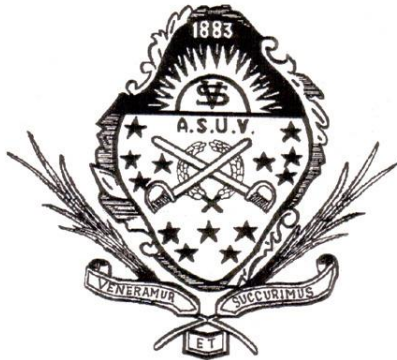


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### **Mrs. Frances Murray**

National President

1992-1993

Department of Maine

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of the Civil War

## BOAT CRUISE OF BOSTON HARBOR AND TOUR OF FORT WARREN

## POST 5 G.A.R. HALL TOUR AND ROAST PORK DINNER

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

## ENCAMPMENT OPENING

**August 10, 2018**

**Framingham, MA**

## I. PROCESSION

**Introduction of National Officers..... Cindy Hilliard and W. Faron Taylor**  
Chiefs of Staff, ASUVCW and SUVCW

## II. MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Draping of Charters and Lighting of Candles .....**

**..... Connie Horning and Jerry Kowalski**  
National Chaplains, ASUVCW and SUVCW

**Flowers of Love and Remembrance.....National Officers**

ASUVCW AND SUVCW

**Rising of Lazarus.....Rev. Dr. Peter Preble**

Chaplain, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

**Eulogy for Sister Frances Murray, PNP..... Anne Sosnowski**

Past National President, ASUVCW

Once again our Golden Chain has been broken on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, when Frances went home.

Frances Murray joined the Auxiliary in June 1953 with her twin sister, Phyllis. They became Personal Aides to their Aunt, Mildred Osborne Babine, who was then the Department President for the state of Maine.

Frances's mother was Department President in 1972 and Frances traveled with her throughout the state and served in all of the offices in the state of Maine.

For National, Frances served as Council Member, Patriotic Instructor, and National Secretary for seven years.

In everything that Frances undertook, it was evident that she was very thrifty, conscientious, and extremely forth-coming. Frances would tell you exactly what she thought, thus proving her care for you, and it was always with her lovely sense of humor.

Frances was a very dedicated mother and this was quite evident at her memorial service this June.

Frances was National President in 1992-1993. Her Commander-in-Chief was Bud Atkinson. Anyone who remembers our Buddy can just imagine how formidable these two were together. Once when Buddy was driving Margaret and Frances to an event and they were running late, Bud drove as if the Devil himself was after them. Frances was in the back seat, holding on for dear life with white knuckles.

Frances was the Treasurer for the Sons of the Hyde Camp and when National heard this, they said that she could not be the Treasurer. So the Sons promptly put one of her sons on paper and Frances continued as before.

Frances was very instrumental in forming the Auxiliaries in Maine. Her love of the Auxiliary was evident in all she did.

Frances, we wish you much peace and happiness as you organize your Heavenly Encampments with all our past Auxiliary Sisters and Sons.

Huzzah to Frances!

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ..... Jerry Kowalski**

National Chaplain, SUVCW

**Our Departed Sisters.....Connie Horning**

National Chaplain, ASUVCW

**Twenty-Third Psalm.....Rev. Dr. Peter Preble**

Chaplain, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

**Our Departed Brothers ..... Jerry Kowalski**

National Chaplain, SUVCW

***The Battle Hymn of the Republic* .....Connie Horning**

National Chaplain, ASUVCW

### III. JOINT OPENING

**Welcoming Remarks by the National President ..... Ramona Greenwalt**

National President, ASUVCW

Good morning, Brothers and Sisters. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be here. I hope that your encampment will be, I know that the Commander-in-Chief hates the word “harmonious;” I hope that it will be friendly and productive and that you will get everything accomplished. I sincerely hope that ours will be the same. I need to tell you that as we were singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*, that I thought how much better it sounded with both male and female voices. It covered more of the music so that, while we are good and you are good, we are better together. It was just simply brought home to me with that song and with all the others. That harmony is the harmony that we should all have. Thank you. Have a good Encampment.

**Welcoming Remarks by the Commander-in-Chief .....Mark R. Day**

Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

Sister Ramona, Sisters of the Auxiliary, my Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I think Sister Ramona has summed up most of what I would like to say. As usual, she has stolen most of my thunder. (*laughter*) I, too, wish that we have a strong Encampment filled with cooperation and that all the participants will leave here feeling that we have exercised the very core values which we espouse: fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Last night at my CofA meeting, we don’t normally do that, say those words in an executive session, but I asked the members of the CofA and the other Brothers there assembled to repeat those words as we opened for our meeting. At the end of the day, when we have our names read here, it will only be the memory of that fraternity, charity, and loyalty that will remain here with the others that are still here. It will be our example of how to cooperate and work together to achieve the goals that the

Grand Army of the Republic set out for us to achieve. That will be our legacy. I truly hope that in the years to come, we will all be able to find the will and the desire and the ability to continue to work together and march down this path towards achieving our joint goals. Thank you very much.

**Encampment Instructions..... Ramona Greenwalt and Mark R. Day**  
National President, ASUVCW and Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

RAMONA: The only thing I have to say to the Auxiliary members is as soon as this over, we will adjourn to our meeting and it will start as soon as possible. Please do not tarry. We have a lot of work to do. Thank you.

MARK: Brothers, I know that the program says that we will start at 9:30; however, it is a quarter to that hour at this time. Take this 15 minutes to prepare yourselves for the session that we will start at 9:00 a.m. I look forward to seeing this room filled with wonderful, beautiful, and joyous faces as we set out upon the work of the Order this morning. Thank you.

**Benediction..... Jerry Kowalski**  
National Chaplain, SUVCW

## BANQUET PROGRAM August 11, 2018

**Master of Ceremonies ..... W. Faron Taylor**  
Chief of Staff, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Posting of the Colors..... Co. E, 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry**  
1<sup>st</sup> Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

**Invocation..... Connie Horning**  
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Pledge of Allegiance..... Assembly**

**Recognition of National Officers & Noted Guests .....**  
..... **Cindy Hilliard and W. Faron Taylor**  
Chiefs of Staff, ASUVCW & SUVCW

**Address by the National President ASUVCW ..... Ramona Greenwalt**  
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Address by the Commander-in-Chief SUVCW .....Mark R. Day**  
 Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

**Greetings of the WRC, LGAR, & DOLLUS..... Ellen M. Higgins**  
 President, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States

**Greetings of the DUVCW. ....Sarah W. Meyer**  
 National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

**Greetings of the Commander-in-Chief of the SCV.....Paul Gramling**  
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Tribute to Mothers and Fathers..... Ellen M. Higgins**  
 Representative, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

**Presentation of the Mary Walker Award .....Mark. R. Day**  
 Commander-in-Chief, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Benediction.....Jerry Kowalski**  
 National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

***The Battle Hymn of the Republic* .....Assembly**

**Retiring of the Colors ..... Co. E, 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

## **COURTESY HOUR**

**Friday Evening**

**August 10, 2018**

**Framingham, MA**

Following an enjoyable performance from an “Oldies Group,” each Department presented gifts to both National President Ramona Greenwalt and Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

All states brought greetings, thanks and appreciation of their service during the year.

Ramona received in order of their presentation:

**Ohio** – Christmas ornaments, shirt, cup, doily, shawl and a crystal tray to match the candelabra she received at the Ohio Department Encampment. The delegation sang the “Raindrops” song that they sang at the Encampment’s Unofficial Opening.

**Chesapeake** – Flag from Monacy Battlefield, old books (one had a story about Lincoln and a pig), card and money from Louisa May Alcott home, 2-cent piece, and chocolate.

**Vermont** – Maple syrup and candy

**California & Pacific** – Items for comfort and pampering including body lotion, body spray, bath salts with a floral theme, poppy seeds.

**North Carolina** – Products from their state: fudge, jar of preserves, red raspberry pretzel dip

**Pennsylvania** – ASUVCW mug, card containing money, book of stamps and cards

**Michigan** – Lincoln plaque made of sawdust, book about Sultana, bubbles, angel

**Oklahoma** – Lariat to tie CinC Mark up for another year, candle and lapel pin

**Rhode Island** – Johnny Cake mix

**New Jersey** – NP Caren Cleveland came with Ellen Higgins. They read a poem and Caren gave a necklace holding a rose gold heart, 2018, roses, and gems.

**Massachusetts** – T-shirt, basket of chocolate, pottery mug

**Missouri** – Coin, ribbon, book that Cher Petrovic created

**New Hampshire** – Card

**Georgia/South Carolina** – Brought treats from the state of Vermont and information about the campfire in “Hotlanta.”

**Texas** – Dish towels with boots, rosetta that allows access to the state, t-shirt with wild flowers of Texas, and a mug

**Wisconsin** – Swan ornament, cheese shirt, cheese socks, cheese hat, cheese cat, cheese & sausage

**Illinois** – Candy

**Indiana** – Book entitled *The Soldier’s Pen*

**New York** – Unicorn Pen, wine from New York, maple syrup from New York, chips, cookies, pocorn, koozie, shirt, dinosaur BBQ sauce, jam, pancake mix, smelly jelly, honey, spa soap

**FIRST SESSION**  
**Friday, August 10, 2018**  
**9:15 a.m.**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sisters, I have asked a Sister from the Department of New Hampshire, who has taken on what I thought was a tremendous project. I thought that all of us could benefit from her knowledge of the things she has found out. If you would also like to do that, you will have some basis on which to get started. This is Sister Fran Hanchett.

**Presentation on Civil War Veterans Project**

I was very honored to be asked to talk to you about Lebanon’s Adopt a Civil War Veteran Project that I began in 2013. Please keep in mind that this is a new

experience for me. This is the first presentation, and I hope I don't make a fool of myself.

In 2009 and 2010 I got the men to call the Lebanon, New Hampshire cemetery. Then in 2012, I was selected to serve on the advisory board of the Lebanon Soldiers Memorial Building, which is the old GAR Hall. The building contains plaques that have the names of the Lebanon residents who served in the Civil War. I believe there are 99 total names. Much to my surprise, the names on the plaques were not a complete list of our residents. There were many more Civil War Veterans I had found in the cemeteries.

All during my research I always looked for an ancestor who served. I found two – one Charles Kinney served in the 17<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry and, to my surprise, one of my Irish ancestors, Patrick Mulcahy, served in the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire.

I then started researching Lebanon in the Civil War. I went to the membership lists for the GAR in Lebanon. I went to the pension records and the enlistment papers for Lebanon. I went through census records to determine residency and I also went through Ayling's Revised Register of the Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire published in 1895. All the states should have one of these for the Civil War. I checked all of these references in an effort to make sure all of the men who had served in the Civil War would get the proper recognition.

In doing this research, I found 73 names of residents who were not listed on the plaques in the Soldier's Memorial Building. The Advisory Board then approved the residents that my research had found and as a result, had a scroll made to include the additional 73 names.

The whole project grew from there. I wanted to find out who the Civil War Veterans were that are buried in our cemeteries. By using birth dates, I researched all the names in our cemeteries that were possibilities and discovered that there were 100 Civil War Veterans with no military information on their gravestones. Many veterans had moved to Lebanon and became residents after the war. Many residents living in Lebanon at the time of the war had moved away, all over the country, as a matter of fact.

When I checked with the federal government about metal markers for them, I was told that the government could not provide them because their gravestones had a name wrong. In 2013 I went to Ricker Funeral Home, which is our local funeral home, to explain I was planning on buying federal markers for these Civil War Veterans so they would have the proper recognition after 150 years. The owner, David Ahern, said if there are that many Civil War Veterans buried in our cemeteries with no military recognition, then it's about time somebody did something. He then joined the project and is providing the federal type markers at his cost, storing them and setting them as their donation towards the project. His employee, Patrick McCarthy, is now the person who orders and sets the stones. I will forever be grateful to them for their generosity in this endeavor.

I decided the only possible way to get these men the recognition they deserved was to start a community project fundraiser. The very first business to purchase



one of these markers was Arleen & Steve Rutledge who own Bridgman's Furniture. It was Arleen's suggestion that this project be named "Adopt a Civil War Veteran."

I went to local businesses and organizations asking for donations. In doing so, I was told that if I affiliated the project with a nonprofit organization, I would get more donations. In 2015, the Lebanon Historical Society got nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. I presented to them the opportunity to join in the project. Any donations made after were tax-deductible.

In 2014, Dan Moriarty retired from the VA and generously offered to help with my project. He helped set up everything needed for fall ceremonies and is always willing to step up to the plate when help is needed. He has been a godsend.

I have also worked very closely with Tom Ledoux, who is the webmaster for Vermont Civil War. Because Lebanon is a border town with Vermont, there are lots of Vermont veterans buried here, all of whom were included in the project.

My project grew in success after the word spread in the community. In 2016, the Mary Elizabeth Kimble Auxiliary was formed in Lebanon.

As a descendant of a Civil War Veteran who died in the war and was buried in Cypress Hill National Cemetery, I joined the Auxiliary and brought the project with me. The Auxiliary works very closely with the local SUVCW Major McKinley Camp #9. Every fall they perform a dedication ceremony honoring those who got a stone during the preceding year. After the ceremony, there is a reception at the Soldier's Memorial Building with refreshments provided by the Lebanon Historical Society. These ceremonies are open to the public.

Each individual or organization who adopts a Civil War Veteran, receives a framed photograph of the marker, recognizing him as a Civil War veteran. It has the veteran's name, birth, death date, unit he served in, along with a statement of their adoption. Some are adopted by businesses, some by family members, and some by individuals. The project is now down to 25 remaining veterans. There were 15 adopted in 2017. All the participants in the ceremonies are volunteers.

The SUVCW and Auxiliary also started a fundraising effort, offering hot dogs and cider at the White River Junction Rest Area on I-91. We cannot charge people for this, so fundraising depends on donations only. All of the proceeds from this go toward the adoption program. We have usually been able to purchase between 3 and 4 markers per year from this effort.

I even found some surprises in doing my research. There are two Confederate Veterans buried in our cemeteries, Roger Smalley who was a resident, was teaching in Mississippi when the war broke out. He joined one of the Mississippi troops. Pliny Davis, who came to Lebanon right after the war, was born in Vermont, was living in New Orleans, and owned slaves when the war broke out. Imagine my surprise when I found Davis's enlistment papers online. He was a prominent citizen here in Lebanon and no one ever knew he was a Confederate Navy person. Both of these men were included in the adoption project and both

were adopted. Who knows, maybe we have more that haven't been discovered there yet.

I discovered that there were two Lebanon families – the Cross and the Miller family – where the father and five sons all served in the Civil War. Each of these families lost one son in the war. Walden Cross and his five sons Reuben, Charles, Dennis, Alan, and George who died at Gettysburg. Robert Miller and his five sons J. Albert, Lorenzo, Carlos, Henry, and William who died at Alexandria.

There is also a black man, Thomas Penick, who served in the 125<sup>th</sup> Kentucky USCT. He came to Lebanon before the war was over. He lived out his life in Lebanon and worked for the railroad. His wife, daughter, and several grandchildren lived with him. I wonder what brought him to Lebanon. Did he meet some of our Civil War soldiers while he was in the war? This information is probably lost in history. It is just fun to find all these tidbits of information to add to our residents' history.

Another veteran, James Densmore, became a very prominent resident in Lebanon. He owned Densmore Brickyard. All the bricks in the Soldiers Memorial Building came from his company. I also found that one of the Vermont veterans, Henry Sawyer, buried in one of our cemeteries, was a POW survivor from Andersonville Prison. Because he had no gravestone, we were able to get a federal stone for him.

Other Civil War Veterans became very prominent businessmen in Lebanon: William S. Carter opened a working men's clothing factory; Jessie Dewey opened an insurance office; Ferdinand Davis became an architect and designed the GAR Hall. He is buried in California. There were many that were respectable and prominent citizens.

Anyone can do this. It involves a lot of research, time, and commitment. All of the information you need is online. I don't get any information from any website that you have to pay for.

I believe this project is a worthwhile time consuming rewarding project in getting Civil War Veterans the recognition that they deserve. The SUVCW and Auxiliary can make a difference by starting a project like this in your area. Don't we want all the Civil War Veterans recognized for their service to our country?

If anyone has any questions, I will be glad to answer them or if any of you are interested in starting your project, I will be happy to be of any help. (*applause*)

MICHAEL SHKLAR, NH DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, SUVCW: Fran has been an inspiration to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She has worked tirelessly. She even bakes lots of magic cookie bars to see at the rest area, so if you are on October 28 traveling southward on I-91 through Vermont, please stop in and buy a hot dog. We have also been expanding our efforts a little bit beyond Lebanon and the surrounding areas because we felt that since the state of Vermont is basically giving us our fundraising facility, we should be doing some things in Vermont as well. So we have been recognizing Veterans all the way

across the river. Fran has done an amazing amount of work and is an inspiration to the organization. She has really given us the kind of public visibility we need to be able to increase our membership, increase our level of activity and form a bond in the community and surrounding areas. Thank you, Fran.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Fran, and your chauffeur. I hope all of you were able to get some ideas from this. Maybe all of you are more knowledgeable than I, but for me, it was a wealth of information in places I never thought about and things that I had never thought about. So I thought, perhaps, we should share it and I do appreciate her making the trip down here specifically to show this to us. Thank you, thank you, thank you. (*applause*)

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: This lady wondered if she could get a copy of your presentation electronically. Are you able to do that?

FRAN HANCHETT, MARY ELIZABETH KIMBLE AUXILIARY NH: Yes, if she has PowerPoint. You can give me your email address. (*Several others requested, as well.*)

PRESIDENT RAMONA: My National Counselor tells me that I have to leave the room.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, COUNSELOR: I am asking that the National President, National Personal Aide, and all Sisters from the Department of Ohio except Amy Miller, please go out into the hallway. You are going to be brought in in an Ohio opening. Joyce Norman, would you please serve as Guide so Amy could come out with us, please?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Each year it is different. They turned our mics down because this is one single room and everything we say gets broadcast over there. So, the men weren't too pleased with having to go over our voices.

An old tradition is that the National President is usually brought in by her Department and greeted and then afterward we can go on with our meeting. That is why the Bible is not open. We are about ready?

Sisters, our National President.

*The Ohio Delegation, carrying umbrellas, escorted National President Ramona into the room to the singing of Raindrops Kept Fallin' On Your Head.*

*Raindrops kept fallin' on your head  
And just when we thought they'd stop, they just kept fallin' down  
Nothing made them quit*

*No matter where you went those pesky raindrops kept fallin'.*

*So we just did us some talking to the Sons  
And we said we didn't like the way they got things done  
Sleeping on the job  
Those raindrops kept falling on your head, they kept fallin'.*

*But there's one thing we know  
The "Boys in Blue" are worth it  
They are worth it  
Through rain, snow, and sleet the "Boys in Blue" are worth it.*

*Raindrops kept fallin' on your head  
From coast to coast THEIR works were praised wherever you went  
Never turning back  
'Cause we're never gonna stop the rain by complaining  
ASUV Nothing's worryin' you.*

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH, PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sisters of this National Encampment, I have the pleasure to present to you someone I have known since I was four days old, our National President Ramona Greenwalt.

Sisters, salute. Sister National Personal Aide, Guides, and Colors, please escort our esteemed National President to her station.

REBECCA BLACK, DVP OH: Sister Ramona, I wanted to thank you from the Ohio Department and the McClellan Auxiliary for initiating our newest member last night, and give a welcome to Colleen Swafford.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: May I have the mic now, Nancy? *(laughter)* That, obviously, was a surprise – a big surprise.

I have a few housekeeping chores before we start. There are some rules, regulations, whatever you want to call them, that all of you need to know.

You must be limited in your time in speaking to an issue. You may speak to the same issue twice and for no more than three minutes each.

The Election of Officers will be the first order of business after lunch on Saturday. Once the doors are closed by the Guards and the Election of Officers has begun, no one may enter the room or leave the room until elections are concluded. So please don't tell people that I kicked you out of the meeting if you are not here in time for the election.

All cell phones are to be off or on vibrate. If you must take a call, please leave the room to have your conversation.

Also, there will be no recording of this meeting, either audio or video, without the written consent of every person in the room. To do any type of recording without permission is a violation of the law. If you are found disobeying, you

will be asked to leave the room. We have three recording devices activated for our audio purposes and, hopefully, if one misses, the other two will get it.

A note about conduct, if you do not know, it is in the CR&R, Rules of Order for the Instruction of Auxiliary Presidents. It is really simple and sweet. I want to draw your attention to Rules 6 and 7. When a member desires to speak, she shall rise and properly address the chair, and when speaking shall confine herself to the subject under discussion and be careful to avoid all personal or sarcastic language. Any conversation or disorderly conduct while a member is speaking shall be deemed sufficient cause, if continued in, to censure any member so doing. I will warn you all and people couldn't last year, and I don't even know who it was, will tell you that the school teacher comes out. When I can hear the conversation in the back of the room from the front of the room, I will tell you to be quiet. So, forewarned. I can't help it...second nature.

Sister Personal Aide, would you please get the gifts for the Past National Presidents. I am going to ask you all to, please, come across the front. Because as shaky as I am right now, I am not sure I will remember everybody even though I know you all. Sisters, I know I have called, I think, nearly every one of you and I know I have asked questions and I have gotten advice. I think on the whole I have pretty much followed that advice and I truly appreciate it. This is a token of my appreciation and something that I had hoped all of you would enjoy getting. It isn't ready yet and that is why you have certificates instead of the actual item. Somewhere I have put the papers for your name and address and your phone number and when I find them, I will get them to you. Please fill them out and get them back to me so that I can give them to Bob Wolz so you can have them mailed to you personally at your home. Thank you for your knowledge, for your support, for your understanding, for your help. I appreciate you all, every one of you. (applause)

*Past National Presidents present: Rachelle Campbell, Judy Trepanier, Anne Sosnowski, Jackie Johnston, Cynthia Brown, Virginia Twist, Nancy Hilton, Jane Graham, Denise Oman, and Danielle Michaels*

I would now like all the elected National Officers to please form a line in front of my station. Once again, thank you for all you have done for me. I appreciate it very, very much. Those of you who are holding boxes, that's because I can't give you the same gift twice. (applause)

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DVP CHSPK, PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Your gift to us is "Grand Army Women, the GAR and Its Female Organizations" and we are going to receive a copy of that?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The book is not published yet. The editor became ill, or I would have had copies. It is tentatively scheduled for publication in

November. I thought it was something that would speak to all of us. As I said, as a retired schoolteacher and librarian, what do you expect...you are going to get a book.

Now my Floor Officers, my Guards, and all my Appointed Officers, would you please come up. So now you all know what you are getting. I have read some of the rough drafts of this book and I really liked what I was reading. It was very informative. Thank you, Sisters. (*applause*)

Sister Emelia, would you go see my Personal Aide because I have something that I thought would be very appropriate to you age-wise. That is my special thank you because I know we will be running your legs off today. (*applause*)

I think we are now, finally, ready to get to business.

The Auxiliary will come to order. I will appoint the following:

### ENCAMPMENT APPOINTMENTS

Council #3 ..... Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC  
 Parliamentary ..... Danielle Michaels, PNP WI  
 Guide ..... Amy Miller, PDP OH  
 Assistant Guide ..... Hope Parker, PDP NY  
 Color Guard #1 ..... Barbara Day, PDP CHSPK  
 Color Guard #2 ..... Ellen Higgins, NJ  
 Inside Guard ..... Susan Fallon, PAP WI  
 Outside Guard ..... Linda Brown, PDP WI  
 Escorts ..... Joyce Norman PDP CT and Barb Indan, PDP PA  
 Pages ..... Emelia Campbell, CA&PAC

### ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

**Credentials & Registration:** Chair Rachelle Campbell, PNP NS; Nancy Hilton, PNP OH; Vicki Weiss, PDP MI

**Officers Reports:** Chair Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME; Judy Trepanier, PNP CT; Linda Brown, PDP WI

**Committee Reports:** Chair Jane Graham, PNP OH; Joyce Norman, PDP CT; Vicki Weiss, PDP WI

**Recommendations:** Chair Bev Graham, PDP CA&PAC; Susan Mertz, DP PA; Ellen Higgins, NJ

**Resolutions:** Chair Virginia Twist, PNP NY; Cynthia Brown, PNP NH; Rebecca Black, DVP OH

**Elections:** Chair Cynthia McReynolds, AP TN; Barb Lynch, PAP OH; Carole Jutte, OH

**Greetings Committee to the SUVCW:** Jackie Johnston, PNP NH; Barbara Day, PDP CHSPK; Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK

**Responses:**

**To the SUVCW:** Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

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

**To all other Dignitaries:** Judy Trepanier, PNP CT

PRESIDENT RAMONA: We will begin with the Officers March. Officers will please retire.

