice, monies are forwarded to me for deposit from the National Secretary, National Patriotic Instructor, and National Chief of Staff. Disbursements are made whether by check or by electronic debit when required. Our Organization's banking accounts are reconciled and financial reports detailing transactions and balances are forwarded to our National President, Vice President, and Council members 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 assessed that our



Organization is financially sound. 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.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH  
National Treasurer

**FISCAL YEAR**  
**8/01/2016 – 7/31/2017**

**BANKING SUMMARY:**

Permanent Fund (Savings)	Bank of America #0962	\$ 54,653.76
Operational Fund (Checking)	Bank of America #3762	<u>26,816.96</u>
<b>Total All Funds July 31, 2017</b>		<b><u>\$ 81,470.72</u></b>

**PERMANENT FUND DETAILS:**

	Balance as of August 1, 2016	\$ 53,811.52
Honor Roll		285.00
Life Memberships		0.00
Membership at Large		991.09
Bank Account Contribution -		
(Budget Line Item – Website Maintenance)		(450.00)
Interest Earned		<u>16.15</u>
	Balance as of July 31, 2017	<b><u>\$54,653.76</u></b>

**HONOR ROLL**

**In Honor of:**

Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC  
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Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP  
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Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP  
Richard L. Greenwalt PCinC

**Donated by:**

Cynthia Brown, PNP \$ 25.00  
Martha Johnson 75.00  
Cynthia Brown, PNP 10.00  
Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, PNP 25.00  
Ramona Greenwalt, NVP 15.00  
Ohio Dept. 50.00  
Ohio Dept. PDP Club 50.00  
Judy Morgan, PNS 20.00  
Ramona Greenwalt, NVP 15.00

**Total** **\$285.00**

**Life Memberships Issued:**

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP NY

free  
**Total** **\$ 0.00**

**Membership At Large Fund:**

Transfer from Wells Fargo, Simple Business Checking Account #2971	\$ 976.09
Membership Dues Deposit (late per capita)	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>991.09</u></b>

**OPERATIONAL FUND DETAILS:**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>Balance as of August 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 23,128.64</b>
1. National Supplies	\$ 3,120.25	
2. Per Capita	7,634.00	
3. New Member Fee	409.00	
4. Patriotic Instructor	2,790.03	
5. Chief of Staff	2,563.03	
6. Registration	780.00	
7. Miscellaneous	25.00	
8. Bank Account Contribution	<u>450.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$17,781.31</b>	<b><u>17,781.31</u></b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$40,909.95</b>

**Disbursements:**

1. Nat'l President's Expense	\$ 2,071.73	
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	456.78	
3. Nat'l Secretary's Records transfer	209.79	
4. Nat'l Treasurer Expense	426.41	
5. Supply Officer Expense	187.40	
6. Postage	523.55	
7. Supplies	1,589.51	
8. Wreaths	219.90	
9. Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	
10. Printing	2,631.26	
11. Proceedings	0.00	
12. Scholarships	500.00	
13. Site Committee	550.00	
14. LBCC Dues	50.00	
15. Bond	100.00	
16. Web Page	539.39	
17. IRS – 8976 Fee	600.00	
18. Convention	3,334.82	
19. Miscellaneous	<u>77.45</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$14,092.99</b>	<b><u>(14,092.99)</u></b>

**Balance as of July 31, 2017****\$26,816.96**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>			<b>Note</b>
	<b>Approved 2016-2017</b>	<b>Actual 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>	
1. Nat'l Supplies	3,000.00	3,130.25	2,800.00	1
2. Per Capita	7,500.00	7,634.00	7,000.00	2
3. New Member Fee	150.00	409.00	150.00	
4. Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00	2,790.00	2,000.00	
5. Chief of Staff	2,500.00	2,563.03	2,500.00	
6. Registration	500.00	780.00	500.00	
7. Miscellaneous	250.00	25.00	250.00	
8. Bank Acct. Cont.	1,250.00	450.00	3,250.00	3
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,781.31</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>				
1. Nat'l President's Expense	3,500.00	2,071.73	3,500.00	
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	400.00	456.78	400.00	
3. Nat'l Treasurer's Expense	400.00	209.79	400.00	
4. Nat'l Secretary's Records Xfer	0.00	426.41	0.00	
5. Supply Officer Expense	300.00	187.40	300.00	
6. Postage	500.00	523.55	500.00	
7. Supplies	2,600.00	1,589.51	1,300.00	1
8. Wreaths	350.00	219.90	350.00	
9. Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	25.00	25.00	
10. Printing	2,500.00	2,631.26	2,500.00	
11. Proceedings	750.00	0.00	3,200.00	4
12. Scholarship	1,000.00	500.00	900.00	1
13. Site Committee	550.00	550.00	550.00	
14. Lincoln Birthday Com. Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00	
15. Bond	100.00	100.00	100.00	
16. Web Page	710.00	539.39	300.00	5
17. IRS – 8976 Fee		600.00	500.00	6
18. Convention				
a. Room	750.00	712.22	750.00	
b. Board	150.00	150.00	150.00	
c. Chaplain Expense	25.00	25.00	25.00	
d. Chief of Staff Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00	
e. Patriotic Instr. Mem.	350.00	350.00	350.00	
f. Patriotic Instr. – GAR	100.00	100.00	100.00	
g. SUVCW Gift	250.00	250.00	250.00	
h. Supply Officer Exp.	100.00	81.30	100.00	1
i. Supply Off. Veterans	500.00	500.00	400.00	
j. Mileage	1,090.00	1,116.30	1,150.00	7
19. Miscellaneous	50.00	77.45	250.00	8
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,150.00</b>	<b>\$14,092.99</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	

**BUDGET NOTES****1. Supplies:**

- a. National Supplies – decrease of \$200.00
- b. Supplies Expense – decrease of \$1,300.00 due to non –purchase of promotional items
- c. Scholarship - \$500.00 standard amount plus \$400.00 (current receipts = \$3,140.25 times 12.50% = \$391.28)
- d. Supply Officer Veterans Donation - \$400.00 (current receipts = \$3,140.25 times 12.50% = \$391.28)

**2. Per Capita:**

- a. Decrease of \$500.00 from \$7,500 to \$7,000.00 to be more in line with actual collections for 2016 which were \$7,025.00.

**3. Bank Account Contributions:**

- a. Allocation of \$3,250.00 for the transcription and printing of Proceedings (6 years 2012 – 2018 at \$450.00 plus bonus of \$500.00 plus \$50.00 misc.)

**4. Proceedings:**

- a. Inclusive of \$750.00 which did not get spent in 2016-2017 plus an increase of \$2,450.00, bringing allocation to \$3,200.00 for the transcription and printing of Proceedings (6 years 2012-2018 at \$450 plus bonus of \$500.00)

**5. Web Page:**

- a. Domain registration \$50.00, hosting \$150.00, miscellaneous \$100.00

**6. IRS Fees (8976):**

- a. Allocate \$500.00 which equates to an estimate of ten new 8976 filings (new Auxiliaries and reinstatement of revoked Auxiliaries)

**7. Mileage:**

- a. President - \$185 – 1,233 miles round trip
- b. Secretary - \$950 – 6,333 miles round trip
- c. Treasurer - \$15 – 100 miles round trip

**8. Miscellaneous: (expense)**

- a. Increase of \$200.00 to cover unexpected expenses including those submitted for disciplinary hearings (travel and printing)

**Recommendation #1: Supply Officer Receipts -** I would like to recommend that we allocate 25% of the Supply Receipts targeted as follows:

- Half to be allocated toward the President's Scholarship (\$391.28)
- Half to be allocated to a Charitable Donation for the next fiscal year (\$391.28). The recipient of the donation will be a veterans' organization of the Supply Officer's choice.

**Recommendation #2: Patriotic Fund** - There exists \$23,000.00 in the Permanent Fund that was previously held as a CD specifically earmarked for Patriotic purposes. An analysis of 2005 through 2016 Patriotic spending reveals that the General Operating Fund contains an additional unspent figure of \$14,651.38.

<b>Year</b>	<b>PI Unspent funds</b>
2005	\$1,365.76
2006	(249.38)
2007	1,616.40
2008	3,748.01
2009	2,468.75
2010	1,587.21
2011	487.60
2012	1,674.13
2013	512.00
2014	1,446.56
2015	(264.85)
2016	259.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,651.38</b>

I would like to recommend that these monies be transferred from the General Operating Fund and, in effect, increase the allocated Patriotic monies in the Permanent Fund to \$37,651.38. This will then, naturally, reduce the General Operating Fund to become \$12,165.58.

<b>Permanent Fund</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Projected Patriotic Funds</b>	<b>Permanent Fund Accumulated Total</b>
1. Savings	\$ 5,042.76		\$ 5,042.76
2. Honor Roll	12,436.00		17,478.76
3. Life Membership	14,175.00		31,653.76
4. Patriotic	23,000.00		54,653.76
5. Patriotic (transferred to)	14,651.38	\$37,651.38	<b>\$69,305.14</b>
<b>General Operating Fund</b>	<b>Allocation</b>		<b>General Operating Fund Total</b>
			<b>\$26,816.96</b>
Patriotic (transferred from)	(\$14,651.38)		<b>\$ 12,165.58</b>

**Recommendation #3:** Certificates of Deposit – With the Permanent Fund showing continued stability and steady increases over the last five years, as shown below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Permanent Fund Ending Balance</b>
2013	\$49,546.13
2014	49,689.76
2015	51,446.05
2016	53,811.52
2017	54,653.76

I would like to recommend that the National Organization take advantage of the current CD rates to invest a minimum of \$40,000.00 (#2 Honor Roll, #3 Life Membership, and #4 Patriotic Fund allocations) for a three-year term which would yield approximately  $\$36.00 \times 4 = \$144.00$ .

Rate	0.15%	.12%	.10%	.05%
Minimum terms	48 mos	36 mos	24 mos	12 mos
Deposit	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Minimum Yield	\$240	\$144	\$80	\$20

**Recommendation #4: Term Limit** – Consideration is taken to reduce the term limit of the National Treasurer from five years to three years as done by the Sons National Organization. All language to the CR&R will be altered and presented for voting in the next Convention. The current term expiring in 2020 will now expire in 2018.

I wanted to keep it fresh in your minds that in the day and age that we live and I am a committed person; I will complete my term in whatever term is defined – the one I am currently pledged to. But I wanted to add that five years in the life of individuals is a big commitment for the next five. We may have a hard time like we are with the Supply Officer getting someone to step up. We really do want to encourage and based on the work I plan on doing in the next few years, I am hoping to make things a little easier – not that they were hard – things were wonderful as it transitioned to me and I want to do the same fine job with whoever should be my successor in transitioning this job.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH  
National Treasurer

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister Wanda, National Chaplain, will you give your report, please?

**NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT**

Number of members present on Memorial Day .....	265
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service .....	177
Number of children assisting the Auxiliary on Memorial Day .....	352
Number of deaths which have occurred since May 30th.....	7
Number of occasions where the funeral service of the Order was used .....	9
Amount expended in floral and grave decorations.....	\$1,327.00
Amount of cash or monetary donations.....	\$5,465.00
Number of cards and well wishes sent to the Sisters of the Order .....	88
Amount expended for cards and postage.....	\$79.08

<i>Name</i>	<u><b>Departed Sisters</b></u> <i>Department</i>	<i>Highest Office Held</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Virginia Lightner	PA		02/13/15
Marjorie Schultz	MI		01/01/16
Mary Lautner	Finch #9 MI	Life Member	03/22/16
Lucy Williams	Wallace #2 SC		05/26/16
Wilma Matz DiRienzo	WI		06/13/16
Jacqueline Wright	NMAL		07/31/16
Rowena Leibig	Frost #108 OH		08/29/16
Bettye Millender	Wallace #2 SC		09/19/16
Faith Legge	Conklin-Selew #23 CT	DP	09/23/16
Virginia Paluska	Alden-Skinner #5 CT		09/28/16
Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt	Caywood #7 NY	Nat'l President	11/09/16
Margie Fields	Wallace #2 SC		12/10/16
Sarah "Sally" Green	Mt. Union #502 PA		12/20/16
Edith Stickler	NMAL		12/20/16
Bernice Koehler	Frost #108 OH		01/14/17
Mary Lautner	MI		03/22/17
Greta Wiggins	Bradbury #149 PA		03/29/17
Patricia Grueser	Frost #108 OH		04/02/17
Alene Hall	NH		04/02/17
Beverly Carr	Kinsman #23 IA	AP	04/10/17
June C. Warrington	NMAL		04/11/17
Shirley T. Partington	Ross #1 PA	Life Member	05/10/17
Bernice Cook	Wallace #2 SC		07/07/17

**Recommendation #1:** I recommend that the new Chaplain contact each Department including MAL and let them know what report they will need to file

and when and either send them a copy of the form or give them a link where they may find it.

Wanda Langdon, DP OH  
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Hope, would you read your report, please?

### **PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT**

I would like to thank the Sisters for giving me the opportunity to serve as Press Correspondent. I have been tracking our National President throughout her year and I have compiled photos, her Orders, and Newsletters. From everything I was able to review, it appears that many of our Sisters have had a busy year.

I have a gift for our National President. I took all of this information of her journey and compiled a scrapbook/memory book for her. It is my sincerest wish that this will help her remember her year with fond memories of her travels.

Hope Parker, PDP NY  
National Press Correspondent

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: May we have the report of the MAL Coordinator?

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR**

As PNP Janice Harding was not able to make the trip to Lansing this year, she has once again asked me to prepare and deliver her report for the activities of the National Membership at Large Coordinator. Throughout the year, Jan and I were in constant contact. Through this communication, she and I agreed on how I could best assist her in order to ensure that our Membership was well served. The following activities were undertaken by me under her directive:

- Notices and membership ID cards were mailed, (self-addressed stamped envelopes included).
- Where necessary, send 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> requests for membership were made.
- All funds were mailed directly to me for deposit into the National Account. This was done in order to allow a single source for the data to be held on the computer and to ease in the National report preparations. All monies received were disbursed and deposited to the National Membership at Large account. This was done after the membership collection period had concluded.
- An official census was conducted and information included in the Per Capita Report.



- The IRS 990N was filed once the year-end period expired (07/31/2016).
- The following National Reports were prepared and mailed to National Officers:
  - Per Capita (A02)
  - Chaplain (A04)
  - Treasurer (A06)

Membership statistics reported include:

Last annual report – 27 members in good standing

Gains – 1

Losses (deceased) – 3

Transfers – 0

Total – 25 members in good standing.

Once the per capita report and funds were submitted to our National Secretary, Jan arranged to have the National Membership at Large account at the Wells Fargo Bank closed and she sent the remaining monies to me in the form of a bank check in order to ensure a smooth transition of office now that her term has concluded. A balance of \$991.09 was received and deposited into the National Permanent Fund at the Bank of America in New Hampshire and reported in the Treasurer's Financial Report.

As a final note, PNP Janice Harding has asked me to provide her thanks to all for allowing her to serve these last six years and appreciates everyone's concern and prayers as she returns to good health. Additionally, she wishes to extend her support to me for National Membership at Large Coordinator, should I be nominated today.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH  
National Treasurer

### **NATIONAL SUPPLY OFFICER REPORT**

As most of you know, we have an opening for a Supply Officer to complete the five-year term expiring in 2020. This year that position became vacant and all the supplies, along with a complete inventory, were mailed to me, the National Treasurer. As I have many times, I wish to thank Cher Petrovic publicly for her efforts over the last 2 ½ years and feel she did an outstanding job as our Supply Officer. She and I worked together and I know firsthand of her enthusiasm and dedication in serving in this position. She was efficient, conscientious, and a true servant. She took orders and filled them, made deposits, arranged for pickup and delivery of promotional items, and manned the supply table at National Conventions. Cher assembled all the badges by hand, sewing the ribbon and packaging them up for our members. During her time, based upon her recommendations to me, our membership approved for the issuance of

additional Scholarship money as well as allocating funds for a charitable donation to a veteran's organization. Obviously, it is not our charge to be profitable; therefore, based upon sales dollars, we are able to give back in a way that should make everyone here today proud. Cher has gone on to pursue other interests and obligations; however, she truly set the bar and while I fill her position, I really had to be on my feet and ensure that things remain at a level of standard that she brought to the position. THANK YOU, CHER!

Here are the details for the sales of supplies this year:

### Monthly Income

August, 2016	\$1,393.50
September, 2016	57.50
October, 2016	508.00
November, 2016	73.75
December, 2016	135.00
January, 2017	86.50
February, 2017	130.00
March, 2017	32.50
April, 2017	341.50
May, 2017	0.00
June, 2017	152.50
July, 2017	<u>219.50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,130.25</b>

### Expenses

August, 2016	\$ 181.45
September, 2016	267.70
September, 2016	102.00
October, 2016	229.30
April, 2017	131.60
June, 2017	51.27
June, 2017	<u>626.19</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$1,589.51</b>

The Liberty House in Manchester, NH was chosen as the Supply Officer's Charitable Veterans Organization and received a \$500.00 donation. This donation was specifically targeted for purchases of food at the local food pantry where every dollar spent is valued tenfold. Here describes the outstanding works of the Liberty House as profiled on their website [www.libertyhousenh.org](http://www.libertyhousenh.org):

For more than a decade, Liberty House has been providing a safe, supportive, substance-free housing community for American veterans transitioning out of homelessness. Since 2004, our dedicated team has helped over 200 homeless veterans rejoin their communities and regain

fulfilling, independent lives. Every staff member, donor, and volunteer helps spread the magic of Liberty House throughout the community.

Every veteran that walks through our doors is treated with the utmost respect, regardless of their combat status or length of service. Each veteran is provided with a unique transition plan tailored to their needs. With the guidance and support of brother and sister veterans and a commitment to giving back through the food pantry and clothing programs, Liberty House is more than just a community - it's a family.

The scholarship monies are made available to the National President for awarding to a deserving candidate. She will reveal her choice later in the meeting.

The two categories that I mentioned above, charitable donation and scholarship, are conditional and are evaluated each year. Disbursements are based upon the previous year's activities. This was all the good work of Cher Petrovic. I am hopeful that a new National Supply Officer will be chosen and that we continue to offer badges and jewelry items, paper items, and products of promotional interest to continue this new tradition.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH  
National Treasurer

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister National Chief of Staff, is there anything at this time that you would like to report? Thank you very much.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I forgot to let you folks know that your generous contributions in our collection this morning came to \$167.56. We will split that between our fundraising officers - \$83.78 for each.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Sister National Treasurer.

At this time we are going to recess for lunch. We will go early so you will have a little bit extra time, which means I want you here at 1:00 p.m.— in the room, seated. Those of you who have forgotten membership cards, please get them because you will be carded at the door by the Inside and Outside Guards. Thank you.

Sister Chaplain, will you attend the Altar and close the Bible, please. (*so done*)

*Lunch recess*

**SECOND SESSION**  
**Friday, August 11, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, would you approach the Altar and open the Bible? (*so done*)

Just in case you wondered, Sister Nancy has placed this National President's sash here and she said that this was to represent Denise's spirit that is with us today.

I would have the report of the Newsletter Editor.

**NATIONAL NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT**

Four issues of *The Auxiliary Voice* have been produced, with an average of twelve pages per issue.

434 Sisters have opted to receive the newsletter electronically.

387 Sisters have requested to receive a hard copy of the newsletter via USPS.

There is virtually no cost to the organization to transmit the newsletter electronically.

The cost to print and mail physical copies of the newsletter is substantial. The total cost to print and mail the four issues was \$3,020.98, with an average cost of \$755.25 per issue. This equates to approximately \$7.80 per year for each Sister requesting to receive a printed copy through the mail. This comes out of the \$9.00 per capita that those Sisters pay to the National Organization, leaving just \$1.20 per year from those Sisters to support all other costs incurred by the National Organization.

**Recommendation #1:** That Sisters be encouraged to opt for the electronic version of *The Auxiliary Voice* in order to save a substantial amount of money for the National Organization, which will, in turn, allow more funds for other operational expenses and to further the goals of the Order.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP NS, CA&PAC  
National Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Hope, would you like to give your report, please?

**NATIONAL PUBLICITY REPORT**

I had a few requests for posts to the National Web page. I reviewed the content and then had them posted.

I would like to start off by saying thank you for giving me this opportunity to research and put the name of our Auxiliary out in the public.

Over the past few years, our New York Department has been looking at different ways to get our name in the public eye. Of course, it is always recommended to attend Civil War functions, but there are so many other ways to promote functions and get in touch with people.

One of the items that have been created is a contact form to send to local television and radio stations and newspapers. It is fairly simple to read and understand and this allows the Auxiliary to notify of local events. Many of these outlets have a free listing area or an interest in what we are doing.

How do people know we are out there? Use brochures and postcards. We have used both in New York and have received positive feedback. Place them in historical societies, museums, grocery stores, salons, second-hand shops, and parks; basically, any place that has a brochure bin! Keep a list of the places that they are placed so they can be monitored. If not too many are taken from a certain location, then do not restock. If you notice that there is a place that they are being picked up, try asking the facility to set up an information table.

Create a visible display. Put out a scrapbook or photo album so that people can see our work. Put our proceedings and other items there that will catch the eye. Also, keep brochures or information packs handy to give, and with this **GET THEIR INFORMATION!!!** I have also created a contact information sheet. Fill it out or have the person fill it out. Wait a week or two and then call or text, or send an email asking if they would like to attend a meeting. Include them in the meeting and have an open forum for questions after.

Ask local libraries for a night of GAR or Civil War talks. Most will post the event, and put our books or magazines promoting the topic. These are usually free and are a great way to get in touch with your community.

Put up flyers! I have several that I use. They have basic information and contact information. Again, just another avenue to get our names out there.

See if local events such as yard sales, picnics, or other festivals will allow you to put out a display. Many people attend these and this is just another way for people to see what we do.

Sponsor something like a veterans' race, or job fair, or airport lounge. These are all pretty inexpensive to supply with water, simple snacks, and candy bars and many people see this as a joint community.

The idea is not to be afraid to **ASK!** Often times not-for-profit groups can use areas for free and are often times welcomed at events. Look up places and events in your area and make a plan. This year my Auxiliary #15 has set up six booths, all for free and we have had good responses. To date, we have introduced eight new people and are ready to install one when I get back home.

It is not the tremendous task that you think it is. Have a special tote or bag with display items ready to go and get out there.

Look into getting a **WEB PAGE**. Our New York Department has just done this. We are a work in progress, but it should be up and running soon. We have

also created an information-only Facebook page where we post our goings-on in our Department. This is not a social page, but we have all shared it and it seems to be getting around. It is set up like the National page, no one except administrators can post.