*Officers March performed as per Ritual.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Chaplain, you will proceed to the Altar and open the Bible. Parade rest.

*Opening continued per Ritual with the checking of Membership Cards, Singing, Pledge of Allegiance, and reciting the American's Creed.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Officers and Sisters, we have met here for the transaction of such business as may be necessary and for the best interests of our Auxiliary. Sister Inside Guard, you will now admit all persons in waiting who are entitled to enter.

Sister Secretary, would you like to do your housekeeping and do the Roll Call of Officers.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I have two small housekeeping things for everyone. With the recording, when you go to the microphone, I need you to give me your full name and the Department you are from first, please. It helps with transcribing in the end so we know who is speaking.

The other thing is you all know that I am extremely loud and I know that some of you have small voices. Do your best to be as loud as possible so we don't in the transcription "Sister" and we don't know who that person is. OK?

If you have not registered with me, when we have the next restroom break or to lunch, I need you to come register with me. Also, if you did not provide me with your white delegate card yesterday, I need that at that time as well.

*Roll of Officers called.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Secretary. Sister Guides, you will take up the collection, please.

*A collection total of \$120.00 was taken up from our Sisters in attendance. Nancy Hilton PNP OH moved, seconded by Barbara Indan PDP PA, and approved by the Sisters that the proceeds be split evenly between the two money officers, National Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I now declare the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War open to do business.

Does any Sister know of sickness or distress in the family of a Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War or a Sister of the Order?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME: Sisters, I have four cards here that I would love for you to write something for PNPs who are not doing as well as they would like to. One is Sister Marion Combs who is from California. She has just been put into an assisted home and she would love to hear our greetings. The other is my Mom, Sister Margaret Atkinson, who thank goodness she has a clear mind, but her body is saying no, no, I am not doing that anymore. Sister Betty Baker from New York is having respiratory problems and that is why she couldn't be here today. The other one is for Sister Jan Harding. She is having cardiac surgery at the end of the month. It would cheer these Sisters up. I will pass them around the room. If we need more paper, I've got it.

There is a Past Commander-in-Chief Reverend Richard Partington who was CinC in 1987-1988. The poor little guy is 96 years old and he thinks that everybody in the Organization has forgotten him, so I sent a card over to the Sons and they better sign it!

*Other Sisters were mentioned with health problems.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I think that we should endeavor to remember all these spoken requests and I know there are unspoken requests for people in this room and loved ones of the people in this room. So please, when you pray, pray for the ones that you know and also for the ones that were unspoken. Thank you.

Sister Chaplain, do you have something to offer?

CONNIE HORNING, DVP MI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: I need to drape the charter in memory of Past National President Frances Murray.

*The Charter was draped by the Chaplain, Guides, and Color Guards  
in memory of Past National President Frances Murray.*

MARYCATHERINE KNIGHT, PDP MA, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: I would like to thank you all very much for your donations to the Patriotic Fund.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister National Vice President, would you please preside while I read my report. Thank you.

### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT**

This year I have had the honor and privilege to represent the National Organization. In so doing, I have been literally from coast to coast. I have met many wonderful Brothers and Sisters, all of whom have been most cordial.



Whenever the Commander-in-Chief and I have been at the same functions, our relationship has always been friendly. I believe that he and I have established a friendship over the course of this year that will last. He tells me every now and then that he has seen another side of my personality. He is finding out that I, like everyone else, have more than one side that people see, depending upon the circumstances. He and I joke about it raining or snowing every time we have a joint function to attend. The two of us even caused it to rain in the desert. Other than one very nasty drive home in a snowstorm, I wouldn't want very many things to be different than they were. I had some difficult decisions to make this year as I am certain every National President has had. In making those decisions, I have always tried to keep what I thought was best for the Order upper mind in the decision-making process. I negotiated some new territories that were first-time experiences for the Auxiliary but all of us finished the process with an agreement in which neither side is 100% happy and that is, quoting Martha Stewart, "a good thing." The phone and computer have become my best friends. I've spent more time on the phone than I did as a teenager; however, the computer has become invaluable. Thank goodness for technology, as long as you can figure out how to use it. I am, and always will be, grateful to the Sisters who elected me as National President. Thank you for your confidence in me.

Before I get too far into my report, I would like to inform all of you that the condition of the bell and its stand are deteriorating. The bell is tarnished and, if it isn't solid brass, polishing it could strip off the plating. The bell is loose from the base and is damaging the base. I believe serious consideration should be given to retiring the bell before any further damage is done by transporting it every year to a new address. Therefore, I offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation #1:** Retire the bell in its case and place it in the custody of the National Historian.

### IN MEMORIUM

This year our Golden Chain of Past National Presidents has been broken with the passing of Past National President Frances Murray. I attended her very moving memorial service. Her family was most grateful to the Sisters of the Maine Department and to Past National President Cynthia Brown, Past National President Anne Sosnowski, and to Past Department President Mary Flynn for their attendance. The Department of Maine used the Funeral Service of the Order.

**Recommendations #2:** That one page in our proceedings, with a photograph, be dedicated to the memory of Past National President Frances Murray.

## FINANCES

Because of changes in the past practices between the Sons and the Auxiliary concerning National Encampment and other issues our finances have taken a forward position in my thinking. We are facing a decline in membership at the same time there is an increase in prices for nearly everything. It is not only unfair but not realistic to expect two officers to raise the money needed for our Organization to function. In an effort to keep pace with the changes in communication, we have a website that is not free. The cost of the website will be increasing as is everything else. We face increases in security costs and the need to stay up to date with changes in hosting websites and software for managing them as well as upgrading our protection. Our website was hacked therefore we had expenses for cleaning up the damage. Our increase in 2010 was to \$6.00 and when that increase was made it was noted that we would need to re-visit the per capita issue again. We increased the per capita tax in 2013 to \$9.00. We pay \$9.00 per year in per capita tax to the National Organization. Even those of us on fixed incomes have received increases in income in the last five years. I know our per capita is lower than the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic which is, I believe, \$16.00 and the SUCVW dues are more than ours as well. We need to improve the safeguards on our website to help keep it from being hacked again.

The cost of printing and mailing *The Auxiliary Voice* is approximately \$2,840. When it was voted in LA to have a newsletter, the discussion centered on it being in an electronic form with a limited number of printed copies in order to keep the expenses down. \$2,840 is not keeping down expenses. With *The Auxiliary Voice* being available online, nearly half of our members are requesting a hard copy. I find it hard to believe that half of our members don't have computers or access to them at public libraries free of charge.

We are to do charitable deeds in memory of the GAR. With the increases in college costs, we should really increase the amount of the scholarship and the gift in memory of the GAR. We placed \$14,000 from the P.I. fund in a CD that is going to earn us approximately \$140. The CD is safe and it is more money than we would make in a savings account but \$140 isn't that much money. We have approximately \$80,000 in another account. Consideration should be given to maximizing our earnings with some investments in the stock market. Now, before any of you get frightened too much, I'm not suggesting investing all that money but a portion of it. We might want to consider a company that makes all the trades for us at a cost per trade. We need to find someone who has a reasonable fee and who asks our goals and what is our risk comfort.

In light of the issues just presented, I offer the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #3:** The National per capita tax be increased to \$25.00 per year.

**Recommendation #4:** The expense of printing and mailing *The Auxiliary Voice* be paid by those requesting a hard copy via a subscription the price of which would change according to costs. This year the cost would be \$8.00. In lieu of that, those wanting to know what is in *The Auxiliary Voice* can attend their local Auxiliary meeting where they can hear the Auxiliary secretary read *The Auxiliary Voice*.

**Recommendation #5:** A special committee be formed to examine the finances of the National Auxiliary and explore ways to increase our earnings via the stock market.

**Recommendation #6:** Increase the amount of the gift given in memory of the G.A.R. to \$500.

**Recommendation #7:** Increase the amount of the President's Scholarship to \$1,000.

With the interest in forming a New England Department, I began to do some research. In particular, I was checking to see what was done when the Maryland/Delaware Department became the Department of the Chesapeake. The only information I was able to find was in the minutes of the meeting of the old and new Councils at the end of the 2010 National Encampment. In those minutes, the motion was made that Maryland/Delaware could change its name to the Department of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia. When I visited the Department of the Chesapeake, I was given a copy of the letter given to them by the then National President allowing them to change their name to the Department of the Chesapeake. I would like this National Encampment to retroactively approve the name change to 2011 so that a record will appear in the proceedings.

When requisitions were eliminated, the checks and balances established by the Sisters who preceded us were removed. As the system is now, no one but the Treasurer sees the bills, no one sees the checks and no one approves the expenditures. While this system expedites the payment of expenses, it also eliminates any control. I do not know who our bonding company is but I do know most require a dual authorization process. I am also concerned about possibly not following the Ohio Revised Code concerning accounting practices for nonprofit fraternal organizations. We do not want to lose our status. I am not questioning the integrity of our National Treasurers in the past or in the future. I am concerned that the checks and balances are gone. Therefore, I offer the following recommendation:

**Recommendation #8:** Requisitions requiring the Secretary's signature and the National President's approval be reinstated. The Secretary is to receive a copy of

the bill as well as the National Treasurer. To facilitate the process, we can use one of two systems, scanning the paperwork and forwarding it to the next party or using Dropbox.

### **PUBLICITY**

We need to develop a marketing strategy for the recruitment of new members, perhaps making over our website with ads that will appeal to and be seen by our target audience in places where they will be found. We do not need to hire a marketing company because I know we have more than one Sister with the skills necessary to facilitate the development of a strategy. It is the responsibility of each Sister to help by using the strategy developed in their recruiting.

### **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Where do I begin with the Sons? The Commander-in-Chief has been respectful, cooperative, straightforward, honest, open, and he listened. Oh yes, and patient. He was the messenger and moderator. He has worked diligently on Fraternal Relations stressing the fact that we are Allied Orders sharing the same heritage and purposes. He has issued instructions and given assignments about how we are to be treated. He has asked that protocol be written down so that in the future, every one of the Sons will or should know proper procedures. The situation did not occur overnight nor will it be resolved in a short period of time. Not every Son views the Auxiliary as the Commander-in-Chief and neither does every Son view the Auxiliary as, what I hope is a minority, does. It is going to require work on both sides. I have been treated graciously by nearly every Son with whom I have interacted directly during my travels. The relationship between the Sons and the Auxiliary is somewhat like a marriage. There must be compromise, open and honest communication, understanding, and mutual respect. I was once told by someone who assists in negotiations that a good compromise is one in which neither party is 100% happy. That is something we must internalize. It can't always be the way one party wants it to be. Fraternity is a relationship and relationships require work on the part of both parties.

### **ALLIED ORDERS**

During this year I have been with our Sisters of the Allied Orders, each of whom have embraced the premise of keeping alive the memory of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War. To Caroline Agosto, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Caren Cleaveland, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Michelle Colburn, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, may each of you have a productive National Encampment that is peaceful and may you be able to finish all you have begun. To the Commander-in-Chief, may you have an Encampment that meets all your expectations and accomplish all your goals.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

I had four applicants for the scholarship. All of whom are honor students and most deserving. I struggled to decide to whom to award the scholarship. I read and re-read their applications, their short essays on what is patriotism, looked at their service, and other factors. I have chosen as the recipient a Sister of the Order who joined us as a Junior Member at age 9. She has done an outstanding amount of work giving speeches on Memorial Day, presenting to the Mayflower Society the story of her ancestors, relaying her favorite stories of President Lincoln, relayed the biographies of the Civil War veterans interred in the Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery. She has portrayed the life of Anabel McGaughy Stuart, MD, and is now an active member of her Auxiliary holding various offices, helping with grave registration, working on the Holiday for Veterans Project, participating in parades, placing wreaths, doing public education in period attire, assisting at the election polls, and other charitable activities in her community. She is a member of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, CA&PAC Department. Sister Department President Cindy Eddy would you approach my station, please? I am asking you to take this check back to California and present it to Sister Marie Calin "Cali" Debevoise for her education at the University of Washington. Please express my congratulations to her for her many accomplishments and best wishes for future success.

### GENERAL ORDERS

Seven General Orders were issued, four articles written for *The Auxiliary Voice*, and three Special Orders. Special Order #1 for the passing of Real Daughter Maggie Johnston Devane at age 111 who was the daughter of a former slave, Pvt. Henry Clay Johnson of Co. H, 135<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. Special Order #2 reporting the death of Past National President Frances Althea (Warner) Murray on January 3, 2018, in Portland, Maine at the age of 79. Special Order #3 was issued for the death of Real Daughter Patricia Quinlan Albertson of Kalamazoo, Michigan on May 30, 2018, at the age of 95.

### WREATH PRESENTATIONS

It was a distinct honor to represent the National Auxiliary at the following wreath presentations:

**November 18, 2017:** Albert Woolson Memorial for Remembrance Day at Gettysburg

**February 12, 2018:** Lincoln's Birthday, Washington D.C.

**April 14-15, 2018:** Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois

**April 14, 2018:** attended program at Peterson Cemetery for Dr. Benjamin Stephenson founder of the G.A.R.

**April 29, 2018:** Grant's Tomb, New York City: Thank you to New York Department President Diane Theetge for representing the National Organization.

**May 28 and 30, 2018:** Washington D.C., Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknowns and Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers

**May 28, 2018:** Sister Teresa Doyle, thank you for representing the National Organization at Cathedral of the Pines.

### RECRUITMENT AND AUXILIARIES

**April 14, 2018:** I instituted a new Auxiliary at Large in Illinois. It was my pleasure to be able to do this. One more Auxiliary and Illinois can become a Department once again. Each one of us needs to recruit members. We have gained some members as Members at Large. It is good to have new members but if we can get those MAL's into Auxiliaries or get them to form new Auxiliaries, it would be better. Auxiliary members can work together and accomplish more when they are united.

I would like to see more detailed online application blanks. We ask for lineage but do not ask for any documentation to prove the lineage. I would also like to see the re-institution of Investigating Committees in the local Auxiliaries to meet with prospective members thereby gaining more insight into the person.

Therefore, I make the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #9:** That the online application blank provide space for documentation of the applicant's lineage.

**Recommendation #10:** Local Auxiliaries re-institute the use of investigating committees for prospective members with the investigating committees making their report to the Auxiliary upon the official form.

### VISITATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

**August 12, 2017:** Elected National President

**August 13, 2017:** Attended meeting of old and new Councils

**October 13-14, 2017:** Attended luncheon reception for Caren Cleaveland  
National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1861-1865

**October 22, 2017:** Attended my local Auxiliary meeting

**November 4, 2017:** My testimonial and open house at the home of Past National President Nancy Hilton

**November 5, 2017:** Celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alliance Auxiliary #91

**November 17-18, 2017:** Gettysburg Remembrance Day meeting following the SVR breakfast

I have a few things I want to relay about Remembrance Day. November 18<sup>th</sup> began with a special meeting of parade participants and police officials concerning the shortened parade route due to security concerns after an earlier bomb threat and the demonstration on Friday in front of the post office or courthouse. I no longer remember which it was. We then gathered for the wreath-

laying at Woolson's monument. It was a very cold and very rainy day with most of us fairly wet by the end of the program. Due to the extra security, navigating the streets of Gettysburg was more trying than usual. Streets were blocked with filled dump trucks, cement barricades, police, and wooden barricades. The presence of the police was very evident with even the park rangers carrying weapons and specially trained police dogs checking all the cars in the parking lots. Between the weather and the threats, the crowd viewing the parade was somewhat smaller and some participants' numbers were decreased. Two of the four carriages that had been rented canceled. I was fortunate my carriage was one of the two that came. I invited Sisters Wanda Langdon, DP Ohio; Barbara Lynch, PAP Ohio; and Judy Brown, Auxiliary Treasurer, Ohio to join me in the carriage. Even though the carriage had a cover and we had a blanket, we were cold and wet. I saw both my Chief of Staff and Personal Aide in the crowd taking pictures as they stood in the rain.

That evening I was the guest of the Pennsylvania Department Past Department Commanders' and Past Department Presidents' Banquet. Both the Commander-in-Chief and I made an appearance at the Civil War Ball, but arrived too late to lead the Grand March; however, we did some socializing with friends.

**February 3, 2018 – Wisconsin Department Mid-Winter Meeting:** I was treated most royally with dinner on Friday evening, a luncheon on Saturday, and, to the Commander-in-Chief's delight, we went to a craft brewery on Saturday night. I was met with hugs and warm greetings and received many wonderful gifts. Sunday morning, we had seven or so inches of snow to remove from our vehicles before we could start the trip home. Judy Morgan, my Personal Aide, PDP Ohio, was with me, and thank goodness she was. We were on the leading edge of a front the entire way home as she watched the road for me from her side window and her side of the front windshield. After 12 hours on the road, I asked Judy to find us a hotel for the night.

**February 12, 2018 – Lincoln's Memorial, Washington D.C.:** The program was very nice with some wonderful singing and placing the wreath in honor of Lincoln's birthday was memorable.

**March 10, 2018 – Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial:** Judy attended the testimonial with me in Frederick, Maryland. The evening was a lot of fun and some very funny stories were told. We had good food, wonderful camaraderie, and a lot of laughs.

**March 16-18, 2018 – California & Pacific Department Encampment:** Those are the dates I was to be there but I missed my connecting flight in Denver so I didn't get to California until the 17<sup>th</sup>. I was treated most graciously by the Department. I was met at the airport by Brother Dean Enderling holding up a sign with the Auxiliary emblem and my name. He told me he had always wanted to do that. I didn't tell him I had always wanted to be the one someone was there to greet. We all had a lovely time with dinner on Friday, then breakfast,

luncheon, and banquet on Saturday. I was privileged to install the California and Pacific Department Officers.

**April 12-15, 2018 – Springfield, Illinois:** Judy and I went together to lay a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb on the 14<sup>th</sup> and again on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Both programs were well attended and one had two speakers while the other had a musical program and wreath-laying inside the tomb because of the rain. On the 12<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon, we went to the cemetery where Doctor Benjamin Stephenson, the founder of the GAR, is buried. A very nice service was held dedicating the new flag poles installed at the plaza near his grave.

**April 21, 2018 – New Hampshire Department Encampment:** Judy and I traveled together again. We were treated well and had a very nice luncheon. I received many gifts and was rather overwhelmed by them. New contacts were made and knowledge gained from these contacts. I also installed the new officers.

**April 27-28, 2018 – Department of the Chesapeake:** We arrived on Friday afternoon and had lunch in a very old tavern, did some shopping then met some members of the Department and toured the first train station. Then we checked into the hotel and met several others for dinner. The next day was the Encampment meeting, luncheon, and installation of officers. I was honored to install the new Department officers.

**May 5, 2018 – Michigan Department Encampment:** Friday night the Michigan Department Host Committee hosted the Sons and the Auxiliary to a "picnic type" dinner followed by good companionship. Later some of the Auxiliary members knocked on our (Judy's and mine) door and we invited them to come in. We were having a good time talking and laughing when there was another knock on our door. When we answered the door, it was the Commander-in-Chief. He said we were having too much fun and could be heard quite well in the hall. He then sat down and joined us. We still had a good time and were laughing. Saturday was Memorial service, business meetings, luncheon, and banquet. I installed the officers with the assistance of Judy as Guide. In the evening an ice cream social was held for all of us. It was a fun time with much warmth from all my Sisters.

**May 26-31, 2018 – Washington D.C.:** Judy and I once again were in our Nation's Capital. This time it was for both Memorial Days. On the 28<sup>th</sup> I was thrilled to be able to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. It was a very moving experience that truly defies description. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the true Memorial Day, a program was held in the amphitheater near the Custis-Lee Mansion and wreaths placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers. A wonderful program preceded the placing of the wreaths. Once again you become very aware of the sacrifices made by all veterans of our country.

**June 9, 2018 – Ohio Department Encampment:** It began on Friday afternoon with a short service at the Confederate Prisoners' Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. We then met at the oldest Italian restaurant in Columbus for some wonderful food and great camaraderie. Following that, all of us returned to the hotel where we held a small reception for our Department President, Wanda Langdon.



Saturday was our business sessions and luncheon. Once again, I was privileged to install the Department officers.

**June 16, 2018 – Maine Department Encampment:** It was held shortly after the memorial service and luncheon for PNP Frances Murray. Business was attended but there was no installation of officers since their officers' terms of office are two years. Some discussion was held concerning the proposal to merge several New England Departments together. I received many gifts and was most pleased to meet so many new Sisters who were all very cordial.

**June 22-23, 2018 – Pennsylvania Department Encampment:** Pennsylvania still has a two-day Encampment and it is wonderful. There is sufficient time to discuss issues, go to lunch without rushing and install officers without running a marathon. Their memorial service was unique and poignant. Fun night was hysterical with a huge bunny sitting on people's laps and doing other things. I installed their officers in one of the nicest ceremonies because there was no rush to get done. The banquet was closed with the traditional Pennsylvania closing with all attending (Sons and Auxiliary) holding hands and singing *Blest Be the Ties That Bind and Till We Meet Again*.

**July 25-26, 2018 – Minneapolis, Minnesota:** I attended the National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. I flew there to give greetings. I was present for the Grand Opening and was accorded every courtesy. I was introduced and allowed to speak. The next morning, I went to their meeting to extend greetings of the National Organization as well as my own personal greetings and to watch a PowerPoint presentation on fraternity put together by their National President, Caren Cleaveland. It was a collage of old pictures and new pictures taken during this year of all the National heads of each Allied Order set to music, emphasizing fraternity. It was very well done. I also attended their banquet where I was recognized.

### OFFICIAL FAMILY

To all of my officers your help, cooperation, attention to your duties and understanding has been most important in making this year easier to get through. I am most grateful to each of you and I thank you. I have to say to my Personal Aide, PDP Judy Morgan, no one could have had a better aide. You made sure I was awake, kept me moving when I slowed down, put on my badge and sash, navigated, and watched the road in a terrible snowstorm. Oh, yes and you made me play mind games to keep me awake while driving. I never thought I would have to go back to fifth grade to name the states and their capitals.

National Council has had a very busy year with the contract issue being a completely new experience for all of us.

This is a prime time to read to all of you the contract and addendum that it has taken so many months to settle.

***Copy of the agreement with the Auxiliary for the 2020 Encampment in Atlanta: This is the contract – some things were changed and this is the one the Sons wrote for us:***

***National Encampment 2020 Agreement/Contract***

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This agreement/contract, when signed and executed between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereinafter “Sons” and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereinafter “Auxiliary,” shall establish the responsibilities of both organizations related to keys, meeting space and audio/visual requirements at the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia. This agreement composed of three pages is being executed between the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to ensure that sleeping rooms, meeting space, and audio/visual equipment will be reserved for the Auxiliary at the National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia 2020.*

***Article 1:*** *The Chair of the Sons’ National Encampment Site Committee will provide to the Auxiliary the name of a city and state where the National Encampment will be held three years in advance.*

***Article 2:*** *The Auxiliary will have 45 days from being informed by the National Encampment Site Committee of the location of the National Encampment three years hence to answer in the affirmative if they will be meeting with the Sons at the designated site. If answering in the negative, any sleeping rooms and meeting space which had been negotiated or were in the process of being negotiated for the ladies will be removed from the contract with the host hotel by the Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee.*

***Article 3:*** *This agreement binds the Sons to ensure that enough sleeping rooms will be available up until the expiration of the room block by the host hotel. They will also ensure that the Auxiliary will have adequate meeting space to hold a meeting, a maximum of 1,500 square feet and a minimum of 1,200 square feet of meeting space, with every consideration possible being given to providing a proper amount of width to accommodate floor work will be held for the Auxiliary.*

***Article 4:*** *The National Encampment Site Committee will provide a copy of the contract between the host hotel and the National Encampment Site Committee to the Auxiliary for their files. The fee amounts set in this agreement/contract shall be proffered by the Sons to the Auxiliary wishing to attend the annual National Encampment in conjunction with the Sons.*

**Article 5:** *If the Auxiliary decides to pull out or cancel its participation with the Sons National Encampment after signing this agreement/contract, they will remain responsible for the full agreed sum of the fee as set and proffered by the Sons in this agreement/contract.*

**Article 6:** *The Auxiliary shall have on file for planning purposes with the Sons National Encampment Site Committee the number of sleeping rooms they require and the amount of meeting space necessary to conduct their work. They shall update those requirements as necessary or at a minimum of every other year. The Auxiliary will provide a diagram of the desired floor layout and attach it to the signed copy of this agreement. The diagram shall clearly point out any specific requirements for tables, trash receptacles, and dais arrangement. The diagram shall also indicate the placement of microphones. This diagram will be used by the National Site Committee and the Host Committee. Changes to this diagram must be approved in writing by the National President of the Auxiliary herself or through her appointed representative to the Host Committee. Changes requested by all others will not be honored.*

**Article 7:** *Under this agreement, the following audio/visual equipment will be supplied to the Auxiliary: microphones – 3. The cost of audio/visual equipment or additional space or material requirements which go beyond those stated in this agreement/contract shall be the responsibility of the Auxiliary, which will have to contact the hotel directly, order it and pay for it themselves. Such equipment will not be charged to the Host Committee's master bill and neither the Encampment Host Committee nor the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be responsible for the payment of these additional fees. The fee for the 2020 Encampment for the Auxiliary shall be a total of \$700 and such payment will be no later than January 15, 2020.*

*Summary of the key elements in this agreement:*

- 1. If this agreement is not returned within 45 days of proffer (notice), the National Site Committee will void any sleeping rooms and meeting space being negotiated for the Auxiliary at the 2020 Encampment. By signing this agreement, the above named Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War agrees to attend the National Encampment for the above stated year and at the stated cost as determined by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and if they withdraw from the Encampment, they agree to pay the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the amount that is listed in this agreement. (It is signed by Mark R. Day and Ramona Greenwalt, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons and National President of the Auxiliary.)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: This came from me to them, after much, much negotiation.

*Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Office of the National President  
April 6, 2018*

**Addendum**

*This Addendum shall be part of and affixed to the contract between the SUVCW and the ASUVCW for the year 2020 and any subsequent contracts.*

**Section 1:** *The ASUVCW shall not be held financially responsible for the terms of the contractual agreement negotiated between the SUVCW Site Committee and the Encampment Host, including but not limited to liquidated damages, event insurance, or fulfillment of items such as minimums for room nights or food and beverage.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Now, for those of you who do not know what that means. That means the Sons have chosen hotels that have what they call liquidated damages. If you do not meet the number of room nights or the amount of food and beverage, the hotel gets the money from the Sons. One of those that I saw for Atlanta was \$80,000 as the liquidated damage maximum. The other figure is a hurricane or a tornado or whatever and you don't get there, you get to pay because you didn't show up, so you pay liquidated damages. Event insurance is in case we do damages to the hotel, or someone does damages, so they take out an insurance policy on that. And, as I said, the fulfillment of items such as minimums for room nights, food, and beverage because then there are also liquidated damages on all of those.

**Section 2:** *The Auxiliary will highly encourage its delegates to use the National Encampment hotel to register and attend the banquet in support of the Encampment Host Committee.*

**Section 3:** *For each item on the list of needs in Section 4 of this document, the ASUVCW shall be notified by the SUVCW prior to the presentation of the contract to the ASUVCW, if possible, or in conjunction with the proffered contract in accordance with the terms and time frames of that contract if an item is complimentary or if there is a charge for that item to assist the ASUVCW in determining the cost and availability of items that are not complimentary. Additionally, the ASUVCW shall be provided contact information for the hotel, allowing the ASUVCW to determine their entire actual cost to procure the necessary items for this Encampment location.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: What I said was, “If we are getting three microphones, and these are the things that we need in addition to the three microphones, you need to tell us in sufficient time what we have to pay for that is extra with the information for the hotel so that we can talk to them and still be within those 45 days that they have allocated us. So, they cannot be tardy in letting us know things.

**Section 4:** *List of needs*

1. *Podium*
2. *Wastebaskets -2*
3. *Water and glasses*
4. *Functioning sound system as well as three microphones*
5. *Dais centered on the room*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: If you want to know why I put in this specifically like that – the last year we walked in and they centered the dais on the wall and the entire room had to be rearranged. We were in there doing it and then the hotel people had to help.

6. *Steps at each end of the dais*
7. *Long enough spread of tables on the dais to comfortably accommodate a minimum of six people with desk space for the Secretary, Treasurer, and National President and access to electrical outlets at each end of the dais.*
8. *One small square, rectangular, or round table for the Altar, one six-foot table for the three members of Council, one small table at the Chaplain’s station, one small table at the Vice President’s station*
9. *White tablecloths reaching the floor for the stations on the floor and a white skirt for the tables on the dais.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I said it really didn’t have to be white, we would take whatever the hotel had, but they needed to be skirted.

10. *Sufficient chairs for all registered participants and guests at 5% over the number registered*
11. *Tables for sales – two separate sets, each set being a minimum of 18-24 feet long*
12. *A place for registration with tables, chairs, and electrical outlet access and sufficient time to register everyone*
13. *Availability for Auxiliary meeting room from 9:00-5:00 on Friday and Saturday and set-up time on Thursday*
14. *Exclusivity of the meeting room from time of occupancy until end of the Encampment*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I will tell you why that is in there. In Louisville, KY they rented out the meeting room in the evening, which meant everything had to be taken out of the room and brought back again the next morning. We are not doing that again.

15. *The Auxiliary reserves the right to determine who may or may not stand guard at the door of the meeting room during business sessions and other activities.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Anyone who was at Michigan knows why that's in there.

16. *President's suite of two rooms – a sleeping room and an entertainment room. Suites shall have a refrigerator, wet bar, and, if possible, a microwave*
17. *The National President needs the option to hold a Club breakfast or luncheon. The SUVCW needs to be aware that the National President could from time to time need a closed space for this and be certain that the hotel can provide for this. This cost is the responsibility of the National President – I am talking about the National President's breakfast.*
18. *The hotel needs to be aware of the possibility of additional chairs in suites. We had difficulty if we needed more chairs in getting them.*
19. *The National President of the Auxiliary will need access to her suite a minimum of two days prior to the opening of the National Encampment (Tuesday) and one day after the Encampment, with checkout on Monday. Any extra days beyond the complimentary days negotiated by the SUVCW for all the National Heads shall be the responsibility of the ASUVCW or the National President.*
20. *2,000 square feet for the meeting room will better meet the Auxiliary's needs.*
21. *The Auxiliary shall be made aware at the same time as the Commander-in-Chief is made aware of, the city, state, and hotel for the National Encampment.*
22. *There must be a packet for EACH pre-registered Auxiliary member and guest, plus 10% for late registrations, containing a program and medal. They must be available and in the possession of the Auxiliary at the opening time of the first day of registration.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I know all of you understand that.

**Section 5:** *The ASUVCW deserves the right to select their representative, liaison, to the National Encampment Host Committee and the right to continue to request*

*a reversal of the changes made by the SUVCW that remove representatives of the ASUVCW from the National Encampment Host Committee.*

**Section 6:** *The Auxiliary shall be provided a diagram of the Auxiliary meeting room showing doors, electrical outlets, floor measurements, and any irregularities in the walls.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: We cannot say that the room is going to be all right if we don't know what it is like.

That is it and that is signed by Mark Day, Commander-in-Chief and by Ramona Greenwalt, National President.

In the main contract, a sentence has been inserted capping our financial liability to \$700; hopefully, that is another protection for us so we do not get liquidated damages. The addendum that I read is to be attached to every new contract agreed upon by both sides. The addendum also limits our liability by declaring we will not be responsible for contractual obligations agreed to by the SUVCW. They are signing contracts guaranteeing a certain number of room nights, so much food and beverage in exchange for which the meeting room rates are decreased and whatever other perks they can acquire. Those contracts also contain clauses for liquidated damages and insurance premiums in case of damage caused by one of us. The insurance premiums aren't as much of a concern as the liquidated damages. The contract with the hotel for 2020 has one liquidated damage of \$80,000. We cannot afford to be responsible even in part for damages in that amount. By signing the contract with the SUVCW we could become, at the least, partially liable for the liquidated damages. That is why it is important to always have the addendum attached to any further contracts and if you can get a line in the contract stating our total financial liability is limited to the amount the SUVCW requiring us to provide and state that amount, it will help. I will tell you it is getting harder and harder to negotiate with the hotels. We are smaller in number and hotels have fees for almost everything. As an example, the screen, projector, cables, and equipment setup for today was \$699 and some odd cents. I asked for it and I paid for it, but it is something you should know. Things have changed dramatically in negotiating with hotels.

### **NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENT**

I hope next year the National President will not have lengthy contract negotiations and that the relationship with the SUVCW continues to improve. May your National Encampment be productive and peaceful.

Ramona Greenwalt  
National President

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I will add a footnote. I know that the Commander-in-Chief took a lot of flak and has been supportive. It has not been an easy road for

either one of us, but we made it through and we are still friends, at least I hope so. And to whoever might have to go through this again, at least you will have a blueprint. I will tell you, you need to be very prudent in what you are signing and you need to understand what you are signing because this a legal agreement; it's a contract.

When you sign it, you are obligated to fulfill all of that, so whoever is doing this really needs to do homework or get advice and, believe me, I got advice. Make sure if things on the addendum need to be changed, that you get them changed and get the Sons Council of Administration to agree to it and that's not easy. Those gentlemen have very strong opinions sometimes; so do we. So whoever gets it, may you have good negotiating abilities and you need to be strong.

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Barbara Lynch, PAP OH**

**That this report and all subsequent Officers Reports be turned over to the Committee on Officers Reports and that we give our National President a rising vote of thanks.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sisters, I appreciate that. It is rewarding to see that.

DENISE OMAN, PNP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: Sister President, it was brought to my attention that perhaps the Auxiliary should look into the purchase of the mics and some of the equipment. It might be cheaper.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: We can't by contract with the hotels. We cannot bring exterior equipment to a hotel. It is an insurance liability.

ELISE OMAN, WI: Bringing in projectors? Even if it is just bringing the projector unit and your own screen, or you can shine it on the wall, which would save money. It would be a lot cheaper to bring your own projector alone. So if National is willing to invest the money in getting a projector, still using the hotel's microphone and their PA system, but just the projector alone would save a lot of money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister National Vice President, are you ready with your report, please?



## NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings to you, Sister National President, National Officers, Dearest PNPs, and all my fellow Sisters:

Exactly one year and one day ago, I was at the 2017 National Encampment in Michigan. The fresh morning was bright and I was anticipating the successful culmination of my term as National President. It was then I received an early call from my twin, PNP Danielle Michaels, informing me of some tragic news. My father would not be transferred to the rehabilitation facility as the doctors had spoken of just the day before with us. His system was failing and there was no hope of a reversal. My father had only hours. After the initial shock, I was frantic to get home. I could not express the gratitude for the numerous Sisters and Brothers that dropped everything to come to my aid. Arrangements were made, clothes and belongings packed, duties taken, and here I have special thanks to our National President Ramona Greenwalt. She stepped in for me without even a blink of an eye, knowing what was in store for her. She knew I needed her; she stepped up to the plate. In mere minutes, Elise and I were rushed to our car to start the long eight-hour drive to the hospital. There my dad was waiting for us. We had a precious 25 hours before he left. You gave me the gift of being with him at his bedside. For that, you will always in my heart and I know why the word Sisters when we talk about each other and write about each other, is capitalized. So there, I thank you.

I had numerous pleasures of speaking to several candidates interested in becoming members. I passed these names on to Department Auxiliary Presidents and if you are one that received a phone call from me, thank you for taking these ladies under your wing. I am happy to report receiving three new membership forms. I know there were more with the opening of a new Auxiliary; however, I didn't get the paperwork. I wish to address this issue in one of my recommendations. At this time I have received verification of 19 new Sisters reported by all the Departments. Eleven Departments and Auxiliaries at Large reporting, eleven not reporting. There were four applications processed through the office of the National Vice President and seven members dropped from the MAL. Reports received from:

California & Pacific	Ohio
Maine	Oklahoma
Michigan	Texas
Missouri	Vermont
New Hampshire	Wisconsin
New Jersey	

If you texted me the form, my phone was stolen around the Fourth of July. So, if you had sent me a text with your report, they couldn't regain my information.

So, I have a few recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:** The ASUVCW Organization is a non-profit with a federal tax status of a 501(c)(4), bound by the laws of the state of Ohio, where we have our National Charter, along with the U.S. tax code in conjunction with generally accepted account principles which supersede the CR&R and therefore must be considered in all aspects of conducting the business of the corporation. Failure to do so may result in actions being taken, including fines and penalties and even the revocation of our non-profit status. In plain English, our books must be transparent to the federal and State of Ohio inspections. Established accounting principles, we have most of them – we just need to do a little bit more, includes the use of requisitions to prove legitimate records accounting; therefore, I recommend the return of the use of requisitions for compliance to the federal and state laws of Ohio tax laws. This includes all monies and property.

**Recommendation #2:** That the combining of the six New England Departments into one Department be discussed with an attorney of Ohio knowledgeable of legal ramifications for non-profit status. It needs to be researched.

So, we just need to know; not that we don't do it – it's just that we want to be legal about it.

**Recommendation #3:** That the position of a mediator be established to hear complaints of two members prior to the use of the Discipline Hearing Council. This person must be knowledgeable of mediation techniques and the CR&R.

**Recommendation #4:** That a mentor be assigned to first-time attendees to explain proceedings, rituals, and questions. This also includes inclusion in social events.

**Recommendation #5:** That all Junior Members and new adult members be recognized at the opening ceremonies at each National Encampment.

That way you get to know each other and it's nice that you are introduced to us. We get to see your face and we can get to know each other a little bit better throughout the weekend.

**Recommendation #6:** The National President be allowed to purchase small remembrances for the Junior and new members, not to exceed \$25 total. This is an addition to the President's budget.

**Recommendation #7:** That new application information be sent to the National Vice President and National Secretary, but the fee goes directly to the National Treasurer because we are using more stamps just getting it around.

Denise Oman, PNP  
National Vice President

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Vice President. Sister Guide, will you get the report?

Sisters, it is getting very close to lunchtime. I will have the Chaplain, in a moment, close the Bible and we will be in recess.

I looked at the schedule and it says that we have from 12:00 to 1:00 to eat, but it also says that we start at 1:00. I have listed that a Greetings Committee from the Sons will be here 1:00-1:30, something like that. So, please try to get back here as quickly as you can; I would appreciate it.

Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar and close the Bible, please.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar and closed the Bible at 11:30 a.m.*

**SECOND SESSION**  
**Friday, August 10, 2018**  
**1:05 p.m.**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The Auxiliary will come to order. Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar and open the Bible, please. *(so done)*

Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escorts, you will please retire to the anteroom and escort in our visitors.

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escorts brought to the Altar the Greetings Committee from the SUVCW. Introduced were Commander-in-Chief Mark Day; Aide-de-Camp PDC Kevin Martin; PCinC Eugene Mortorff; and Frank Avila, National Host Committee member.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sisters, salute.

BARBARA INDAN, PDP PA, ESCORT: Sister President, we also thought we would kill two birds with one stone and bring in a representative of the Ladies of the GAR, Woman's Relief Corps, and DOLLUS, Ellen Higgins.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Guides, Color Guards, and Escorts, will you please escort them to my station? *(so done)*

Brothers and Sister, welcome. Sister Ellen, would you go first?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ, LGAR, WRC, AND DOLLUS: Sisters, it is double duty here. I am wearing many hats.

First of all, I would like to bring greetings of the National Organization of Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. They have asked me to bring greetings to you on behalf of our Organization.

Also, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Michelle Colburn, has asked me to bring her greetings and she is regretting that she could not be here. She loved working with you all year when she saw you at different events and she enjoyed her time with you.

Also, I was asked to bring greetings from the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Carolyn Agosto. She has enjoyed working with you all year and she wanted me to express to you that she regrets that she was unable to travel and be here. They are meeting at the same time as us in a different location.

So, greetings from everybody and we all hope for you a great Encampment. *(applause)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Judy, would you like to respond to Sister Ellen, please?

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP CT: Yes, I would like to respond to the person who is three-in-one! *(laughter)* We are very happy that you could be here.

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: Sisters, how are you this afternoon? I bring you greetings from the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And on a more personal note, I bring you my personal thanks and greetings and I hope that you are having a very harmonious and productive Encampment. *(laughter)* I told the men that the word harmonious reminds me of kissing your sister because it is shallow and has no meaning.

The men of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are anxious to have a strong and profitable relationship with the ASUVCW in the coming years. I know that we have not always enjoyed being in step, so to speak, at different times. But at the beginning of this year of mine, Sister Ramona made a very important comment. She said, "I will walk beside you. I will not walk ahead of you. I will not walk behind you, but we shall walk side by side." She has been faithful to that. You have probably one of the most wonderful people I have ever known in my whole life as your National President. She is a woman of honor and a woman who speaks with a powerful voice for you. She is a wonderful advocate and my lifelong friend from here until... So, I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to come and speak to you. I am looking out here and I know so many of you. That's scary! *(laughter)*

Let me introduce the gentlemen who came with me and if they wish to, they can come and say something.

I have with me Kevin Martin, the husband of one of your faithful members, Rosemary. Kevin is my Personal Aide, as he said earlier. *(applause)*

We have Frank Avila and he is from California, don't hold that against him, and he is on the National Site Committee. He has been very instrumental in

working with Ramona and helping me to explain things so that we can move forward and have continued Encampments together. (*applause*)

The last guy down there that the glare is coming off of, I told him not to wax it but he did, is PCinC Mortorff, who has always been a strong advocate for the ladies. I thought that they would be the best people to bring with me. I wanted to bring Brothers who feel the same way I do. I hope you will take that as a token of our love and our appreciation for you. (*applause*)

KEVIN MARTIN, PDC CHSPK, AIDE DE CAMP: I promise to be brief. I want to personally thank Ramona. I have had the pleasure this year of working with her at several events and functions. Her devotion to both the Auxiliary and the Sons have just been outstanding. I definitely appreciated her support and guidance through everything that we have done together. I know Mark hates this word, but this morning the word harmonious really meant something. It is going to be something, at least one thing, I take away from this Encampment, and that is what Ramona said after one of the songs. Ramona said that individually we sounded good, but together we sounded great. So if we always remember amongst ourselves that when we keep in mind in our actions, when we communicate with each other with fraternity, charity, and loyalty, we will go far together. Thank you. (*applause*)

FRANK AVILA, SUVCW, ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE MEMBER: I will keep this brief. Ramona, I think that we have become good friends in the last few days in trying to get things done. I hope you guys have a wonderful Encampment and a productive one and have fun. Thanks. (*applause*)

EUGENE MORTORFF, PCinC, SUVCW: I don't know what to say, but I will figure something out. But I will tell you, ladies, I have known most of you for many, many years. We have done some things together, some of them illegal, but all in fun. (*laughter*) When I was Commander-in-Chief, I don't think I could have made it without some of my most valuable advice I got from you. You told me what things you don't like; the things that we were doing that were wrong and I did the best I could. I really did. It wasn't always easy, though. But it is so beautiful to see you here today and I would like to keep having that opportunity to do that. I will leave you with my credo – if you are not having fun, you are doing it wrong! (*laughter/applause*)

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: This morning there was supposed to be a little ceremony where this was supposed to be given to you. Somewhere in the mix, it didn't happen. And so, and I am terrible at this and my wife will attest to that, I would like very much if you will have a lady do this. (*He presented Ramona a corsage.*)

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Judy, my Personal Aide, would you please come and do this?

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: I would run her through. It would be like a line from the movie about the Apollo astronauts, "It will be straight in."

Do they have special blessings for women to do this? Because this is a skill they don't teach men. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Anne will you please respond?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, ME: Our dear Sons, we are so happy and delighted when you come over and give us your greetings. We love doing things with our Sons and for our Sons and for our Boys in Blue.

I have a personal request. I sent a card over with my Dave and asked for the men to sign it for Reverend Partington. He is 96 and has been a member for over 80 years and he would love to hear from you. Thank you.

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: We will be passing that card. I just signed it myself before I came over.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, ME: You better; I am going to check your name!

MARK DAY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SUVCW: It is in big print; I did my John Hancock! *(laughter)*

There's one other thing you ladies should be aware of. These ribbons that the men have, they are collector's items, because they misspelled my name. This morning it was brought up and somebody tried to make a motion that I was illegally the Commander. I told him he was out of order and sat him down. His name was Darby. *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Brother Commander, I would like to give you my gift now. I have to say that I have worked with all these gentlemen. Sometime ask Brother Kevin about camouflage. You will get a laugh. Thank you all.

Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escorts, would you escort our Brothers from the room, please?

*Commander-in-Chief Mark Day and his SUVCW Greetings Committee were escorted from the room.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Secretary, would you please read your report?

## **NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT**

In addition to the regular day-to-day duties of the National Secretary, most of the efforts of the office have been focused on catching up on National Encampment Proceedings.

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

As mentioned in last year's report, some Auxiliary paperwork remained with past National Secretary Tricia Bures, including several years' worth of material needed for the National Encampment Proceedings (see below). At the direction of the National President, I traveled to Washington State to retrieve the remaining Auxiliary property the first week of April 2018.

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

This year the completion of the overdue past National Encampment Proceedings has been taken on by Past National Secretary Judy Morgan and she deserves recognition for her efforts. I could not be doing this without her. Sister Judy's progress was initially hampered by missing material that was still in the possession of Sister Tricia Bures (see above). All documents previously in the possession of Sister Tricia have now been scanned. This has involved literally dozens of hours of scanning the materials. These documents are now available on Dropbox for the use of the National Organization, including the work of Sister Judy.

### **Membership Status**

Based on information contained in the per capita reports, the Auxiliary has seen a decrease in membership. One new Auxiliary was formed while one Auxiliary closed this year. Membership currently stands at 808, including 725 Regular Members, 20 Juniors, and 63 Life Members.

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

08-11-2017 National Encampment, Lansing, MI  
08-13-2017 New National Officers Meeting, Lansing, MI  
08/13/2017 New/Old Council Meeting, Lansing, MI  
10-14-2017 Fort Mervine Civil War Event, Lower Presidio, Monterey, CA  
11-11-2017 Veterans Day Parade, San Jose, CA  
11-19-2017 Remembrance Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Mem. Park, San Jose, CA  
12-16-2017 ASUVCW/SUVCW Holiday Social Event, Los Gatos, CA  
01-27-2018 Installation Banquet, Gilroy, CA  
02-24-2018 Lincoln Dinner, San Jose, CA  
03-17-2018 Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment, Bakersfield, CA  
05-04-2018 Civil War Presentation, Quimby Oak Middle School, San Jose, CA  
05-26-2018 Information Booth, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Encampment, Felton, CA  
05-28-2018 UVC Memorial Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Mem. Park, San Jose, CA  
05-28-2018 Decoration Day Ceremony, Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, CA

08-09-2018 Council Meeting, Framingham, MA

08-09-2018 Department at Large Meeting, Framingham, MA

08-10-2018 National Encampment, Framingham, MA

### **Recommendations**

**Recommendation #1:** That the National Secretary, who is the second signatory on the accounts, be allowed to make deposits at the local branch of the financial institution used by the National Organization (currently Bank of America). This would streamline the process, rather than requiring the National Secretary to mail checks to the National Treasurer. Deposit receipts could be sent to the National Treasurer if desired.

**Recommendation #2:** That the position of National Membership at Large (NMAL) Coordinator be eliminated and that the duties and responsibilities of the office be assigned to the National Secretary. At one time the NMAL was very large, but it has been steadily declining as new Auxiliaries open and Sisters are transferred to local Auxiliaries that can serve them better. Current membership in the NMAL stands at only 14 members. It does not make sense to have a separate National Officer for such a small number, the duties of which can easily be taken up by the National Secretary.

**Recommendation #3:** That an increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) be made to the current charter application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). The current fee does not cover the cost to produce a charter.

**Recommendation #4:** That the National Organization either pay for an increase in the size of the online storage on Dropbox or invest in an external hard drive to archive files currently on Dropbox. The Space provided free by Dropbox is currently full.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC  
National Secretary

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Secretary. Sister Council Member #1, Cynthia Brown, PNP, would you like to give your report, please?

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Sister President, Vice President, fellow Officers and Members of the National Organization for the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, following are details of business conducted by the National Council for the past year:

**09/28/2017** – The term of the National Supply Officer with her consent was moved to end in 2021. The vote rendered was unanimous.



**09/30/2017** – The payment of the invoice of transcriptions by Wendy McWhorter was unanimously passed.

**09/29/2017** – The contract with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the National Encampment 2018 involving \$700 was unanimously passed. The contract with the Sons of Union Veterans for the National Encampment 2019 located in Ohio was not presented to the Council for a vote.

**03/29/2018** – The contract with the Sons of Union Veterans for National Encampment 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia and \$700 was voted Council #1 yes, Council #2 yes, Council #3 abstained.