There are so many ways to open ourselves up in our communities. Be Bold! Be informative and ready to work.

I have brought with me several forms that have been created for you to review. I brought extras in case someone wants to take and create their own. I use the basic programs Publisher, Word, and Excel.

And the one VERY easy way to get people to notice, WEAR THAT BADGE! A lot of people will ask what it is for and that is a perfect opening for discussion.

Good luck and happy recruiting!

Hope Parker, PDP NY, Chair  
Publicity Committee

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Hope. (*applause*)

I am now calling for the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations Report.

### **COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS REPORT**

The members of the CR&R Committee wish to thank the National President for the privilege of serving on this Committee. We have read the contents of the notes of the National Encampment Secretary at the last several encampments outlining any changes voted upon at the National Meetings.

Faye Carlisle-Thomas, PNP, has been notified by telephone.

We were aware that it had been approved to devise a medal or appropriate symbol to award to individuals who actively supported our mission of remembering the deeds of the Boys in Blue. Some of us had the idea that perhaps we could suggest a name, medal design and certificate to have made up before the August meeting to save time discussing it in detail at the August meeting. We were unfortunately misunderstood and our efforts had to be abandoned.

**Suggestion #1:** The other female orders in the Allied Orders also vote for a President every year; however, after discussing it with the next in line, some of them re-elect the President to serve for a second year. Again, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, we would recommend that a current President be permitted to run for a second year if she so wishes and have the membership vote on her candidacy. Some Departments and Auxiliaries already have their Presidents serve two years. We would also recommend that a Committee of three (3) PNP's be appointed to report to National next year as to the pros and cons of changing to two-year terms for the Presidency.

**Suggestion #2:** Anyone running for office as National President must have been a member for ten (10) years. One member of Committee disapproved, remainder approved.

**Suggestion #3:** We return to the practice of having a designated Sister to assist the President when she attends the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. She does not have to be a National Officer, but a coordinator to give her assistance in navigating the city to get to the various functions. She could even be from neighboring states. This year our President was on her own in an unfamiliar area and our grateful thanks are extended to Brother Lee Stone who, although just married, voluntarily came to her rescue. Someone could also be assigned for the ceremonies in Illinois. One Sister stated that members of the Fraternal Relations could help as they are hardly used.

**Suggestion #4a:** Through her messages to the membership, the National President suggest that local or Department Auxiliaries avoid placing new members in leadership positions until they have had time to serve in other chairs, thus gaining some experience in what is expected of them.

**Suggestion #4b:** This may be difficult for a newly organized Auxiliary, therefore, an experienced Sister from another Auxiliary be asked to guide them and answer their questions. This is to be covered by the Vice President, traditionally.

Other topics: No one may be designated as any type of member unless they are a female. This confirms previous decisions. There are also questions as to whether women other than U.S. citizens may be members. It appears some are already on our rolls. The incoming President will need to have this researched, including making changes to the Application for Membership.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP PA, Chair  
Cynthia Brown, PNP NH, Co-Chair  
Virginia Twist, PNP NY  
Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC  
Faye Carlisle-Thomas, PNP PA

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Cynthia.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: The first one that was read, Margaret canceled that out, because she was misinformed on other Nationals having a two-year term. So she sent it by email that she revoked that first one.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Virginia, so that I clearly understand, she is removing the entire first suggestion, not just the section that she was misinformed about.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Right, because the whole thing is based on misinformation.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: All right, thank you.

Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escorts, you will retire to the anteroom and escort our guests into the room.

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escorts brought the Sons Greeting Committee into the room and to the Altar.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Welcome, Brothers. It is my privilege to be able to welcome you to our National Encampment. I would like to say to you that I extend Denise's greetings and the greetings of the National Organization. Guides and Color Guards, would you please escort the gentlemen to my station? *(so done)*

Which one of you gentlemen is the spokesperson?

JERRY KOWALSKI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, SUVCW: There are several of us.

KEVIN MARTIN, SUVCW: Good afternoon. It is great to see you all here. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, he wanted me to extend greetings to each and every one of you. He is hoping and wishing for you all to have a successful and harmonious Encampment while you are here this weekend. A little bit more of a personal note for myself, I want to share one thing. When we were doing the Memorial Service and when we talked about Beatrice, Past National President, shortly after I was operated on for cancer, she sent me one of the most beautiful notes I have ever received in my life. And that's what I want us all to think about. That's what we are here for; we are all a family. We are all Brothers and Sisters and it's ok if we don't agree all the time. That's not a problem, but at the end of the day, we are all family. We are all Brothers and Sisters. Thank you. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Brother Kevin.

JERRY KOWALSKI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, SUVCW: What a wonderful thing it is when the Brothers and Sisters live together in harmony; when we think before we speak; when we treat one another with kindness the same way we want



to be treated; when we acknowledge the fact that sometimes we are wrong or that we have made a mistake. It is our fervent prayer next door that you have a harmonious meeting, that you have fun doing it, that you don't fight, leave that to us! *(laughter)* You just be nice ladies and take care of one another. If you agree with me, say Amen. *(Amen)*

TAD CAMPBELL, PC-IN-C, SUVCW: I extend special greetings to Sister Campbell *(Rachelle)* and Sister Campbell *(Emelia)*. *(laughter)* I also extend greetings from the Commandery-in-Chief as a whole. We have a lot of officers who are doing different jobs over there and if there is anything that our Civil War Memorials Officer can do for you or our Graves Registration Officer can do for you to help both of our Organizations meet our same goals. We all recognize that we just don't always pick the same routes to get there. But, if there is anything that we can do as the Sons to help you, you are our Auxiliary. You support us so much and I think a lot of Sons forget that. I like to come over and remind you that it is recognized. We appreciate everything that the ladies do for us all year long, not just at the Encampments and it means a lot to the Sons that you are here for us. Sometimes we forget to say that. Have a great Encampment and I also bring greetings from the Brothers of the Department of the California & Pacific, the land of fruits and nuts and also known as the Left Coast. *(laughter and applause)*

FRANK AVILA, NATIONAL SITE COMMITTEE CHAIR, SUVCW: Greetings to everybody. I hope you have a wonderful Encampment. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know. Everything that they said, ditto. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Virginia, would you like to respond?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Gladly, as long as I get hugs on the way out!

We always enjoy you coming to see us. We appreciate everything that you do for us, including arguing with us once in a while. That's always good because we can fight back. We are so happy to have you here and we appreciate your efforts, too.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you for your visit.

*The Sons Greeting Committee was escorted from the room. The Guides, Color Guards, and Escorts returned with the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the GAR and brought Lynne Bury, PNP LGAR, and Darlene Alcorn National Chaplain LGAR to the Altar and then to the President's station.*

LYNNE BURY, PNP, LGAR: Ladies, first of all, I would like to bring the greetings of the National Organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to you all and through you all. I know you started this convention under very difficult circumstances, but I hope that things are going well in spite of it and knowing Ramona for 45 years, I am sure she is getting things well in hand and having a successful convention. Our National President Sister Caroline Agosto sends greetings and we are really whizzing through our business, so I haven't missed something vital but you never know. It's nice to see Ramona standing here and I have known her, Nancy, Jane, and the whole family for 47 years, she tells me. This is indeed a treat to see her standing here as it was Nancy and Jane in their turns. So I leave a ribbon from Carol and I would like to introduce Darlene Alcorn, who is our National Chaplain and soon to be moving on up to other places. She is getting things under control in Pennsylvania, so we are glad to have her with us now.

DARLENE ALCORN, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, LGAR: It's nice to see a lot of you Sisters. I think this only about the second year that I haven't been able to attend your meetings, but when you are in an organization that meets the same time as you, it's kind of hard. I miss a lot of you and it's nice seeing your faces and hearing your "Hi's" in the hall so, I hope you have a wonderful meeting and get a lot accomplished.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Mary, would you please respond.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: It will be my pleasure.

We want to thank you two ladies, Past National President and Chaplain, for coming today. We accept your greetings and your well-wishes and we would like to return the same back to you. As what we are hearing from you is that it is going well, we wish you continued success. We are like Darlene. I can echo her sentiment; we are happy to see you when we have opportunities in the hallways or as we break bread. So, thank you for coming and extend our wishes back to you and your President for a harmonious encampment.

*The LGAR Greetings Committee was escorted from the room.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I am going to have the Chaplain close the Bible in a moment and I am going to send Denise's Greetings Committees to the Sons and the Ladies of the GAR.

*The Bible was closed while the Greetings Committees were being sent.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Guides and Color Guards, we have a visitor. Sister Connie Horning, would you please act as escort for this person?

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escort brought Keith Harrison PC-in-C SUVCW, who has been responsible for the upkeep of the Michigan GAR Hall and Museum and recipient of a gift in memory of the GAR. He was then escorted to the President's station.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Connie, would you make the presentation, please?

CONNIE HORNING, DVP MI: We would like to welcome Keith Harrison from Michigan, specifically Eaton Rapids Historic GAR Hall and Museum to receive this check from our Auxiliary. Congratulations!

KEITH HARRISON, PC-IN-C, SUVCW: I appreciate the opportunity. How many of you have attended the museum? OK, I hope that those who were able to come on the tour had a good time, not only at that museum but also the rest of the tour that the Michigan Department was putting on. We put up a special display at the museum for this National Encampment. We had all the Ladies Groups of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, including the Auxiliary. That will be up for quite a while, so if you get a chance you can see it. Of course, if you have something that you want to donate, that is fine, too. But just so you know, Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum is basically a separate 501(c)3 organization. We have several members of the Sons who are on the Board but we are not necessarily a Sons' organization per se. What is nice about this building is number one, it is an original building. It is a free-standing, original building and you don't find too many of those anywhere. Most GAR posts ended up being above someone's store or in someone's house or wherever they could meet. Very few had the opportunity and luxury to afford to build their own building. We are very, very fortunate to have it. I do have a display out here for those of you who haven't seen it, you can get a copy of the general description of the museum and if you ever get a chance to come out, please do. We are all volunteers there and we are open the first two Wednesdays of each month and patriotic holidays; however, on all of our information brochures and cards, we will open it up for one person. Just one example, we had a group that couldn't get there until 9:00 p.m. We opened it up for them. If you are ever just coming through, give us a call. If someone is available, we will open it up just for you, so keep that in mind. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you for the information. I failed to tell you this gentleman's title. He is a Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Michigan and Past National Commander of MOLLUS. Thank you for your work; we really appreciate it. Thank you so much.

KEITH HARRISON, PC-IN-C, SUVCW: I appreciate you ladies. I really do. Thank you.

*Guides and Color Guards escorted him from the room.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Jane, I apologize. I asked Sister Nancy who was supposed to respond, and I am on her deaf side and when she didn't tell me, I didn't know what to do. I am sorry. If we have another guest, you're it.

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: No problem.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I have been remiss. All of you ladies giving reports, Officers, Committees, etc. and I have failed to acknowledge the fact that you have put in all this work and time and energy and have done such a wonderful job. I thank you on my behalf. I thank you on behalf of President Denise. And, I thank you on behalf of the Auxiliary. You deserve to be commended. (*applause*)

We are now getting ready to move into Department Reports.

*The following Department Reports were read when called upon.*

### **CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Department of California & Pacific has four very active Auxiliaries – one in Southern California and three in Northern California.

All of our Auxiliaries are very active with Memorial Day events. This past Memorial Day one of our women spoke on the Women's Allied Orders and it was very well received by the public. We have 200-300 people in attendance at some of these events, so we are getting the word out.

Our Auxiliaries also participate in tours of cemeteries which highlight Civil War veterans and Civil War nurses, as well as the ladies in the Allied Orders.

They participate in genealogical fairs. We had one in both Southern and Northern California this year. They participate at the Drum Barracks for patriotic, educational, and Civil War events.

We had an Auxiliary collect donations outside of a Walmart this year, which was very successful. It was the first time we tried it. They collected items such as

toilettries, socks, those types of items as well as monetary donations. We will be doing that again in the future because that was a success.

Our Auxiliaries also participate in Veterans Day and Fourth of July parades.

Something that I am personally very proud of is that all of our Auxiliaries work very well with our Camps. The gentlemen in California are extremely supportive of our Auxiliaries and they have a good working relationship with them. Oftentimes, our Auxiliaries support not just their home Camp but other nearby Camps as well and help to support them. A case in point for our most recent Department Encampment, the Auxiliary played an equal role in the organizing and negotiating the contract and all of that, so we were very pleased with that participation.

Something that is kind of interesting for California this year and next year is that California is still going to be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GAR. It was in 2017 the 150<sup>th</sup> of the Provisional Department and the following year in 2018, it became official. So we get to celebrate those two milestones.

As for me, personally, as Department President, I have participated in all of the events previously listed as well as I had the honor of bringing greetings to the Department of California & Nevada Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War this year, so that was a highlight.

Cynthia L. Eddy  
Department President

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE REPORT**

The Department of the Chesapeake had a good year. The following are the reports from the three Auxiliaries in our Department – Antietam #3, Rosemary Martin, President; James A. Garfield #1, Anne Blackburn, President; Taylor-Wilson #10, Barbara Day, President.

We had our Department Meeting in Front Royal, Virginia. In attendance were four Sisters from Antietam and two from Garfield. We had a successful meeting, even though our numbers were way down.

Hopefully, more Sisters will participate in all activities this coming year.

Helen Geppi  
Department President

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE REPORT**

#### **Auxiliaries**

It is with joy that I report to you dear Officers and Sisters the activities and events in which the Department of the Chesapeake participated from April 2016 to April 2017. This is our reporting period that coordinates with our Department Encampment. This report then summarizes those reports received from the Presidents of our now three Auxiliaries. The Washington D.C. Auxiliary, Lincoln-Cushing, had to be disbanded in 2016, so we have President Rosemary

Martin with Antietam Auxiliary #3, President Ann Blackburn with James A. Garfield #1 and President Barbara Day of Taylor-Wilson #10.

Our membership consists of approximately 38 Sisters evenly distributed across our three Auxiliaries. One Junior Member remains with Antietam Auxiliary, so we only have one – they grow up too fast! The last of Taylor-Wilson's Juniors is now a regular member. With Taylor-Wilson, the membership half are mothers and half are teenagers, so it sometimes becomes quite complicated for them to work with time and commitment with schools.

The Antietam and Taylor-Wilson Auxiliaries meet regularly with their Brother Camps and participate in twin projects where possible. One of Taylor-Wilson's is Women in History Essay Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. One of their members, a genealogist from the local museum is part of this project and the Auxiliary and the Camp of course financially support it. The Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary acts as judges by reading the essays.

The James A. Garfield Auxiliary participated in Memorial and Decoration activities at the GAR Hull Memorial Church, Lansdowne Park Cemetery and the Arlington National Cemetery. They attended lectures and the Gettysburg July 4<sup>th</sup> events.

Now we are getting to my report. One of the things that Antietam does is recognize our Commander of our Department every year now. We get this little tiny canon that has a little plaque in front of it with our Commander's name and the years that he commanded.

We also awarded recognition pins to our President and our Vice President of the Auxiliary. They don't recall having one, but they were appreciative.

The Antietam Auxiliary also awards the Stevenson Award and we gave that one to Mike Paquette because he has been one of the supporters who has bought auction items and he is right there, so he has always supported us both financially and with his wife's skills – she is a great quilter.

We designed, ordered, and picked up a banner so that we could march in a parade for Memorial Day. It also came in handy when we walked in the Kris Kringle parade to raise awareness in Frederick of our Auxiliary. Bless our teachers - many of the children that were in the parade or were on the sidelines said, "Antietam! Antietam! That's what we learned about!" I could hear them talking and I would go over and we would have this little conversation while the parade was paused. So, it was a lot of fun.

We also worked with the DAR on the Memorial Day ceremony. Last year we just attended, this year we got to present a wreath, so that was a thrill. We are working with our historical entities, too.

Of course, there is Washington, D.C. – the parade for that one as well as the Arlington National Cemetery for Decoration Day.

We have had a lot of activities in support of Memorial Day, including parades then going to many cemeteries afterward and decorating the graves. That brings a lot of people together.

This past year and I am kind of jumping ahead here, but we were invited to dress up in Hagerstown, MD in their Rose Hill Cemetery. They had a wonderful speaker and a band, so I was invited to speak there. That was cool that they are reaching out to us to actually start participating. We are getting visibility.

As President, in September I hold Antietam Officer Planning Meetings and then we get into the annual dinner that we have with our Camp.

I have been to the MOLLUS National Congress. It is touching to see how each of us is reaching out to our other historical entities.

Then there is Gettysburg Remembrance Day. Being East Coast, of course, we have all that wonderful activity.

The Antietam Auxiliary and Camp participate in an annual Antietam luminary decoration. We help set up the luminaries, so that occurred again this year. I am also working with the Civil War Museum and we hold our annual Christmas in the Civil War Museum.

Then there was the MOLLUS where it was held in D.C. and Denise was there. I assisted her, as she needed, during her visit. She asked me to represent and place a wreath for the WRC.

Every March the Antietam Camp holds a Medal of Honor Ceremony and this year we held it where Monterey Pass was in Pennsylvania for a West Virginia person and linked up with Pennsylvania, so that was touching. None of us knew it was there and here was this little museum that we got to see, so you keep learning as you find things out about your area.

We have an active Facebook page since November 2015. Thanks to Ellen we have a link to the website that has been functioning. Our Secretary, Danielle Vance, is our webmaster, also set up the Camp's website. Again, working together, using our strengths to support each other.

At this past Encampment, there were four Antietam and two Garfield that showed up. It was a different meeting. It was an open conversation and I learned about their histories. It was very nice. Helen Geppi is now our Department President. I, kicking and screaming, became the Vice President, Danielle Vance the Department Secretary, Ann Blackburn the Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor is Barbara Day who responded to a phone call wonderfully. We also have Denise Thompson as Chaplain and Guide is a Junior Member Kimmy Mumper.

I have all these "show and tell items." For this past Encampment, I created with my hubby this bag that we gave out, so that was fun.

On the website, we created a fillable pdf that has all our prices so that anybody can get in and it will go automatically in an auto-response.

We developed our own brochure, which covers what is on our ASUVCW webpage plus some pictures to help people know a little more about what we do.

When Mr. and Mrs. Elly went to the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center, we had little bags put together with a little card that says “Honoring and Remembering for over 150 Years.” On one side is the Sons and the other side is the Grand Army of the Republic. Inside, of course, are pictures of Antietam and our Auxiliary banner, website URLs, and a picture of the Department of Chesapeake covering the different states.

Last but not least, we have a 75-year member in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is Chuck O’Dell. He is the biggest sweetheart and he is 89, so he was 14 when he started. He was responsible for getting Kevin and his dad in the Camp. He just has that pull. He was a chef in the Navy in World War II and we had a bell made for the Memorial Service that he got to ring.

We put together a whole bunch of articles that we wrote and pictures. Kevin gave him this brochure printout of all his history. When you see him, please recognize him. How many times do we ever find somebody who has been in an organization for 75 years and lived to tell about it?

Thank you so much. We are proud to be part of the Department of the Chesapeake and proud to be part of the ASUVCW.

Rosemary Martin  
Department Vice President

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Thank you for such a wonderful report with so many ideas and concepts that we can use and adapt to our own needs. The purpose of the Department Reports is for that. Thank you.

### **MARY LOGAN AUXILIARY #20, ILLINOIS REPORT**

We are still learning. We learn a lot from coming to these Encampments, but we participate with our Camp. We meet with them, we help them strip canons and paint them, put flags on graves, we have an urn on a Woman’s Relief Corps plot that we put fresh flowers in every Memorial Day. We go there on Memorial Day and do a service. We bake cookies for the Vietnam Vets at Christmas and they distribute to 65 nursing homes. We have given them 65 to 80 dozen cookies to help them out. We also give them socks and bathrobes, anything we can help them out with. That’s all I can think of right now and thank you very much.

Carole Dyer  
Auxiliary President

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** I love to hear how we are working with other organizations besides our Allied Orders. It is a good recruitment tool.

### **ELIZABETH E. GEORGE AUXILIARY #356, INDIANA REPORT**

Our Auxiliary is what I call a “work in progress.” We are small but we are mighty. We work very well with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



We are out cleaning Civil War headstones. We do a big Memorial Day ceremony at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. We happened to be televised this year. We have been trying for many years to get the newspaper or somebody to recognize us. This year Channel 59 did and we were actually on TV. We do a lot of gravesite rededications when we are doing the cleaning of the Civil War headstones. If they need to be uprighted or a new stone needs to be replaced, we go along with the guys to help see about getting them replaced. We work in conjunction with the American Legion. We are doing couponing; all the coupons that are not over three months old go to the veterans and go all over the world to the PX's so that our vets can get some kind of a discount. We are collecting shampoos and all kinds of things that you don't use out of your hotel room so that we can make boxes for our veterans at Christmas. We send out over 200 Christmas cards every year out to our soldiers. We collect paperback books, anything for them to read. So, we are a work in progress but we are coming along nicely and we got a couple of new members in the works.

Linda Floyd

### **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Greetings from the Department of Massachusetts. I took the office of President in April, since that time I have been working to get the Department back on its feet with my Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Fournier. It has been a challenging task.

At our Department Encampment, the idea of the Department of New England was presented to us, at the time we voted to table any action till next year at our next Department Encampment. Since that time we as a Department decided that we did not want to move forward due to the fact we would lose our charter and independent treasury.

I participated with L. A. Tifft Auxiliary #10 and, with the Brothers of L.A. Tifft Camp 15, participated in Memorial Day observations at St. Michael's Cemetery at the Mortar Monument in the G.A.R plot Civil War Veterans in Springfield.

MaryCatherine Knight  
Department President

### **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT REPORT**

We do lots of things. We do dedications. We participate in marching for parades and we have a great group. Thank you.

June Lloyd  
Department President

**LOUISA VOLKER AUXILIARY # 215, MISSOURI REPORT**

Since the last National Encampment, we have stayed very busy here in Southeast/Eastern Missouri. We stay quite active with our local Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A few of our activities/programs have been: participating in six parades, at least 11 ceremonies/Civil War living histories (several of which were for state and national parks), at least three Civil War school/college educational programs, as well as assisting with the Civil War Preservation Trust's Annual Park Day by cleaning the grounds of the Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army and local food pantry.

Furthermore, most of our ladies are very active in other volunteer work as well (churches, schools, assisting the elderly/disabled, etc.).