**04/12/2018** – A payment of \$500 for flag emblems was unanimously passed.

**05/21/2018** – Website upgrades – The Technology Committee to formulate a proposal based on figures supplied by Vendor (Tech Company) and National Treasurer. Chair of Technology Committee was reminded several times, final answer, “Figures look ok.” This failed to produce a viable proposal that resulted in no vote to date. Council #2 Webmaster was recused, PNP Danielle Michaels appointed to take her place, no vote taken.

**08/09/2018** – Audited Treasurer’s books. They were found to be in perfect order.

**08/10/2018** – The position of MAL Coordinator’s position was declared vacant. The vote passed unanimously.

Cynthia Brown, PNP NH, Council #1

Wanda Langdon, DP OH, Council #2

Cindy Eddy, PDP CA&PAC, Council #3 Pro Tem

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Cynthia. Council did get a workout this year and I appreciate them.

Sister Chaplain, do you have your report ready?

### NATIONAL CHAPLAIN REPORT

The following was reported to me by 15 Departments or Auxiliaries at Large.

Number of members present on Memorial Day .....	236
Number of members attending Sunday Memorial Service .....	178
Number of children assisting the Auxiliary on Memorial Day .....	516
Number of deaths which have occurred since May 30th.....	13
Number of occasions where the funeral service of the Order was used .....	5
Amount expended in floral and grave decorations .....	\$1,443.78
Amount of cash or monetary donations.....	\$7,438.39
Number of cards and well wishes sent to the Sisters of the Order .....	110
Amount expended for cards and postage.....	\$98.19

**Departed Sisters**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Highest Office Held</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Maggie Johnson Devanne	Real Daughter – NC		09/12/17
Gladys Phillips	Picacho Peak Aux. #1, AZ	Life Member	11/21/17
Alice Doyle	H.E.K. Hall Aux. #28, VT	PDP	12/04/17
Sally Frederick	Nash Hodges Aux. #43, MI		12/29/17
Frances A. Murray	T.W. Hyde Aux. #8, ME	Nat'l President	01/03/18
Mary Elizabeth Bartel	Aux. #38 At-Large, NH		01/17/18
Marion Weckwerth	C.K. Pier Badger Aux.#4, WI	Patriotic Instr.	01/20/18
Joyce Young	Ovid Aux. #72, NY		03/15/18
Madgelee Moore	Anthony O'Connell #10, OH	Musician	03/28/18
Edith Murray	Thomas Carr Aux. #7, NH	Life Member	05/04/18
Margaret Zerwekh	Ammi Hawks Aux. #5, WI	Life Member	05/11/08
Marie Curcio	L.A. Tiftt Aux. #10, MA	Dept. Council	05/15/18
Arlene King	Griffin Aux. #11, NH	PDP	05/23/18
Patricia Albertson	Real Daughter – MI		05/30/18

**Not reporting:**

Department of the Chesapeake

Rhode Island Department

Edward Wallace #2, Auxiliary at Large, SC

Polly Toole #7, Auxiliary at Large, TN

Gov. Isaac Stevens #1, Auxiliary at Large, WA

Some of the cards I mailed came back undeliverable. I am making a request or suggestion, not really something to be voted on. If any Auxiliary member has a change of address, yes, please forward it to the Secretary, but forward it to the National Chaplain, too. I know the National Chaplain would appreciate it. There were many people who when they posted on the Chaplain's Corner, included an update on the address. I would suggest that we continue this practice and strive to have those addresses posted on the Chaplain's Corner for anyone that we pray for. The Chaplain's Corner is a private group but it also assists us to get more cards to those who would appreciate hearing from us many Sisters. This would also allow those who might feel isolated by grief or illness to be a little happier or hopeful. With one card or a quick note, we can knit us together in a closer relationship and after all, that is what the Lord wants us to do.

I feel blessed that I served my love to all of you, being your National Chaplain this last year. It has been an honor and I thank you.

Connie Horning, DVP MI  
National Chaplain

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Patriotic Instructor, would you care to give us the written part of your report and not the financial part, please?

## NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Number of flags distributed by Auxiliaries .....	3,607
Number of flags flown by Sisters on Memorial Day .....	521
Number of patriotic programs given by the Auxiliary .....	111
Number of national anniversaries observed .....	196
Number of occasions the Camp and Auxiliary have united in patriotic work .....	220
Amount expended for Patriotic Work .....	\$4,232.41
Amount of Cash or Monetary Donations for the Patriotic Instructor's Fund .....	\$1,741.36
Amount of funds raised for the National Organization .....	\$515.00

### Special Mention:

There has been tremendous activity by the Departments and Auxiliaries at Large that reported activities.

I will list one Special Mention from each one that reported them to me.

**California & Pacific:** Auxiliary #52 again held their service at Oak Hill Cemetery. Their very own Sister Rachel Campbell, PNP helps with the United Veterans Council and was part of the planning on this year's service, to which over 750 people attended, not counting the dignitaries. Also, Emelia Campbell was given the honor to place the flower tribute for the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Connecticut:** Flagged veterans graves in cemeteries.

**Elizabeth George Auxiliary at Large IN:** Sister Thompson received the Women in American History Award from the DAR.

**Iowa:** Grave Registrations that are recorded on Ancestry.com and SUVCW National Grave Registration database.

**Maine:** Donates many hours and funds to the Togus Veterans Hospital.

**Mary Logan Auxiliary at Large IL:** Maintains Woman's Relief Corps cemetery plot.

**Massachusetts:** Sisters work with both Boy and Girl Scouts.

**Michigan:** Helped with the Adrian Civil War Monument Restoration.

**New Hampshire:** Flagged the New England graves at Gettysburg National Cemetery.

**New York:** Gives talks at libraries and sets up displays at various events.

**Pennsylvania:** Many Sisters volunteer at local GAR hall.

**Rachel Cormany Auxiliary at Large OK:** Laid wreath at GAR monument on Memorial Day.

**Sarah Seeley Auxiliary at Large TX:** Participated in the Battle of Galveston event.

**Vermont:** Represented National at the Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day service.

MaryCatherine Knight, PDP MA  
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Patriotic Instructor. Sister Press Correspondent?

### **NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT**

As approved per conversation with Sister President Ramona on August 3, 2018, in your packets is the approved version of 1.0 of the ASUVCW Press Media Guide in PDF form, in hard copy, for review at this time. There are also Word versions that are available with the templates that are included in your packet.

This Press Guide is only intended as a guideline. It doesn't include everything possible to address every Press Correspondent's need or question; however, it does provide a very good basis to do a press release, whether it be from your Auxiliary or from your Department. That is what these examples give. It also gives some ways to know how to work with the press.

Lastly, there is another outlet through the Lakewood Publishers on page 14 that talks about the opportunity for all of you to send your events to the Lakewood Press. I gave you an email; it's free.

**Recommendation #1:** That the proposed Press Media Guide be adopted.

**Recommendation #2:** Look into a Recorded Media Use Release.

I had two different versions, one which was generic and then there's another one where I owe President Ramona a copy without the Antietam Auxiliary part of it. The thing is with a Recorded Media Use Release, we need to protect ourselves these days, so by having people who are in your pictures, this covers you as well as your Sisters that are in the pictures. We would have each person's approval to have their picture or whatever media may be released about them.

Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK  
National Press Correspondent

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister. I will tell you that I did read it and I approved it. There is a wealth of information in there. If it is approved by this Organization, I really advise you to read it and utilize it as much as possible. It is a very good basic place to start.

We do not have a report from MAL and, as you know, that position has been vacated.

Ok, Historian.

### **NATIONAL HISTORIAN REPORT**

My predecessor would usually go delve back into the old books to see what Sisters from the past had done in various cities. I am going to be a little different this time. Instead, I want you to recognize how far and how close we are to our

past. Think from 1883 to the turn of the century about how busy they were, and yet they got the job done.

The late decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century were characterized by many changes and growth in industry. The new technologies from the war efforts were turned to mass production of items for the home consumer. Machines, “fancifully fussy” furniture, and fabric were produced in far less time and made readily available.

Monies made on inventions and industry caused a boon. Mansions, winding walks, and trimmed landscaped lots dotted the towns and cities.

Visitors were invited into large homes with a clothes tree or rack and a mirror in the hallway so visitors could make one presentable for the visit and a small table with a silver tray for visiting, or calling, cards.

After that, they would be presented in the parlor. The parlor was the public space of the home. It breathed of patriotic objects from the War of Independence through the Civil War. Plants adorned the areas to forget the scenes of the factory and city life and make it home. Private areas of the home were off-limits to visitors.

Victorian knowledge of medicines was still lacking. Mortality was still high. Death was recognized, common and it was accepted as a part of life, so control of disease-causing bacteria was very important.

The walls of the bedrooms were very easy to clean surfaces and because there weren't hospitals for these people to go to, a lot of the caring was done in the house itself. The windows were open for ventilation since they had no air conditioning.

The task of laundry, which was nicknamed “the weekly affliction,” was still a day-long task done usually once a week on Monday or Tuesday. It consisted of washtubs and wringers that you would turn by hand.

Baking, a daily task.

For exercise, they did walking, played croquet, lawn tennis, ice skating, roller skating, horseback riding, baseball, canoeing, swimming, and bicycling; a lot of things that we do right now.

So, where did they get the time? They had all of these tasks to do, and with these newfangled machines, they were told that they had recreation time. Their recreation time was spent doing the patriotic works. They were the ones that went out and raised the funds. It is a known fact that women will make it and men will spend it. And so with their sales, they erected hospitals for their fathers and other veterans. They kept the Boys in Blue in their memory by providing the monies for the monuments, for the benches, and for the plaques.

So let's look at today's society. How different are our lives with WIFI for instant research, microwaves, Siri call, Siri look up, the apps that we have for shopping, ordering online and having it delivered within 24 hours, and home deliveries? I don't even have to walk in a grocery store anymore, let alone have to grow it myself; I do it for fun.

Yet what do we do? We still are caretakers of the history of our Boys in Blue, and the monuments that our Sisters put up, and the benches, and the plaques. We still work with our Brothers and Sisters in the memory of our ancestors. That's our connection from the past to the present. It is our task in our busy lives; we all have busy lives. We say, "Oh, I can't take on another task." Think of all the things that those ladies had to do back then. Think of all the potential because we have so much recreation time of what we could be doing. So when you say to yourself, "I am too busy," are you really too busy?

The next time you are asked to help, are you really that busy? Can you really do one more task in the name of the Boys in Blue?

Danielle Michaels, PNP WI  
National Historian

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister National Historian. Sister Cindy, do you have part of your report ready as Chief of Staff?

### **NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF**

I want to say thank you to all who have helped raise the money. I did all I could think of to raise money. I have been selling since Ramona's testimonial and was able to set up tables at the Remembrance Day Ball at the Eisenhower. I also sold items at our little flea market and a festival held each year in my hometown and sold refreshments at a high school spring musical. I also had personal, Auxiliary and Department donations and I will go into that later on.

Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH  
National Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Judy Morgan, Personal Aide, are you prepared?

### **NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE**

This past year I had the honor of being asked by National President Ramona Greenwalt to be her Personal Aide. We met about 1976 when I began attending the Ohio Department Encampments in Alliance, Ohio, Ramona's hometown. We have maintained our friendship through the years even though we didn't see each other often since we live 160 miles apart. More than once this past year, it was assumed that we were sisters because we resembled each other. It was a great pleasure to assist my Sister President in any capacity that she needed.

First and foremost, we made a good traveling team. My smartphone and I navigated while National President Ramona drove us safely to each destination. Incredibly, we encountered either snow or rain on virtually every trip we made. The drive back to Alliance from the Mid-Winter Meeting in Wisconsin was especially daunting, but we made it.

On our first trip to D.C., we contacted Uber drivers to get us around town. It was a little challenging at times to understand what the driver was saying and to

be understood by him. One particular Uber driver's life, I am sure, has taken a different turn following "Teacher Ramona's" urging to take classes. He lamented that it would take him five years to get any kind of degree because he had to continue to work. She asked him where he would be in five years if he didn't take classes. He was eager to hear what she had to say.

Our second trip to D.C. found us being brave and taking the metro. We got to be "old hands" at that. Thank goodness for YouTube tutorials!

My AAA card came to the rescue when Ramona's car quit running about 60 miles into the trip to Springfield and, with a tow truck driver's and her brother's help, we returned to Alliance. No problem, though, as a rental car was obtained early the next morning and we wasted no time in getting to Springfield, where we arrived on time for the scheduled dinner.

We saw a lot of the country as we traveled together. I appreciated all the courtesies that I also received as we visited Departments and I missed only two trips. The National President did not need my navigational skills when she flew to California or to Minnesota for the DUVCW Convention.

In between her required duties, we visited some wonderful museums, gift shops, jewelry shops, saw some beautiful old homes in Maine, ate at some really good restaurants and some not-so-good restaurants. What a time we had!

Thank you, Sister National President, for making me your "sidekick" this year. It has been fun and I hope that I made your life easier.

I have the first installment of your scrapbook. Maybe now I will have time to finish it!

Judy Morgan, PNS OH  
National Personal Aide

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Personal Aide. What she left out was that we both have a weakness for antique shops for jewelry – especially jewelry!

Sister National Co-Counselor, would you please read your report?

### **NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT**

Last August when I was installed as National Counselor of this Organization in Lansing, Michigan, I had no idea of the situations, conflicts, or legal documents that would be presented to our National President. I am most grateful for the long-standing friendship and knowledge of Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. (Rick) Bury of the SUVCW. Without his understanding of the Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the numerous hours of conversation and research he provided, my job would have been even more difficult. I also wish to acknowledge National Historian Robert J. Wolz, who is a scholar on the Grand Army of the Republic. His insights, documentation, and knowledge of the subject have been invaluable. I should explain to those Sisters who might not understand, that although we have our

own Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or CR&R for short when our rules do not “speak to” or address an issue, we are to refer to the SUVCW Rules and Regulations. When the Sons’ Rules and Regulations do not “speak to” an issue, we then are to refer to the Rules and Regulations promulgated by The Grand Army of the Republic. During this Encampment, you will more than likely hear references made to these sources.

This has not been a pleasant year for many of your National Officers. They have been met with issues that have never been addressed in my lifetime and I am hopeful will not have to be addressed in the upcoming administrations, either. The future of our Organization has reached a point where we not only need to join the 21<sup>st</sup> Century electronically, which we are working towards, but rather to decide “WHERE” we are going and “HOW” we are going to get there. Right now, our Organization is likened to a carousel. We are all on the ride, but some of us are the horses that do not go up and down...letting the other Sisters do the work of the Order. Some of us are the racing horses in an all-out gallop, doing our best to keep the Organization moving forward in a positive direction. Then we have some members who are purposefully running in the opposite direction. They have packed their agendas and feel that whatever things they do are for “THE GOOD OF THEIR ORDER.” Just because we do not personally like the Sister or their ideas, do we have to disrespect the office or the badge? We each need to personally examine our motives and decide if we are to continue forward on this journey, how best to keep our own horse on track so that the carousel first organized in 1883 can once again have the calliope playing “MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA” with pride.

Nancy G. Hilton, PNP OH  
National Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Secretary, would you please read Brother Bury’s report, please?

### **NATIONAL CO-COUNSELOR REPORT**

President and Sister Greenwalt, to you and through you to the Officers, Delegates, and Sisters assembled at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 9 – August 12, 2018, at Framingham, Massachusetts, as you meet in due form within your 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I submit the following report as your Co-Counselor for the past year.

First, I must say that after almost 50 years of working with you to strive to preserve the memories of the Grand Army of the Republic and to continue their works, it has been my honor this past year to serve as your Co-Counselor while you have strived to the various tasks set before you. I hope that I have been of assistance to you in researching SUVCW proceedings, GAR proceedings, and, of course, the GAR Blue Books of the various rules of the GAR.



I must advise you, as the President, Officers, and Membership of the ASUVCW, it is imperative to follow the CR&R with the supplemental precedence found in the proceedings of the SUCVW and GAR. However, as the ASUVCW Organization is a non-profit Ohio Corporation with U.S. Federal Tax Status of a 501(c)(4), the laws of the State of Ohio along with the U.S. Tax Code in conjunction with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, supersede the CR&R and therefore should be considered in all aspects of conducting the business of the Corporation. Failure to do so may result in actions being taken including fines, penalties, and even revocation of your non-profit status.

Concerning the matter of the Bonding Company and its Agent engaged by the ASUVCW, this information should be recorded with the Secretary of the Order. It should cover the total funds of the Order, in addition to all the Officers authorized to have banking privileges. Bonding companies normally prefer, and base their premiums on, dual controls such as warrants or requisitions requiring two or more Officers in the payment/remittance process. I strongly recommend the requisition process be re-instated for processing payments and distributions of funds, and Council reviews the coverages of the present bond and if necessary, increase the same to correspond with the total financial assets of the Order and all Officers with banking privileges. Additionally, this preceding process should be done annually.

A matter of concern for the ASUVCW is the subject of Liquidated Damages contained in the present SUCVW National Encampment Hotel Contracts. Liquidated Damages are costs incurred by the client organizations for not fulfilling their end of contractual obligations to the hotel. There is a misconception that all hotel contracts contain these damage clauses, which is a total falsehood. It seems the hotels that the SUCVW Site Committee frequently uses, do contain these clauses mainly due to their foreign ownership. The one contract has graduated damages up to mid-six figures should for any reason the encampment be canceled and/or hotel room counts, meal counts, etc. fail to reach contract specifications. Why contract with hotels having these extremely high potentials for damages while so many other hotels exist that do not have Liquidated Damages clauses in their contracts? Why gamble on having to pay \$500,000...\$600,000...\$700,000 or more for damages under these clauses? If for example, the encampment was unable to be held because of any reason including but not limited to acts of war or terrorism, plane strikes or shutdowns, natural disasters such as a hurricane, etc., how would the SUCVW and ASUVCW pay the damages approaching up to one million dollars? Remember these contracts reference the ASUVCW for hotel services and such, and therefore the ASUVCW would also be asked to pay such damages as a subcontractor of the encampment by the hotel regardless of any contract stipulations between the ASUVCW and SUCVW. I recommend the incoming National President, all officers, and Council review this position and arrive at and report at the next Annual Meeting

at the 2019 National Encampment what they recommend to the ASUVCW about this potentially bankrupting threat.

The last item that should be addressed is the proposal to combine the New England Departments into a single new Department. First the SUVCW, and more so the Grand Army of the Republic, has ruled that previous rank and honorariums do not carry over, nor transfer from the previous Camps (Auxiliaries) and Departments to any new Camp or Department. Once any member leaves, transfers, or otherwise no longer belongs to the entity from which their rank, etc., originates, such is totally forfeited. Additionally, there seem to be questions raised under the regulations and restrictions governing Non-Profit Corporations in Ohio; I would recommend, should this matter of combining the various New England Departments into one new Department be brought before the ASUVCW, that the matter be tabled, and would further recommend the incoming ASUVCW National President and Council consult an attorney in Ohio dealing primarily in Non-Profit Ohio. The ASUVCW should know any and all the legal ramifications that might result from such unprecedented consolidation of such a large number of Departments before such consolidation is attempted.

Gordon R. Bury, PCinC OH, SUVCW  
National Co-Counselor

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Secretary. I will have a short recess for everybody to stretch their legs and do the things that you need to do.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Sister National President, before we recess, you did not address the Treasurer and also the Treasury. I would like to ask that I did prepare a report for the Treasury and I served in the capacity of Treasurer 11 months of this year and I did perform my duties and I would like to have that put in the proceedings that that work was accomplished. And I would like to ask that I be able to read my report.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I was going to have you do that tomorrow.

Sister Chaplain, will you proceed to the Altar and close the Bible for a short recess.

*The Bible was closed for a short recess.*

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

Sister National Webmaster, are you ready with your report?

I want to remind everyone while she is going to the mic that you need to speak into the microphone in order to be heard. I have heard from several people that, apparently, without the microphone, there are dead areas in the room. So please try to be cognizant of that. Thank you.

## NATIONAL WEBMASTER REPORT

Sister National President, National Officers, and Delegates to the National Encampment, it is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the National Webmaster this past year. First, Sister National President, I would like to say thank you for appointing me as National Webmaster and giving me the opportunity to serve. I have worked hard this year at posting all items sent to me in a timely fashion be it General Orders, forms, supply orders, Officer and Committee lists, or newsletters. I have answered questions from various Sisters mostly requesting the password to the members-only page.

I am currently working on posting all the older General Orders that the National Secretary has provided that go back as far as 1935 to the website. Needless to say, this is a time-intensive project.

Immediately following my appointment as Webmaster last year, I began updating the new Officers and making changes that came out of the 2017 Encampment. I also received from the National Secretary a 40-page website audit that had been done that reflected a list of items that needed to be changed or fixed. I went through each item and checked it. Many had already been taken care of by the previous Webmaster, but I completed any that remained undone.

Our website gets a lot of activity. The 2018 Encampment page has had 9,219 views, Candidates 8,704 views, and National Officers 7,924 views. While the design of our website appears straightforward, the truth is, it is designed mostly for our Order. It is a website for our Sisters to get information. There is no marketing, information, or outreach to it that would draw in possible recruits. I would like to see us have more information on the website that is information and would attract visitors and potential members.

The website is designed in a CMS or content management system called Joomla. Joomla is a powerful CMS that has been around for a few years. The problem with it is it has a rather steep learning curve and the likelihood of having skilled people in our group who can manage it well is very slim. Another newer and very popular CMS that is used to design a lot of websites these days is called WordPress. WordPress is easier to use and can be set up so people with little experience can use it. I have heard from people that they do not think our website appeals to the younger generations. WordPress has many themes that are popular with the younger set.

Some of the current issues we have are that our backend of the website, the Joomla engines and security features that run it, are outdated and need maintenance. We have daily attempts from hackers trying to log into the website, so strong security is imperative.

If we continue with the current site, we need to hire a company that can upgrade the backend of our system and do monthly maintenance on it. I got quotes on the upgrades and maintenance and that was not easy. I found that there are not many companies that work in Joomla anymore. I had a company I currently work with on other sites look at our website since the backend shows

many attempts at hacking and many upgrades that need to happen. They reported that we had been hacked at some point and there are still packets of information left behind in the programming. The quote they gave us was an estimate of \$900 or 15 hours @ \$60/hour as a retainer. We would only be charged for the time it takes them to clean and repair the site. If they need more time, it would be at a rate of \$75/hour. A monthly contract for maintenance would run \$60 or \$720 annually.

I searched many companies trying to find some who would give us a quote for a Joomla site and finally found one who quoted a starting block of 20 hours for \$1,100. Our other annual costs for the website are:

\$119.88 web hosting

\$17.17 asuvcw.org domain

\$20.17 asuvcw.net domain

\$15.17 asuvcw.com domain

My recommendations are:

**Recommendation #1:** Plan on a maximum expense of \$900 + overage of 3 hours @\$75 + 1 year of maintenance \$720 = Total cost of \$1,845.

**Recommendation #2:** Rather than do all the upgrades on the current site – have a new WordPress site designed. The upgrade on Joomla would not be needed then and we could use that money to pay for the new design. This would allow flexibility in what we currently can do. Many WordPress themes have blogs built into them that can be informational and automatically post to our Facebook page. Having a WordPress design would also allow other people to serve as webmasters down the road since it is very easy to use.

Wanda Langdon, DP OH  
National Webmaster

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister Wanda.

Sisters, we have a guest. Sister Guides, Color Guards, and Escort, you will retire to the anteroom and escort our guest to the Altar. *(so done)*

*Guides, Color Guards, and Escort brought National President Sarah Myer of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, to the Altar.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Welcome. Sisters, Salute.

Sister Guides, Color Guards and Escort, please bring our guest to my station.

Sisters, this is the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sarah Meyer. She is here to extend greetings and get to see us. Sister Caren Cleaveland came last year and surprised us. We have begun a

relationship between the Auxiliary and the Daughters and I am glad to see that both sides are going to continue to work on it.

SARAH MEYER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DUVCW, 1861-1865: Thank you, Sister Ramona. It's real great to be here. I got here from Atlanta about 30 minutes ago, so it is kind of a long day, but I am so excited to see you all. So dear Sister President Ramona and Sisters gathered for the 132<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my great honor to bring greetings on behalf of myself and the National Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. All Sisters and Brothers in the Allied Orders share common purposes to honor our fallen ancestors who fought to preserve the Union, to educate the public about the Civil War, to honor our fallen heroes and current military, and to serve our communities. It is my hope that we can work together more closely to achieve these goals. It is my honor to personally and on behalf of the National Department of the DUVCW to wish you a very successful and enjoyable convention and invite you, all of you, to attend the DUVCW at our 129<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, July 24-28, 2019. We have a pre-convention tour scheduled to Andersonville which, I think, might interest quite a few of you. It is my great honor to be here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Anne, would you like to respond, please?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP, ME: Sister, we are delighted that you came to see us. We even have one of your Past National Presidents with us and she is doing the floor work. We thank you for your invitation and we know that it would be of great interest to all of us. Thanks for coming.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Sarah, this is a small token of appreciation for the trip that you made.

SARAH MEYER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DUVCW, 1861-1865: Thank you very much.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: Sister, I would like the assembly to know that not only is this the National President of the DUVCW, she is also an Auxiliary member. (*applause*)

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Guides, Color Guards, and Escort, please escort our guest from the room. Thank you so much. (*so done*)

We will now have the National Editor of *The Auxiliary Voice* Report.

## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT

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

433 Sisters have opted to receive the newsletter electronically

356 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. Currently, I am using a new service called Mailchimp to send out your electronic version of the newsletters. If you receive an email via Mailchimp to receive your newsletter, please do not disregard it or delete it, as it will take you off the newsletter list for the next newsletter. I command this, but it is just a faster way for me to send it so it doesn't go into your spam folders.

The cost to print and mail physical copies of the newsletter is substantial. The total cost to print and mail the four issues was \$2,840.12, with an average cost of \$710.03 per issue. This equates to approximately \$7.98 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 \$1.02 per year from those Sisters to support all other costs incurred by the National Organization.

This is not a recommendation, it is just a suggestion 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 M. Campbell, PNP  
National Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you, Sister National Secretary. Sister Patriotic Instructor, would you like to present your program?

MARYCATHERINE KNIGHT, DP MA, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC

INSTRUCTOR: The Patriotic Instructor has the responsibility to donate to a GAR organization and to a veteran's affiliated organization. I have a small disc she gave me because the lady who was going to come and accept the donation had a heart attack this week, so we had to rearrange. What I chose was the Friends of the Holyoke Soldiers Home, Inc. They support the residents of the Holyoke Soldiers Home, which is a retirement home for veterans in Western Mass. I chose them because they do a lot for their female veteran residents. They make sure they go on field trips and different things, so that is who I chose for that. I will start the disc and it is a little movie of what they are about and what they do. In talking with her, she feels that there is great interest in some of those residents becoming Auxiliary members. We can go there and do programs and she seemed very excited for us to go in there and either start an Auxiliary there or

have them join an Auxiliary. I think it is going to be a two-fold benefit. They are benefitting from us and I think we will benefit from them.

So, I will start the video. (*Video failed to play.*) Ok, I am not going to waste your time anymore. Sorry. It was just showing the different activities they do like exercise programs and outings they did. Maybe later I can get it to run.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** While she is having the usual problems that I have with technology, Sister Judy, do you have a report on the work that you did on proceedings? Thank you.

### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PROCEEDINGS COMPLETION**

Progress is being made in completing the proceedings of 2012-2017. The reports were obtained for these years and PNP Jane Graham's proceeding is now completed. PNP Diane Mellor's proceeding will be finished soon.

The files from the audio recorder for 2016 and 2017 have been copied to cassette tapes, which I will be transcribing. Many times in the 2013 and 2014 professionally done transcriptions, commenters were simply identified as "Unknown" because Sisters didn't identify themselves. There should be fewer "Unknown" speakers in this year's recording since I generally can recognize peoples' voices if you forget to say who you are or if it is a back and forth discussion.

If all goes to plan, all proceedings should be up-to-date by the next National Encampment.

Judy Morgan, PNS OH

Assistant Secretary for Proceedings Completion

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Committee on Charitable Activities, is your report ready?

### **NATIONAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES REPORT**

I received reports from the following:

#### **Departments**

Connecticut

Iowa

Maine

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

New York

New Jersey

Ohio

Pennsylvania

Wisconsin

#### **Auxiliaries at Large**

Mary Logan Aux. #20, IL

Elizabeth E. George Aux. #356, IN

Louisa Volker Aux. #215, MO

Rachel Cormany Aux. #2, OK

	Number	Value
Blood Donations .....	41	
Volunteer Hours .....	27,588	\$200,013.00
Material Donations .....		\$261,681.18
Cash Donations .....		\$120,464.33
Mileage .....	150,795	\$21,111.30
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$603,269.81</b>

### **Special projects:**

There were so many amazing projects, I was extremely impressed. Most were either for children, veterans, or honoring our “Boys in Blue.” They included the ROTC and Junior ROTC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, women veterans, hospitalized veterans, GAR Highway, teaching Civil War history, graves registrations, cemetery care, and GAR history.

Rebecca Black, PAP OH  
Charitable Activities Committee

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Veronica Mellor, PDP MA**

**That this report and all reports be placed in the hands of Committees and Special Committees so they can be acted on.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Wanda, do you have the report from the Technology and Communications Committee?

### **TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

We were tasked to put together a Social Media Policy and Guidelines as I think you know that social media is everywhere. It is in use by everyone and many of the younger generation uses social media constantly. I think it is a very good thing and allows us to communicate quickly. There are many people who can see things that are happening on our Auxiliary’s National Facebook page. We have over 800 people who view it so we have not just Sisters, but we have Sons and lots of guests who see our Facebook.

*Wanda Langdon began reading the Committee’s report and was stopped.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: How far are you in the report?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: I just started on the second page.



PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Wanda, I am going to ask you to do something. Would you and your Committee go through and mark which things are policy and which things are guidelines so that they will know policy must be followed? I would appreciate that and we will come back to this. Thank you very much. I am sorry to interrupt you like that.

Sister Denise, do you have a report for your Committee on New Auxiliaries?

DENISE OMAN, PNP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: No ma'am. I suggest that you carry it over.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Forms and Documents, Rachelle.

### **FORMS AND DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee worked closely with National Website Coordinator Wanda Langdon to update and maintain forms that are currently listed on the National website.

The following forms were revised based on recommendations received and rulings by the National Encampment: Form A02 (Installation of Auxiliary Officers), Form D02 (Installation of Department Officers), Form A03 (Auxiliary Status Report), and the Supply Officer Order Form, and created a flag order form.

Anyone with comments or suggestions regarding any forms is encouraged to contact the Committee.

Rachelle Campbell, PNP CA&PAC, NS, Chair  
Nancy Greenwalt-Hilton, PNP OH  
Judy Trepanier, PNP CT

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Anne, do you have your report for the Ritual Committee, please?

### **RITUALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

After thoroughly going over our Ritual that was revised and reprinted in 2013, there are only a few discrepancies we have found:

1. Page 5, #8: Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action "is" taken. ("of" changed to "is")
2. Page 27: President: ... "on" behalf of this Auxiliary... ("in" changed to "on")
3. Page 31: Guide: I have the pleasure to present Miss (or Mrs.)\_\_\_\_\_, who has been duly elected to become "a" member of this Auxiliary. ("a" added)
4. Page 42: ...without ceremony, "or" if much time has elapsed... ("of" changed to "or")
5. Page 43: Chaplain: ...solemn obligation she has just taken "at" this altar... ("at" added)

6. Page 47: In description - They will then continue to Past President's station... (take out "is" and add "s")
7. Page 54: In the description, bottom of page – Guide will advance "to" Altar...("at" changed to "to")
8. Page 59 regarding the National Washington D.C. Representative. It was voted at the National in 2016 to eliminate this position.

Therefore, when new books are printed, this should be taken out of our Ritual and the few minor word changes added.

Gentle reminders: when standing in the Auxiliary, please salute. The voting sign of the Auxiliary is the upraised right hand. We do not use voting cards to cast a vote. When presenting your membership card to the Guide, please rise and salute as per written in our Ritual.

Thank you, Sister President, for the honor and privilege to serve on this Ritual Committee.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME, Chair  
Betty Baker, PNP NY  
Helen Granger, MI

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Anne, for your report.

The Committee on Policy and Procedures, that was a mass of confusion, but I had asked Sister Michele Langley to do it and she didn't. She said she couldn't so then I forgot that I had changed the format of the committee and asked Sister Denise to do it. She has already told me that she was not able to do that, so we do not have a Policy and Procedures Report.

**DENISE OMAN, PNP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:** May I make a recommendation that that committee be retained for next year?

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** It is a Standing Committee, so it will be there next year.

Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations? Has anyone received anything from that Committee? Any contact? Alright, Sister National President next year, whoever you may be, that committee...you will have to make sure that they work.

Special Committee on the National Encampment, that would be Sandra Bates and she is not here.

Special Committee on Fraternal Relations, is that report ready?

### **FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Sisters, it is my pleasure to report that during the last year I have been in regular contact with the Chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans Fraternal Relations Committee, Brother Kevin Martin.

I have also made personal contact with the President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Mrs. Caren Cleaveland; and as a result, she is working to establish a Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Fraternal Relations Committee for the first time.

Over the year it has been my pleasure to attend many events and the leadership of several of the Allied Orders was present. These events help to strengthen the bonds which exist between the Allied Orders and solidifies our Fraternal connections.

I have attended the following events.

1. Testimonial dinner for Sister National President Ramona Greenwalt in October 2017.
2. Remembrance Day in Gettysburg in November 2017
3. The Observed Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery on May 28, 2018
4. The Traditional Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 2018
5. The National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 in July 2018
6. Several Lincoln Birthday dinners at various locations in the Department of the Chesapeake
7. Auxiliary Department Encampments in the Departments of Chesapeake, Ohio and Pennsylvania
8. Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief Mark Day in March 2018.

It has been my honor to serve in the capacity of Fraternal Relations Chairman.

Barbara Jean Day, PDP CHSPK  
Fraternal Relations Committee

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Special Committee on Publicity, please.

### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

I had spoken with my Committee who agreed upon the document that has been passed out in the packet, as well as the form for photo or other media use.

Rosemary Martin, DVP CHSPK  
Publicity Committee Chair

PRESIDENT RAMONA: So it will be in your Officer's Report as opposed to the Committee Report?

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DP CHSPK, NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT: Correct.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you. I needed to clarify. Sister Susan, will you please give your report for National Special Committee for Female Veterans?

### **NATIONAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FEMALE VETERANS**

I want to thank National President Ramona Greenwalt for expressing her confidence in me for this special committee.

This year, since I have been given this assignment, I have been researching websites for our female veterans. I visited the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In doing so, I established a link on my smartphone to the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office. I should note a person has to be a veteran to do this with the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office.

I have been communicating with National President Ramona Greenwalt on all of the information I have compiled. She has forwarded that information so it could be published on our National website. I have included that information in this report.

I have received phone calls and instant messages from Sisters that have heard of websites they felt should be checked into. I have followed through with each inquiry. The websites I was referred to were only looking for donations and referring the caller to a website I have already listed for our website. Most official websites have a “.gov” after them. The “.gov” means it is a Government Veterans Affairs website. I will; however, check any website referred to me.

Therefore, my recommendations are:

**Recommendation #1:** Due to current issues our female veterans face, I recommend we keep the website information I have provided on our National Website.

**Recommendation #2:** I recommend the National President appoint a Veteran Liaison that can stay current with veterans’ affairs. This would have to be a change to our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, since it would be a new appointed position. I have attached the recommendations I drafted with the help of the Department of Wisconsin to this report.

You have these recommendations in your packet, so I am not going to read them. They will be read with the Department of Wisconsin’s recommendations.

Within the recommendation that Wisconsin will be having is a form that a female veteran can fill out for a veteran’s pin.

Susan Fallon, WI, Chair

Female Veterans’ Information Committee

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Thank you.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Where is this

information on the website? It doesn't seem to jump out at me. Is it on the website now or is it to be posted?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: On the main page under Communications.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Ok, I didn't see it. I will check again.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I will tell you that I have been very, very pleased with Sister Susan's enthusiasm for this. She has also mentioned the veteran pins. Sister Liz did some work on that and if I can find the papers up here, I will tell what Sister Liz has found about the veteran pins. She researched prices and I believe the first price she got was something like \$500 for the die and everything if I am correct. Ok. So she went back and got another quote. One, we will pay \$100, which is the minimum order fee. If we get ten, we can get them for \$30 each, which equals \$300. If we get 25, they are \$22.50 each, \$562.50 total. And if we buy 50 at \$14.50 each, that would be \$725.00. I told her that was very, very expensive and she is going to poll to find out exactly how many veterans we have. I am not opposed to it; those ladies need the recognition that they have earned. However, if we only need two, three, four, five, that is a big expense for that. So we are looking at a quantity of 1, 10, 25 or 50, that is where we are at that right now. It has not gone by the wayside, but we probably need to find other sources and see what we can find out.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI: I am all for it, personally. I know we are going to vote on it later, but I would just like to know, what fund is this money coming from and what's the right projection of how many women you expect to apply for this?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That's why we need to poll how many ladies we have to find out what the projection would be. I am aware, I think, of Sue, Faye Carlisle, and Cindy Fox.

ELISE OMAN, PDP WI: I think this is an awesome idea, but the way women are joining the military these days, this could be quite pricey. I am all for it and I am all for raising the money, but I would like to know who is going to be raising this money. Is it going to be coming out of the PI Fund?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: It would be coming, most likely, out of our general fund. The Supply Officer would buy these, sell them and hopefully gain everything back so that we don't lose money on it. That's why right now, I said

don't do anything until we can source how many people we have and find a much cheaper source and still be a nice pin.

ELISE OMAN, PDP WI: I agree. This is something every female veteran should be allowed to wear.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Understand, this is to go to our members, Auxiliary members.

ELISE OMAN, PDP WI: Is it just for veterans in our Auxiliary?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That is all we have talked about so far.

ELISE OMAN, PDP WI: Ok, thank you.

ELIZABETH CRAIG, DP WI: When I was researching these, I was told to use whoever the Sons use. These prices come from Esso, out of Milwaukee. That's who the Sons use. I researched other locations online and they are not any cheaper, so if anybody can find something cheaper, please let me know.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Has any Department President sent with any delegate or officer their Department report? You may read them if they are very, very short.

## **CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **Membership**

Our Department consists of four Auxiliaries, three in Northern California and one in Southern California. We have a total membership of 52 Sisters.

Our Auxiliaries continue to be active and involved in numerous community events and activities. Some of which include:

- Marching in patriotic parades
- Participating in living history events
- Giving school presentations
- Planning, organizing, and participating in Memorial Day ceremonies. This year was particularly special due to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gen. Logan's General Order #11 proclaiming a nationwide Decoration Day to honor and remember fallen Civil War soldiers. Our Auxiliaries participated in a number of different ceremonies and we even received some press coverage, so that was wonderful.
- Hosting Lincoln dinners, which is one of my favorite events. We actually have a Lincoln impersonator, we have a birthday cake, sing Happy Birthday to President Lincoln, then we tell our favorite Lincoln stories and little tidbits. It is a nice time to socialize with one another, but we also

invite other organizations that are either history or Civil War-related. There are about four or five different organizations that all come together that are hosted by the Auxiliary to the Sons, so that is a nice opportunity to partner with other organizations within the community.

- Partnering with other organizations: We, in Southern California, partner with the Drum Barracks down there and do a number of events down there as well. We really do try to partner with other organizations, which makes it a win/win situation.

### **President's Highlights**

- 1. September 9, 2017** – Attended the inaugural Blue-Gray Banquet, on the Delta King, which is an old refurbished riverboat in Sacramento, sponsored by Gen. George Blake Cosby Camp #1627, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Both the Auxiliary and the Sons were represented and also the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. That was another opportunity where we came together and I was awarded the Spirit of Reconciliation Award. That was a nice honor.
  - 2. March 17, 2018** – Took the lead on negotiating the contract for our SUV and AUX Department Encampment. We continue to enjoy a great working relationship with our SUV Brothers. I was honored to receive the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award at Encampment.
  - 3. May 5, 2018** – Attended and brought greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Department of CA/NV Annual Convention held in Bakersfield.
- This concludes the report for the Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Cynthia L. Eddy  
Department President

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

The Department of the Chesapeake currently totals 36 members with the addition of three to Antietam Auxiliary in April. Charitable activities totaled \$2,455.61. These activities included: patriotic memorials, nursing homes and Veterans Medical Center visits and donations, Medal of Honor ceremonies, Women in History essay contest, Gettysburg Remembrance Day, Memorial Day weekend, and Decoration Day events.

As Department Vice President representing the President of the Department of the Chesapeake, I attended:

- **9/30/2017** – Sgt. J. Harris Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Medal of Honor Commemoration Ceremony, US Colored Troops Monument, John G. Lancaster Park, organized by Camp Commander Wes Mumper, Lexington Park, MD
- **10/27-28, 2017** – MOLLUS National Congress, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

- **11/11/2017** – Antietam #3 Annual Dinner, Monocacy Crossing Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- **11/18/2017** – Gettysburg Remembrance Day Observance and Events
- **12/10/2017** – “An Antietam Auxiliary Civil War Christmas,” Barbara Fritchie Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- **1/14/2018** – Antietam Camp and Auxiliary installations and awards, Monocacy Crossing, Frederick, Maryland
- **2/2018** – National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM) Medicinal Methods, Tenth Ward Distilling Company, Frederick, Maryland
- **2/11/2018** – MOLLUS Lincoln Birthday Celebration, Alexandria, VA
- **2/12/2018** – Lincoln Birthday Commemoration, Lincoln Memorial, D.C.
- **3/10/2018** – Commander-in-Chief Mark Day’s Testimonial, Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- **3/25/2018** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Antietam Camp #3 Medal of Honor Ceremony, St. Paul Lutheran Church, organized by George T. Chapman, Myersville, MD

As Department President I attended:

- **4/25/2018** – Grant’s Birthday at Hickory Bridge Farm, Fairfield, PA
- **4/27-4/28/2018** – Department of the Chesapeake’s Encampment where I was elected President with Barbara Day, PDP, elected as Vice President. Our thanks to National President Ramona Greenwalt who provided guidance and leadership for the meeting and installed our officers. Also, many thanks to PNP Rachele Campbell whose welcomed surprise visit also brought clarity.
- **5/10/2018** – Received notification from Helen Geppi, PDP, that she was declining her election to Department Patriotic Instructor
- **5/28/2018** – Arlington National Cemetery where I arranged a special limo bus for transportation for the Allied Orders’ Officers
- **5/30/2018** – Decoration Day at Arlington GAR Amphitheater at the Tomb of the Unknowns
- **6/2/2018** – MOLLUS DC Meeting
- **6/24/2018** – GAR marker ceremony for Joseph Snively at Hagerstown’s Rosemont Cemetery
- **6/2018** – Received resignation letter from Department Treasurer Anne Blackburn, PDP
- **7/14/2018** – Met in Baltimore, MD to transfer signatory authority of the Treasurer to Department President and Department Secretary. Took the opportunity to visit with PNP Jan Harding in her home.
- **7/28/2018** – Department of the Chesapeake SUVCW Commander Faron Taylor’s Bivouac Rally
- **7/29/2018** – First Quarter Department of the Chesapeake ASUVCW Innovation Session followed by a brief business meeting. Attended by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, Department Counselors Kevin Martin



and Mike Paquette and Department Commander Faron Taylor, Vice President Barbara Day, President Rosemary Martin, and Secretary Danielle Vance. The space was organized by Danielle to be held at her workplace. This was a very good session with a lot of good ideas shared.

- **7/30/2018** – Met Department Commander Faron Taylor at Ellicott City to view the new meeting room for May 3-4, 2019 Department Encampment. Auxiliary will have a 50% larger meeting room than this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this report.

Rosemary S. Martin  
Department President

JUDY TREPANIER, PNP CT: I did send mine in. I didn't bring one with me because I was in the understanding they were not reading Department Reports anymore. That was at the last convention. So, I don't have mine.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That's fine. It will be in the proceedings because the Secretary has it. Thank you very much.

### **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

*Sent before Encampment, but could not be located to be included in the proceeding.*

### **MAINE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Department of Maine has had a very active and productive year this year. With the passing of our own PNP Frances Murray, we are now down to only one Auxiliary. We have four Member at Large Members and two Life Members. Our Department is hoping to form the Department of New England with our New England Auxiliary Sisters so that our vital organization will not die out.

This year our Department Auxiliary contributed to the Harpswell American Legion for the Christmas Party we help them to give to the Long Term Care Unit at the Togus Veterans Hospital in Augusta. The Auxiliary and Sons attend this event and our Sisters make desserts for the Veterans and their staff. The Auxiliary makes fleece blankets for the hospice patients and distribute them to all the patients on the hospice unit, their families then have a keepsake to remember their loved one. The Auxiliary donates money to the Togus VA Hospital Activities Department. We contribute to Wreaths Across America and to the National Money Officers and the National President. The Haskell Marsten Auxiliary gives food donations to the Yarmouth Food Pantry at all of our meetings.

Our Sisters are very active in various volunteer activities in their respective communities. Some volunteer at museums, lighthouses, food pantries, conducting "Teas" to benefit various charities, senior centers, making and giving handmade

gifts for shelters (hats, gloves, and scarfs), personal items to be given to the veterans in their Christmas boxes distributed by Santa at the Christmas party.

This year we gathered to give our Auxiliary Burial Service for our own PNP Frances Murray on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Sisters from Haskell-Marston were present as well as National President Ramona Greenwalt, National Aide Judy Morgan, National Treasurer Mary Flynn, National Council #1 PNP Cynthia Brown, and National Membership at Large Member Elsie Bonney. Frances's family was so grateful for our presence and the service at her memorial. In the video of Frances' life, the majority of the pictures had to do with the Auxiliary. The GAR was an extremely important part of Frances' family. We will miss her wisdom, advice, and, especially, her lovely humor. Frances's family gave me many cartons with books and papers, etc., that Frances had saved over the years. There were books from the 1800s! Our Auxiliary sent them to our National Historian for the Auxiliary archives.

This year we participated in two graveside rededication ceremonies and a rededication ceremony of the Maine Monument in Rockland, Maine at the Central Coastal Region American Legion Post. The Sisters were in various parades, some attended Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg and attended the New Hampshire Encampment in Concord. Some Sisters are members of the Third Maine Reenactment group. We thoroughly enjoy meeting and participating at various events with our own Sons.

Tracy Williams  
Department President

### **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

On June 20, 2018, I began my second term as Department President. I have met with many challenges in the last two years. The Department Secretary/Treasurer resigned in January due to health issues and it took several months before I could secure the Department records and books, due to her declining health. I had to postpone the Department Encampment that we usually hold at the same time as the Brothers, due to a lack of Sisters being able to attend. Even after the postponement of two months, I could only get three Sisters just so we could conduct a business meeting to get a new Secretary/Treasurer elected and pay the Department's bills and also to fulfill the promise that we would revisit the Department of New England issue. It was voted that the Department of Massachusetts would send a recommendation to National in support of forming a Department of New England and the Department of Massachusetts would join.

On a more positive note, as Department President, I attended several services for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. I also help my son's Boy Scout troop with their Color Guard activities and the path to Eagle Scout.

MaryCatherine Knight  
Department President

JUNE LLOYD, DP MI: I sent Rachelle a letter and I don't have a copy with me.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That's alright. It's in the proceedings and that is what is important.

### **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT REPORT**

*Sent before Encampment, but could not be located to be included in the proceeding.*

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

To the Officers, Members & Guests of the 132<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: I bring you greetings and hopes for a very successful National Encampment from the forty-six members of the Department of NH serving the following five Auxiliaries:

1. Thomas M. Carr #7 – Hillsboro
2. General Simon G. Griffin #11 – Keene
3. Joseph W. Spalding #38 – At-Large
4. Gilman E. Sleeper #60 – Salem
5. Mary Elizabeth Kimball #62 – Lebanon

I am the newly elected Department President and it is an honor to serve my first term. Previously, I have served as Vice President of this Department and worked closely with PDP Mary Flynn on all matters of importance over the past few years. I also serve as current President and hold the honor of Past Auxiliary President of the Mary Elizabeth Kimball #62 Auxiliary in Lebanon, NH.

In attendance at this year's National Encampment festivities, representing NH, we have the distinction of having two Past National Presidents, Jacquelyn Johnston, 1997-1998 and Cynthia Brown, 2002-2003. Additionally, in delegation, we have Past President and National Treasurer Mary Flynn and Past Department Presidents Doris Glendinning and Bonnie Morse. Of course, we are glad to have here with us a longtime member that transferred into our J.W. Spaulding Auxiliary at Large, Past Auxiliary President Cher Petrovic. These ladies are the backbone of the Department and are very faithful and devoted.