We also have cared for a local G.A.R. monument for several years, and keep our little "unofficial member" Abbie Warren (age 3) active with cleaning the monument & local battlefields as well as placing flags on soldiers' graves, dressing in Civil War attire, and participating in our many activities. In fact, she was honored by the CWPT for being the youngest person (two years in a row) to assist with Park Day and cleaning at the Battle of Pilot Knob SHS (which they requested photos of for their publication purposes).

In addition, as our local Auxiliary President, I was honored by the SUVCW – Department of Missouri Commander in receiving the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award for my years of service and many contributions to our Orders. This was a very great honor and I am quite humbled by this gesture.

Another note is that our ladies have been featured in several newspapers from our surrounding areas and all over Missouri, for their efforts of respecting our Union soldiers, and contributions to educating others. It is not uncommon to be out in the public and have someone approach our ladies and tell them they saw them in the newspaper or "There are those Civil War people."

In closing, we wish you all a wonderful National Encampment! We hope that each of you will realize that there is so much that we can do to honor the memories of our Boys in Blue, and that the next generation must be educated in what we do so that our legacy will continue for years to come.

Twyla D. Johnson Warren  
President

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

I bring you Greetings and hopes for a very successful National Encampment. It is my pleasure to be here in the capital state of Michigan right here in Lansing, a city rich in history. Let me begin by thanking my NH Delegation, Laura Ward, and Cheryl Petrovic, and of course my dear mother, Past National President, Cynthia Brown. As the President of the NH Department, I hereby present the accounting of the activities of the Department of NH, as well as those performed

by me in other roles within our Organization, last year.

**Department Activities** (as reported by my Officers at our 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment in Concord, NH):

***Auxiliary Presidents -***

- Presided at regular Auxiliary meetings
- Decorating Civil War soldiers graves
- Participation in Civil War headstone dedications
- Attendance of ceremony for escorting last Civil War Veteran of Maine in Kittery and Togus, Maine
- Participation in local parades and ceremonies
- Attendance at various funeral services of one of our recently departed
- Participation with Sons in providing a historical tour and educational program to 8th graders
- Conducted a Living History in an annual town celebration event
- Organized and participated in a tour of Grant's Tomb, Cyprus Hills and the National Cemetery
- Planning and participation of various end of year picnics and barbeques for member appreciation

***Secretary/Treasurer*** - Collected and reported on the Department's five Auxiliaries showing no gain in membership and a loss of four members, which brings our membership to a total of 45 Sisters. Reported on our annual financials and gained unanimous approval from our Council after a full review.

***Patriotic Instructor -***

- Memorial Day flagging and wreaths
- Remembrance Day observances
- Provided programming for regular meetings along with patriotic music
- Personal and Auxiliary donations: wreaths, purchases of US and Camp flags, initiated the Ellsworth Brown Memorial Scholarship Program and monetary donations to a veterans organization
- Provided various flags to individuals and organizations

***Chaplain*** - In addition to the figures reported on our D06, our Department Chaplain was very dutiful in sending cards and notes to those known to be in need of a familiar greeting. Also, contributions were made to our newly developed Chaplain's Corner Facebook page.

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

***Charitable Activities Coordinator*** - Reported the NH Auxiliaries: charitable activities valued and reported to National at \$30,912.23.

***Presidential Appointments*** - As always, I continue to appreciate the

support provided throughout 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.

**My Activities** (in the following capacity at the various levels):

**President Auxiliary #60 - Gilman E. Sleeper**

- Attended the annual birthday ceremony honoring Major General Benjamin F Butler
- Attended the Veterans and Memorial Day observances in the town of Salem
- Participated in the Gilman E. Sleeper annual patriotic programs on Memorial Day
- Dual Member and Treasurer of our local Auxiliary, Simon Griffin #11
- Performed all financial duties
- Assisted senior members in hosting our Union Defenders Day for the Department
- Memorial Day planning and participation
- Delivered Eulogy for a dearly departed members at Department Encampment

**Department NH President**

- Prepared and distributed our Department Orders and assisted in annual reporting requirements
- Prepared and presented Department's annual budget for approval
- Ensured proper compliance with National for census data and bylaws requests
- Served as Events Committee Chairperson (Department events include: Remembrance Day, Union Defenders Day, and Annual Encampment)
- Served as Membership at Large Coordinator for the Department
- Oversaw the completion of all IRS filing requirements for all Auxiliaries

**National**

- Chair of the National IRS and Tax Committee
- Performed all required National Treasurer duties
- Assisted the Membership at Large Coordinator
- Acted as the interim National Supply Officer
- Represented the National President in Massachusetts and Maine Department Encampments (weather prevented me to attend the Connecticut Encampment), Rhode Island, and Vermont did not hold a meeting.

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 JERSEY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Our Department Encampment was held this June and we had a total of eight members show up. We have been having declining active members over the last several years due to illnesses and personal losses in their families. We are struggling as a Department.

Many of our planned activities over the past year were canceled due to rain. New Jersey has been rainy the last couple of years for some reason, plus I had several personal things last year in my life.

May saw the birth of my fourth grandson and he was a happy, bouncy baby boy. Eight weeks later he was in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with a very serious liver disease called biliary atresia. He is doing quite well now. They did an operation where they by-passed the liver with a piece of the bowel to drain his liver so his bile would flow out. He is doing very well.

Last year also saw a decline in the health of my father and his passing last year in August. Hopefully, this year we will be doing much better. Some of our events actually happened this year except for our annual barbecue which, again, it rained on us, so we canceled and rescheduled for this coming weekend.

We continue to support all of the officers on the National level and hope that your year is a very joyful one.

Patricia Wilhelm  
Department President

PATRICIA WILLHELM, DP NJ: I just want to say one more thing – your liver or your life. Donate, donate!

### **NEW YORK DEPARTMENT REPORT**

It was another great year for our New York Department. We have added members and are still working to get our name out there and look for new members. At this point, we have two other members ready to install.

As always, we stay busy with our patriotic work. We were represented at Waterloo Memorial Day Parade, Oak Island Living History, and a memorial service at the Memorial Day Park. We also had our Auxiliaries marching in their towns' parades as well.

We were represented at the Veterans Day parade as well at the Syracuse fairgrounds, the Strawberry Festival in Ovid, Interlaken Old Home Days, the Jordan Library History Talk, Civil War round table, and displays at reenactments at Odessa and Peterborough.

We have display and information tables set up at Canal Days in Camillus, which actually this weekend and my Auxiliary #15 girls are going there. We also had a large garage sale.

We also have been placing our brochures about our New York Department in over 75 locations to date. I am trying to keep a list so we know how we are doing.

In the middle of all of this, our two webmistresses have created a New York Department webpage and Facebook page. It was a lot of work getting these in place and we are extremely happy with our progress. Still, a bit more to do, but the results are going to be amazing.

Our New York Department works as a team together and we support each Auxiliary. We have implemented a new folder for new Auxiliaries that contains forms, instructions, and filing dates, all in a plastic organized expandable folder. All supplies for this were donated and we keep them for a new Auxiliary when they are formed.

Our fundraising was also great this year as our fundraising crew did a great job as they do every year.

We also engage in a mentoring program for new members to talk to officers, PDPs and, PNPs to learn the objects of our Order and some of the jobs that we do.

Our Encampment was amazing. The fellowship and camaraderie between the Sons, Daughters, and Auxiliary is just a pleasure. Many of them thought that in working with our Daughters and Sons our relationship has gotten much stronger. We attend each other's functions, dinners, and displays without fear of argument - another blessing for our New York Department.

As we mourn the loss of our Matriarch, PNP Bea Greenwalt, we all took a step back and noted what we had learned from her. She was our teacher, our mentor, and our guide. Her years of service to this Organization proved to be productive and genuine. I would like to take a moment of silence to remember our dear departed Sister Bea.

I would like to personally thank all the Sisters of our New York Department for their hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary. We are going to continue to focus on membership and information booths in the coming year.

Hope Parker  
Department President

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: One of the big things that we do is a Grant's Tomb Memorial for his birthday. Sisters and Brothers that were there had asked me to read the speech that I gave there, here, so here we go.

"Brothers, Sisters, friends, and honored guests. Thank you for having me again this year. As I was preparing for this trip to Grant's Tomb, I was reading the Second Inaugural Address that was made in 1873 by President Grant. As this is my second year as Department President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I found the contents to be quite

appropriate. In the second line of the Inaugural Address, President Grant states, *“Under Providence, I have been called a second time to act as Executive over this great nation. It has been my endeavor in the past to maintain all the laws, and, so far as lay in my power, to act for the best interests of the whole people. My best efforts will be given in the same direction in the future.”* As I began reading this, I could see the correlation in this and our Allied Orders. We are called to this for many reasons, but I pray mostly for the education and remembrance of our ancestors, our Boys in Blue. We work together to increase awareness of our five Allied Orders and together we have built and maintained monuments, taught countless numbers of people about our U.S. Civil War History. We share our research and stories with schools, museums, and others at educational facilities. We have also created gravesite registries all across the country so that we may honor our Civil War ancestors at Memorial Day celebrations and other events all year round.

*“I did not ask for place or position, and was entirely without influence or the acquaintance of persons of influence, but was resolved to perform my part in a struggle threatening the very existence of the nation. I performed a conscientious duty, without asking promotion or command, and without a revengeful feeling toward any section or individual.”*

As this line was from the end of his Inaugural Address, it brings to mind, again, what we are doing here today. The good work we do is not for our own gain, but for the betterment of our country and our Allied Orders. It sounds so grand when we put it in this context, but we have created websites, informational sites, and aided with ancestor searches throughout this country. So often we are asked to take offices or take on projects and even coordinate events and we feel as if we are in a difficult place. Imagine being a great Civil War general and then asked to run an entire country for eight years. It can be difficult for anyone in these positions and yet we still take on tasks and work hard.

I, personally, enjoyed reading the text of General Grant and many of his speeches. They inspire me to continue to work hard for the Allied Orders that have accomplished so much so far and I look forward to many more years of amazing work by these organizations.

As we remember our General and President, I feel that we can be proud of how far we have come and continue to work for the good of the order and our growth for the future. Thank you. *(applause)*

## OHIO DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased to report to the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment the activities of the Department of Ohio for the year 2016-2017.

Ohio had a very productive and busy year. We added 17 new members, two of those being Junior Members.

Ohio Sisters were so active and generous this year that our charitable activities total is \$170,146.95.

One of our defining moments came at our Department Encampment when, by unanimous vote, the initiative that was started several months ago, “Sisters Supporting Women Veterans,” was adopted as the official initiative of the Department of Ohio.

The Ohio Sisters delivered welcome packages, personal care items, knitted scarves, lap quilts, magazines, and Christmas gifts. We even held a baby shower for a pregnant veteran at the VA Center in Dayton. She was pregnant and had 2 children and cried saying she had never had a baby shower.

We developed a Mission Statement, Core Values, and Vision Statement:

### **Our Mission**

We will work in support of the Veterans Administration to provide personal care items, support, compassion, and help to meet the specialized needs of the women veterans cared for at and by the Veterans Administration facilities. We will strive to provide support and help that is beyond the ability of the VA.

### **Core Values**

**Honor** – Women veterans sacrificed for all of us and defended our nation. They deserve to be honored in return by being given the chance to live a productive, fulfilling life after completing their active duty service.

**Dignity** – Women veterans should be proud of what they have done, yet so many don’t have a sense of their own self-worth. We will strive to provide personal care items in order to help restore their dignity.

**Compassion** – Our efforts must be grounded in compassion. We may not fully understand what the individual is going through, but we will listen actively, comprehend through wisdom, be guiding in love, and empathize with great care.

### **Our Vision**

SSWV will provide a beacon of hope to women veterans in crisis, and through our support at the Veterans Center, these women and their families will have their dignity restored, and will be empowered to take positive steps to move forward in their lives.

On Patriots Day, September 11, 2016, a large group of Ohio Sisters took part in a joint grave marking service at the Carpenter-Koontz Cemetery in Lancaster Ohio. Hosted by the Hocking Valley Chapter of the Ohio SAR, the event included the SAR, DAR, CAR, Ohio Society War of 1812, Boy Scouts, SUVCW and ASUVCW. The ceremony honored three Revolutionary War soldiers, a War of 1812 soldier, and a Civil War soldier.



Another large group of Ohio Sisters attended the annual Memorial service at Buffington Island, the site of the only Civil War battle in Ohio.

Our Ohio Sisters love to join in mass at events. A group of Sisters attended the unveiling of a new Abraham Lincoln statue in Dayton, OH. The Ohio Department was one of the donors and our name is engraved on the base.

Ohio Sisters promoted the ASUVCW as well as educated the public on the Civil War and the lives of women in the 1860s at living history events, parades, and festivals to mention a few. We have given talks at historical societies, genealogical societies, lineage groups, women's groups, and veterans groups at businesses.

Ohio Sisters were very involved on Memorial Day, taking part in many ceremonies across the state with the SUVCW.

As you can see, the Sisters in Ohio have had a very busy and productive year. At every opportunity, we talk about our Organization and our principles and encourage people to join with us.

Wanda Langdon  
Department President

### **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT**

The Sisters of the Department of Pennsylvania had a very busy year and were involved in a variety of activities. Sisters participated in commemorating many National and patriotic holidays across the state, often in conjunction with other patriotic groups and veterans organizations.

Sisters participated in many parades across the state including the 150<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade in Gettysburg, the Maple Festival Parade, and the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg.

Auxiliary members from Mt. Union Church #502 and #10 in Scranton were involved in preserving GAR records in their respective areas. In Scranton, they partnered with the Scranton Public Library to catalog records and make them available to the public.

Our Sisters often partner with historical societies, reenactors, Civil War roundtables, museums, and libraries to give our Boys in Blue visibility. Some of the Sisters helped to premiere the PBS Civil War drama Mercy Street.

Sisters are often visible at community fairs, festivals, and reenactments. Sisters and the Sons also create events that bring our Union history to life.

Sisters can always be found in cemeteries across the state honoring our Union ancestors by laying flags on veterans' graves and by participating in Memorial Day services. One Sister in our MAL group placed over 600 flags in her local cemeteries.

Sisters also enjoy helping veterans in our state veterans' homes by providing donations and by treating our veterans to picnics and other special events.

Many Sisters participate in Remembrance Day and Dedication Day activities in Gettysburg. This year we welcomed a new Auxiliary, Madeline O'Donnell Auxiliary #615, whose namesake was a nursing nun from the Sisters of Mercy Order. The Auxiliary was instituted in Gettysburg by National President Denise Oman during our Remembrance Day weekend.

Sisters can be found on the Gettysburg battlefield year-round, participating in battle walks, helping with battlefield maintenance, touring friends and family, and honoring our Boys in the National Cemetery.

Some of our Sisters participate in Wreaths Across America.

Our Sisters help out at our GAR Museum in Scranton acting as docents and providing other support.

Sisters also promote our Boys in Blue and our Order through press releases that publicize our events.

It has been a pleasure to serve this Department and its dedicated Sisters.

Susan Mertz

Department President

### **SARAH EMMA SEELYE AUXILIARY #1, TEXAS**

- We held our 10th Annual President's Tea, which is our main fundraiser for the year. It helps in supporting our Holiday Hot Chocolate Party we hold for the veterans in the local Veteran's hospital every year.
- We provided the patients with a gift bag which includes socks (from a sock drive we hold), \$5 in quarters, a stocking cap, a puzzle book, a spiral notebook, and a variety of candies along with a Christmas card. We served hot chocolate and lunch.
- Working with a local library we held a poster contest during their summer reading program. Children made posters of the American Flag and what it means to them. Prizes were \$25 for first place, an outside flag for second, and a cockade with a certificate for the other participants.
- In November we joined the men at the Liendo re-enactment, handing out flags to children, selling raffle tickets for a quilt and spreading the word of the Auxiliary. One member handed homemade tobacco bags to the re-enactors.

Valencia Reyes

Auxiliary President

### **POLLY TOOLE AUXILIARY # 17, TENNESSEE**

We are a small group. There are not many of us at all. We do most of our business and general activities with the Major William McTeer Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but we have done other activities with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

- August 2016 - Attended History Day and Fair sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society with the Major William A. McTeer Camp #39 in Knoxville. We gave a Civil War history and told our story about Polly Toole.
- 1 October 2016 - Attended Central Region's Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and it was held in Franklin, TN. That gave us an opportunity to make new connections with members from other regions.
- 29 October 2016 – Volunteered six hours at Fort Dickerson Living History Day held in Knoxville. This was part of the Knoxville City Civil War Roundtable. We helped with the Major McTeer Camp.
- 30 October 2016 – We participated at Maple Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Maryville where there was a last Union Veteran of the Civil War in Blount County. His relatives came and participated also.
- 19 November 2016 – Two of us attended the Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg.
- February 2017 – I attended the Hiwassee Chapter of the SAR in Athens, TN and shared information about our Auxiliary.
- 4 March 2017 – We went to the Tennessee Department Encampment in Murfreesboro, TN to make connections and to encourage other Camps in the Department to sponsor Auxiliaries. So far, we haven't had much luck to have any more Auxiliaries in Tennessee.
- March 2017 – Attended the Lucinda Heatherly Tent of the DUVCW with my husband representing SUVCW and this was to help better coordinate activities between our respective organizations. We volunteered 12 hours in cleaning the Sultana Memorial at Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Knoxville, TN. Some of you may have heard about the maritime disaster with the Sultana.
- 29 May 2017 – We co-sponsored a Memorial Day service at Knoxville National Cemetery with the McTeer Camp and with the Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3 of the DUVCW and also with the New York Highlanders and reenactors. It was well attended and we also received publicity with TV also involved. There was a large crowd. I gave a speech about the Auxiliary.
- 30 May 2017 – Participated in Memorial Day at the graveside of Major William McTeer in Maryville.

We meet every month informally at Calvin's Restaurant, which is a barbecue restaurant locally in Tennessee.

We would like to get more members, but so far haven't gotten much luck. I lost four last year and they seem to think you have to be interested in the Civil War, not just to be helpful to the men and other organizations. I am trying to get that through to them. You have given me a lot of good information of what you

do. I have a prospective member that meets with us and her husband is a Son, so she does come every month at our informal meetings. She probably will become a member. She is really good at needlework. Hopefully, we can get that started. Right now we do not have our minimum – we have five. There were a lot of deaths and then people moved out of our area into Ohio and other places.

Cynthia McReynolds  
Auxiliary President

### **GOV. ISAAC STEVENS AUXILIARY #1, WASHINGTON**

The Gov. Isaac Stevens Auxiliary continues to work closely with the Brothers in the Department of the Columbia. Our efforts include Veteran Headstone research, making sure that all Veterans receive due recognition for their service; flagging cemeteries as appropriate; continued research on the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Washington Territory Infantry, our ancestors who participated in the Civil War; and our newest project, researching the history of the G.A.R. Posts in the towns where each of us resides. This last project has been most exciting, as we have found original charters for a number of Posts and Camps, and for the Auxiliary and the Woman's Relief Corps, along with original minute books and letters. And the more we find, the more that we can piece together of our history.

Our Auxiliary grew by one this past year, and we lost no members. We continue to work and try to grow in a part of the country that believes we had nothing to do with the war. Education is our biggest focus, believing it to be the most useful and productive way to introduce our organization to others. We feel that this is beginning to pay off, as the Stevens Auxiliary has been asked to spearhead the effort to showcase the roles women played in relationship to the Army at Historic Fort Steilacoom, our local historical site that dates from 1848 through 1871. So many choices, so little space...

The Sisters in the Pacific Northwest wish the Sisters gathering in Lansing, Michigan a beneficial gathering. May Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty guide all thoughts and discussions, resulting in decisions that properly honor the Boys in Blue.

Patricia Bures  
Auxiliary President

### **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Department of Wisconsin had a very busy year.

With our Brothers, the Sisters participated in the Forest Home marker dedication - a memorial to all the Veterans buried at the Forest Home Cemetery; attended an ice cream social at the Galloway House in Fon du Lac, WI to raise funds for the Pier Cemetery (Auxiliary #4 & Camp #1 namesake); West Allis Settlers Weekend to raise money for veteran's relief in August. We attended Wreaths Across America at the VA cemetery grounds; donated to the VA to

purchase a wreath and we adorned the graves with a beautiful live evergreen wreath with a bright red bow to honor the veterans that were buried there. Following the wreath ceremony at the VA, we went to the VA hospital and presented the palliative (hospice) floor with handcrafted blankets, body wash, lip balm, and other items that the patients could use for personal care. We also hand-delivered candy and a greeting card to the patients in the palliative unit. We donated fourfolding chairs to the palliative unit so that visiting family members would be more comfortable when visiting their loved ones. Auxiliary #4 presented a nurse at the VA Hospital a gift certificate as she was ill and unable to work and provide for her family; participated/marched in a few parades; as a gift to a veteran, we donated money so that a fellow Auxiliary Sister could purchase items for a friend/veteran overseas. In February, along with the Mid-Winter Meeting, Auxiliary #4 assisted with a fundraising and patriotic luncheon. We donated items and helped with the raffle to raise funds for our veteran's relief. In April, a few members attended Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Illinois. We also helped at the Oak Hill Cemetery clean-up.

Almost all members were present at a solemn Memorial Day service at Calvary Cemetery with Archbishop Jerome Listeki, followed by a reading from President Lincoln - Mr. Nicholas Bur, and heard from Mr. John Christensen, an Army Sargent from the Vietnam war. Deacon Dean Collins from C.K. Pier #1 organized this and after the tribute speeches, we heard many salutes to the veterans via cannons firing, Civil War muskets, and rifles. The tribute ended with the sounding of Taps performed by the Civil War Brigade. We handed out flags to be placed on the graves of the veterans as well.

Auxiliary #8 closed – We did lose membership with this closing, though about half the group transferred to other active Auxiliaries around the state.

The Department of Wisconsin membership numbers maintained.

As a fundraiser, the Department of WI is selling t-shirts to help with the ongoing support of wives (husbands), mothers (fathers), widows, and children of veterans.

This year Wisconsin made HISTORY at the National Level! This is the first year ever that both the Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff have been from the same state as the National President.

We look forward to a prosperous 2017-2018 year.

Elizabeth Craig  
Department President

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Ok, service announcements and housekeeping.

First of all, you have in your packets the recommendations that were published online. You need to read those recommendations tonight and do what you need to do to understand them. If you have questions and you see things you

don't like or you think should be different, you need to be prepared for that tomorrow.

The Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief dinner is in the restaurant tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Campfire and Courtesy Hour are tonight at 6:30 next door. You are to come and have fun.

I would like to thank my officers, especially my Guides who have been jumping jacks today. They have earned whatever they get – my thanks, definitely.

I would like to thank every Sister at this meeting for sitting so patiently, remaining quiet, and cooperating as much as you can. I appreciate it very, very much.

Now you are going to hear something you are probably not going to like. We will resume tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. We have a lot of work tomorrow and we have to have sufficient time. So you are getting a break now – you are just losing it tomorrow morning. 8:00 a.m. – I am not sure I will be any more bright-eyed and bushy-tailed than you guys will be, but we will be here.

CINDY HILLIARD, PDP OH: Some of us are going to the breakfast tomorrow and it is from 7:00 to 8:15.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Ok, we will make it 8:30, just be prepared for not so many recesses, so don't drink too much!

Sister Chaplain, will you attend the Altar and close the Bible? (*so done*)

The National Treasurer would like to say something before you start running out the door.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: What I wanted to say is that I shared all that financial information with you and I would appreciate it if you would watch those documents and keep those documents close at hand. I am not interested in having them lay about and available for others. This is our information to be kept close at hand here and to share with your Auxiliaries, but not to be left on a chair or a basket that is not secure. We would like to shred things if we could but maybe that is something you want to bring home and dispose of, but that is all I wanted to say is just be more careful about the information I shared with you today.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you. You are dismissed.

*The meeting recessed until Saturday morning.*

**THIRD SESSION**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m.**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar and open the Bible. *(so done)*

I would like to start with housekeeping.

The Patriotic Instructor's and Chief of Staff's tables will be closing after lunch so that they have time to prepare their financial reports.

The Guards are to be at the door prior to the beginning of the afternoon session to check all membership cards for admission. Everyone must bring your membership card.

Election of Officers will be the first order of business after lunch. No one will be admitted after the doors are closed for the election until the elections have been concluded and I will enforce it.

Sister Guards, were you able to check the membership cards of all the people prior to their coming in?

REBECCA BLACK, AP OH, INSIDE GUARD: We got most of them.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Ok. Sister Guides, you will make the rounds of the Auxiliary and ascertain if all present are entitled to remain. *(so done)*

Thank you, Sister Guides.

We are about to go into Committee Reports where there will be discussions. You have three minutes to speak, then your time is up. You may address an issue no more than two times, so make whatever you want to say concise and to the point – no rambling.

First Committee to report is Officers Reports.

I was just reminded by the National Secretary that she has received two additional reports to be read.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Good morning, ladies. I received two reports from Past National Presidents last evening. I want to read them so they are in our minutes.

### **NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT**

In one of my entries in the National Newsletter, I asked Sisters to notate any monuments, benches, etc. that were erected by the Auxiliary. As of this date, I have not received any feedback from the Auxiliaries.

Unfortunately, the National Proceedings in my care are incomplete. I do not have the early 1990's – one of which should be from Lansing, Michigan. So I can only share from the 1978 Michigan Proceedings.

The Legislative Committee reported that efforts in Congress to restore posthumously the Medal of Honor to Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, a New York medical school graduate who served in the Union Army during the Civil War, was a Confederate prisoner for a time and later crusaded for women's rights. This attempt failed. In 1916, the medal was revoked by a review board stating that they could not successfully find reasons for awarding it in the first place. President Jimmy Carter approved the restoration of the honor in 1977.

The National Patriotic Officer was able to award a check for \$350 to the Michigan Veterans Facility for better nursing care for the veterans residing there. The Home originally opened in 1886 for disabled American Veterans. It was then known as the Old Soldiers Home and was occupied mostly by Civil War Veterans. In 1978, it was a State of Michigan nursing care unit that housed up to 750 members, 40 being women.

Sisters, I will be publishing a list of proceedings that are missing from our archives. If you have extra years, please send them to me at 6623 South North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Servant Leadership Skills were shared at the last two National Encampments and articles were placed in the National newsletter. More trait articles will be shared in the future.

These last two weeks have been very trying for my family. Just prior to leaving the National Convention this year, our father took seriously ill. I had the difficult task of calling our National President back to her home state to say her goodbyes to a wonderful, kind, and gentle man – one who exemplified Servant Leadership.

Thank you for your prayers and kind words. We were with him as he passed from this world to the next – a new life with the Lord together with our mother with no more pains or diseases to battle.

Danielle Michaels, PNP, Chair

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister Virginia, will you give your report now, and I apologize.



**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS**

In Ramona's Disciplinary Hearing Report, we had eight recommendations. The Committee has decided that some of these had to go to the CR&R Committee because they are about the CR&R. So we will dispense with those and not vote on those right now because they have to go through the CR&R Committee.

Her first recommendation was about the Disciplinary Hearings.

**Recommendation #1:** I believe that we need to implement some changes to our current policy. I think we need to create a step before formal charges are filed. We have made it too easy to file charges by not having provided any reason to hesitate before filing charges. **THE COMMITTEE IS BREAKING THIS DOWN INTO THREE PARTS. THAT IS THE FIRST PART. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.**

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**

**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI and Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** The Sons have a cost factor included in their policy. The party that is not successful has to pay the cost of the hearing. **THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.**

**MOVED by June Lloyd, DP MI**

**SECONDED by Connie Horning, DVP MI**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT:** I think we need to clarify it so that everybody understands what they are voting on.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** The committee does not agree that whoever is not successful from a disciplinary hearing pay the cost of the hearing. So, they do not want that included. If you vote to sustain them, you are agreeing with them – you do not want it included. If you vote not to sustain them, you are disagreeing with the committee and you want it included. Is everyone clear? Are you ready for the question?

**MOTION FAILED**

**Recommendation #3:** The National Organization paid \$133.82 for printing and postage. I paid approximately \$380.00 for gasoline, food, room, recording device which is required by the CR&R, batteries, and a charger. FOR MILEAGE THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THEM THE MILEAGE THAT WE GIVE THE OFFICERS TO COME HERE.

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I just want to be clear. Who is paying who, what?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The National Organization will be reimbursing those people who are on the Hearing Committee for their mileage.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Just the people on the committee, not the people involved in the discipline?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Correct.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I am wondering if this mileage is retroactive or going forward that is being asked. If someone's called to the committee as a witness or someone who needs to speak and they are called by the committee, is mileage included there? Is it that we want mileage or what if there are other costs that are related to transportation, if you are not traveling by car, say.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The Committee only authorized mileage for the people who are on the Hearing Committee alone. It would be under the same circumstances as the National Officers, correct? It would be a reimbursement of \$.15 a mile to five people. The Hearing Committee is made up of five people – not the witnesses, not the participants – the five people on the Hearing Committee.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I am wondering again if this would sway the choice of who would be on the committee, based on location and cost when these choices are made for committee members. Also, the National Organization pays \$.15 per mile to the President, Secretary, and the National Treasurer or pays for air transport if that is a lesser amount – one of the two. That is currently the practice for mileage.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister Vice President, will you preside while I offer some explanation?

I told you I had to conduct a Hearing Committee. I was placed in charge by the National President, she gave me the parameters of the people from whom I could choose to be on that committee, and I had a very difficult time getting people to serve. I did get my committee. I purposely stayed away from people that were way too far away. I still had to take someone who had a long way to drive. I chose to make the hearing as close to that person as possible, to minimize the amount of driving that she had to do, and I drove nearly as many miles as she did. Then I tried to choose others that were in fairly close proximity that would not have so far to drive. There are a lot of things that go into a decision of who you ask to serve on that committee. You don't always have the restrictions that were placed upon me, but sometimes those restrictions can be even more limited than what I had. So it is difficult to get people.

**VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY:** I know I am not supposed to speak because I am the head of this committee, but I was on a disciplinary committee also and I had to travel to Pennsylvania. It wasn't that far from my home; it only took me about 6½ hours to get there. One of the other ladies traveled with me and we were able to get everything done in one day. I didn't mind the mileage and I did stay overnight because it went on into the evening. I know there are a lot of people on budgets and can't afford this and that makes picking a disciplinary committee hard because people can't afford to do it. This is why we want to do this.

**CONNIE HORNING, DVP MI:** Sisters, we all appreciate what you did and how difficult it was. May I make a suggestion that seeing how this does kind of fall under a religious type of...

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** No, Sister, I'm sorry. It is in our CR&R that we do not do religious or political things.

**CONNIE HORNING, DVP MI:** What I am saying is, we are trying to show our loving-kindness to other Sisters, why don't we have someone appointed, possibly the Chaplain, to help with collecting monies to reimburse to make this easier in the future.

**VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY:** Due to our regulations in the CR&R, we have our money makers and we have the money in our possession for the use of these things and to have somebody else making money, also, is another burden.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3:** It is unfair to ask Sisters to shoulder the expense of the hearing or the National Organization to absorb the cost for reimbursement of food and lodging. ONLY HALF OF THE COMMITTEE CONCURED WITH THIS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SET AN EXACT AMOUNT OF EXPENSE AT \$100.00 PER PERSON BECAUSE THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** To clarify - the Committee is saying that, in addition to the mileage which has already been established, no one on the Hearing Committee will receive more than \$100.00 to cover food and room, or if you want to call it incidentals. That is their recommendation.

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT:** Obviously the Hearing Committee, I am assuming, met in the room with you and I am assuming people probably brought food and things of that nature, is there a way to just pay for that room and then reimburse the mileage to kind of keep it more on an even keel? I don't care either way. I am trying to make it so people don't say, "Oh, well, you know..." Do you know what I mean?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** We can only deal with the motion that is on the floor.

**HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT:** I was just curious.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** I, personally, think that \$100 is a little high for reimbursement. We can get hotel rooms for \$80-\$90 and I know there are lots that are \$129, but let's realize that \$500 is a large expense, in my opinion, for the National Organization. I agree with you to set a limit, but I think \$100 is too high. For food, like Hope said, people can bring snacks or sandwiches. A lunch out can be \$10-\$20. Personally, I think some of our ladies have...we are getting mileage now cause we just approved that...so it is not a free ride to the hearing. There has to be a cost incurred upon the Sisters. We are all in this Organization not looking for a free ride, we understand that - we are here to spend money. I just want to be clear also, this is just for the formal hearing. This is not for the other one that you described earlier - the pre-hearing or however that was described. This is just for the formal hearing.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: That is correct.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: No matter where the committee is on any special day, if they are not on a committee, they are going to be eating three meals a day. I think they should be responsible for their own meals. They can choose whether they want to spend a lot or not a lot. If the people on the committee are split like some male and some female, there can be two rooms. They can share a room like we do here and the \$500 should cover it.

SUSAN FALLON, WI, COUNCIL #2: I want to know if they are going to have to have receipts. That way there is an accountability to it. I wanted clarification on it because it wasn't mentioned.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Those of us that have done it know it is standard operating procedure. Yes, thank you for bringing that to the floor.

JUNE LLOYD, DP MI: I would like to know how many of these disciplinary hearings are there? One, two, three a year?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The policy has been in place for two years. We have had one each year since the policy was put in place.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I only got two times to speak last time but I wanted to say that I prepare a budget and the budget is approved. If there are additional expenses that are incurred, they can be presented to the Council for approval, so, therefore, we are setting numbers that could be one, two, three disciplinary hearings at \$100. We cannot predict the future, but we can present them to a reasonable Council who can make a determination. I think that is why we have a Council; that's why we have a budget. It can, even once the hearing is heard, it can also be presented in advance or should be. I just wanted to add that information.

LAURA WARD, DVP NH: Has any thought made to Skyping to lessen the cost?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Skyping was given a great deal of thought. That; however, requires every member of the Council to have Skyping capabilities. And while I have a computer, I do not have Skyping capabilities. So yes, that was considered, believe me.

LAURA WARD, DVP NH: How much? How much would it cost to Skype as compared to how much you are talking about?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I don't know because I do not have Skyping and I was not about to go out and get it. That is not on the floor, but I wanted to answer a question.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: That does not mean that all five will be presenting a bill. Some of them won't do it because they love the Organization and will do it out of pocket. It is up to \$500. Like I said, I went to Pennsylvania; I didn't get reimbursed. I did it out of loyalty to this Organization.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: As I reiterated at the very beginning, the rest of her recommendations are due to go to the CR&R Committee.

### **Report suspended due to the arrival of visitors.**

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escort brought the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Jan Rynerson and National President Caren Cleaveland, to the Altar.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: We welcome you to our National Encampment. It is wonderful to see the faces of others from the Allied Orders. I am particularly pleased to see that we are honored with the presence of your National President.

Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escort, would you please bring these two ladies to my station?

CAREN CLEAVELAND, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DUVCW 1861-1865: I thank you all for such a great enthusiastic welcoming. I do wish you Sisters a prosperous and successful convention. It is my pleasure to be here and I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Jane Graham Past National President, would you please respond?

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: It is an extreme honor and privilege for me to get to welcome you to our National Encampment. I have had the honor of traveling with one of your other Past National Presidents just a few years ago. It is such a warming in your heart and God's blessing when we know that the five Allied Orders are trying to keep the remembrance of our Boys in Blue and be together

as often as we can, even if it is only for a few minutes. Thank you and your traveling companion for taking the time out of your very, very busy year to spend some time with us. Our hearts are blessed.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: This lady is from about twelve miles from where I live. She was one of the most influential people to put in a monument in Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day. It is a fabulous area to go and see. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you for enlightening us. That was interesting, truly, truly interesting.

*The Guides and Color Guards escorted the  
DUCW Greetings Committee from the room.*

### **Report resumes.**

#### **Secretary's Recommendations:**

**Recommendation #1:** That all reports to the National Encampment from National Officers, Committees, and Special Committees be submitted to the National Secretary no later than two (2) weeks prior to the National Encampment. This will give the National Secretary time to compile delegate packets and extract recommendations. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I just would like to not add anything to the motion, but I would just like to say, we are all very busy and maybe perhaps a one-month email that the date is coming up – a reminder email to all of us who are on committees and officers – would be appreciated because we all in a busy world and we all like reminders. Not to add to the motion, but to the person who is sending it out, just a recommendation.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So since this includes Officer Reports and Recommendations, as a Treasurer, our year-end is 7/31 which is not always two weeks before the request. I would not have time to

prepare these reports and present them. Usually, my recommendations are based on the culmination of the information that I put together and experience. I am not in a position to be able to craft my recommendations as Treasurer in that time frame. Also, is for the packet. I am not sure that we are clear on what goes in a packet, so I am not sure what the Secretary is in need of for the purpose of the packet. So I would need to understand the reason for having this. I am in support of having information in advance and having the membership know, but I would like to know and it's clear what we are sharing in advance that the Secretary has her hands on all of this information two weeks in advance. Where does this information...how is this information cared for in terms of the sharing of information or the confidentiality of the information?

**RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY:** What I am looking for in this is to be able to have them for the delegate packet that you receive here at the National Encampment. Right now you have the recommendations that were passed at the Departments that are coming on the floor. You are sitting and we are going through these and you have only heard them verbally in the room. I am asking to receive them in advance so that when you get your packet on Thursday night at Registration, you have now the recommendations from each of the officers, each of the committees, so that you, at your leisure on Thursday night before we read them on the floor on Friday, have a chance to look them over. Now, I believe that I am a credible and responsible person and I have taken my oath of office as the National Secretary, so I don't feel that I need to be asked if I am going to keep things private and secure if given information.

**JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH:** I am wondering if the officer that put in that recommendation...I understand Mary's dilemma. I also understand the dilemma of the Patriotic Instructor and the Chief of Staff. There is no way they can have their reports ready for you. Could there be an exception added to that...

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Sister, would you like to amend the motion?

**JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH:** I would be most happy to do that.

**VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY:** According to our Rules and Regulations, the first motion has to be rescinded before we can change to a second motion. Does the person who made the first motion rescind her motion?

**MOTION RESCINDED**



**MOVED by Jane Graham, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**I would like to make the motion that the National Secretary's recommendation that all reports from National Officers, Committees, and Special Committees be submitted to the National Secretary no later than two (2) weeks prior to the National Encampment, with the exception of the National Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor, and the Chief of Staff.**

**DISCUSSION:**

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: Ok, we bring up our schedule, decide to bring our Encampment to the first week in August. Why is there a problem that we need a two-week request when it should be just part of a plan to make it happen? It is just planning.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Are you asking why it takes two weeks? Let me explain. Some of us are working full-time jobs. It will take days unless you spend every hour – these reports are big – and unless you have worked with them you have no idea. The time is necessary. Some people move faster than others and I, for one, am a slow mover. I make no apologies for it. Everybody is different.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH: For clarity on what's being requested for the two week period, it is the Officers, Committees and Special Committee Reports, including recommendations. We currently have a website that posts our recommendations and our resolutions. It is indicated on the website that Officers' recommendations would be posted there. That is what is said on the website right now, today. Now, so what I just want to get clarity on, recommendations being submitted two weeks in advance, would they be candidates for posting on the website, and I am favor of that, might I say. The other thing I would just lastly say is this is not personal to the Secretary sharing information. The Secretary has a role that you may not always have, but this is a motion that goes forward. I just want to keep this clear when we are talking about information sharing in this fast-moving technological age.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: To me, I have been in the business world, I have been a working woman with a child. I understand a volunteer and being able to compile hundred-page reports plus. I also understand what it takes to put it up on the web. According to any planning, if you put it in your schedule, you can do it. Put a date – you stay with it. It's that simple.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** That a pre-registration fee for future National Encampments be set and that after a certain number of days prior to each National Encampment the registration fee be increased, including for at-the-door registration, to encourage pre-registration. Having a more accurate figure for registration prior to the National Encampment greatly benefits both the Host Committee and the National Secretary. **THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR. THE PART THAT WE DID NOT CONCUR WITH IS RAISING THE PRICE AT THE DOOR.**

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: We have pre-registration now and this is the very first year that I ever did it because I am not for pre-registration, but that is just me – I am old-fashioned and I am stubborn. But having a pre-registration does help the committee to get the proper items for the number of people that show up. If you don't pre-register, then like this year, there was not enough books to go around. You might not get the badge and things like that, so pre-registration is great. The committee goes with that. We just did not think there should be a rise in price to do it at the door.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: So you are turning down this entire recommendation – you do not concur?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Correct.

**MOVED by Ellen Higgins NJ**  
**SECONDED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**  
**That we do not sustain the Committee.**

DISCUSSION:

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: There is only one way you can get people to pre-register and that is if there is some type of penalty if they don't. If they pre-register, there is no penalty – they don't have to pay the additional amount.

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: Another way to look at this is to simply put a different spin on it. Rather than making it a penalty if you register at Encampment which is perfectly fine – many of us have busy schedules and we might not know if we are able to attend until later – but rather look at as a discount if you have an early bird registration. *(laughter and applause)* I, for one, am very much in favor of as many people as possible, that are able to, to pre-register because it does drastically help with giving a general idea not only to the people putting it on but the people involved as well. I, for one, was one of the

very many who did not receive an Encampment booklet and that's very disappointing to me. I am hoping that steps will be taken to where I will be able to receive a copy at some point. I think it is important to consider that, so please do.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: The other thing is that National makes it very easy to pre-register. You are given your pre-registration form in your newsletter. You can do it online. I am sure that if they can't find the form, if they contact the National Secretary they can get just about anything. Also, I believe they post it online on the webpage as well. It is not like there aren't like fifteen different avenues to get this pre-registration. I mailed mine this year because I was sitting down and writing checks for everything else so I did that, too. A lot of times, too, you have got to get your banquet tickets ahead of time because the banquet sells out fast. So I mean pre-registration is a nice thing, plus it helps us with costs. It costs a lot of money to make these copies. It costs a lot of money to get things set up, so if we have the money in advance, it just makes things a lot easier for us to get the Encampment together. Thank you.

## MOTION CARRIED

**Recommendation #3:** That an Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings be appointed by the incoming National President to assist the National Secretary with the production of the annual proceedings of the National Encampment, including those National Encampment Proceedings that remain unfinished. The job is very time-consuming and the National Secretary already has many responsibilities. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH ONE CLARIFICATION. IS THIS JUST UNTIL YOU GET CAUGHT UP OR FROM NOW ON.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I would love to say that it is just until we get caught up and we are going to have, at some point, a discussion today later on about proceedings. That is why I put this in here. The new proceedings that I just got that I have been working on for about 25 hours of taking out the stuff that is not necessary in it, that one was 396 pages. The other one that I received the day before that is 419 pages. A, we can't print that much along with the reports that have to go into it. B, there are a lot of unnecessary things that the transcriptionist puts in there because she is required by her transcription job basically to put every single line that comes off the tape. So we are all sitting in this room having a conversation that is chatter, she writes in there "chatter." If we say "amen," she puts in Amen. If we sing, she puts that we sing. Those are things that are not necessary that we have to print in the final proceedings or you can choose to leave it exactly the way that we get it from her

and we print a 500-page document. Those are the decisions you guys have to make, but there is also some formatting that has to go into these that come from her to me. With having a total of five proceedings and my already knowing how much time I have spent on the one I am currently working on to get it with its index and its front cover and everything so that I can get it to the printer within this month, I am asking for some assistance from the incoming National President to help me with that task. I want to get this completed for you guys as soon as possible. You have no idea how passionate I am about getting these proceedings done.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Ok, so this is forever. I will read it one more time. That an Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings be appointed by the incoming National President to assist the National Secretary with the production of the annual proceedings of the National Encampment, including those National Encampment Proceedings that remain unfinished. The job is very time consuming and the National Secretary already has many responsibilities. She also says that at some point it might not be needed, but for now, we need it. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**SECONDED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **National Treasurer Recommendations:**

**Recommendation #1: Supply Officer Receipts** - I would like to recommend that we allocate 25% of the Supply Receipts targeted as follows:

- Half to be allocated toward the President's Scholarship (391.28)
- Half to be allocated to a Charitable Donation for the next fiscal year

(391.28). The recipient of the donation will be a veterans' organization of the Supply Officer's choice.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I have just one question. This is in addition to what we already have in our CR&R? It would be a larger scholarship or...

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: We already passed this last year, so there is really no recommendation. I can withdraw it or we can continue to discuss it. It has been passed in our Budget today these figures. This has already been approved; these numbers that I present here are in the budget. So I apologize that I used the language of recommendation but I did want to keep

it visibly in front of you to give you an opportunity to talk about it again. We currently give \$500 was our original scholarship amount through time it was raised a couple of years back from \$400. We currently have already approved up to \$500 additional money that the President is able to give. This year we gave \$1,000, which includes that \$500 from last year's receipts.

I don't believe that is a real recommendation. I apologize.