The following is an accounting of the activities of the Department of NH last year as reported by the Officers and Members at our 110<sup>th</sup> Department of NH Annual Encampment in Concord, NH.

### **Department President 2017-2018**

- Prepared and distributed our Department Orders.
- Planning and execution of the Department events including Union Defenders Day and the Annual Department Encampment.
- Ensured the compliance of all National reporting requirements.

- Approved with the concurrence of our Department Bylaws donations to the National Chief of Staff and Patriotic Funds.

### **Secretary**

- Collected and reported on the Department's five Auxiliaries showing a gain of 4 members and a loss of 3 members, bringing our membership to a total of 46 Sisters.

### **Treasurer**

- Reported on our annual financials and gained unanimous approval from our Council

### **Patriotic Instructor**

- Memorial Day flagging and wreaths.
- Prepared and presented a patriotic program at our Annual Department Encampment with musical selections performed by our own Junior Member, Kelsey Sweet.
- Department fundraising.

### **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 Chaplain's Corner Facebook page.

### **Charitable Activities Coordinator**

- Collected and tallied the NH Auxiliaries' charitable activities.

### **Presidential Appointments**

- We were supported through the year by Counselor Cindy Brown, Personal Aide Madison Rosa, and the Chief of Staff Jillian Rosa. Their efforts allow our Department to remain solvent.

### **Council**

- We were able to have the services of our three Council members for the review of our financial records and offer their endorsements to National Candidates that announced intentions after the close of our 2016-2017 Encampment.

### **Auxiliary Officers and Membership**

- Held regular Auxiliary meetings.
- Attended the annual birthday ceremony honoring Major General Benjamin F. Butler.
- Participated in local parades and ceremonies.
- Gettysburg grave flagging, parade, and ceremony participation.
- Conducted a living history in annual town celebration event.
- Planning and conducting various end-of-year picnics and barbeques for member appreciation.
- Attendance at various funeral services of our dearly departed.
- Awarded a female high school senior the JROTC award and certificate.

This year the Department is presenting to the National Encampment the following Resolutions/Recommendations to be acted upon:

- Amendment to the Constitution to change the ratification language from a fixed Department count of 10 to a simple majority.
- Endorsement of the formation of the Department of New England including the six Departments in the regions including New Hampshire.

I hope that the National Encampment delegation will look at these seriously and give them their favorable support. I thank you for allowing me to present this report and for all of the contributions made by all of our NH members.

Laura Ward

Department President

### **OHIO DEPARTMENT REPORT**

I am pleased to report to the 132<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment the activities of the Department of Ohio for the year 2017-2018.

While we are sad to report the loss of one Auxiliary (Anne Mariah Butterfield #77 in Lancaster, OH), we added enough new members to maintain our membership numbers. Ohio membership is at 78, with 8 of those being Junior Members.

Ohio Sisters were so active and generous this year that our charitable activities total is \$200,193.93. Sisters have made lap blankets, hats for babies, hats for females going through chemo, sent cards & gift boxes to active military.

The Ohio Sisters delivered welcome packages, personal care items, knitted scarves, lap quilts, magazines, books, crossword puzzles, and Christmas gifts to female veterans at the Dayton VA Center.

Ohio has named our outreach project to female veterans “Sisters Supporting Women Veterans.” We sell items and accept donations at all events. We have a brochure we hand out explaining our mission and have been receiving donations from several other groups, such as the American Legion and the VFW, as well as SUVCW Camps. We are currently making arrangements for a Spa Day for female veterans in Dayton so they can feel good about their appearance as they prepare to go on job interviews and re-enter the workplace. Many of these veterans have been suffering from PTSD, were homeless, and have suffered from sexual abuse. Their stories are heartbreaking.

A large group of Ohio Sisters from four Auxiliaries attended the annual Memorial service at Buffington Island, the site of the only Civil War battle in Ohio, and placed wreaths. The group included three PNPs and 7 PDPs.

Ohio Sisters promoted the ASUVCW as well as educated the public on the Civil War and the lives of women in the 1860's 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. Two of the Auxiliaries do a “spreading of flower petals on the graves” ceremony, inviting the crowds to take part with them. This is very well received.

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 REPORT**

We have 13 Auxiliaries and one Members at Large Auxiliary in Pennsylvania.

The Sisters of the Department of Pennsylvania had a very busy year. Sisters marched in many parades, including the Maple Parade, Meyersdale; Veteran’s Day Parade, Wilson; Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg; and Memorial Day Parades in Towanda and Gettysburg.

Sisters participated in Memorial Day services across the state, Veteran’s Day observances, Fourth of July events, Wreaths Across America, and historic haunted cemetery tours in Johnstown and Dunmore.

Many Sisters attended the GAR Memorial Service on Remembrance Day, Father Corby’s Mass on the Battlefield, the SVR Remembrance Day Ball, and the Civil War Gala in Somerset. Sisters helped to sponsor the Appomattox and Lincoln luncheons.

Work continued on the preservation, digitizing, and making public the GAR records in Somerset and Scranton. One of the members found GAR records online that were for sale. So the Camp decided to buy them, digitize them and make them available to local libraries. The original records have been restored and are in the historical society locally. In Scranton, we have partnered with the library and we have the old GAR hall things in the old jail at the Scranton City Hall. We have a museum there and the Sisters act as docents.

Sisters also volunteered with other historic groups. Sisters have participated in charitable walkathons, often as representatives of the Auxiliary rather than individuals, i.e., the Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk in Johnstown. This helps a charitable cause and gives the community exposure to our Organization.

Sisters continue to publicize the activities and programs of the Auxiliary in an effort to create awareness of our Organization and its mission.

Charitable activities continue and one Auxiliary has been supplying expectant mothers in Liberia with receiving blankets as its regular project.

We have so many “A-list” Sisters that I know will never get the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award because they are not associated with a Camp. So, in order to level that playing field, I decided to create the Marie Tepe Award for those Sisters. Marie Tepe is near and dear to our hearts in Pennsylvania. She was a vivandière and she fought at Gettysburg in a number of battles. Her skirts were always

riddled with bullet holes. She was with the 27<sup>th</sup> and then the 114<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, which were both Zouave units. I gave out three Marie Tepe Awards to three wonderful Sisters.

I also instituted three other awards. Two were for recruitment and one for charitable activities work. The Auxiliary with the most new members gets the Margaret Atkinson PNP Award, named after one of the five PNPs in Pennsylvania. (The other awards are named after Department Presidents who are gone.) The second award is also one for recruitment, but it was for the largest percentage gained, because some Auxiliaries are pretty small. Then the third award for charitable giving goes to the Auxiliary that has the highest level of charitable giving.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Department and work with our Auxiliaries again this year.

Susan Mertz  
Department President

### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Auxiliaries in Wisconsin were very busy this year. Below is a list of events in which we participated along with the Sons.

Events:

**August 2017** – Aux. #4 West Allis Settlers Weekend w/Camp #1

**October 2017** – Aux. #4 & Aux. #5 treated our veterans at the VA with goodies and conversation.

**November 2017** – Veterans Day Parade w/the Sons

**December 2017** – Aux. #4 & Aux. #5 – Wreaths Across America and distributed tie blankets, cards, miscellaneous requested items to Palliative Care Unit at our local VA.

**February 2018** – Mid Winter Department meeting in which National President Ramona Greenwalt and Personal Aide Judy Morgan attended. Enjoyed the presentation provided by Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, portraying Gen. George Thomas, the “Rock of Chickamauga,” describing his relationship and non-relationship with Abraham Lincoln.

**April 2018** – A few Sisters went to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL

**May 2018** – Various Memorial Day events around the state. Auxiliary #5 President went to Delafield for the honor dedicated to Margaret Zerwekh, who was a Life Member of the Auxiliary. She fought for more than 20 years and finally gained approval for the Medal of Honor Award to be posthumously awarded to Army 1st Lt. Alonzo Cushing for his heroic service in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was killed during Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg. Margaret lived in his birthplace of Delafield on property once owned by the lieutenant’s father.

**June 2018** – Department meeting in King, WI (at the King Veterans Home)

**July 2018** – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Plaque dedication, 4 who were wounded or captured were intoned as part of the dedication. (This is where Aux. #4 & Camp #1 has held their Memorial Day Services since 1927.) 7<sup>th</sup> Waukesha (Aux. #5) Last Soldier ceremony. 14<sup>th</sup> Iron Brigade marker & Sauk County Last Soldier ceremony. (Aux. #4 & Aux. #5) 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Aux. #4 & Aux. #5 joined forces and made it through a rainy weekend at Menomonee Falls Historical Society's Civil War Weekend. A very busy month for all!

Sisters joined the Sons for quarterly staff meetings that covered upcoming events and brainstorming ways to recruit and find new events in which to attend.

Outside of these events, Aux. #4 has also sponsored a veteran nurse and her family over the holidays and purchased a new headstone for an unmarked grave at Forest Home Cemetery.

Donations were made to Honor Flight and Veterans Roll. Both organizations take our veterans to the Nation's Capital to see the Memorial Walls.

Elizabeth Craig

Past Department President

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister. As has been par for the course today, I missed Sister Ellen from New Jersey and I apologize.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** I just have a question. Has the National Secretary received a report from New Jersey?

**RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY:** No, ma'am.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** Due to the lack of a written report, if I may, may I give an oral report?

### **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

As a delegate from New Jersey, I will speak on behalf of our Department President, Patty Wilhelm. She was intending to come here but was unable to this year.

Currently, we have four Auxiliaries in New Jersey. One is active and the other three inactive.

We continue to have our Department Encampment in June with the Sons, who are very supportive of the Auxiliary in New Jersey. We had six members attend this year, which seems to be the average attendance for the past several years.

We do a few activities throughout the year. I know the Hancock Auxiliary #10 that I am part of tries to do events with the veterans in Vineland. We all, if we can, take part in Remembrance Day in November.



Regrettably, we are not a very active Department. I wish we were. We try to get new members and we will get one here and one there, but it is difficult and a struggle. Our long-standing Department Secretary/Treasurer has moved to Gettysburg, which makes it difficult for her to do things in New Jersey.

I pray that we can continue but the future is uncertain for the Department of New Jersey.

Ellen Higgins, Delegate  
New Jersey Department

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** In a moment I am going to have the Chaplain attend the Altar and close the Bible and we will be finished for today. I am going to tell you, and I don't like what I am going to tell you because I don't like it either. I think tomorrow we should start at 8:00 a.m. so that we can be done and get to the banquet without having to go in our whites.

**UNKNOWN:** Some of us are going to the SVR breakfast in the morning and it starts at 7:00 a.m.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** How many are going to the breakfast? In that case, with that many, then we will start as soon as possible and be prepared to go without any recesses except for lunch.

*Announcements were made regarding breakfast and lunch availability.*

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Sister Chaplain, will you attend the Altar.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar and closed the Bible at 4:40 p.m.*

**THIRD SESSION**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018**  
**8:45 a.m.**

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

Sister Secretary, would you read the Treasurer's Budget, please?

**LAURA WARD, DP NH:** I see 6 of 9 on my page and I see 7 of 9. Is there another page?

**RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY:** I was only asked to copy pages 6 and 7 to hand out to the membership because that is the proposed Budget for this incoming term. The rest of it is a written report from

the National Treasurer. What I was sent and what I was asked to print from her was pages 6 and 7 for you guys.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Excuse us, we are checking for something. Please take your seats.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ladies, the Treasurer sent pages 6 and 7 for us to look over with the Budget, that is why you only have those pages. The other pages are on various groupings of activities and other things, so right now we are dealing with the Budget. That is what we are going to go over. The Treasurer has many hats to wear and we need to focus right now on monies spent, monies coming in so that we can make judgments with all the recommendations that we heard yesterday. Is that understood now? We have to see where our monies are coming from to make decisions on how to spend some of that money or say we can't afford something along the way. Open your pages to 6 and 7 and we will begin.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I will try to read this to the best of my ability to my predecessors Betty Baker and Mary Flynn because I have never read a budget before.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Excuse me, may I interrupt? In the essence of time, no disrespect to Rachelle, I believe that we can all read these. I think that if you would give us five minutes to look this over and then ask if there are any questions?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I am totally happy with that! *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Ladies, the Sons have sent for the Greetings Committee, so I will have the Chaplain close the Bible. You can do your reading and we will be back.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar and closed the Bible for a short recess while the Greetings Committee went to the Sons.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I have some housekeeping that I forgot. Because this is election day, when you leave the room, please take your membership card with you and come back with it. It will make it easier for the Guards. Thank you.

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

I am going to have the Secretary go over the synopsis of what we did yesterday. *(so done)*

Sister Amy Miller, will you read the Treasurer's Report?

## NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

The following details my activities of the National Treasurer for the past year:

### **Request of the National President:**

At the onset of the year, the National President engaged me to assist the National Supply Officer and I quote from her note to me:

*I would like for you to help the new Supply Officer by giving her the names and contact information for the companies that have been used to source our supplies. I would appreciate any assistance you could provide her to help with the assumption of her responsibilities.*

I have done my best to fulfill this request and have always been available in this capacity in a non-interfering way; always implementing what I believe was just. In the same request, the National President asked:

*I am asking Virginia Twist to mail to the National Historian the old National Auxiliary flag. I told Ginny to send the bill to you for the postage and packaging of the flag. I have asked the Historian to determine if the flag is worth preservation and if it is to have it done and send you the bill for that.*

I never did hear anything further on this topic; however, I did inform the National President on the manner in which bills are now paid which eliminates the use of Presidential approvals and requisitions. Her final request at that time was:

*The last thing I am asking of you is to research what it would take to apply for and attain, including costs, a 501(c)(3) status for the Auxiliary. Also check what it would take to get that status for all the Auxiliaries, not just the National Organization. We started this once before and were more or less talked out of it by someone. I believe that if we had this status we would be able to write grants and acquire money and get larger donations from businesses because they can write it off their taxes. We need to be able to make an informed decision about this matter.*

My immediate reply to her on this matter was that an Auxiliary is able to obtain a 501(c)(3) status on their own merits and that the SUVCW (Sons) have been engaged and obtained this very status. This took them quite a number of years and resources. I asked if I might consult with their National Treasurer, for which she approved. I am enclosing a more detailed report as it relates to this request at the end of this submission. This report is not intended to be official or complete and is to be used as a guide to provide information as requested by our National President

### **National Membership at Large**

Post National Encampment last year, I disbursed a check to be deposited by the National Membership at Large (NMAL) Coordinator. These were monies transferred to me when our previous NMAL Coordinator's term expired last year. It is the NMAL Coordinator's duty to manage this fund. This check went

uncashed for six months and then became non-negotiable. I was asked by the National President to deposit dues received from NMAL members as forwarded from our National Secretary. I took the action of creating a separate account and moved the original funds and the money received this year to this account which resides at the Bank of America under our National EIN number. Since a per capita prepared by our National Secretary was submitted to me after the July 31<sup>st</sup> end-of-year cut-off, all NMAL per capita remains unpaid. The amount due as reported on this form is \$135.00. The total in the account is as reported later in this report is \$1,171.18.

### **IRS 990 Filings and Group Exemption Letter**

The below were the activities undertaken by me in support of our National Organization and the fulfilling of the IRS filing requirements:

1. Assisted the new Auxiliary, Mary Ann Bickerdyke Auxiliary #2, in creating an EIN number.
2. Assisted the Department of MA in facilitating the opening of a new checking account by providing a letter of authentication showing them as a tax-exempt subsidiary of our parent organization.
3. Assisted Frances Finch Auxiliary #9 in completing their IRS 8822 form and provided them documentation confirming their tax-exempt status.
4. Assisted the following Auxiliaries in filing their IRS 990:
  - a. James Garfield Aux. #1
  - b. Sarah Emma Seeleye Aux. #1
  - c. Department of VT
  - d. Governor William Dennison Aux. #1
  - e. Sarah A. Crawford Aux. #43
  - f. Haskell-Marston Aux. #56
  - g. Dept. of the Chesapeake
  - h. Edward Wallace Aux. #2
5. Updated as required, the annual Supplemental Group Ruling Information (SCRI) 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 (D11) or directly from the Auxiliary Treasurer.
6. Filed the IRS 9976 forms to the IRS for our new Auxiliary, Mary Ann Bickerdyke Aux. #2

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 990N form:

- 58 Active
- 19 Revoked
- 11 No EIN on record

- 88 Total

### Financials

As Life Membership Coordinator, I approved and issued two new memberships, bringing the total 118 issued to date. The Honor Roll Program is also maintained by the National Treasurer and this year we received nine donations and issued Honor Roll Certificates for each.

I have employed our standard practice of making deposits and writing checks, reporting to our National Officials our financial standings. In addition to our regular expenditures in our approved budget, the National Council has allowed for additional monies to fund the transcription costs for the 2012 and 2013 (*2012 and 2013 reported, but the years were actually 2013 and 2014*) proceedings of \$3,224.00 and the cost for embroidered emblems of \$500.00. I have also prepared the financial reports for the fiscal year beginning 08/1/2017 thru 07/31/2018, which I am submitting with this report. Note: we have no investment instruments at this time. Finally, I have prepared a budget for the upcoming year for our membership to consider. This was disseminated to our National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and our National Council Members in early July.

### In Closing

As National Treasurer, Department President, Past Department President, Department Treasurer, Auxiliary President, and a member of this Organization, I have expressed various opinions over the years, never intending to interfere in the duties of others. I have always given my job as National Treasurer my complete and undivided attention, monitoring our funds daily, making payments on time and fulfilling requests presented me very expeditiously. I have always made myself available to the National President, her officers, and our membership in the communication model that best suits them.

Communication is the key to success. We must not assume that members and officials are aware of traditions, protocol, policy, procedures, and official orders. We need to be pro-active, not reactive in our efforts to adhere to our principles and objectives. Also, trust in your members is paramount, and the trust that has been bestowed in me has never been compromised.

Mary Flynn, PDP NH  
National Treasurer

### **FISCAL YEAR** **8/01/2017 – 7/31/2018**

#### **BANKING SUMMARY:**

Permanent Fund (Savings)	Bank of America #0962	\$ 65,337.58
Membership at Large	Bank of America #6716	1,171.18
Operational Fund (Checking)	Bank of America #3762	<u>10,068.67</u>
<b>Total All Funds July 31, 2018</b>		<b><u>\$ 76,577.43</u></b>

**PERMANENT FUND DETAILS:**

	Balance as of August 1, 2017	\$ 54,653.76
Patriotic Funds Transfer (from Checking)		14,651.40
Honor Roll		175.00
Life Memberships		550.00
Membership at Large (Transfer from #0962 to #6716)		(991.09)
Bank Account Contribution (Transcription Services, Emblems)		(3,724.00)
Interest Earned		<u>22.51</u>
	Balance as of July 31, 2018	<u>\$65,337.58</u>

**HONOR ROLL****In Honor of:**

Beatrice Terry-Greenwalt, PNP  
 Florence Spring, PNP  
 Eileen Coombs, PNP  
 Mary Scofield, PNP  
 Isabelle Roberts, PNP  
 Mary Jane Simpson, PNP  
 Beatrice Greenwalt, PNP  
 Frances Murray, PNP  
 Frances Murray, PNP  
 Alice Doyle, PDP

**Donated by:**

Jerry Orton, PDC \$ 20.00  
 National ASUVCW 15.00  
 National ASUVCW 15.00  
 National ASUVCW 15.00  
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 National ASUVCW 15.00  
 Cynthia Brown, PNP NH 25.00  
 Cynthia Brown, PNP NH 25.00

**Total** **\$175.00**

**Life Memberships Issued:**

Elizabeth Craig, PDP \$350.00  
 Sarah Anderson, NMAL 200.00

**Total** **\$ 550.00**

**Membership At Large Fund:**

Transfer from #0962 to #6716 \$991.09  
 Membership Dues Deposit 180.00  
 Interest .09

**Total** **1,171.18**

**OPERATIONAL FUND DETAILS:****Receipts:**

**Balance as of August 1, 2017** **\$ 26,816.96**

1. National Supplies \$ 2,319.64  
 2. Per Capita 6,239.00  
 3. New Member Fee 98.00  
 4. Patriotic Instructor 1,391.53  
 5. Chief of Staff 2,223.53  
 6. Registration 470.00  
 7. Miscellaneous 20.00  
 8. Bank Account Contribution 3,724.00

**Total Receipts** **\$16,482.70**

**Disbursements:**

1. Nat'l President's Expense	\$ 974.24
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	494.42
3. Nat'l Treasurer Expense	209.34
4. Supply Officer Expense	496.72
5. Postage	430.97
6. Supplies	4,641.22
7. Wreaths	335.82
8. Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
9. Printing	2,681.37
10. Proceedings	3,224.00
11. Scholarships	1,000.00
12. Site Committee	700.00
13. LBCC Dues	50.00
14. Bond	100.00
15. Web Page	190.56
16. IRS – 8976 Fee	50.00
17. Convention*	2,870.90
18. Miscellaneous	<u>105.00</u>

**Total Disbursements:** \$ (33,230.99)

Net

(16,748.29)

**Balance as of July 31, 2018**

**\$10,068.67**

**\*See Addendum A & B for National Encampment Breakdown**

**ADDENDUM A**  
**Financial Report**  
**08/01/2017-08/13/2017**

**OPERATIONAL FUND DETAILS:**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>Balance as of August 1, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 26,816.96</b>
1. National Supplies	\$ 1,041.00	
2. Per Capita	77.00	
3. New Member Fee	20.00	
4. Patriotic Instructor	746.53	
5. Chief of Staff	1,135.03	
6. Registration	180.00	
7. Miscellaneous	0.00	
8. Bank Account Contribution	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,199.56</b>	

**Disbursements:**

1. Nat'l President's Expense	\$ 1,523.67
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	172.73
3. Nat'l Secretary's Records transfer	67.19
4. Nat'l Treasurer Expense	0.00
5. Supply Officer Expense	2.67
6. Postage	0.00
7. Supplies	802.35
8. Wreaths	0.00
9. Cathedral of the Pines	0.00
10. Printing	246.05
11. Proceedings	0.00
12. Scholarships	1,000.00
13. Site Committee	0.00
14. LBCC Dues	0.00
15. Bond	0.00
16. Web Page	0.00
17. Miscellaneous	0.00
18. IRS – 8976 Fee	0.00
19. Convention	<u>2,870.90</u>

**Total Disbursements:** \$ (6,685.56)

Net

(3,486.00)

**Balance as of August 13, 2017** \$23,330.96

## ADDENDUM B

### Financial Report

**08/14/2017-7/31/2018**

**OPERATIONAL FUND DETAILS:****Receipts:**

**Balance as of August 14, 2017** \$ 23,330.96

1. National Supplies	\$ 1,128.67
2. Per Capita	6,162.00
3. New Member Fee	78.00
4. Patriotic Instructor	645.00
5. Chief of Staff	1,085.50
6. Registration	290.00
7. Miscellaneous	20.00
8. Bank Account Contribution	<u>3,724.00</u>

**Total Receipts** **\$13,383.14**

**Disbursements:**

1. Nat'l President's Expense	\$ (549.43)
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	321.69



3. Nat'l Treasurer Expense	142.15
4. Supply Officer Expense	494.05
5. Postage	430.97
6. Supplies	3,838.87
7. Wreaths	335.85
8. Cathedral of the Pines	25.00
9. Printing	2,435.32
10. Proceedings	3,224.00
11. Scholarships	0.00
12. Site Committee	700.00
13. LBCC Dues	50.00
14. Bond	100.00
15. Web Page	190.56
16. Miscellaneous	105.00
17. IRS – 8976 Fee	50.00
18. Convention	0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$ (26,545.43)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(13,262.29)</b>
<b>Balance as of July 31, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$10,068.67</u></b>

<b>Income:</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>			<b>Note</b>
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	
	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>#</b>
1. Nat'l Supplies	2,800.00	2,319.64	2,800.00	
2. Per Capita	7,000.00	6,239.00	7,000.00	
3. New Member Fee	150.00	98.00	150.00	
4. Patriotic Instructor	2,000.00	1,391.53	2,000.00	
5. Chief of Staff	2,500.00	2,220.53	2,500.00	
6. Registration	500.00	470.00	500.00	
7. Miscellaneous	250.00	20.00	250.00	
8. Bank Acct. Contributions	3,250.00	3,724.00	4,150.00	1
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,482.70</b>	<b>\$19,350.00</b>	

**Expenses:**

1. Nat'l President's Expense	3,500.00	974.24	3,500.00	
2. Nat'l Secretary's Expense	400.00	494.42	400.00	
3. Nat'l Treasurer's Expense	400.00	209.34	400.00	
4. Supply Officer Expense	300.00	496.72	300.00	
5. Postage	500.00	430.97	500.00	
6. Supplies	1,300.00	4,641.22	1,300.00	1
7. Wreaths	350.00	335.85	350.00	
8. Cathedral of the Pines	25.00	25.00	25.00	
9. Printing	2,500.00	2,681.37	2,500.00	
10. Proceedings	3,200.00	3,224.00	3,250.00	2

11. Scholarship	900.00	1,000.00	785.00	3
12. Site Committee	550.00	700.00	700.00	4
13. Lincoln Birthday Com. Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00	
14. Bond	100.00	100.00	100.00	
15. Web Page	300.00	190.56	1,895.00	5
16. IRS – 8976 Fee	500.00	50.00	200.00	6
17. Convention				
a. Room (NS & NT)	750.00	745.50	750.00	
b. Board (NP, NS, & NT)	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. Supply Officer Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	
h. Supply Off. Veterans	400.00	0.00	285.00	7
i. SUV CW Gift	250.00	250.00	0.00	8
j. Mileage	1,150.00	1,100.40	1,135.00	9
18. Miscellaneous	250.00	105.00	150.00	10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	<b>\$18,579.59</b>	<b>\$19,350.00</b>	

### BUDGET NOTES

#### 1. Bank Account Contributions:

- a. Proceedings - \$3,250 for transcription and printing of Proceedings (2 years – 2013 & 2014)
- b. Web Site Maintenance - \$900.00 One-time updates for Joomla (Vendor – Worldwide Telenet)

#### 2. Proceedings:

- a. \$3,250 – Transcription of Proceedings (2 years – 2012 & 2015 based upon cost from 2013 & 2014)

#### 3. Scholarship:

- a. Scholarship - \$500.00 standard amount plus \$285.00 (current receipts 8/1-7/31 - \$2,319.64 x 12.5% = \$289.95)

#### 4. Site Committee:

- a. \$700.00 – Increase of \$200 based upon 2017-2018 cost increase

#### 5. Web Page:

- a. \$900.00 One-time updates for Joomla (Vendor – Worldwide Telenet)
- b. \$175.00 Domain names and hosting costs (Vendor – 1&1)
- c. \$720.00 Monthly maintenance - \$60.00x12 months (Vendor – Worldwide Telenet)

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

- a. \$200.00 - which equates to an estimate of four 8976 filings (new Auxiliaries and reinstatement of revoked Auxiliaries)

**7. Supply Officer Veterans Donation:**

- a. \$285.00 (current receipts \$2,319.64 x 12.5%=\$289.95)

**8. SUVCW Donation:**

- a. Eliminate due to increased costs of Site Committee

**9. Mileage:**

- a. President - \$175 – 1,130 miles round trip
- b. Secretary - \$760 – 5,043 miles round trip
- c. Treasurer - \$200 – 1,306 miles round trip

**10. Miscellaneous: (expense)**

- a. Decrease to \$150.00 from \$250.00

PRESIDENT RAMONA: During the long recess, have you looked at the Budget and are there any questions or concerns?