## **THE RECOMMENDATION WAS WITHDRAWN.**

**Recommendation #2: Patriotic Fund** - There exists \$23,000.00 in the Permanent Fund that was previously held as a CD specifically earmarked for Patriotic purposes. An analysis of 2005 through 2016 Patriotic spending reveals that the General Operating Fund contains an additional unspent figure of \$14,651.38. I would like to recommend that these monies be transferred from the General Operating Fund and, in effect, increase the allocated Patriotic monies in the Permanent Fund to \$37,651.38. This will then, naturally, reduce the General Operating Fund to become \$12,165.58. **THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.**

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**SECONDED by Ellen Higgins, NJ**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3: Certificates of Deposit** – With the Permanent Fund showing continued stability and steady increases over the last five years, as shown in the report, I would like to recommend that the National Organization take advantage of the current CD rates to invest a minimum of \$40,000.00 (#2 Honor Roll, #3 Life Membership and #4 Patriotic Fund allocations) for a three-year term which would yield approximately  $\$36.00 \times 4 = \$144.00$ . **THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A LOT OF EXTRA PAPERWORK FOR NOTHING.**

**MOVED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**  
**SECONDED by Patricia Wilhelm, NJ**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #4: Term Limit** – Consideration is taken to reduce the term limit of the National Treasurer from five years to three years as done by the Sons National Organization. All language to the CR&R will be altered and presented for voting in the next Convention. The current term expiring in 2020 will now expire in 2018. **THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT IT IS A REASONABLE REQUEST BUT NEEDED CLARIFICATION. DOES IT HAVE TO GO TO**

EACH DEPARTMENT TO BE VOTED ON? (The answer was Yes.) OK, THIS WILL BE GOING OUT TO EACH DEPARTMENT TO VOTE ON. WE WOULD NEED 2/3 OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO SAY YES TO PASS OR SAY NO TO NOT TO PASS. WHAT YOU ARE VOTING ON TODAY WILL BE WHETHER WE SEND THIS TO THE DEPARTMENTS FOR A VOTE. WE NEEDED CLARIFICATION. NOW THAT WE HAVE IT, MY COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONCURS SINCE WE HAVE THE CLARIFICATION? YES, SEND IT TO THE DEPARTMENTS FOR RATIFICATION.

**MOVED by Ellen Higgins, NJ**

**SECONDED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**

**That the Committee be sustained that this recommendation be sent to Departments for ratification.**

DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I made the motion just so to get it on the floor so we could have discussion. So, I need some clarification as to why this has to be sent to the Departments for ratification. Can you clarify the difference between voting for something on the floor and having to send it to the Departments?

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: Sister Ellen, that would be a change to the CR&R, because it would totally change everything and three lines have to be changed and it has to be changed that way.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: One question is why are we changing it now? You signed up. You knew you were doing five years. Why can't we just leave it at 2020 and then go forward with the three years since that is a new thing now versus a previous term?

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: It is my understanding that ratification is only necessary to change the Constitution, not the Regulations. I can find nothing in the Constitution that says the Treasurer has to serve five years. I have every faith in our current Treasurer, who signed up for five years and will do the five years as that is her personality; however, I think she is thinking ahead, also, that maybe signing up for five years is a long time to consider.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So three strikes and you are out. I think your idea, Rosemary, is a wonderful idea. That would have been my third try if this does not pass. I would welcome a motion that would say I

would complete my years and that we would go to a three-year term and update the Constitution. I would welcome that motion, because you are right – I did sign up for five years. My mindset says, if you sign up for three years, as do the Sons, if you are really energetic and enthusiastic, you can do two terms equating to six years, which is only one year more than the current term limit. So if you are not in a position or you are able to do more than three years, you have an opportunity to let someone else well qualified to step into that position. Also, I have only one more question, is that earlier, with the Vice President's report she had some recommendations that went straight to the CR&R Committee. So, if we are talking about changes to Rule, shouldn't this go to the CR&R Committee before we can pass it? I am not clear what goes to CR&R and what doesn't, so that is another question that I have with our decision in passing but yet changing. That I worded it as such, that we want three years, but we want the CR&R people to craft the language behind what that means.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: If we change the five-year term to the three-year term, in the CR&R, if I am not mistaken, it says that a Treasurer that serves two full terms automatically becomes a Past National President.

MANY VOICES: No, you are eligible to run for Vice President. They don't have to take a money office.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Ok, they don't have to do a money office. So this is going to change more than one line and according to Sister Margaret Atkinson that is not here but she is a valid voice for this...I was mistaken. We do not have to ratify this. We can vote on changing terms and send it to the CR&R Committee for next year to be voted in. So we need a rescind of the motion.

## **MOTION WAS RESCINDED**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Sisters. I need a motion. The Committee is now saying that they concur with changing the number of years for the term of office for National Treasurer. Is that correct? Now I need a motion.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Before I make my motion, I just want to be clear what we are going to do. Is that we are going to vote for it on the floor and it is going to the CR&R for clarification and if we do vote to do this it will be in effect after the conclusion of the term of the current Treasurer.

**MOVED by Ellen Higgins, NJ**

**SECONDED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**

**That the Committee be sustained to have a three-year term limit for Treasurer.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Now we need a motion for the verbiage change in the CR&R.

**MOVED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**

**SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**

**That the term limit change be sent to the CR&R Committee for the verbiage change.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**National Chaplain:**

**Recommendation 1:** That the incoming National Chaplain contact each Department and Auxiliary at Large Chaplains to help inform them of all the necessary reports and even provide them with copies of the reports and the due dates. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**SECONDED by Patricia Wilhelm, NJ**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: Now I gladly hand all this paperwork over to the Secretary! (*applause*)

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, will you please attend the Altar and close the Bible for a short recess. Please be back in no less than 10 minutes. It is currently 10:23. We have a tremendous amount of business.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar for a short recess.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar and open the Bible, please?

It was brought to my attention that yesterday when we were presenting the National Patriotic Instructor's donations that the gentleman that was here received one of our donations. The other one is going to the VFW National Home for Children here in Michigan. The Michigan Department is going to be delivering that check to that group in person.



CONNIE HORNING, DVP MI: I have a letter from the Home thanking us for choosing them and their sorrow at not being able to accept the check at this Encampment. We do have pamphlets that we can hand out and there is a link to a video that Sister Rachelle will share on the internet.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I will remind everyone that the Patriotic Instructor's table and the Chief of Staff's table closes so if you are going to get anything from them when we break for lunch, that will be your opportunity.

We will now call for the Committee on Committee Reports.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Forms and Documents Committee:**

**Recommendation #1:** That the new membership applications be approved and placed on the National website as soon as the National Encampment is completed. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Can you highlight the changes from the old application to the new application so that we don't have to go line by line. What are the changes?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: The new application has lines for the payments that are necessary for an individual where the current application does not. The other change is that there is a page that gives some instructions to the application. They were made fillable pdf's so the person can go online and fill it out and print it. It is also downloadable then for a Department or Auxiliary to be able to utilize. There was also a Junior Application that was created for our Junior Members, because of the fact that they are under the age of 18. They don't require payment until they turn the age of 12.

AMY MILLER, PDP OH: I don't know if it is just a typo on the one for the Junior Membership, but it does list a \$15 application fee.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: That is probably a typo – I can take care of it.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I have a quick question. Can you tell me is there any phone number contact on the applications? Perhaps there is email, but I find that when I visit an organization, I want to call them right away. I want to talk with someone because I am interested right now.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Yes, I can add that.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: That would have to be an agreement of the Vice President to receive phone calls or whoever is on that application, but I know my experience – I want to do business when I want to do it and if I put it aside to mail, it may not get done. I'd like to get that call, get my questions answered, fill out that application and move on.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: We can make sure that someone who assumes the office of Vice President can be made aware of that. If they don't want to do it, it's their option.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** That all old versions of the membership applications be destroyed and that only the most up-to-date version be used. The current version can always be found on the website.

**MOVED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Cynthia McReynolds, AP TN**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I also agree; however, if we should receive an application on an outdated form, would we require that to be transferred to the form or would we proceed in processing that form? I think we would proceed.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**IRS and Tax Issues Committee**

**Recommendation #1:** I would like to recommend that this committee be disbanded as this work is conducted between the Treasurer (Parent) and the Auxiliary (Subsidiary) only and given the difficulty in managing these delicate matters of financial importance, I feel there is no need to maintain this additional level of bureaucracy. Should the membership agree, the duties outlined in the National Organization's Job Descriptions can be folded into those of the Treasurer including the desired reporting requirements. No changes to the CR&R would be necessary. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT SINCE OUR NATIONAL TREASURER HAS BEEN DOING THIS JOB FOR TWO YEARS, THAT WE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**

**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Special Committee for Junior Members Development**

**Recommendation #1:** That there be a polling of our Junior Members as to what they would like to see for themselves within the Organization, such as an idea book for the Junior Members for meetings, etc. THE COMMITTEE GREATLY APPRECIATES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE BROUGHT FORWARD AND WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCUR.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**SECONDED by Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** That there be space allocated to highlight our Junior Members in *The Auxiliary Voice* and that Auxiliaries be encouraged to submit articles to the Newsletter Editor to help highlight these special young ladies. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**

**SECONDED by Susan Wert, CHSPK**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3:** That the Order update its CR&R to better address our Junior Members and allow for their protection, along with that of the National Organization, including a requirement that "any member of the Auxiliary under

the age of 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.” This should include any and all Auxiliary events or functions. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE SONS HAVE ADDRESSED THIS AND IT IS TIME THAT THE AUXILIARY ADDRESS THE QUESTION ALSO, AND WE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**  
**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I am not clear what we are doing here.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The Committee can correct me if I am incorrect in what I am saying. We need to address the Junior Members and be certain that we are protected by requiring a parent to accompany anyone under the age of 18. There is nothing right now in the CR&R covering it.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So that is the only thing you are going to add, is that anyone under 18 needs to be accompanied. Does this have to be referred to the CR&R?

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: My only question is why 18?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: They are legally adults by federal law at that point. We have to comply with the law.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: That’s from state to state.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: No, 18 is considered legally an adult.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: The question I have is it states ‘must be with a parent.’ Suppose a parent is not available or not interested but they have a mentor in the Organization.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: No. Legally, to protect ourselves, it must be a parent or legal guardian.

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Just to clarify, it does say update the CR&R within that recommendation.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: What we are doing is getting it passed here and the next motion that will have to be made if it is passed...

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I believe that Sister Wanda said that it is in her recommendation that it be sent to the CR&R.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Re-read that Wanda, because I didn't hear that.

WANDA LANGDON, PDP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: That the Order updates its CR&R's.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ladies, we have to rescind the motion. It must be said that we are sending it to the CR&R Committee.

MANY: She said that. It is in the motion.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, it wasn't.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: She said that the committee be sustained. Within the Committee's recommendation, it says it goes to the CR&R; therefore, one vote and we are done.

CINDY HILLIARD, PDP OH: You said parent or guardian. I have a granddaughter who is seven who might be interested in going. Does that cover me because I am a grandparent? I am not her guardian or her parent. So what if she wants to come to something that we are going to do?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: My un-legal opinion would be no, you are a grandparent, not the parent.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I am thinking the same as Cindy. We have activities at the local level and we do have Juniors. Would it be that we could get the parents' written permission to have someone that is in charge of that child for the event because we will be excluding our Juniors now? Their parents are not always available and we like them there. We like them dressed at our events and it really is quite a boost for our Camp and Auxiliaries.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Actually, there is a legal document that can be signed by the parent or guardian assigning temporary

guardianship to another person for a set period of time. I would be more than happy to locate it. I have dealt with it before. Let's say that Rachelle didn't want to come to Encampment and Emelia did. She could sign this document giving me legal guardianship over Emelia for "x" amount of days. It is legal. It does not require a notary, just my signature.

SUSAN FALLON, WI, COUNCIL #2: Some states, like Wisconsin, are very sticky on having a parent or guardian. We allow a guardian as long as there is a signed document by the parents. I went through this when my children were young. The parent would have to make a legal document saying that they give temporary guardianship for "x" weekend of the year and it is only good for that weekend; it is not a blanket thing. So it has to be something that is very specific.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: The motion is referring this to the CR&R. I think the CR&R can come up with the language to include a signed document. Whatever the CR&R thinks the language should be.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **National Webmaster**

**Recommendation #1:** I recommend to the incoming National President that she appoint a Sister or Sisters to the Committee on Technology and Communications that are proficient in Social Media. I recommend that it is time for our Organization to develop guidelines for Social Media posting and etiquette. I recommend that the committee develop these guidelines for presentation and approval at the 2018 National Encampment. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**

**SECONDED by Kathy Heltemes, WI**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Constitution, Rules & Regulations Committee**

**Suggestion #1 REVOKED**

**Suggestion #2:** Anyone running for office as National President must have been a member for ten years. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THIS QUITE A BIT. WE FEEL THAT WITH THE OTHER GUIDELINES THAT ARE IN PLACE IN THE CR&R, HAVING TO BE A PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT AND HOLD A MONEY OFFICE, THAT RATHER THAN TEN YEARS, WE RECOMMEND FIVE YEARS, SO WE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**SECONDED by Susan Fallon, WI, Council #2**  
**That the Committee not be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: Please indulge me; I have a question just for my own personal understanding. This is for voting purposes. I personally don't believe we should set a time parameter. I don't agree with the five years or the ten years. So, I am wondering how to vote. I am wondering if I don't agree with the five years with not sustaining the committee, then does that mean the ten years automatically passes? I am confused.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Let me clarify one thing with Sister Wanda and then I will tell you. Sister Wanda, was the committee recommending five years? Were you saying that you want instead of ten years, you wanted to see five years?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Cindy, in math, what happens with two negatives? What's it do? It makes it a positive. So if you vote to sustain the motion to not sustain the committee, then that is a positive, it will be ten years. The vote you are taking right now would go back to the original and it would be ten years minimum membership before you can run for National President.

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: If someone could please refresh my memory. What are the actual requirements now? There is no membership years parameter?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: There is no time limit on that. You must be a Past Department President. You must have held a money office for the National or you must have served as a National Secretary for five years or the National Treasurer for five years in order to be eligible to run for the office of National President.

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: So as a voting person, what do I do if I don't want any time limit?

UNKNOWN: You abstain.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Don't vote at all.

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: Okay, thank you.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: The reason why we put the ten-year limit in there, is if a new member comes in, she doesn't know the Guide's position, she doesn't know our rules and regulations. It takes time. Because things change, we have changed the CR&R several times already today. We thought and Margaret and I discussed it and she really concurred with me on the ten-year limit to get the person up to date and knowledgeable about all the workings of the Organization.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Can we rescind the motion and set a new motion in place that would make it so we don't have to do the two negative equals a positive?

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: I have been a member of the Auxiliary for 32 years, almost 33 in October, and when I was younger I was forced to do things like Page run here and run there, and floor work. When I got older, I had to take a couple of years raising my children, you know, these things were going on. I, personally, held off my entire family from pushing me into being Department President for 24 years – I deserve an award – because I didn't feel I was ready to move up and there is so much to learn. Besides, if you think about it, by the time you run through your Auxiliary chairs, by the time you run through your Department chairs, you are pretty darn close to ten years anyway. That's just my thoughts.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I have a problem as the motion is read, a flat five years. I think it should say a minimum or at least. I don't agree with the five years. I think it should be ten years, but I understand what Hope is saying. But I think we still need something in place because, quite frankly, anyone could become a new member for five years and then run for President. There are no other requirements other than the ones you just mentioned. I am with Cindy on the thing, too.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Here's the thing. In order to do the steps, you have to be in your Auxiliary. You have to at least made Auxiliary President. You have to be an Auxiliary President or a Past Auxiliary President to become a Department President. Once you have become a Past Department President, now you are eligible to enter the National arena for any of the offices that will push you in the goal of going for National President. Now, you can choose not to be Chaplain; you can choose not to sit on the Council and one of those ways is to go into the offices that hold for a long period of time because they allow us the honor to say that we don't have to do a money office as Patriotic Instructor or Chief of Staff. Where this becomes an



issue is in the sense of a new Auxiliary who forms because you have an individual who automatically will become a Past President. Then if you have a Department after you get a new Auxiliary going and you get a Department that either reinvents itself or forms a new Department, you have the potential that individual bypasses the necessary chairs in that Department. That allows them to come to National quicker, and I was one of those candidates where I was fast-tracked because A-I started an Auxiliary, so I was its first President and B-I restarted the Department so I now fast-tracked through my Department which allowed me the opportunity to come to the National floor. But, I did not fast-track myself through the chairs here, because I understood that I had to learn A-the position and B-the ritual of how it works. So I did all of these chairs, and by doing that, I was a member 15 years before I became National President and that is just how it works. So if you count out one year for Council, one year for either Chief of Staff or Patriotic Instructor, one for Chaplain, one as Vice President, there is a minimum of five years right there just in the chairs. That is counting a sixth year for your Department, a seventh year for your Auxiliary – you are almost at ten years.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: If I may finish, thank you for that clarification, but I am kind of with Sister Cindy on the fact that I really don't want either one. So I don't know how to vote, so I'll abstain.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I didn't want it either.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: These are the last two people who will be permitted to speak.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: I am inclined to agree with Hope. I haven't been a member as long as Hope, but when they put me in as Department President, my first thing that I said was, "I don't know enough. I don't know enough to be a Department President." And I had been in almost ten years by then. I think it is a learning process. If you want this enough, you will learn it.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I have a clarification on the voting process. If we abstain, you have to have 2/3 of the majority of those eligible to vote. How does that all work?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It is a simple majority here.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Okay, of eligible people to vote.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Yes, a simple majority here. The Committee on Committee Reports reported that they did not sustain the recommendation from the CR&R Committee that it would be necessary to belong as a member of the Organization ten years before you can be eligible for the office of National President. The motion that is on the floor is that the Committee's recommendation not be sustained – not be accepted. So you are voting to leave it as it is with a ten-year term if you to sustain the motion from Sister Virginia which is to not sustain the Committee's report. So, it goes back to what the CR&R Committee said, which will be a ten-year limit. Is everyone clear?

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sisters, if you do not want the ten years, then vote down the motion. Then we will permit a second motion to come on the floor to put whatever day you want to put on it and we can start all over again. Or we can leave it the way it is, which says absolutely nothing except that you have to be a PDP and one of the money officers. If you do not want the ten years, vote down the motion.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The motion from Sister Virginia was not to sustain the report from the Committee on Reports and the Committee on Reports did not want the ten-year limit.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: At this point, Virginia's motion said that they do not want to sustain the Committee and the Committee said no. If you want to go back and re-discuss years and do all that stuff, you have to vote down Virginia's motion.

UNKNOWN: Is that a yes or a no?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: No, ladies, no more discussion. Wait a minute. This is why the old Parliamentarian Edna Lambert used to get up and say, "You cannot make a negative motion." That is what is causing the problem.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: From what I understand, you proposed five years.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: That's not even part of it. That is just a suggestion. All they said was they do not concur with the ten years.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: So what happened is this. The Committee is saying they do not agree. Virginia has put the motion on the floor that she does not agree with the Committee, so if we

vote yes, we are voting to agree with the motion that Virginia put on the floor. If we vote no, we are going with what the Committee has said, that they do not agree with the ten years.

**MOTION NOT CARRIED (For 15, Against 19, Abstain 1)**

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: We are currently staying at what is written in the CR&R. We have made no changes.

**Suggestion #3:** We return to the practice of having a designated Sister to assist the President when she attends the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. She does not have to be a National Officer, but a coordinator to give her assistance in navigating the city to get to the various functions. She could even be from neighboring states. This year our President was on her own in an unfamiliar area and our grateful thanks are extended to Brother Lee Stone who, although just married, voluntarily came to her rescue. Another Sister could also be assigned for the ceremonies in Illinois. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Patricia Wilhelm, NJ**

**SECONDED by Cynthia McReynolds, AP TN**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: I just have one question to ask. We are paying the way of our National President to both of these ceremonies. Are we going to incur financial responsibilities or will it be up to that Sister to pay her own way?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH: Just a clarification. We took this as a local representative – someone who is in the local area, not someone who has to come in.

LINDA KRONBERG, PNP MI: Last year I was National President. What we get, I am sorry, it is not enough to cover everything that we have to pay out of our own pocket, but it is nice to have somebody with you, especially Washington, D.C., because that is one of your big main ones. If you are not familiar with that area, you are screwed, excuse my mouth, you are screwed. But if you have somebody around who lives by there that knows what they are doing, like Lee Stone took us around; it was great. But when you come into a large city like that and all these people at Memorial Day, it is very busy. You need somebody. That other person that goes along with you, they pay for their own stuff. The only thing I paid was the gas and for the room and stuff.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: I would like a clarification of miles so that we knew what close meant.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Quite frankly, I was very surprised when the Auxiliary got rid of the D.C. Rep. I think it is a very valuable person if you do anything on the East Coast, whether it be D.C., you get involved in the academies, go to D.C. twice for Memorial services and then Lincoln's birthday. I slightly disagree with the recommendation, because I think the D.C. Representative should be brought back into the Organization again and have a title and be the contact person. I don't get this recommendation here that it would be someone close. Well, who is going to get that person? That is my personal opinion. I think we need a D.C. Representative again.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Understand, when we had a D.C. Rep before, it was required that they had to live in Washington, D.C. That is why they have chosen to say or in the area.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Then call them an Area Rep. or East Coast Rep. or something like that and it could be a position.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It is a special appointment, not an elected office, just so everybody understands.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Yes, I think it should be an appointment so it's my understanding that the President is going to appoint someone to this position to take care of everything. Okay, that's not the way I understood, but alright.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Suggestion #4a:** Through her messages to the membership, the National President asks that local or State Auxiliaries not place new members in leadership positions until they have had time to serve in other chairs, thus gaining some experience in what is expected of them. This may be difficult for a newly organized Auxiliary; therefore, an experienced Sister from another Auxiliary be asked to guide them and answer their questions. THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA THAT SHOULD BE DONE, BUT IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT BELONGS IN THE CR&R, SO WE DID NOT CONCUR WITH AS A RECOMMENDATION FOR A CR&R ITEM.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**  
**SECONDED by Kathy Heltemes, WI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #5:** No one may be designated as a member of the Auxiliary unless they are a female. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THIS IS ALREADY OUTLINED IN OUR DOCUMENTS, SO THERE IS NO REASON TO CHANGE ANYTHING BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY THERE, SO WE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THIS SUGGESTION.