BARBARA INDAN, PNP, PA: I just have a question. It is beautifully written. I was wondering about #6 in the Expenses is Supplies. Could we hear what was spent for \$4,641?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: We have to have stationery, we have to have envelopes, we have to buy those kinds of things, so that would be some of the Supplies that come to my mind immediately. I know that is not going to take care of all of that.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: May I speak? Last Encampment we ordered badges to satisfy the supply for Encampment. That was \$2,000. \$1,800 of that was badges and so forth. The order was not received or produced on time so we didn't have those badges. The Supply Officer took orders and then filled those orders later in the year. That happened after the July 31 deadline, so we had \$1,800 worth of Supplies. The National Supply Officer orders supplies for mailing and so forth, but that is typically covered in a charge that you pay on your order with mailing charges. Additionally, we always buy a Past National President's badge. It is made of pure gold and it costs \$700. Perhaps it would be a better practice to outline that detail for you so that these amounts can be more clearly known. We are talking about \$2,700 for those items. Then after that, we have purchases for promotional items, such as the shirts and so forth. Included as well is the \$500 for the emblem that was approved for the flags. I am glad that you brought it up because that would be something that tells me you are paying attention.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Are there any other concerns or questions? If there are no further questions for clarification, we need a motion.

**MOVED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME**

**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**

**That we accept this wonderful report and put it in our proceedings.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ:**

1. Greetings from Caroline Agosto, National President, LGAR
2. Thank you from the Cathedral of the Pines
3. Letter from PNP Anne Sosnowski regarding PNP Frances Murray's Memorial Service

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Thank you, Sister Secretary. We have completed the Officers Reports except for the financial reports of the Chief of Staff and the Patriotic Instructor. That will come sometime in the afternoon after elections. Remember, elections will be the first order of business when we return from the lunch break.

Is there any unfinished business?

**RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY:** I have nothing listed that was left over that we needed to bring to the floor to re-discuss. If any other Sister here has a better memory than I do, because I admit that I am starting to slip, of any unfinished business that we need to discuss at this point, please feel free to let us know.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Seeing no one, we will continue with Committee Reports.

The Officers Reports Committee, do you have your report ready?

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS**

**National President Sister Ramona Greenwalt:** Your very informative and detailed report lets us know what a very busy and active year you have had representing our Auxiliary. Thank you for the many trips, meetings, and correspondences you have done in the name of our Auxiliary.

**Recommendation #1:** Retire the bell in its case and place in the control of the National Historian. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT OUR BELL IS A TRADITION AT OUR NATIONAL MEETINGS. WE FELT THAT THE BELL COULD BE RESTORED WITH LEMON JUICE & SALT. THE STAND COULD BE SANDED AND SPRAY PAINTED. WHEN PACKING THE BELL IT COULD HAVE BETTER PACKING MATERIALS PLACED AROUND IT. SO THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**  
**That the committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
I know how to restore brass and I also know how to restore wood, so I will do that.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Thank you, Sister Historian.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: We need to explain to the Sisters who are not used to this format of when the Committee does not concur and what that means. There is always confusion on if you are voting for or against.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
When the Committee says they concur, that means they are in agreement with whoever made that recommendation. They go along with it. When they say they do not concur, that means they do not agree with it. If you go along with the Committee, you have to listen whether they concur or not concur, because that is what you are voting on, what they are proposing.

**Recommendation #2:** That one page be placed in the proceedings with a photograph dedicated to the memory of Past National President Frances Murray.  
**THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.**

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY and Barbara Indan, PDP PA**  
**That the committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3:** The National per capita tax be increased to \$25.00 per year. THE INCREASE FROM \$9.00 TO \$25.00 IS TOO GREAT OF AN INCREASE. THE MAJORITY OF OUR SISTERS ARE ON A FIXED INCOME. IT WOULD BE A HEAVY BURDEN FOR OUR ELDERLY SISTERS. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #4:** The expense of printing and mailing *The Auxiliary Voice* be paid by those requesting a hard copy via a subscription the price of which would change according to costs. This year the cost would be \$8.00. In lieu of that, those wanting to know what is in *The Auxiliary Voice* can attend their local Auxiliary meeting where they can hear the Auxiliary secretary read *The Auxiliary Voice*. MANY SISTERS HAVE NO INTERNET ACCESS, SOME ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR GO TO THEIR LIBRARIES. *THE AUXILIARY VOICE* USED TO BE PRINTED 3 TIMES A YEAR, THIS WOULD GREATLY CUT DOWN THE COST OF THE PRINTING IF WE WERE TO RETURN TO A 3 TIMES A YEAR PRINTING INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT 4 TIMES A YEAR. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Here is the thing. If we were to go from four to three, you are not changing the amount that the printing cost is going to be, because you are just off-setting it in a different way. Right now by doing it four times a year, I am able to do a smaller printing, which is actually less money for the number of pages of information that I am required to put in the National newsletter. If I go down from four to three, the newsletter will go from 12 pages, which is 6 back to back pages to potentially 10, 12, 14 that is now going to be back to back because the information still has to be condensed into three instead of four. I am evening out the number so that I can do 6, 8, 8 and then the last one is always a little bit larger because it has all of our National Encampment information. So it is a matter if you want to chunk it in three or if you want to spread it out over four. I can evenly do smaller printings which then costs us less because of the weight of the mailing would then go up because the amount of pages would be more and the printing costs would still be exactly same because we are going to have the same number of pages, just in a larger version instead of being spread out.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: It is not that it can be printed from the website, is it? I tried and I have not been able to do it.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: You can print it off the website. It is a pdf file that I send to Wanda who uploads it to the National website.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: So the Auxiliaries could actually print it. It would be their cost, but it is a lot cheaper versus the mailings.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: For clarification purposes, this recommendation does not discuss going from three to four. I think what we are voting on is the subscription. I understand that the Committee did not concur with the subscription. It has nothing to do with three or four and I totally agree with Sister Rachelle on the cost. I just wanted to clarify what we are voting on and that is that the Committee does not concur with the subscription.

VERONICA MELLOR, MA: The \$8.00 is actually very reasonable in this day and age of prices of everything. The way technology is today, it is actually more convenient to have it online and every Department gets a hard copy. No?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Here is how the newsletter works, ladies. If a Sister has provided me their email on the National roster, it goes electronically to them via email. If the Sister has contacted me or has left the space where their email would be on their application blank or it is blank on their Department roster when it is sent to me, I do not have an accurate email for them so they are sent a mailed copy. Then I proceed to send an electronic file to our Webmaster who also uploads it to our website. It is not that the emailed Sisters have to go to the website to obtain it. I am emailing it out to 433 Sisters via a service that I use which is called MailChimp. On that MailChimp, it sorts the emails and tells me which are good emails and which are bad emails so that I can go back on my roster and say, oh, Wanda's email came back to me, now I need to contact her and see if I have something wrong in her email address. I am always constantly updating that list. Same as when you guys send your updated address changes for your Sisters. If there is a Sister who is on the mailed version on the list and they change their address, I change them in that file. Right now we are actually sending it out in three different ways for our members: a mailed version for those who wish to have it mailed because I have had Sisters who have emails who emailed me back. It says that on the thing that I email you with your newsletter, if you would like to obtain your newsletter via U.S. postal service, please contact me back. I have had about a dozen Sisters contact me back and state that they would prefer to receive it in a hard copy. I simply switch them over and they go to a hard copy. I am allowing the Sisters to have that option even though we voted back in 2012 that the newsletter would only be done in the electronic version.

BARBARA LYNCH, PAP OH: My personal feeling about having it done four times a year which I realize is not the question we are dealing with in increased costs, but it allows information that has been presented to the Editor to be

disseminated to us in a more timely manner so that if there are items or events that we would like to attend or are made aware of, we can do so. Or if someone has done something that is noted in there that would accommodate having a congratulatory letter or postcard or email sent, that could be done. I am not the most technologically advanced person in the world, but I do print it off from the website. It is in pdf and is very easily done and those who have that ability can make photocopies of it and share it with their Auxiliary members. I am presenting that as just suggestions where more people could not have a hard copy sent directly to them but those within their Auxiliary could share their expertise and knowledge in printing it and sharing it with them. Thank you.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY: Look, I get it. This is a big organization and we range in ages from 6 to 102. I am here with my mother. If you mail me something, I am not going to lie, it's going to be on my dining room table until Saturday. I receive most everything electronically. We have a lot of older Sisters that are in nursing homes, limited income, I get it. This is going to come out morbid and I don't mean it to be morbid, but here we go. A lot of these Sisters are getting older and they will eventually, unfortunately, leave this earth. I know this is a tough topic and I have been racking my brain on how to say this as delicately as I can. It just is what it is. I get it. Some Sisters need it in the mail because they just don't have the ability to print. I know some of our Sisters don't have a computer in order to get an email. And to revisit this as often as we can and ask some of those that have an email, would you mind receiving it electronically to help cut costs. I get it, but we have to take the new with the old and just kind of compromise it out if you possibly can. I love every single one of you and you are all different but we need to take that into consideration. Thank you very much.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I know how to use a computer. I do not own one. I can't afford to own one. I live out in the middle of nowhere. It would cost me almost \$30 a month to have the internet attached to my house. I only get \$1,000 a month from Social Security. I have to pay my electric bill; I have to pay insurance bills; you know, the regular bills. Add another \$30 on top of that and then another \$8 for the subscription or whatever you want to call it, I can't afford it. So I want a hard copy.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: After Sister Jackie, there will be no more comments.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: I just have one question for the National Secretary. If you emailed a copy and you say you use a service, do we have to download anything? I am very much against downloading. I did something the other day and it said 'do this and download.' Well, I don't know what I am



downloading. I don't want to touch it with a ten-foot pole. But if I can just open it, I will switch from hard copy to email.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: It is not a download. It is basically a pdf file that is being sent to you via email. You have to click on the file to open the file. Once you have opened the file, you get *The Auxiliary Voice*. The difference is I am completely and 100% sure that eventually, you are going to have a transition to where the number of Sisters that receive a hard copy is going to become less than the number of Sisters that receive it electronically and that is already starting to happen. I can understand where our President was coming from on this because our MALs, our National Membership at Large Sisters, for a long time out of their \$15 per capita that they paid in was basically for a subscription to *The Banner* when we didn't have a newsletter and we were utilizing the Sons *Banner*. We chose to go away from that and just hold their funds for us only, so I understand where she came up with this concept and idea. Now, this being said, I am perfectly happy sending out a letter to those individuals who receive it via hard copy to ask them if they would reconsider getting it via email. Now, I have a few Departments who chose to send me their entire rosters with their emails for every one of their Sisters either not there or blacked out, because they wanted to make a decision for their Department that they receive it only via hard copy. So, I am perfectly happy to spend the next week sending out letters to find out if they want it one way or the other, but I believe that we have to be given a choice. But you all have to be aware that out of that \$9.00 of per capita that we put into the General Fund that we spend, a good chunk of it is your newsletter. It has been a very great tool and I have gotten a ton of feedback from Sisters who don't come to National on the fact that they are loving the newsletter and the information that is contained in it. They feel closer to Sisters in other states than they have ever felt because they are seeing what is going on in Ohio and they are seeing what is going on in Massachusetts because you guys are now sending me information to put in it. It is not just news from the headquarters and our officers. It has feedback from all of us so it is becoming a communal avenue for us to talk about our good works, which is the one thing that is going to help us move forward and keep us growing in a very hard time of retaining what we already have.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: I will call the question after one more statement. You don't need to send me a letter; you may email. Explain to them that when they get it to click on it and it opens and then they can print it from their own computer so it is not a big mystery. Like I said, I was worried about downloads, so that will be good.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The vote is to sustain the Committee and not have a subscription cost.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #5:** A special committee be formed to examine the finances of the National Auxiliary and explore ways to increase our earnings via the stock market. THE STOCK MARKET IS AN EXTREMELY SPECULATIVE VENTURE. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:**  
Sister President, I have a question. When you say stock market, are you referring to stockbrokers and buying stock or are you talking about municipal bonds or are you talking about mutual funding? What are you talking about?

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** In my report, I suggested that we examine our savings. At one time we did own mutual funds and we were doing quite well with those, but that is beside the point. I had said something about perhaps we should try to find someone who will do the trades for us and charge us a limited amount per trade that would listen to our needs and our financial concerns. I am not quoting it exactly but that's the essence of what I said. You could get a financial advisor, but that is going to cost you. My thing was you can have people do the trades for you on a daily basis and they charge only per trade and it is usually very minimal if you get the right person.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:**  
So what you are looking about is somehow financing in the stocks but not stocks themselves. That changes that altogether. It is based on what is written, but we could come up with another proposal after that, but it doesn't have to be all or nothing but it said stock and there's a whole difference. That's why I asked what you meant by that.

**CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC:** If I am understanding this correctly, this is actually just to form a Special Committee to explore the possibility, to investigate it. It is not actually deciding whether we pursue it. It is just to learn about it and find out, so I don't see anything wrong with investigating it.

**MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER:** I agree; that is a good clarification. Currently, the National Treasurer has the responsibility for holding and securing funds. They can also, with the permission of the President, explore

investments and other instruments, so there is already that responsibility. To form another committee sounds good, but getting people to work voluntarily to come up with recommendations for us seems to be challenging, at best. I just wanted to say that it is very difficult in this day and age, and we are talking about other matters that we want to move forward with, but organizations are having difficulty with committees and getting results. That's all I wanted to say.

### **MOTION FAILED**

**Recommendation #6:** Increase the amount of the gift given in memory of the G.A.R. to \$500. WE ARE PART OF THE "GAR" AND A VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: What was it and while I am at it, what was the next one that we are increasing?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The GAR was \$350.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Where is it going and what is it for?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The Patriotic Instructor, because they raise the money, is given the opportunity to spend that money in the city in which we hold our Encampment in memory of the GAR to keep alive the memory of the GAR. That is the purpose of that and those funds come from the Patriotic Instructor. She picks where it is to be spent.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #7:** Increase the amount of the President's Scholarship to \$1,000. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Susan Mertz, DP PA**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: First of all, I want to know how much is it now and the second question is where is this money coming from?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Currently last year we had \$900 targeted for the President to disperse in scholarship funds. We have a fixed \$500 that was raised a couple of years back from \$400 to \$500 and then additional monies based on the receipts of the Supply Officer not to exceed \$500. So we had \$400 added to the \$500 that could be dispersed by the President for scholarship money. So in total, the maximum as we currently have voted by the membership would be \$1,000 based on that criteria. So if we are going to increase the fixed amount of \$500 to \$1,000, it would be \$1,000 plus the ruling of the Supply Officer in her receipts to 12.5% of her receipts if it does not exceed \$500 is also added to the scholarship. Where does the money come from? The supplies that I just spoke of and the scholarship money are categorized each of these under whether it is patriotic or operational or so forth but in terms of the budget that we just passed we have money coming in and money going out so the \$500 is already allocated. For this year's budget, we have \$785 for next year's scholarship for the President to disperse.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sister Mary, for clarification, so right now it is at \$500 with additional money that can be based on money earned coming from supplies, which also means if supplies are not making income, then it stays at \$500 where now if we vote on it to be \$1,000 straight across the board if supplies don't do well one year, we're in the negative, correct?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: No. The complexities of what we voted on in terms of the supplies, is that the receipts multiplied by 12.5% and is not to exceed \$500 is added to the \$500 base amount. What we are going for here is \$1,000. We may be modifying this motion to change that to a flat amount, eliminating that supply bonus, if that is what you should choose, otherwise, we still have a vote as a standing order of a couple of years back for the supplies bonus. So you need to clarify for which you are speaking of Sister President - the \$1,000.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Mary, the fixed amount of \$500, where does that money come from; I think that was the question. Am I correct?

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: As you can see in the budget, it doesn't say where the money comes from, it says we bring in money and we spend money. That's what it says, so we are bringing in \$19,000 next year and we are going to spend \$19,000. None of it is specifically stated as to

where it is coming from. I have a spreadsheet that I do target each of these items so I can tell you what percentage is operating cost, what percentage is patriotic spending, what percentage is another few categories which are printing, and so forth. I am not prepared to speak to that right now extemporaneously; however, I would be happy to get that answer for you at a time when I can give you an accurate response.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** So, we are at a fixed amount of \$500 and this asks for a fixed amount of \$1,000. If the Supply Officer meets a certain goal, then 12.5% of that will then go into the scholarship. This is strictly about the fixed amount and not the other contingent with the Supply Officer.

**MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER:** Unless you change it by amending your motion.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** It has been submitted the way it was submitted and the Committee has acted on that particular recommendation, so we will go with whatever the Committee dealt with.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #8:** Requisitions requiring the Secretary's signature and the National President's approval be reinstated. The Secretary is to receive a copy of the bill as well as the National Treasurer. To facilitate the process, we can use one of two systems, scanning the paperwork and forwarding it to the next party or using Dropbox. **THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE REINSTATING OF REQUISITIONS IS A VERY GOOD IDEA. IT GIVES A PERMANENT ACCOUNTING OF WHAT TRANSPIRES FINANCIALLY WITH OUR ORDER – A DEFINITE COPY IS TO BE SENT TO THE TREASURER, SO THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED; HOWEVER, WE HAVE A QUESTION AS TO WHY THERE IS NO ROOM IN OUR CURRENT DROPBOX.**

**RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY:** Because currently we are using a free version of Dropbox; we are not paying for a subscription and it only has 2 gigabytes of room that is available. What I have in there as the National Secretary, the National Supply Officer, the National President, the National Treasurer, the National Webmaster, and proceedings, I have completely filled that. The free version of that subscription was actually signed up for my Department and it wasn't a National Order free subscription. We can pay for a service that is \$99 a year as a subscription and then it goes up to 1 terabyte. I will never fill 1 terabyte. It is possible, but I don't foresee it in my lifetime. It was why it is in my recommendation, but I didn't know where we wanted to go if we wanted to do an external hard drive or Dropbox.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So is the Committee saying that you agree to allow the National Organization to pick one of the two methods? So just for clarification, are you authorizing, then, to pay \$99 a year?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: No, that is in another recommendation.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: But it says forwarding or use the Dropbox.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Right, but the Dropbox issue comes in the National Secretary's recommendations.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So I think I want to make sure that you are not authorizing the \$99.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH, COUNCIL #1: In the past, it has been a practice, and I have seen a new National President do this, to sign multiple requisitions and pass them to the Secretary. Perhaps with this Dropbox and scanning, this might not be necessary, but I think that people should be aware that if the Secretary goes home with 25 signed requisitions, we have just about eliminated the National President.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I have two points. One is that if we are using software, whether it is free or subscribed, it should be under the name of the organization and not a Department. The National Secretary doing business for the National Organization should be under the National Organization, so if we need to get another free version for the National Organization, that might be the best way to proceed. If it is going to cost us money to subscribe, then we should know that, but that is the cost of electronic work going forward. It isn't free. I, as Treasurer, employed the Quicken software which they have trials and subscriptions as well. So, we shouldn't be mixing our personal business with National Organization business. Second, I think we use Dropbox and we have signatures that are being housed electronically and passed back and forth and there are those that are not comfortable having their signatures out on the world wide web or on an electronic form. So now we are asking to store signatures of our Organization in electronic form in some cloud somewhere that has the potential to be hacked. We heard the word hacked. We

don't want to be reactive versus proactive in terms of how we are securing our information and the business that we are conducting, so I am in favor of the requisitions if that is what the body would want to do. If the body would want to return to the practice, that is one question, but to return and modify the practice at this juncture becomes very complicated.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Denise, would you preside for a moment, please?

I would like to respond to what Past National President Sister Cynthia said and I am aware and, when I was Director of the Budget at one point, in that meeting I saw the National Secretary and the National President and a book of requisitions and the National President signed a group of blank requisitions. That was the wrong thing to do and I don't know how many years it was done. I only know I saw it once. It is not the way that it should have been done because the point of the requisitions is to provide checks and balances. That is about all I have on that. Because it was done doesn't make it right, I guess.

On the scanning and forwarding and the Dropbox, if you don't want to use Dropbox, I guess you can scan, but the point being, it is a check and balance. If we go back to snail mail, then that is terribly slow and that is all I have to say on that.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: When I became National President, I did not sign a book of requisitions, I did one at a time when they were necessary.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I concur with your practice.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sister Anne, being head of the Committee, I actually see this as two parts. One is asking for requisitions to be reinstated. The second part, which is the boondoggle here, is the how, the two methods.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Well then, we concur with the requisitions and I will find out from my Committee what we think of the other. (*Committee conferred*) Ok, our Committee felt that we do not agree with the Dropbox method but it could be scanned to the personal email of that particular officer.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ok, now, the problem is, I asked for two, but before we can do that, we already had a second. We can't rescind it because it is on the floor, so it has to be voted on yea or nay. If it is a nay, then we can go back to the National President to put it in a two-part form, then you agree. Does everybody follow? So what we are

going to do is there's going to be a vote. If it is a yea, it stands as is. If it is a nay, then we can go back and bring it in two parts, Ok?

CINDY EDDY, DP CA&PAC: The way I read this is the second half of it, I agree with it being in two different sections. It seems to me that it is sort of a suggestion – to facilitate the process one of two methods can be used, which is also the same as may be used, which means that you may not do it; you can still drop it in the U.S. postal service. I think it would be up to the President, Secretary, and Treasurer what works best and what the timeliness of it may need to be. I think it is up to the body to decide whether or not that process is something that needs to be determined or if that is left up to the officers that are dealing with it at the time.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: In order to make changes, this one has to be voted down.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: The question has already been called, so what we have to do if there is going to be any changes to come up with a new recommendation, until that time the question is on the floor, it was already seconded so it either gets voted in or voted down. Voting it down allows us to go forward and make changes.