**MOVED by Kathy Heltemes, WI**

**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Wanda.

We have a small amount of time if we do not get this next set done, it will have to be postponed until Election of Officers. We may start this; we may not get it finished before we go into recess for lunch. I am forewarning everyone that we will come back if we are not finished with this committee report, we will come back to it after the elections and we will finish the business.

Committee on Recommendations, please.

**COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT****California & Pacific**

**Recommendation #1: Proposed Membership Amendment: Membership shall consist of: Chapter I, Article IV, Eligibility to Membership:**

**Section 1, Members:**

**First,** wives, sisters, daughters, legally adopted daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and so forth, nieces and grandnieces and so forth, not less than eighteen (18) years of age, of a deceased or honorable discharged Soldier and Sailor or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy or the Revenue Cutter Service during the American Civil War of 1861-1865.

**Second,** legally adopted daughters, not less than eighteen (18) years of age, of a member in the First class above who is in good standing, or was in good standing at the time of her death.

**Third,** wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and legally adopted daughters of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with lineage and who is in good standing, or who was in good standing at the time of his death.

**Fourth,** applicants not less than six (6) years of age, but not yet eighteen (18) years of age, who meet the qualifications stipulated above, shall be known as

Junior Members. They may not be elected President, Vice President, Council, Secretary, or Treasurer.

**Section 2, Associates:** Associates are females not less than eighteen (18) years of age who do not otherwise meet the qualifications stipulated in Section 1 of this Article. Departments and Auxiliaries may establish Associates, provided that the number of Associates in any Auxiliary shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election. At no time during the meeting of an Auxiliary, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Associates shall not be eligible to hold the office of National President or National Vice President.

**Implementation of Constitutional Amendment:** All members under the age of eighteen (18) when the above amendment to the Constitution is ratified shall remain members, but they shall be given a one-time opportunity to revert to Junior Member status until their eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday. Sisters voluntarily reverting to Junior Member status shall not be required to pay any application fees when they turn eighteen (18) years of age. If they hold the office of President, Vice President, Council, Secretary, or Treasurer, said office shall be vacated. No Member under the age of eighteen (18) shall be elected President, Vice President, Council, Secretary, or Treasurer.

All Associates under the age of eighteen (18) when the above amendment to the Constitution is ratified shall remain Associates. If they hold the office of President, Vice President, Council, Secretary, or Treasurer, said office shall be vacated. No Associate under the age of eighteen (18) shall be elected President, Vice President, Council, Secretary, or Treasurer.

THE STIPULATION THAT "ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE AMERICANS OR NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED IN THE AUXILIARY" HAS BEEN DELETED. THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE U.S. CITIZENSHIP FAILED BY A VOTE OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND REPORTED TO THE 2016 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT; THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**SECONDED by Susan Wert, CHSPK**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: So, ladies, there is the change from 12 to 18 for minors in this, but there is also the reduction or elimination, however you want to put it, of the last line currently that's in our CR&R that says all applicants must be American or naturalized citizens of the United States before being accepted into the Auxiliary. That has been removed from this proposed document. Those are the two changes, that we take the Juniors to the legal age of 18 and that we are removing the stipulation that you must be an American or naturalized citizen to be a member. But she did not say that last part was part of it, only that there were changes to the age of 18.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: No, she said that.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I wanted to verify because I did not hear that.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Judy re-read that, please.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Just your recommendation.

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: The stipulation that "All applicants must be American or Naturalized Citizens of the United States before being accepted in the Auxiliary" has been deleted. The resolution to amend the Constitution to remove U.S. citizenship failed by a vote of the Departments and reported to the 2016 National Encampment; therefore, the Committee does not concur.

JUNE LLOYD, DP MI: What if you are under the age of 18 but you have been a full member for going on ten years?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: If the Committee is sustained, nothing is going to change. If the Committee is sustained, nothing in the CR&R will be changed.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Essentially, we technically already voted on the 18 thing with the Junior Membership. We already said that, so we agree that minors are under the age of 18. The issue with U.S. citizenship is this, after the Civil War, many of the lines were re-drawn. Many of our soldiers...

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The issue of U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens was voted on was handled at the 2016 Encampment. That was done when it was done.

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I was going to say something similar to what you said. That has been dealt with and what we are dealing with is this and that line was simply eliminated. We can't do it that way. If we want some type of membership for non-citizens, that has to be dealt with in a separate recommendation or something to the CR&R's. It can't be done this way, by just eliminating it.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: My view is this, many other countries sent their sons and husbands here to help us. I know there are several people in Canada and over in Europe that want to become members of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I know this already came around once, but it was in a different format because they were voting to let these members in from different countries. That was voted down by the Departments. We now can eliminate that last line so these people can form their own Auxiliaries where they live or being at the Canadian border they can come over the border and join ours. There were other discussions in the first one that went out about changing some of the things of pledging allegiance to our country was in that first one. This is just eliminating that.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: I would like to add to what Virginia said. Is anybody here familiar with the name Emil Frye? Emil Frye was a gentleman from Norway who came over and fought in our Civil War as a Union Army member. He was wounded and was a prisoner at Andersonville. He went back to his home country, became a king in his home country, resigned, stayed in his home country, wrote a book about his adventures in the American Civil War. Whether he has descendants, I don't know, but they would have lineage. They would be entitled to membership, whether they are in this country or not, he fought in that war. They have lineage. Does not that give them the same opportunity that we have from our ancestors? That is my question.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Recommendation #2: Delinquent Paperwork and Payments**

#### **Auxiliaries:**

**Section 7.** An Auxiliary one (1) year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita dues and/or neglecting to forward reports may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked.

**Section 7a.** Auxiliaries having been disbanded may be reinstated within two (2) years upon payment of required fees, to be determined by the Department, and may reclaim their original Charter.

**Section 8.** The Department President may suspend an Auxiliary failing to pay per capita dues and/or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified in



the bylaws. Forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita dues may reinstate suspended Auxiliaries.

**Section 9.** Any Auxiliary, which fails to file the Forms A01, A02, A03 and A04 or report by the dates specified in the forms, shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department President shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension.

**Section 10.** Any Auxiliary which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form 990N, or any future replacements for Form 990N, by the date specified, shall be automatically suspended. The Department President shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension.

### **Departments**

**Section 10.** When a Department fails to file their annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for two (2) consecutive years, the Charter of the Department shall automatically be suspended; the Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including all Past Department Presidents, Department Secretaries and Treasurers having served two (2) consecutive years, the Sitting Department President or Vice President, and Sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Vice Presidents; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.

**Section 11.** Any Department, which fails to file their financial reports D02, D04, and D011, shall be automatically suspended. The National President shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

**Section 12.** Any Department, which fails to file the annual EIN report by the date specified, shall be automatically suspended. The National President shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

### **Finances**

**Section 2.** Departments shall pay to the National Organization the required Charter fee for the Department or Auxiliary Charter. The application fee shall be forfeited if the Department or Auxiliary is not instituted within one year from the date of application. The reinstatement fee will be applied to Departments or Auxiliaries that have been suspended. The reinstatement fee shall be waived for those Departments or Auxiliaries, which voluntarily surrendered their Charter or had their Charter revoked if the Charter still exists.

WE KIND OF SEPARATED FIRST PAGE FROM THE SECOND PAGE. ON THE FIRST PAGE FOR BOTH THE AUXILIARIES AND THE DEPARTMENTS, THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. IT IS NOT THE MEMBERS' FAULT IF PAPERWORK OR PER CAPITA PAYMENTS ARE DELINQUENT. ANY DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELINQUENCY – NOT THE ENTIRE AUXILIARY OR DEPARTMENT.

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**SECONDED by Peggy Young, PDP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Can we do the Finances section really fast?

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: We did not understand why they would want to put a time limit on forming a Department, so we needed more information on that. We did not reach a decision because we needed more information.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Alright, so then therefore you did not concur? Since, I know, you are saying that you did not make a decision, but you are not agreeing with what is here?

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Correct, hence the Committee does not concur.

**MOVED by Kathy Heltemes, WI**  
**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sisters, one more reminder; be back here at 1:00. Be in this room. Guards, be here early. Everybody gets carded – no card, no admission.

Sister Chaplain, you will go to the Altar and attend the Altar, please. (*so done*)

*The meeting recessed until after lunch.*

**FOURTH SESSION**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Guard, make sure if there are any members out there they get in here.

We do have to wait a little bit because we have a missing child.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: No, Daddy has her but if you lock the door, then she can't come in. She is at lunch with him.

I am going to make one announcement. If you have not given me your white delegate card, this is your last chance to get it to me. I had a couple of Sisters who said, "Oh, I don't have it at this point," and then they were going to walk it back.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Guards, no one can enter or leave until Election of Officers is concluded.

Sister Chaplain, would you approach the Altar and open the Bible, please. (*so done*)

We are now starting our elections. We will now proceed with the nomination and election of National Officers for the 2017-2018 term. Each office up for election will be nominated and elected before proceeding to the next office. The floor is open for nominations for the position of President.

### **National President**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: Sister Karen Hamann, will you preside at this time, please?

Sister Karen, as Senior Past Department President of the Department of Ohio, I would respectfully like to place the name of this Sister who has served this Organization to the best of her ability. Fifty-two years ago, and she is that old, she began her membership this month, in fact, this next Monday. As President of McClellan Auxiliary #91, I had the esteemed privilege of initiating this Sister and pinning her with her membership badge. Today, I am asking this National Encampment here assembled to give this Sister the honor of having the gold badge pinned on her. Sisters, I ask for your assistance and support as I nominate and we elect none other than our current National Vice President, Past Department President of Ohio, Sister Ramona A. Greenwalt. SECONDED by the entire Ohio Department.

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**That when there is only one candidate, that the National Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for that person.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **National Vice President**

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: I would like to nominate Denise Oman, Past Department President of Wisconsin almost Past National President of National. SECONDED by Susan Fallon, WI

**Council #1**

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Cynthia Brown is our Past National President and it is my pleasure to nominate her as Council #1 from the state of New Hampshire. SECONDED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH

**Council #2**

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: I get to finally get my job back because I should have gotten nominate her but my mother pulled rank on me. As Senior Past National President from the Department of Ohio, I have the distinction of putting in nomination for Council Member #2 our current Department President and our current sitting National Chaplain, Sister Wanda Langdon. SECONDED by Becky Black, DVP OH

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: The Department of Michigan nominates Nancy Newman from the Department of Michigan. SECONDED by Karen Hamann, PDP MI

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: The Department of New York would like to nominate Past National President Virginia Twist. SECONDED by Alethea Cratsley, PDP NY

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Since we have more candidates running for office than we have seats, we will have to have a ballot. But this is what I forgot to do. Sister Secretary, will you count the number of people who are entitled to vote. I will have you stand up and when she calls your name, sit down.

*Secretary Rachelle Campbell reported 44 voting members present.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I named my Elections Committee earlier, but I am going to go over it again: Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC will be the Chair; Rosemary Martin, DVP Department of the Chesapeake; and Cynthia McReynolds of Tennessee. They will count the ballots. You will preserve the ballots; do not tear them up; do not destroy them. They will be delivered to the National Secretary.

I am going to have the Guides distribute the ballots. Sister Guides, will you please approach the Secretary's station and get the ballots.

If you are voting for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, you will need to write in their name. If there is a square in front of their name, that square will also have to be filled in by an x.

We would like the candidates who were nominated for this office to please stand up so the people will know who you are.

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI: Nancy Newman is not here because she was not feeling well.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Can I get clarification, please. This says Council #2 but Virginia's name is on here.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Because she declared her candidacy. She is the only one who did it in time for that to be done. So if you want to vote for someone who was nominated but whose name does not appear on the ballot, you must write their name in and put an "x" in the square in front of their name. Writing their name is not sufficient; you must write the name and put an "x" in that square.

Anytime that there is more than one candidate running for an office, we do what is called an Australian Ballot – a secret ballot.

Have all balloted? Sister Guides, will you collect the ballots and deliver them to the Chair of the Elections Committee?

Sister Cindy, you are going to have to try to find a quiet place where you can count the ballots. Do you have a tablet on which you can tally? Thank you.

I am going to have the Pages distribute some of the flyers and material that they have received while we are waiting for the count.

*Following the ballot, Wanda Langdon was declared Council #2.*

*The recorder stopped functioning and the remainder of the Election of Officers was not recorded. Those elections were as follows:*

**COUNCIL #3:** Nancy Newman

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:** MaryCatherine Knight

**CHAPLAIN:** Connie Horning

**PRESS CORRESPONDENT:** Rosemary Martin

**SUPPLY OFFICER:** Elizabeth Craig

**MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE COORDINATOR:** Tricia Bures

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: The Election of Officers is over. Sister Guards, you may unlock the doors.

Sister Judy, will you please continue with your report.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUES:**

### **Maine Department**

**Recommendation #1:** There should only be three recommendations per officer or Department presented at the National Encampment. These should be placed on

the National Website in July so each Department has time to consider these recommendations. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. THE NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**  
**SECONDED by Patricia Wilhelm, NJ**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: We cannot restrict the number of recommendations. Should next year, God forbid this happens, but we had four or more Past National Presidents leave this world. You automatically are over the three because of the recommendation that has to be put in your report because that Past National President died. So we cannot restrict in any way that number. The reason I am saying that is, remember, and I am seeing some frowns, when a Past National President dies, it is automatically put up at the next National Encampment by the National President that a full page in the proceedings be dedicated to that Past National President. We will have one this year for Bea Greenwalt.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** When Auxiliary members are attending functions representing the Auxiliary, they should wear red, white, and blue so we can all be seen as uniform in our presentations. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. EACH AUXILIARY AND DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT TO WEAR WHEN REPRESENTING THEIR AUXILIARY OR DEPARTMENT.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK**  
**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3:** All past proceedings of the National Encampments should be completed and placed on the National website, the CR&R and Bylaws could then be completed and current. Wherever the tapes are, they should be retrieved and finished posthaste. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**SECONDED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Didn't we discuss this earlier? I just wanted to make sure. I think we should pull this because it has already been discussed.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: We can still take a vote. We just don't need to talk about it anymore.

**MOTION CARRIED****Michigan Department**

CR&R Chapter II, Departments, Article III, Department Officers, Section 1.

"...A candidate for the office of Department President must be a Past Auxiliary President."

**Recommendation A:** That there be specific language added, defining what constitutes a Past Auxiliary President; and having completed a full year. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by June Lloyd, DP MI**

**SECONDED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Isn't Past Auxiliary President definition enough?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I hear your question. I think that they wanted it specified that you had to have served a full year before you can attain the rank of Past Auxiliary President.

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: The Department of Michigan's President's term is two years, so are you a Past after the first year or after the second year? I think that is where that comes from, Karen?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Lisa, this is concerning a Past Auxiliary President, not a Past Department President.

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: Okay, well, same question with the Auxiliary – it could be one or two years. I am not the originator of this.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Am I allowed to speak? Alright, Sister National Vice President, would you preside while I...

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: Do you want me to clarify or do you want me to preside? Because I can clarify.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: If you can clarify, clarify.

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: The situation that we had come up because we had someone who was just installed as Auxiliary President, decided to put her name in the hat for Department President and claimed that she had a special dispensation, which obviously resulted in a big mess that a few of us in the room knew about. What we would like specified in there is that you would have to complete your full year as Auxiliary President to be considered a Past Auxiliary President and qualified to run so that nobody else has to deal with this.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: In the Initiation Ceremony of a brand new Auxiliary, the first person initiated is a Past President. Does this qualify her or does this need to be clarified that she serve a year before being considered a Past President?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: They are elected the Past Auxiliary President by the members that are there when the Auxiliary is instituted, so they have that honor.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Is it that it does need to be a full year, or are we deciding that it does need to be a full year? Does it need to be a full year and that is why we are presenting a clarification or are we stating that it needs to be a full year because I wasn't aware that it needed to be a full year?

KAREN HAMANN, PDP MI: That's where there's a lot of confusion about that because it does not state that specifically in the language of the CR&R.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Karen, while you are there, would you preside, please? Thank you.

I believe in the CR&R, and I know it isn't a local Auxiliary section but it is, I believe, in the National section, it says that if someone serves as National President and is unable to complete her term of office, the Vice President will step in. Both will be afforded the status of a Past National President. Now my



question to my Parliamentarian is, will that apply or could be inferred, that that would be the situation under which someone would be considered a Past Auxiliary President without having served a full term of a year? She is checking the Department section, so the Parliamentarian is checking and I will let her give you the answer, so you can sit down. Thank you.

Ok, Article III, Section 1 Department Officers, and I know we are talking about an Auxiliary and she is checking Auxiliary right now. It begins by telling you what the elective officers of the Department are. No member shall be eligible for election to the office of Department President, who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment, except by a unanimous rising vote of the Encampment. A candidate for the office of Department President must be a Past Auxiliary President. It still does not define what constitutes a Past Auxiliary President. A candidate for the office of Department Vice must be a Past or Sitting Auxiliary President. So that is what we have on Departments.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Article X Position of Honor – Any member having served a full term in the office of President or having been elected to fill a vacancy, and shall have creditably served to the end of the term, shall be entitled to the “seat of honor” known as the Past President’s chair. It goes on about the formation of a new Auxiliary.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Hope. I believe it is clarified. I would say that defines precisely what a Past Auxiliary President is. Where does that leave us with this? The motion was to concur with the Committee and the Committee agrees with this.

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH COMMITTEE CHAIR: The Committee did concur, but their recommendation was specific language added defining what constitutes a Past Auxiliary President and since it is already there...

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It’s a moot point. Will the people who moved and seconded rescind your motion?

## **MOTION WAS RESCINDED**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Now, Sister Judy, you may continue.

“Department Presidents are not permitted to serve more than two (2) years at one time. If the Department is small, special dispensation may be given by the National Organization.”...

**Recommendation B:** That clarification be made as to what constitutes a “small” Department; and if special dispensation is given by the National Organization that it be done in WRITING, and not verbally. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**SECONDED by Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Connie, we will have to get back to this quickly.

CONNIE HORNING MI: Sister President, the flag that is at the Patriotic Instructor’s position has been flown over the Nation’s capital. It was donated by Darlene Hinkley, so we had at the Department of Michigan decided it would be very historic to have the flag present for our National Encampment. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you very much for that special report by the Michigan Department.

Now, Sister Judy, I am turning it back to you.

**Recommendation C:** Also that the written special dispensation be signed by the National Council and National President. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**  
**SECONDED by Susan Wert, CHSPE**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Ohio Department**

**Recommendation #1:** Whereas the Auxiliary Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the National Organization, Regulations, Chapter I, Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article IX, Section 7 states: “Auxiliaries are to hold Election of Officers in October with installation in November” and

Whereas many of our subordinate Auxiliaries are sponsored by Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and in the spirit of fraternity choose to hold many joint functions to include installation of officers and

Whereas the Blue Book of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states on page 32, Article V, Section 3: “The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in November and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive” and

Whereas it would be profitable to both organizations if both the Election and Installation dates in the Auxiliary Constitution Rules and Regulations were changed to reflect those dates in the Blue Book of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;

Therefore, we the Sisters of McClellan Auxiliary #91, Department of Ohio, believe that this change would be beneficial for all concerned and have voted unanimously to present this at the Ohio Department Encampment June 10, 2017. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC**  
**SECONDED by Becky Black, DVP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

#### DISCUSSION:

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Whereas I don't disagree with trying to line up with the Sons' Rules and Regulations, I still have a problem with locking the Auxiliaries into having Election of Officers at a certain time and Installation at a certain time due to weather constraints. I know in the Department of Pennsylvania we have mountains and sometimes it snows. I don't know if you California people know about that (*laughter*), but it does snow in Pennsylvania and meetings have been canceled and I hate to have us locked into a time frame.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: May I clarify this right now. We are already locked into a time frame. The CR&R tells the local Auxiliaries you will have Elections in October and you will install in November. So we are locked in. This is giving Auxiliaries that meet with the Sons and do joint Installations the ability to do it legally.

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: I like the flexibility in this, much more than what we have currently. I can tell you right now, my Auxiliary has never been in compliance. I do have a question just to make sure, if this passes, that we will be in compliance. Is there anything that says we can't have Election and Installation at the same meeting like we do for National? I don't recall reading that, but that doesn't mean it is not in there. I don't want to hold up the vote because of that, but I would like that clarified sometime before I go back to my Auxiliary.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: I believe it fits the time frame within which we have to accomplish it, but it does not state that you cannot do it at the same time.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: The Department Presidents try to go to the installations of each Auxiliary, but I know those with many Auxiliaries...As we were talking about November and December, I was wanting to include more flexibility so that...

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Rosemary, if we do that, we will be going back to where we were. You can have conflicts anytime when you are a Department President and you are going around to do installation or inspection. We can't legislate the weather, so on and so forth, we have no control.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: Is it January, that the Sons have?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: October through January.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** Whereas the change in the installation date requirement be adopted;

Therefore, the date of the Installation Report to be filed also be changed to reflect February 15, which coincides with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We, the Sisters of McClellan Auxiliary #91, Department of Ohio, believe that this a necessary change and will be most beneficial in promoting harmony and fraternity between our Auxiliaries and Camps. This was voted on at our stated meeting and passed unanimously and will be presented at the Ohio Department Encampment June 10, 2017. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**

**SECONDED by Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Wisconsin Department**

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: The state of Wisconsin is making a recommendation to add to the CR&R Article IV, Eligibility to Membership; however, I must say that this would replace Sections 1 and 2 of Eligibility to Membership. It would not "add to."

**Recommendation #1:** Add to CR&R Article IV, Eligibility to Membership: Any female, not less than twelve (12) years of age, that is a descendant of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Union

Army, Navy, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War of 1861-1865. A wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage in good standing and is not a United States Citizen, shall become an Associate member with the understanding she cannot hold the office of National Vice President or National President. The country that the female is a citizen of must be an ally country of the United States of America. THE COMMITTEE IS DIVIDED WITH THE MAJORITY IN OPPOSITION; THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

#### DISCUSSION:

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: I have a question on this. This specifies that these ladies may be Associates. They may be lineal descendants. If they are lineal descendants, are they to be Associates?

SUSAN FALLON, WI, COUNCIL #2: The reason we made this recommendation is because this way we are broadening in order to have people who are not citizens of the United States. We want to be able to include them, but because they are not citizens of the United States we do not feel that they should be able to have the National position of President and Vice President. That is what our thinking was when we put this together. We wanted to have them included as our members.

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: I want to highlight one detail that might be cumbersome if this were to pass. The country that the female is a citizen of must be an ally country of the United States of America. So if we do pass this and in 10 years, 20 years that country is no longer an ally, what do we do with those Sisters.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Would someone please clarify this whole thing on citizenship. Why are we still discussing it, didn't we vote it down, what are we doing with them?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It was voted by the Departments and reported at last year's National Encampment that the Departments did not ratify, they would not accept a change in citizenship. They wanted to keep the fact that you must be a U.S. citizen in order to join the Auxiliary. This is another way to include them.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: I am just worried about our Canadian Sisters.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** From Elizabeth Craig, DP WI: I would recommend that the National Auxiliary complete the paperwork to become a registered volunteer organization with the National Veterans Administration. THE COMMITTEE FEELS THIS IS A GOOD RECOMMENDATION, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS RECOMMENDATION BE BROUGHT BACK NEXT YEAR AND PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**SECONDED by Patricia Wilhelm, NJ**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

## **DISCUSSION:**

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Just in case anybody is wondering, I am also an enrolled agent with the IRS registered tax preparer and on more than one occasion it has come up that we are a volunteer organization and we are charitable, whatever. We are listed as a volunteer charitable organization on the IRS website. It is under SUVCW which includes the Auxiliary. I would like to hear more about registering with the National Veterans Administration but I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew that you can claim your mileage and all that fun stuff as a charitable organization on your taxes. It's on the IRS website and I have already had this discussion with the IRS.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I appreciate your information, Hope, but we are a 501(c)4 organization and we are not a 501(c)3. I would like to kind of reconcile your understanding and your conversations with the IRS to my understanding. It doesn't have to happen in this quorum, but I would like to take that time this year before we say what we can and cannot do. And also, if I could continue speaking, that I have the website information and however this should vote out, the criteria to make the application speaks of specifics and I am not sure that we fall into the categories that they specify. They are talking about the numbers of facilities and I am not sure that we actually do meet those criteria. So we would need to see if we met the criteria in order to even apply.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Based on my other organizations, other Allied Orders groups, I am proficient in this, but my understanding is that you can be listed as a VAVS representative. It comes down to how many facilities that you have members working in or volunteering in, excuse me, that you would become a voting member on the board. You can become part of it through the application and become listed as a volunteer organization. I think you have to have 15 facilities that you have to have Auxiliary Sisters. Now, there is a difference between national facilities and there's a difference between state facilities. A lot of ladies get confused on what is a state facility and what is a national facility, so it is national VA facilities and not state VA facilities that Elizabeth is speaking to. Personally, I think it is a worthwhile cause. You don't have to be a voting member. You would send a representative to a national convention once a year to learn more about it but you have to have someone to run it and to facilitate our ladies and then your ladies have to be approved by the VAVS national organization, the government entity of it, to be part of the program. Yes, I agree, more information needed to be gathered.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: While we prefer to have recommendations come through the Departments, we have given consideration to the following two pages of recommendations.

### **Cynthia Brown, PNP NH**

**Recommendation #1:** That the participation on committees at National level be limited to one committee each for National Officers – it is unfair to ask National Officers to participate in multiple committees besides their own duties. Many able members could be asked to take part, thus learning the practices, and preparing to move up. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**

**SECONDED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: I have a question. There are a lot of committees and I know that the National Treasurer is key in several of those committees and I completely agree that we need more participation on committees by more people. There are certain things that certain positions can only do like the Treasurer. Are we limiting anything by saying the Treasurer can only be on one committee?

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP, CHSPK: In a time when we are pulled 10,000 different ways, to participate in multiple committees becomes your own choice as far as how you can spread yourself. I do agree that we have a lot of talented people to learn and partake; however, if a certain person and their talents and their skills are needed somewhere else in different committees, I would think we should give them that opportunity.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: With no authority whatsoever, I did make a little survey of the people in the room today and said, "If you were asked to serve on a committee, would you do it?" Most everybody said yes. They need to be asked. It is totally unfair to expect a National Officer to also carry six committees. This means that she is spread too thin. The work is not getting done. It would not hurt a bit on the registration form for next year's convention to put a question, Would you serve on a National committee? And I do want to say sometimes one or two can happen, but six is too many.

SUSAN FALLON, WI, COUNCIL #2: I want to serve for this National Organization, but I am never asked. So I think this is something that should be really taken into consideration because people like me that want to be asked and are never asked, if we moved things around and changed things around in a committee, maybe someone like me that wants to serve can serve.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Susan, I shouldn't be saying this – I am out of order, but I guarantee you, you are going to be asked for something this year! (*laughter*)

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I just wanted to clarify that these recommendations were presented at our New Hampshire Department and they were all accepted and voted in. Our Secretary forwarded the exact document that was submitted to her, so these really have been approved by the Department. I understand; I just wanted to put that up there. We will do a better job next time.

## MOTION CARRIED

**Recommendation #2:** That the current practice of staggered terms be eliminated, thus allowing the National President to choose her own members of each committee. She may, of course, keep any members for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year, at her discretion. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR.



**MOVED by Susan Wert, CHSPK**  
**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**That the Committed be sustained.**  
**MOTION FAILED**

**Recommendation #3:** That immediate attention be paid to the retrieval of the electronic tapes or chips containing the minutes of the past five years of National Proceedings. These are Auxiliary property and should be in our hands. **THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY IN HER REPORT.**

**Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME**

Since we have had the unfortunate need to implement our disciplinary procedures, we do not have a means for our Auxiliary Sisters to even know that there has been a hearing or the said results. I, therefore, would like to make the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** That the National President sends an executive order stating the results of the disciplinary hearing on the website so all Sisters will be in compliance with the outcome of the hearing. **THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.**

**MOVED by Wanda Langdon, DP OH**  
**SECONDED by Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**HOPE PARKER, PDP NY, PRESS CORRESPONDENT:** Is it going to include names? It should be amended that no names be included.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** However, given some of the, and I hate the word, punishments that can be handed out, I am just explaining that, in fact, some of those would require the name being revealed. If they are suspended, they need to know who was suspended.

**LISA SMITH, PDP MI:** The website is a very public arena. I do believe that things need to be communicated to the appropriate people so everyone can be in compliance; however, we don't need our dirty laundry to be aired on such a public location as the website, so take that into consideration.

**MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER:** I agree with Sister Lisa; however, our proceedings are out on the website. All of our details are out on the

website available for everyone. The proceedings from today and everything we talk about with names and so forth are on the website for free for everyone to see. It is not password protected. The only thing we are currently protecting is names and addresses. I think that the Technology Committee and this could be later recommended, but there is other information that needs to be protected and could be made available to our population.

LISA SMITH, PDP MI: I know I only get two, but I would like to address that. This is not talking about National Proceedings; this is talking about disciplinary.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I just want to say that we have the members-only section that is password protected if that would help in the protection of names and they would only be available to those that know the password. That should be just the members of our Organization.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: That makes it public knowledge to every member of the Organization. You need to understand, putting someone's name out there, even under password protection, can still cause a great deal of harm. Sister Vice President, will you please preside? Thank you.

I had that hearing. I tried everything that was humanly possible to one, keep it quiet because of the dissension that that kind of thing causes; two, to keep the person anonymous. When I ask people to serve on the hearing committee, I did not disclose to them who was involved until after they had agreed and I did not disclose it to any of them until I had my committee complete. We need to protect the person who has been accused and we need to protect the Organization. If you want to put it behind password protection and only to the people that would need to know, it would be probably an Auxiliary President, that this person has been suspended, or whatever, or the Department, or whatever. That is the only place that it needs to be. Yes, it can be a simple email, but it does not need to be where even every member of this Order has access to it, as far as I am concerned. That's my opinion. Thank you, Sister Vice President.

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: I would ask that you restate whether the Committee concurred, which my understanding is they concurred, and if the motion was to sustain.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: That is correct. If you vote for that, then you are voting that this be made known. The results can include and would have to include identification of the person as well as what the punishment was.

**MOTION FAILED**

**Recommendation #2:** If a Sister is asked to be on the hearing committee and it is a hardship for her to travel there, then an electronic communication should be implemented so this Sister will still be able to perform this position, i.e. email, Skype, etc. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Lisa Smith, PDP MI**  
**SECONDED by Peggy Young, PDP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: The only thing that I have to say is not all of us have computers. I am sorry; I can't afford one. I go to the library and we don't want it on the library computer.

JUDY HRITSKO, PAP OH: There is three-way calling.

MARY FLYNN, DP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Yes, there is three-way calling and there is also open meeting availability software that allows multiple people to call into a meeting. They do it in business all the time because we are such a remote society. We could explore those things, but it is not saying that you have to do this, you can decline to be on the committee. But if you want to be on the committee, this is giving you an avenue to partake in it. It is your decision whether you would want to do that.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Thank you, Sister President, for the appointment to this committee.

Judy Morgan, PNS OH Chair

Jane Graham, PNP OH

Gloria Fisher, PDP NY

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Guides and Color Guards and Sister Cynthia, since you are our Senior Past National President, would you please act as escort to bring in the Commander-in-Chief? Thank you.

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escort brought newly elected Commander-in-Chief  
Mark Day to the Altar.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: It is our pleasure to have you here. It is a first for me; I have never welcomed a Commander-in-Chief. It is our pleasure that you are here. It is our joy and happiness that you are here. Your willingness

to come and visit us this soon after having been installed I feel is indicative of your respect for our Organization and I thank you personally and on behalf of this Organization. Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escort, would you escort the Commander-in-Chief to my station, please? *(so done)*

Thank you so much. Would you like to address the Sisters?

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: It would please me to do that. Sisters, I just completed giving a speech next door to the men. In that speech, I proposed that we needed to do several things and that those would be goals of mine in the coming year. We are all Sisters and Brothers with the same purpose. Our purpose is to honor, to inculcate, and preserve the memory of our ancestors. There are other things that we do beyond that when we help veterans of all times, etc., but truly, we have a shared mission. I told the Brothers that I am a firm believer in the principle that we espouse. We are all, all the Allied Orders, but even more especially to me, the Auxiliary. We are all supposed to practice Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and that should be how we address each other. That should be how we conduct our business with each other and if we will do that and have mutual respect for each other, then I believe that we can find a pathway home. There will always be differences, but as my Chief of Staff Faron Taylor always says to me, you have to choose your words carefully. Words matter. While we may disagree; while we may not always see things the same way, we need to be able to communicate as Brothers and Sisters in the ideals of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty in a way we can work together. And so, I would hope, Ladies, that in the coming year we can do some things to work together to find that pathway forward, because if we can't then I think that we all suffer and we are not doing what the Grand Army asked us to do. When the Grand Army set up the system, they wanted us to practice what they believed in and that is what we need to do. What our grandparents did; what our great-grandparents did – there will always be that moment; there will always be that issue; there will always be that idea that will present us with a conundrum. But, if we talk to each other, we can find a way. We cannot talk “at” each other in either direction. So if you will work with me, we will see if we can start walking down that path. I thank you for your time and I hope that you have had, and I hate this word, a harmonious and lovely Encampment. *(laughter and applause)*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Past National President Cynthia Brown will respond.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: This has been a terrific honor for me to escort you and I am going to take your words seriously. Words matter. We all have to do Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and then start talking. Thank you.

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: By the way, before I leave, the reason my wife did not come back, she started to cry and I sent her...she went to the room. She needed to go powder her nose. (*chuckles*)

*Commander-in-Chief Mark Day was escorted from the room. Guides, Color Guards, and Escort returned with Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury OH and Bob Wolz PDC OH, SUVCW, and presented them at the Altar for introduction.*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Guides and Color Guards, rather than have the two gentlemen up here, would you please escort them to an empty seat that is convenient for them. We still have to do Resolutions and I didn't want you to have to wait any longer. (*so done*)

Thank you so much.

Sister National Chief of Staff, I am sorry. I had forgotten to ask you for your report. Is it ready? Thank you, Sister.

*National Patriotic Instructor Elise Oman had returned home with her mother so National Chief of Staff Elizabeth Craig manned both the Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff table sales during Encampment and divided the money as needed.*

#### NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

This has been an eventful year for me personally with hospitalizations and surgery, so I regret to say that I was unable to get to most of the events, that I would have loved to have gone to.

This position had a few curveballs, the first finding out the job description on the website was not correct. That read the fundraising was to be \$1,500.00, no problem, I should be able to raise that. Then getting the letter from Mary stating I was to raise \$2,500.00. What a shock! Then have ankle fusion surgery, which laid me up for 7 weeks, so I was unable to be out and about to go to events. The few events I did attend did not have spaces available or there was no selling allowed. I was told by a few people, not to worry, it will all work out, everyone sends money of at least \$25.00. Checks received ranged from \$5.00 to \$100.00. No matter the amount, these donations are greatly appreciated.

That being said, I came to the National Encampment with \$1225.00, with the help of fundraising at events in Wisconsin, Department & Auxiliary Donations, and pre-raffle ticket sales.

We'll start with the Patriotic Instructor section for the breakdown. The PI total was \$534.25 off the raffle.

For mine, the 50/50 raffle split was \$173.50, so that was \$347.00 combined. We have a grand total of \$2,462.53, so that made me short of my \$2,500.00 goal by \$37.47. (*applause*)

Just a reminder for those who helped Denise, see me before you leave because Denise had that little gift she wanted to distribute.

Elizabeth Craig, PDP WI  
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Thank you, thank you for all your hard work. I appreciate it very, very much. I have been in your position and know what it is like.

*Hope Parker gave Elizabeth Craig a donation and said, "You made your \$2,500." (applause and cheers)*

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA: Sister Past National President Cynthia, would you like to present your Resolutions?

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

**Resolution #1:** Due to the unfortunate circumstances that our National President Denise Oman; her Counselor Danielle Michaels; and National Patriotic Instructor Elise Oman were called to the bedside of their now-deceased Patriarch of their family...

Be it resolved that all our Sisters please keep their families in loving thoughts and prayers and send notes of support.

**Resolution #2:** In grateful appreciation for the splendid talents and loving efforts of our National Vice President Ramona Greenwalt and her ably filling the shoes of the National President Denise Oman during the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment.

Be it resolved our Sisters rise to their feet in a standing ovation and show their appreciation for a job well done and give Ramona three cheers –  
Hip, Hip, Huzzah! Hip, Hip, Huzzah! Hip, Hip, Huzzah!

**Resolution #3:** For the many courtesies that the Radisson Hotel has afforded us during our 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in this beautiful revered city of Lansing, Michigan.

Let it be resolved that our National Secretary Rachelle Campbell write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Lansing, Michigan Radisson Hotel.

**Resolution #4:** Because our 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment Sisters were afforded kind care and protection by the Provost Guards of the Department of Michigan (in their wonderful Civil War uniforms)...

Be it resolved that our National Secretary Rachelle Campbell acknowledges the Department of Michigan Brothers numerous volunteer hours with a letter of thanks and appreciation in care of Commander Dean Lampere.

**Resolution #5:** For the most splendid actions of our floor officers: Guide, Assistant Guide, and Color Guards #1 and #2, and as well as the Inner and Outer Guards and the Patriotic Instructor...

Be it resolved that all show their thanks to the aforementioned Sisters for the beautifully orchestrated and synchronized demonstration of their floor work. Let us rise to our feet with three cheers – Hip, Hip, Huzzah! Hip, Hip, Huzzah! Hip, Hip, Huzzah!

Cynthia Brown, PNP NH, Chair  
Connie Horning, WI

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RAMONA:** Is there any further business? After this point, we will go into Installation. After Installation, no new business can be conducted.

I have my Installing Officer here and we are foregoing bringing her in to save time.

**NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, INSTALLING OFFICER:** Will the officers on the floor, please vacate their stations.

I have the honor to appoint the following Installing Officers for this afternoon.

Installing Chaplain: Jane Graham, PNP OH

Guide: Amy Miller, PDP OH

Assistant Guide: Barbara Lynch, PAP OH

Color Guard #1: Peggy Young, PDP OH

Color Guard #2: Rebecca Black, PAP OH

Inside Guard: Judy Hritsko, PAP OH

Outside Guard: Janet Owens, OH

There are some things that we can dispense with because we do not have an out-going Past National President. I am not relieving Ramona of the command of this National Encampment. We also do not have to escort a Past National President around the room.

Sister National Secretary, you will call the names of the Officers-Elect, who will take a position or be escorted to my left in the order named.

I have already made arrangements for those that are not here to be installed. I have talked to two PNPs, Sister Cynthia Brown is going to take care of installing Sister MaryCatherine Knight in Massachusetts; Sister Rachelle Campbell is going to take care of installing Tricia Bures; Sister Linda Kronberg is going to

take care of installing Nancy Newman. They will all be installed and all reports need to be filed with the National Secretary.

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

President .....	Ramona Greenwalt, OH
Vice President.....	Denise Oman, WI
Council #1 .....	Cynthia Brown, NH
Council #2 .....	Wanda Langdon, OH
Chaplain.....	Connie Horning, MI
Press Correspondent .....	Rosemary Martin, CHSPK
Supply Officer .....	Elizabeth Craig, WI
Chief of Staff .....	Cindy Hilliard, OH
Personal Aide.....	Judy Morgan, OH
Co-Counselor.....	Nancy Hilton, OH
Co-Counselor.....	Rick Bury, PCinC SUVCW, OH

(To be installed by PNP's at a later date)

Council #3 .....	Nancy Newman, MI
Patriotic Instructor .....	MaryCatherine Knight, MA
Membership at Large.....	Tricia Bures, WA

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National Guide, you will escort to this station the President of the National Organization.

*National President Ramona Greenwalt is escorted to clapping from the delegates.*

*Installation proceeded as per Ritual. The National President's badge was pinned on President Ramona by PNP Jane Graham, who pinned her membership badge on her 52 years ago Monday.*

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: Ramona, all I can say to you is I pinned your first one on; I am pinning your second one on; and when you leave this office, I will be so proud to see you wear that third one. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I have some things written and when I was standing here, I thought of some other things, but by the time I got up here, I forgot them already.

I will start with Sisters, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to be your National President. During the time I was pondering



whether to run for this office, I realized what I was going to use as my theme for this administration. I kept coming back to one paragraph of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. I am using only a very small part of this as my theme, but the entire paragraph is most appropriate and applicable to the situation facing the Auxiliary. "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." My theme is "With malice toward none, with charity for all." We need to read on to grasp what it is we need to do. We need to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Auxiliary's wounds. Right now we are a fractured group. You can feel the tension and sense the discord. It is hard to recruit and keep members when that type of atmosphere is so very evident. We are going to implode if we do not restore harmony. Because there is a difference of opinion, does it make someone an enemy? In order to bind up our wounds, we need to:

1. Quietly listen to what the others are saying and maintain an open mind.
2. Understand the communication laws – people have filters through which they listen to our words. These filters affect their perception of what we are saying. Their perception becomes their reality. It is what they believe we have said. As listeners, we need to ask questions of the speaker. Ask, "Are you saying...", then wait to hear the response, clarify in your mind exactly what the speaker is saying. We need to set aside personal agendas, old hurts, anger, resentment, and whatever else that we may have internalized.

We must first and foremost think of the good of the Order, our principles, objects, and our projects. If that means ignoring a derogatory comment, then that is what you do. And if it means keeping a comment to yourself, then do it. We need to think of others and put them first, above our self-interest. Show your Sisterly love for others; think of their needs. It is what we need to do, so we can bind up the wounds. We have lost sight of why we were organized. Harmony and peace must be restored; unity of purpose must be our guide. Our Organization has so much we can accomplish in the future. If we start from today, with faith in our hearts, and march forward so that the dreams of our ancestors – the Boys in Blue – can come true. They were willing to sacrifice their homes, families, health, and lives. The least we can do is set aside our prejudices, jealousies, agendas, hurts, animosities and move forward to accomplish our goals, principles, and objects. Remember, no one can lead if you don't choose to follow, and it is your choice.

That's the end of my little sermon. Now, Sister Nancy tells me I should pause here to see if anybody wants to say anything. Okay, I am pausing.

*Congratulations, Best Wishes and Support from Cindy Eddy - CA&PAC Department, Mary Flynn - NH Department, Hope Parker and NY Department, Amy Bowyer - Elizabeth George Auxiliary IN, June Lloyd and MI Department, PNP Linda Kronberg MI, Rosemary Martin – Department of the CHSPK, Gloria Fisher NY, Carol Dyer and Mary Logan Auxiliary IL, Wanda Langdon and OH Department, PNP Cynthia Brown NH, Susan Fallon – WI Department, Patricia Wilhelm and NJ Department.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I need to say one more thing and that is, I wish to thank every delegate that is at this National Encampment, the Departments that endorse people for office, the people who declared candidacies, and this group for electing the officers that I have. I do think I have a wonderful group of people; I truly do. There were other wonderful people who also ran for office and, unfortunately, we can't all sit in the same chair. But I do appreciate everyone and I thank you so very much.

At the close of this Encampment, before you leave the room, we will join hands, form a circle of friendship and sisterly love, and sing *Blest Be the Ties That Bind* and *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*.

Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar and ask Divine Blessing before we depart to our homes. (*so done*)

This is my last public service announcement of the day. Old and New Council Members, we will audit the books tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. and we have a conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the end of the hall – last door on the right. I will want to see my officers at the conclusion of that Council Meeting.

I hereby declare the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War closed.

Go home in peace and safety and remember our Sisters.

**The 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment closed at 5:00 p.m.**

*All joined hands for the singing of Blest Be the Ties that Bind (the word Christian love changed to Sisterly love) and God Be With you Till We Meet Again.*

**OLD AND NEW COUNCIL MEETING****August 12, 2017****Lansing, MI****Present:**Old Council

Linda Kronberg, PNP MI

Susan Fallon, WI

New Council

Cynthia Brown, PNP NH

Wanda Langdon, DP OH

Nancy Newman, MI

Other National Officers Present

Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH, National President

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&amp;PAC, National Secretary

Mary Flynn, PDP NH, National Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 8:01 a.m. by National President Ramona Greenwalt.

Mary went over the financial worksheets with the new National Council.

Mary presented updated sheets with the weekend's activities and an updated activity sheet for the month of August so that members present could look over.

Linda K. complimented Mary on her attention to detail.

Monthly reports will be sent in the mail to the National President and National Council.

Mary said that she had updated the checkbook and that she liked the large book as it makes her feel "official." She retains all deposit slips and reports of all transactions for the year. Mary went through the reports with a detailed breakdown.

There was a discussion about discrepancies between the balances of the National Chief of Staff's Fund and the Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Elizabeth stated that the Chief of Staff's funds from Saturday evening were not accounted for, so Mary and Elizabeth reviewed their spreadsheets and will work to balance out the accounts.

There was confusion over the split between the Chief of Staff's Fund and Patriotic Instructor's Fund from the raffle baskets. \$1,500 went to the Chief of Staff and \$500 went to the Patriotic Instructor.

Mary discussed the Supply Officer's reports. Vicki provided a pre-Encampment inventory and a list of what she had sold during the Encampment. Elizabeth said she would do a detailed report once she gets home from the National Encampment.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:45 a.m.

## REPORTS NOT READ DURING THE ENCAMPMENT

### NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries .....	1,624
Number of flags flown by Sisters on Memorial Day .....	244
Number of patriotic programs given by the Auxiliary .....	111
Number of national anniversaries observed .....	88
Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in patriotic work .....	120
Amount expended for Patriotic Work.....	\$2,577
Amount of Cash or Monetary Donations for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund .....	\$829

### Special Mention

Arizona: Placed wreaths at Pioneer Military Memorial Park in Phoenix  
 Illinois: Walked in Memorial parade; Set up of the Vietnam Healing Wall  
 Michigan: Cleanings and dedications of headstones; Save the Battle Flags  
 New Hampshire: Memorial Day placement of wreaths  
 New Jersey: Donation to Wounded Warrior Project  
 Oklahoma: Marked 53 flags on Memorial Day  
 South Carolina: Attended Military Museum in North Carolina and attended a city  
     hall meeting for veterans.  
 Departments and Auxiliaries at Large not reporting: California & Pacific,  
 Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas,  
 Vermont and Washington

### NATIONAL WEBMASTER

In October 2016 I received a 42-page document from National Secretary Rachelle Campbell of suggested changes and corrections to the National website. It took me several weeks, but I was able to fix and update the suggestions mentioned. One issue that took some time to resolve was the password-protected page. I worked with the developer of our website and in April of this year, the page was corrected and is now functional. Also, the position of the scroll bar was moved to a more visible location on the website.

I have posted in a timely fashion all documents sent to me by the President and Secretary, including, but not limited to *The Auxiliary Voice*, Special Orders, General Orders, order forms, administrative reporting forms, officer candidate's letters of intent and endorsements, and recommendations and resolutions to the National Encampment.

Upcoming projects that need to be completed and sent to this officer for posting are the National Proceedings for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Another area of our website that is lacking information is the bios of our

Past National Presidents. I kindly request those PNP's who do not have their bio's on the website to prepare and send me your bio. If any of the PNP's need help compiling or making their document, I will be glad to assist each one. I also ask of you, if you are able to, and know a PNP that is deceased, that you compile a bio for that deceased PNP. I would like to have the bio include a photograph of the Sister, but that is not necessary.

As a result of a vote at the 2016 Encampment, Auxiliaries and Departments can now have their Facebook linked to the National website. I have hotlinked the Department of Michigan Facebook to our National website this past year.

I encourage all Auxiliaries and Departments to develop a website or Facebook page. Those entities that have developed sites are using them for recruitment and have seen a growing interest in our Organization. Once you have your website or Facebook page, please email me the link so that I may attach it to the National website list of Auxiliaries.

I was not able to change the password of our Contact Information page for the term of office for Sister Denise. I would like to know the will of the Membership – should the password be changed for each new President? Would you like it to remain the same? Would you like it to be changed every few years? What is your pleasure? Please feel free to express your feelings to me.

In closing, Sisters, please remember that this is your website. Please let me know at any time when you see something that is not correct or something that needs to be added to the website. I would like to thank those Sisters that have kept me informed of errors on the site and change that need to be made. I am very grateful for your assistance.

Ellen Higgins, NJ  
National Webmaster

### CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES REPORT

	Number	Value
<b><u>CALIFORNIA &amp; PACIFIC</u></b>		
Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	2,013	\$14,594.25
Material Donations		\$428.00
Cash Donations		\$1,387.00
Mileage	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$16,409.25</b>
<b><u>CHESAPEAKE</u></b>		
Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	339	\$2,457.75
Material Donations		\$5,309.51
Cash Donations		\$2,462.00

Mileage	9,558	\$1,338.12
TOTAL		\$11,567.38

**IOWA**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	3,365	\$24,396.25
Material Donations		\$4,799.00
Cash Donations		\$5,665.00
Mileage	5,307	\$742.98
TOTAL		\$35,603.23

**MAINE**

Blood Donations	1	
Volunteer Hours	2,025	\$14,681.25
Material Donations		\$750.00
Cash Donations		\$3,309.00
Mileage	8,583	\$1,201.62
TOTAL		\$19,941.87

**MICHIGAN**

Blood Donation	0	
Volunteer Hours	3,969	\$28,775.25
Material Donations		\$8,728.24
Cash Donations		\$7,331.00
Mileage	47,633	\$6,668.62
TOTAL		\$51,503.11

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	1,379	\$9,997.75
Material Donations		\$15,966.40
Cash Donations		\$3,694.00
Mileage	9,022	\$1,263.08
TOTAL		\$30,921.23

**NEW JERSEY**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	133	\$964.25
Material Donations		\$1,782.32
Cash Donations		\$367.00
Mileage	1,904	\$266.56
TOTAL		\$3,380.13

**NEW YORK**

Blood Donations	13	
Volunteer Hours	3,107	\$22,525.75
Material Donations		\$112,402.00

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Cash Donations		\$2,279.00
Mileage	4,620	\$646.80
TOTAL		\$137,853.55

**OHIO**

Blood Donations	6	
Volunteer Hours	6,062	\$43,949.50
Material Donations		\$57,198.77
Cash Donations		\$65,294.00
Mileage	26,462	\$3,704.68
TOTAL		\$170,146.95

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	6,682	\$48,444.50
Material Donations		\$18,604.57
Cash Donations		\$7,992.00
Mileage	5,803	\$812.42
TOTAL		\$75,853.49

**WISCONSIN**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	20	\$145.00
Material Donations		\$867.50
Cash Donations		\$20.00
Mileage	2,202	\$308.28
TOTAL		\$1,340.78

**ILLINOIS AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	101	\$732.25
Material Donations		\$368.80
Cash Donations		0.00
Mileage	0	0.00
TOTAL		\$1,101.05

**INDIANA AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	22	\$159.50
Material Donations		\$2,369.98
Cash Donations		0.00
Mileage	0	0.00
TOTAL		\$2,529.48

**MISSOURI AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	2	
Volunteer Hours	1,240	\$8,990.00
Material Donations		\$4,728.97

Cash Donations		\$7,440.00
Mileage	11,932	\$1,670.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$22,829.45</b>

**OKLAHOMA AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	208	\$1,508.00
Material Donations		\$27.00
Cash Donations		\$50.00
Mileage	120	\$16.80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,601.80</b>

**SOUTH CAROLINA AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	251	\$1,819.75
Material Donations		\$595.13
Cash Donations		0.00
Mileage	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,414.88</b>

**TENNESSEE AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	50	\$362.50
Material Donations		\$50.00
Cash Donations		\$25.00
Mileage	412	\$57.68
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$495.18</b>

**TEXAS AT LARGE**

Blood Donations	0	
Volunteer Hours	14	\$101.50
Material Donations		\$1,107.50
Cash Donations		\$755.00
Mileage	2,854	\$399.56
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,363.56</b>

<b>Blood Donations</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>30,980</b>	<b>\$224,605.00</b>
<b>Material Donations</b>		<b>\$236,083.65</b>
<b>Cash Donations</b>		<b>\$108,070.00</b>
<b>Mileage</b>	<b>136,412</b>	<b>\$19,097.68</b>
<b>Grand Total Value Donated</b>		<b>\$587,856.33</b>

Departments and At Large Auxiliaries not reporting: Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington



**PROJECTS**

Assisting in Sons activities  
Community work  
Genealogy  
Cleaning of cemeteries  
Relay for Life  
Baskets for Veterans  
Scarves for homeless  
Christmas for Veterans  
Civil War Remembrances  
Visiting Veteran's Homes  
Wreaths Across America  
Memorial Day services  
Burial place research  
Christmas cards for wounded military  
Cleaning of Civil War monuments  
Grave dedications  
Recording gravesites on Find A Grave  
Marching in parades  
Restoration on Civil War monuments  
Educational Days  
Civil War musters  
Donations to VA Hospitals/Homes  
Sewing catheter bags for VA  
Volunteering at churches and libraries  
Civil War Teas  
Volunteer at Senior Homes  
Coupons for deployed soldiers  
Remembrance Day activities  
Toys for Tots  
Recognition of student for patriotic service  
Displays at libraries  
Wreath making to place on graves in Gettysburg  
Sisters supporting Women Veterans  
Baby Shower for pregnant veteran  
Flag giveaways  
Toiletries for Veterans  
Candlelight Tour of cemetery  
PLUS MANY MORE

**NATIONAL BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Sisters sitting in session at last year's National Encampment felt that it would be prudent and wise to require every Department and Auxiliary at Large to review their existing bylaws and submit a copy of them for review to the Special Committee established by President Denise Oman. Each Department was requested to review the bylaws of every Auxiliary within their Department, making sure that they were in compliance with their respective Department bylaws and the National bylaws, our Constitution, Rules, and Regulations (CR&R). It was hoped that this would give everyone the opportunity to address bylaws that, in reality, had not been looked at in quite some time in several Departments and Auxiliaries. And in doing so, they would address the updates that needed to be made to bring them into compliance with the CR&R.

The majority of Departments and Auxiliaries at Large, as well as numerous individual Auxiliaries, submitted copies of their existing bylaws to the committee for review. Most were found to be in compliance; however, the committee was pressured into placing all review activities on hold, in the belief that until the CR&R has been formally updated, it would be impossible to verify what was compliant and what was not. The committee respectfully disagreed with this, as it was felt that there is ample information available between the existing printed CR&R and the Summaries of decisions made at each Encampment.

As this is a Special Committee that serves at the pleasure of the sitting National President, it will be dissolved at the end of this National Encampment. It is the committee's hope and desire that the incoming National President give serious consideration to the continuance of the committee so that it may finish the work that it has started.

Tricia Bures, PDP WA Chair

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT  
And****SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

This is the final report for the Special Committee on Junior Members Development and the Special Committee on Junior Membership Policy.

By focusing on the development and involvement of our youth in the ASUVCW, these two committees are vital to the future growth of our Order.

As the Chair of these committees and as a mother of one of our Junior Members, these committees and the issues with which they deal hit very close to home for me. It has also been fun to work with my daughter and dear friends on these committees this year.

One of the things that my daughter Emelia brought to my attention is that Junior Members want to feel that they have a place and jobs that they can do at all levels of our Organization. Otherwise, it is easy for them to feel that they have no worth to the Order.

Emelia, Tricia Bures, and I threw around many ideas of where these committees should go. One idea is that we should adopt a program similar to “The Doves” of the Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW). In 2015, when I was National President, I had special t-shirts made that said “Auxiliary Angels,” which is how I see our Junior Members. They are the angels that will lead us into the future.

After spending time with my daughter in the Girl Scouts, I came to realize that there needs to be a Sister who is in charge of the Junior Membership program and who is the center point of the hub for them to provide their thoughts and ideas. There are many things that these young ladies can do.

The Committees have three recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** That there be a polling of our Junior Members as to what they would like to see for themselves within the Organization, such as an idea book for the Junior Members for meetings, etc.

**Recommendation #2:** That there be space allocated to highlight our Junior Members in *The Auxiliary Voice* and that Auxiliaries be encouraged to submit articles to the Newsletter Editor to help highlight these special young ladies.

**Recommendation #3:** That the Order update its CR&R to better address our Junior Members and allow for their protection, along with that of the National Organization, including a requirement that “any member of the Auxiliary under the age of 18 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.” This should include any and all Auxiliary events or functions.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC, Chair

Special Committee on Junior Members Development

Patricia Bures, PDP WA, Chair

Special Committee on Junior Membership Policy

Emelia J. Campbell, Member

Special Committee on Junior Members Development

Special Committee on Junior Membership Policy

## COMMITTEE ON NEW AUXILIARIES

Our committee had no formal meetings or discussions. I did; however, have several communications with both the National Secretary and National Treasurer concerning possible new Auxiliaries as well as maintaining current Auxiliaries. The National Secretary, Rachelle, provided me with New Auxiliary Packets and the National Treasurer, Mary, referred Sisters to me for help. Both Sisters and I discussed trying to save Auxiliaries. Each Sister was most helpful in assisting

with any needed information or materials.

Ramona Greenwalt, PDP OH, NVP, Chair  
Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC, NS  
Mary Flynn, PDP NH, NT

### **NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

The National Policies and Procedures Committee received no requests or recommendations to review from any Department, Auxiliary at Large or any local Auxiliary during this past year.

Patricia Bures, PNS WA, Chair

### **NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON IRS AND TAX ISSUES REPORT**

This year I stand alone as the National Committee on IRS and Tax Issues. It was decided that this committee has not taken advantage of additional members to date, given the sensitive nature of the financials of each of our subsidiaries. Also, the IRS puts restrictions on who can deal with these matters. They refer to these folks as Principal Officers.

I would like to present some background information as I have come to understand:

**Background:** We are a 501(c)4 Organization. The National Organization has been granted Tax-Exempt Status as a Parent Organization. All of the individual Departments, Auxiliaries, and Auxiliaries at Large are known as Subsidiaries to the Parent Organization. In order to conduct banking business, the Parent and/or the Auxiliaries require an EIN Number, sometimes referred to as a TIN Number. This number is assigned by the IRS at the request of the Parent or Subsidiary when forming or as needed and annual filings with the IRS are required. This filing is done electronically, using a form known as the 990N. Refusal to file over a three-year period results in automatic revocation of the EIN number by the IRS and the Parent or Subsidiary is notified.

Furthermore, late last year (September), any newly formed 501(c)4 charitable organization such as ourselves or any previously known one having not filed a Form 990N and having not been previously revoked, is required to file the IRS 8976 as noted in General Order #4, issued by our National President. This establishes the organization with the IRS and at the time of filing, a \$50.00 fee is assessed. There are additional fines when this form (IRS 8976) is not filed after a 60 day period that can be as large as \$5,000.00. Consequently, I closely monitor this situation and partner with those applicable Auxiliaries to ensure this is done. Voted on by the National Membership body last year, the \$50.00 fee is absorbed by National. This was done as not to inundate the Auxiliary with additional fines, thus creating goodwill.

Finally, whenever a Subsidiary wishes to change their Primary Officer or Responsible Party for the EIN, in addition to our internal form at National, the IRS also requires a Form 8822B to be filed. See the [asuvcw.org](http://asuvcw.org) website under National forms to assist in navigating to the IRS Website for instructions on filing this form or completing the 990N electronically.

That said, below are the activities undertaken in support of our National Organization and the fulfilling the IRS filing requirements:

- Updated the National IRS 990N form to reflect the official IRS website for filing.
- Updated as required, annual updates to the Annual (Supplemental Group Ruling Information (SGRI) list and submitted it to the IRS. This is a listing of ALL active Subsidiaries sharing our federal tax-exempt status. Updates include additions of newly formed Auxiliaries, changes to existing data on the Primary Officer (usually the treasurer) and the deletions of those disbanded Auxiliaries. Data for this report comes to me in the form of the Department EIN form or directly from the Auxiliary Treasurer.
- Filed as required, the National Organization's annual IRS 990N tax forms using the EZ filing system online. This is done for the period ending on 07/31/2017. Assisted a number of other Auxiliaries in doing the same.
  1. Alliance Aux. #91, OH
  2. Dept. of the Chesapeake
  3. Vermont Dept.
  4. Edward Wallace Aux. #2, SC
  5. Gen. Simon G. Griffin Aux. #11, NH
  6. Gov. Wm. Dennison Aux. 1, OH
  7. Haskell-Marston Aux. #1, ME
  8. Jennie Wade Aux. #7, PA
  9. Julia Dent Grant Aux. #68, MO
  10. Madeline O'Donnell Aux. #615, PA
  11. National At-Large Auxiliary
  12. Auxiliary #38, NH
  13. New Hampshire Dept.
  14. Picacho Peak Aux #1, AZ
  15. Sarah A. Crawford Aux. #43, PA
  16. Thomas M. Carr Aux. 7, NH
- Filed the IRS 9976 forms to the IRS for all Subsidiaries for which new EIN numbers were obtained over the last three years for which no previous 990N form had been filed (see General Order #3 issued by our National President this year).
  1. Antietam Aux. #3, CHSPK
  2. Dept. of the Chesapeake
  3. Vermont Dept.

4. Edward Wallace Aux. #2, SC
5. Haskell-Marston Aux. #56, ME
6. Massachusetts Dept.
7. Madeline O'Donnell Aux. #615, PA
8. Mary Elizabeth Kimball Aux. #62, NH
9. Picacho Peak Aux. #1, AZ
10. Sarah A. Crawford Aux. #43, PA
11. Sara Edmonds Aux. #32, CA&PAC

The following is a summary of the status of the Auxiliaries for which I am keeping records for including last filed date for the IRS 990 form:

- 59 Active
- 19 Revoked
- 13 No EIN on record
- 91 total

I continue to address issues and assist Auxiliaries as problems or issues arise and attempt to prioritize the issues based upon the input provided me. It is very satisfying to know that I am helping to the greatest extent possible. If there are any questions or details that are lacking, please contact me individually phone or email. Finally, I would like to present the following recommendation for consideration:

**Recommendation #1:** I would like to recommend that this committee be disbanded as this work is conducted between the Treasurer (Parent) and the Auxiliary (Subsidiary) only and given the difficulty in managing these delicate matters of financial importance, I feel there is no need to maintain this additional level of bureaucracy. Should the membership agree, the duties outlined in the National Organization's Job Descriptions can be folded into those of the Treasurer including the desired reporting requirements. No changes to the CR&R would be necessary.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH NT, Chair  
National Committee on IRS and Tax Issues

### **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE/HOST COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

When our Department was awarded the honor of hosting the 2017 National Encampment, I was thrilled to be appointed as the Auxiliary's representative to the Committee. With great enthusiasm, I jumped in and took my responsibilities very seriously, in order to give all of the attendees the best possible Encampment that we could. After all, the Department of Michigan has a certain reputation to uphold and I, for one, was not going to let them down.

However, it was apparent right away, that things were not going to go as smoothly as anticipated. Certain individuals decided on their own that they were going to form an "executive committee" to oversee a whole bunch of sub-committees. Those chosen to sit on the "executive committee" were not

nominated or chosen by the members of the Department, but by these certain individuals. In fact, at the time of our first planning meeting, none of the ladies (including myself) were even listed on this committee. After addressing this point-blank, and with the support of other Department members, these individuals relented, and allowed me, and at the time, Judy Rock, onto the “executive committee” to represent the Auxiliary and LGAR. Needless to say, things went downhill from there.

There were only four face-to-face meetings held; most other communication (when there was any) was done by email. NO ONE, other than the six to eight people appointed to this “executive committee” was allowed to attend any of the meetings, or get any communications of what was going on unless it came from one of the “executive committee” members. Anyone who expressed an interest in helping was expected to help on one of the sub-committees, and only have contact with the chairperson and people on that particular committee (i.e. banquet committee, badge committee, fundraising committee, et al). Obviously, this did not sit well with most of our Department, so those who initially wanted to help felt pushed out, excluded, and said, “Forget it.”

I ended up being fundraising chair, which included basic fundraising, Encampment polo shirts, program ads, and vendors. Basically, I ended up doing all of these single-handedly, as those who would have helped were not about to deal with the certain individuals who put themselves in charge. I feel that I have done the absolute best that I could despite being misinformed, put down, feeling purposely harassed, had ads and vendors censured, and even told that I had no authority to do my job, all while being admonished to “remember where my loyalties lie.” I know that this (hopefully) is not typical of other Host Committees; however, I, for one, am glad this one is over.

To the upcoming Departments thinking of hosting: my suggestion is that a PCinC Chair the Host Committee or a PNP (or both!), and include ANYONE willing to help plan and execute hosting an Encampment. That the Host Committee follows the Guide Book and provides equally for all the Nationals – CinC and NPs. If they pay for one, they pay for all (rooms, meals). We are supposed to promote Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and any division in this just makes for bad feelings and less cooperation among the Orders.

For my own experience, it is unfortunate that certain individuals had to let their massive egos get in the way of planning this Encampment; however, I do hope that the entertainment and meals planned for this weekend are satisfactory, that you each find something wonderful at the vendor tables, and have an enjoyable experience here in Michigan.

Karan Hamann, PDP MI  
National Site/Host Committee Rep.

## NATIONAL FORMS AND DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee worked closely with National Website Coordinator Ellen Higgins to update and maintain forms that are currently listed on the National website. This included placing the required forms and check-off lists for the formation of new Auxiliaries. With Sister Ellen's assistance, we also reviewed the placement of all forms on the website to ensure they could be found in a logical location for the ease of both our members and the public, who may be seeking information about our Order.

Additionally, the committee was tasked with rewriting the standard membership application along with developing a junior membership application. This had been accomplished and has been posted to the National website. Copies of the new membership applications have also been provided for your review and consideration.

Anyone with comments or suggestions regarding any forms is encouraged to contact the committee.

The committee has two recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** That the new membership applications be approved and placed on the National website as soon as the National Encampment is completed.

**Recommendation #2:** That all old versions of the membership applications be destroyed and that only the most up-to-date version be used. The current version can always be found on the website.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC, NT, Chair  
Tricia Bures, PDP WA

## NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Within the past month, it has come to my attention that this committee exists and that I had been appointed the Chairman. After being made aware, I read the job description of the Committee as posted on the National website. I am constantly monitoring our National website as National Webmaster.

Additionally, it has come to my attention that there are several Facebook pages that are using the name of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or variations of this name. I do not have the ability or knowledge to monitor these sites. One member of the committee has been appointed a Facebook administrator but has not had the opportunity to fulfill this position.

Whereas I feel very proficient in the maintaining and monitoring of our National website, I am not knowledgeable in maintaining and monitoring social media. Therefore:



**Recommendation #1:** I recommend to the incoming National President that she appoint a Sister or Sisters to the Committee on Technology and Communications that are proficient in social media.

**Recommendation #2:** I recommend that it is time for our Organization to develop guidelines for social media posting and etiquette.**Recommendation #3:** I recommend that the committee develop these guidelines for presentation and approval at the 2018 National Encampment.

Ellen H. Higgins, NJ, Chair

Allison Graff, PDP WI

Anne Michaels, PDP WI

Committee on Technology and Communications

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ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION  
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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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



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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
130rd	2016	Aug. 11-14	Springfield	IL
131st	2017	Aug. 10-13	Lansing	MI

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