## **MOTION FAILED**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I agree that you may break this into two separate issues.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Issue #1 is that yes, we do agree with doing the requisitions.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: So let me state what you are saying. You concur with the requisitions requiring the National Secretary's signature and the National President's signature be reinstated with the Secretary receiving a copy of the bill as well as the National Treasurer.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Correct.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**



ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: For the second part of this, we would like the word Dropbox taken out of this, that it can only be scanned to someone or mailed by the U.S. mail.

DISCUSSION:

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: To facilitate the process, scanning and forwarding shall be used.

HOPE PARKER, PDP, NY: Does everybody understand the wording? If you use the words can be used, it is the same as saying may be used and it is a suggestion, not a requirement.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The change is not only limiting the method, it is also changing some of the language.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: Could we have the exact wording from your Committee please, Anne?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Yes, Jackie said it.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: To facilitate the process, scanning and forwarding shall be used.

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained as it was read.**

DISCUSSION:

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ladies, when something is put up and somebody says they sustain the Committee, there has to be a second in order for there to be any discussion.

BARBARA INDAN, PDP PA: I agree with Cynthia because if a signature is required, in this day and age, whether you are buying a house or a call, signatures can be obtained in many various forms, so I don't even think we need to discuss how it signed as long as you get a signature, whether it be electronic, whether it be snail mail, whether I come over to your house tomorrow and sign it. We don't have to discuss the method of the signature, is that correct? We have a signature on a requisition, can't we move on?

MANY: Yes.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I again agree with Sister Barbara on this, but we really do need to protect our signatures, and as we go on and explore how we are moving and approving these requisitions that we do state how that process is to occur. We are reinstating a process that has been there for how many years. Why do we need to modify it? If you want to bring it back, let's bring it back but let's not make changes along the way until we know that which we have brought back works.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: I just felt that scanning and forwarding is like sending an email. The signature is going like you are sending an email. Don't say that people don't send their signatures electronically to buy a house because my son and his wife both signed for \$440,000 house electronically over the internet.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: It is encrypted and they are using special software. There are protections and controls that you need to employ to start using electronic signatures and confidential information.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The Parliamentarian has just suggested that I tell you that it is up to the officers and let them decide.

I will rescind the second part and we will go back to the part that we have.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ok, now the Committee approves wholeheartedly.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: So, what has happened is requisitions requiring the National Secretary's signature and the National President's signature be reinstated with the Secretary receiving a copy of the bill as well as the National Treasurer. That is what you agreed to. The other part is stricken.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #9:** The online application blank provide space for documentation of the applicant's lineage. APPLICATIONS ONLINE AND HANDWRITTEN REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE THE SAME. IF DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF LINEAGE IS HARD TO FIND – THE AUXILIARY SHOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION WHERE THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR – ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE IDENTICAL.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP PA**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

## DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Vice President, would you please preside for just a moment.

The reason that I made this recommendation is someone can put out anything. I can check to see, and I did as Vice President, if that person existed, if they served, so on and so forth. But there is no way to ascertain that the person that is telling you that they are a great-granddaughter, great-great-granddaughter, or a great-great-niece. There is no way to ascertain that they actually have that lineage, that they are connected to that person because you don't get anything else with that. If you have people who have been married, some of them change their name and some of them don't. It makes it very difficult.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Then are you asking that we revise the whole application?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: As long as you want all applications to match, then yes, but what I simply was asking was for the online.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Well, I think they should match.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I concur with that.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: You have got a motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I'm sorry. Ok. Thank you, Sister National Vice President.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I have a problem with scanning documents. Some birth certificates are this big and some are this big. You said supply with an online application. If you want the document online, everything is not 8 ½ x 11. I think there will be technical difficulties with this.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Perhaps the word should not have been documentation. Yes, there should be documentation. I am so and so; this is my mother; this is my father. You give us what we need to go check, to go through the records and check.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: Do you mean like one of my relatives is John G. Yaten of New Hampshire and I have his New Hampshire Volunteers information. Do you mean that type of information, just the words?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That is already required. What I am saying is, tell me how you are related to that person. I am the great-granddaughter, this was my grandmother or grandfather, and this is my parent and this is how I am related.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: I think that is going to be starting to get really hard at this point. For me, it isn't, because I do happen to know my parents and I do know my mother and father, but you get back three, four, five, six generations and unless those people do genealogy, they are not even going to know who their great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather was.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: That is what the Committee said, that the Auxiliary will help them find this information.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I am sorry, I am already lost.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Your recommendation was that the online blank provide space for documentation for the applicant's lineage and the Committee said that we didn't concur because we felt that all applications should be the same and if they need help with lineage, the Auxiliary could help.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I have one question on this. If you want documentation, why don't we have like a registrar type of thing? You are asking documentation and I would not want to put my documentation on any website on an application. I am a member of another group and we do have to have documentation, but it is not on a website so I don't understand why you want to have that online application with that documentation on the website.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: When you are dealing with someone that you do not know...

SUSAN FALLON, WI: I understand that part; I know that there's a lot of people that lie in the world, but I, myself, if I was a new person looking into an organization and I would have to put my family history on someplace, I would not want to do that. You have got to think of that. You are going to be scaring people away because they are not going to want to put documentation on something like that because they do not know our Organization, either.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: If they are applying to join us, they should know us.

SUSAN FALLON, WI: A lot of people apply to an organization and they don't know as much until they get into it.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Ok, thank you. Sister Amy, and this will be the last person.

AMY MILLER, PDP OH: As somebody that works with applications, I work at a college, and I get online applications five to ten a day. Let's say that they put that they are attending another college or high school. We don't admit the student based on what they have told us. They still have to send that documentation but we can accept them into our college. So we send them a letter when we get their application saying thank you for this, you still need to provide us more information before we can make our decision to accept you. They could send that information electronically to the National Vice President; they could mail it to the National Vice President, whatever the person that's applying to our Organization feels comfortable doing. But I think having that information at the first, at the application point maybe isn't quite necessary, but we do need something else from them that shows that they are eligible for our Organization.

MANY: Please re-read.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: The recommendation by Sister Ramona was that the blank application online provide space for documentation of lineage but we, as the Committee, felt that all applications should be identical, so we did not concur.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #10:** Local Auxiliaries re-institute the use of investigating committees for prospective members with the investigating committees making their report to the Auxiliary upon the official form. **MOST AUXILIARIES STILL PRACTICE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.**

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP PA**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: If any Sister has aspirations on becoming the National President, please remember that you will have four event obligations: Remembrance Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Lincoln's Death Day, and the real Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. As National President, your words whether written or said and your actions reflect on all our Auxiliary members. Your most important job is peace and harmony within the

Auxiliary and any dealings with the Allied Orders, especially our Sons. I can personally attest to how much fun it is to hang out with a Son!

**National Vice President Sister Denise Oman:** Your gentleness and peacefulness are evident in all the tasks you undertake. We wish this for you as you take the helm for another year.

**Recommendation #1:** The ASUVCW Organization is a non-profit with a federal tax status of a 501(c)(4), bound by the laws of the state of Ohio, where we have our National Charter, along with the U.S. tax code in conjunction with generally accepted accounting principles which supersede the CR&R and therefore must be considered in all aspects of conducting the business of the corporation. Failure to do so may result in actions being taken, including fines and penalties and even the revocation of our non-profit status. In plain English, our books must be transparent to the federal and state of Ohio inspections. Established accounting principles, we have most of them – we just need to do a little bit more, includes the use of requisitions to prove legitimate records accounting; therefore, I recommend the return of the use of requisitions for compliance to the federal and state laws of Ohio tax laws. This includes all monies and property. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THIS WAS ALREADY VOTED ON IN THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Clarification. The first one from the President said only National. This one is straight across the board.

**ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Oh. So I am assuming that we concur.

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** You need to make sure that your poll your people, please.

**ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Yes, we did.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Ellen Higgins, NJ**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Are you saying that you changed it? I am trying to make sure that it was heard that you changed to be straight across the board.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** That the combining of the six New England Departments into one Department be discussed with an attorney of Ohio knowledgeable of legal ramifications for non-profit status. It needs to be researched. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORM THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW ENGLAND SINCE THE MAIN CONCERN IS KEEPING THE MEMBERS THEY HAVE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A LAWYER. DID THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE REQUIRE A LAWYER WHEN COMBINING ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS? THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: I don't want that they have to go to a lawyer first. I just wanted them to have the guidance of a lawyer to make sure that everything was in order so that they don't run into problems up there. That is all I am looking at is that they seek advice and I don't know what a merger would do as far as the non-profit status.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ok, but did the Department of Chesapeake have to get a lawyer?

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: I don't have knowledge of that. I am just looking forward to having a good smoothly running committee.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: The Department of Chesapeake did not merge. The Department of Chesapeake changed their name. The exact same boundaries that they had in the Auxiliaries that were contained within did not change in any way. So the Department that the Sons was is Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia. They have the exact same perimeter on the map of what they oversee. They just changed their name so that instead of having a whole bunch of entities, they made it the Department of the Chesapeake, which included all of that. It is similar in California & Pacific. We are called California & Pacific which includes Nevada, so our Nevada Brothers a lot of times feel left out because they are not part of the name. So what Chesapeake did is they made a more concise name and did a name change versus a consolidation.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I am confused on the motion. Are we voting for a lawyer to be employed or are we voting... What are we voting for in terms of the legal aspect here after her clarification?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: I guess for any ramifications against the 501(c)(4).

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: We want to say that the National President formed a committee to investigate this very matter not on behalf of New England but on behalf of the Organization. This committee, which was formed of three members, was charged to investigate, come up with policy and recommendation. That did not happen, so here we are deciding on something we gave a committee a whole year to work on and got no results. I just want to put that on record that that is the case.

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: I do know, only because I have been in contact, not on this specific subject, with the Attorney General from the Department of Ohio. I can tell you that if we get an attorney to do this, that he will go by the rules and regulations of the National Auxiliary which says that he also has to look at the C&R of the Sons or their bylaws. If they do not cover the subject and it says that they go into the GAR bylaws or C&R, whichever you call it, he will do the same thing.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Well, Sister, who pays for this lawyer?

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: Well, whoever asks for the attorney to check into that.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH: Do I understand that motion to read to engage an attorney from Ohio? I don't understand why because we are from New England why we couldn't have an attorney from New England liaised with Ohio to make sure we are Ok.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The Organization is chartered in and by the State of Ohio; therefore, Ohio laws apply. If you want to contact an attorney in New England to then work with an attorney in the State of Ohio, then you have two attorney fees.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH: I don't see the need of an attorney in Ohio. If our New England attorney liaised with the Attorney General of Ohio, we don't need an extra attorney in there.



PRESIDENT RAMONA: Well, that's a possibility. The thing you need to know is your attorney, whomever it may be from wherever, has to know the law in Ohio concerning non-profit fraternal organizations.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I am just not clear. In the different Departments, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, etc., because I am on the Recommendations Committee we have addressed this issue through the Departments on our Committee for the recommendation. I am assuming this recommendation coming from the Vice President is just have an attorney review, is that correct? You are not endorsing the formation of the Department, you are endorsing that she wants an attorney to look at it.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Denise, and you will be the last one.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: My thought was to have someone from Ohio look at it. I really don't care if the attorney lives in Ohio or we maybe we can get one of our Brothers that is an attorney or judge that they can look into and speak to the attorney in Ohio. I just wanted to make sure that we can set it up correctly and therefore follow our 501(c)(4) without jeopardizing losing anything for the new Department. I just wanted to help them along. I was just looking for legal help for getting this done correctly.

## MOTION CARRIED

**Recommendation #3:** That the position of a mediator be established to hear complaints of two members prior to the use of the Discipline Hearing Council. This person must be knowledgeable of mediation techniques and the CR&R. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AS OUR GOVERNING BODY IS ALREADY A MEDIATOR, SO WE DID CONCUR WITH THAT.

UNKNOWN: That didn't make sense.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Please read it again.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: *Recommendation was read again.* WE OF THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS OUR GOVERNING BODY AND AS SUCH THEY ARE ALREADY THE MEDIATORS, SO WE DID CONCUR. WE WANT THE NATIONAL TO BE THE MEDIATOR. WE DON'T HAVE TO GET ANYBODY ELSE.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So you don't concur.

UNKNOWN: Please read again.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: *Recommendation was read again.* SO WE, AS THE COMMITTEE, ALREADY FELT THAT THE MEDIATORS SHOULD AND ARE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SO IF THAT IS THE THING THEN WE DIDN'T CONCUR.

UNKNOWN: That makes sense.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sister Anne, before anyone makes a motion or seconds, I am going to say that I don't think you understand that the request is that one person sits down with the two people prior to it going to Council for charges.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Then we did concur. You are getting me all mixed up!

PRESIDENT RAMONA: You need to poll your Committee that you are going to concur with the establishment of a mediator as an additional section in the Disciplinary Policy before filing charges.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: WE CONCUR WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDIATOR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Last year the Disciplinary Hearing Council Report made a recommendation and I can read that recommendation because it was published in our *Auxiliary Voice*, that before the commencement of formal charges between Sisters and Sisters wishing to file charges, shall commit in writing the charges and specifications for mediation. I further read that it says recommendation passed. This went to the CR&R Committee so that it could be incorporated into the CR&R. Now, if this is not correct, we are publishing in our *Auxiliary Voice* summaries of our work here incorrectly. So, I am just saying that we are voting on something that was already brought up last year and according to this document, indicates it passed. Without going back to the tapes and listening to the tapes or having the tapes transcribed, we do not know for sure.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: You are asking for a position to be created as a mediator? Thank you. It will coincide with that then.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: From what I understood, that says that we will have a committee that does that. I am asking for a position where a person would be assigned to do the mediation.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY: I think it would be, as much as I think it is a great idea, I think it would be extremely difficult to have one person as the mediator because if you have this as an office, what if the mediator's in trouble? Do you know what I mean? Do you understand what I am saying? What happens if the mediator is personally involved? What if charges are brought against me and my mother is the mediator? That isn't going to work. (*laughter*) It isn't funny, though, and it is important to understand that if you make this an office, it's a permanent office. It's a tough decision to make and I understand that we should consider mediation but I don't think an office would be proper just because if that one person is personally involved in the family or whatever, how is that going to be fair? Does that make sense?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: What it would be is somebody appointed at whatever level involved and it would have to be somebody that's impartial. It is not making an office. It is saying that there is a mediator that listens first, that tries to solve the problem prior to charges. It is an extra step, but sometimes sitting down with people...

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY: NO! That is what I am trying to say, though. I think it is a wonderful idea, but I think if you made it a permanent position...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, no. You are not assigning somebody to a permanent position. It is based on the individuals being willing to meet with somebody that they feel safe with, so it would be appointed for that event. It is the event charged.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Denise and that is it because we are short on time.

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: Yes, it would be an appointed position for that single event. It is not someone that the President would name day one. It is as needed.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: What is the difference between that and the thing that was voted in the last convention?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: The event could happen but it didn't say who assigns the mediator, so it is assigning a mediator.

SEVERAL: Who assigns it?

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY: It is just a bit ambiguous and it just needs a bit more definition. It is too ambiguous. Great idea but we need a little bit more definition.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: It says the Disciplinary Hearing Council Report. Recommendation #1: That the following changes to the CR&R be considered, Article IV, Section 4, to read: Before the commencement of the formal charges between Sisters, the Sister wishing to file charges shall submit in writing the charge and specifications for mediation...blabity blab blab blab blab blab blab. Recommendation passed.

I am just saying that the way I read this, we have already voted on mediation. Am I reading it incorrectly?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: We agreed to have mediation. What we are looking for now is for somebody to be able to appoint a mediator.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I apologize. We have in our CR&R that the Rules of Order are followed by what we have in our Constitution and then a guide to the Sons and further, the rules of Roberts Rules of Order...

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: That is very well true; however, how do we go about getting a mediator is what was brought up on the floor. It doesn't appear. How do we go about getting a mediator to settle a problem where both parties feel safe being able to work things out? We are asking that we get a...

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I want to say that I am not going to solve this problem, sorry I have lots of suggestions and lots of thoughts; however, we have a three-person Council who is presented with these charges and has to go by the CR&R and at that point, the charges have been submitted; however, if you go to Roberts Rules of Order, in place of that, they indicate that you would go to an investigation committee to see if these charges are worth pursuing. We do not have such an investigating committee. We have the Council, so whether the Council would employ investigation or not would be good practice. That could serve as a mediation because it is a vote coming.

However, in terms of a mediator, if we are going to have one or we are not going to have one and then we have to talk about how.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Well, that's it. It was to appoint a mediator to try and deal with it prior to it going up to National.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Mediation needs someone to run it.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Right, so let's vote on getting being able to have a mediator.

CONNIE HORNING, MI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Michigan is still reeling from problems that we had with a Sister resigning before someone could approach her and help mediate because of a misunderstanding that happened. Having a mediator to be able to sit down between two people to help them understand each other and help them understand what could happen if they resign before they have a chance to have their problems worked out. That's what was discussed last year and we don't want it to happen to anyone else's Auxiliary because it could happen again. So let's try to nip this in the bud.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Connie, that's it.

CONNIE HORNING, MI, NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: That is why I would like to see something established like this so we don't have this problem again. Thank you.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #4:** That a mentor be assigned to first-time attendees to explain proceedings, rituals, and questions. This also includes inclusion in social events. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED BUT WE FELT THAT IF THE FIRST TIME ATTENDEE COMES WITHOUT AN AUXILIARY OR DEPARTMENT, THEN THIS PERSON COULD BE ASSIGNED TO THEM.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Bev Graham, PDP CA&PAC**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #5:** That all Junior Members and new adult members be recognized at the opening ceremonies at each National Encampment. THE

COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING TO THESE SISTERS.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #6:** The National President be allowed to purchase small remembrances for the Junior and new members, not to exceed \$25 total. This is an addition to the President's budget. THE COMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #7:** That new application information be sent to the National Vice President and National Secretary, but the fee goes directly to the National Treasurer because we are using more stamps just getting it around. POSTPONED UNTIL WE GET TO NATIONAL SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION AND COMBINE IT.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I will allow that.

I am going to ask the Chaplain to attend the Altar. Before she does that, I will remind you that the first order of business when we return will be Election of Officers. Please be here before the doors are closed. Bring your membership card so that you are legitimately in here and it will make life easier for the Guards. I will remind you of the time, which is 1:00. So please, please do not be late and I will promise not to be late like last year.

*The Chaplain attended the Altar for the lunch recess, 11:50 a.m.*

**FOURTH SESSION**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018**  
**1:01 p.m.**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The Auxiliary will come to order. Sister Chaplain, you will open the Bible.

Sister Guards, we are going to begin the election. No one may come into the room or exit the room until we are finished with the elections.

I will tell you that someone has an alarm set and they couldn't get it off their phone, so at 1:05, you will hear an alarm go off. (*laughter*)

We will have the credential check. Would all of you please stand?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: As I read your names, please have a seat. (*Credential cards read.*) We have 49 voting delegates.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The floor is open for nominations for the office of National President.

### **National President**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: I nominate Denise Bernadine Oman for National President. She has served as National President but felt that she could do more, so she is willing to take a second term. Unfortunately, she was not able to fulfill the National meeting last year because of the passing of our father. She will work very hard, as she has done in the past for our Order. I can't think of a better person. SECONDED by Elise Oman, PDP WI

### **National Vice President**

JACQUELINE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: It is my distinct pleasure and honor to put in nomination for Vice President a Sister from the Department of Massachusetts, MaryCatherine Knight. She joined L.A. Tiffit Auxiliary #9 in 2001. She was first elected Auxiliary President in 2006 and is currently Auxiliary President, the Department of Massachusetts in 2009 and 2010 and then reelected in 2017 and 2018. As you all can see, she sits in the National Patriotic Instructor's seat today. She is qualified and she a husband and two sons, and has been involved in community work in her own state. She actually has a son who just received his Eagle Scout. I think he was notified today if I was informed correctly, so I highly recommend her to you. SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DP CHSPK: I nominate Ramona Greenwalt for Vice President. As you can tell, she is wholeheartedly and absolutely qualified for the position of Vice President. She has brought us clarity and just a lot of truth, even though it may not be welcome sometimes, but truthful and really thought-through aspects to our Organization. I highly endorse and recommend her. SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI

*Tellers are Barbara Lynch, OH; Carol Jutte, MAL;  
and Cynthia McReynolds, TN.*

*After balloting, MaryCatherine Knight was declared Vice President.*

### **Council #1**

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH: It gives me the greatest of pleasure to nominate for Council #1, the seat I have occupied this year, my Sister from Michigan, Vicki Weiss. I am proud to put her name in contention. SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: I would like to place the name of Sister Ramona Greenwalt, our soon-to-be Past National President from the Department of Ohio as your Council Member #1.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I am sorry. I do not want or wish to run against Sister Vicki.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI: I would like to nominate Linda Brown from Wisconsin for that position. She is a hard worker. SECONDED by Susan Fallon, WI

*After balloting, Linda Brown was declared Council #1.*

### **Council #2**

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: The Department of California & Pacific would be very, very honored to put the name of Beverly Graham for the Council seat of #2. I, personally, cannot say enough about my mentor and my Sister and my adopted mother, who has wisdom and has shown me through this Organization for many, many years and sets me on the right path every single day. She is fair and just when it comes to things I ask her and I think that she would be amazing for this Organization. SECONDED by Cindy Eddy, PDP CA&PAC

### **Council #3**

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME: Sister National President and all members, I would like to nominate Sister Barbara Indan, who is a Past Department President from Pennsylvania. She and I have always been under Margaret Atkinson's guide, so we know lots of rules and regulations of the Order and she is always there to help us out. Barbara will do an excellent job and she will do it with that wonderful sense of humor. SECONDED by Susan Mertz, DP PA

### **Patriotic Instructor**

LINDA BROWN, PDP WI: I nominate Susan Fallon for Patriotic Instructor. SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY



### **Chaplain**

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: Sister National President, our Department President has served in this position once before. She is an ordained minister. She does an excellent and I would like to present the name of Sister Wanda Langdon to serve as our National Chaplain again. SECONDED by Barbara Lynch, AP OH for Chaplain.

JUNE LLOYD, DP MI: Sister President, I would like to nominate Vicki Weiss from Jackson, Michigan. She has been a counselor to me and very supportive of my job that I have done this year. She would be well qualified also. SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME

*After balloting, Wanda Langdon was declared Chaplain.*

### **Historian**

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I would be so pleased to nominate our current Historian, Past National President Danielle Michaels, to continue in that wonderful job. You are doing a fabulous job and then you still have the boxes. SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME and the entire Wisconsin Department

### **Supply Officer**

AMY MILLER, PDP OH: I would like to nominate Judy Morgan for the office of National Supply Officer. SECONDED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH: I have a question about the Supply Officer. I would like to know if this is a continuation of the ongoing term or a new term.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: This is a continuation. She is going to fulfill the term ending in 2021.

### **Press Correspondent**

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I would place upon the floor the name of Hope Parker. She is a Past Department President from New York, my daughter. She was a brat growing up, but she has grown out of that now! (*laughter*) SECONDED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY and Jackie Johnston, PNP NH

### **MAL Coordinator**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: This next one is kind of a ticklish situation because there is a recommendation of taking the MAL officer off. So if we do that election, there is the potential that that person be told, "Thank you for holding the name of the office for a minute or two." What we are going to do is see if there is anybody that is out there that

would be nominated with the understanding that that position may be eliminated before the end of the meeting. We have to run it through because that's we have it right now, but I want you to understand whoever you put up, they might not be doing anything.

HOPE PARKER, PDP NY: I would like to nominate Past National President Virginia Twist for the MAL Coordinator position. SECONDED by Gloria Fisher, PDP NY

PRESIDENT RAMONA: My Counselor tells me that I haven't missed anyone else; therefore, the elections are over.

Sister Secretary, will you cast the ballots, please.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I cast the ballot for the upcoming term of 2018-2019 Officers for the National Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Currently there is no, that I am aware of...office of the Treasurer is...I am not sure of the appointment. Is there someone sitting as the Treasurer?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Yes, Sister Amy Miller, interim.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Interim Treasurer?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Yes, Ma'am.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Thank you. There is in the CR&R a concession that we may require a Parliamentarian to look at, that if an officer is removed, she can run for that very same position at the Encampment and be nominated. So we wanted to know if we could have the Parliamentarian help understand whether that means removed based on suspension or removed based on a trial and a hearing determination. If we would want to read that language, I would be happy to read it.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Sister President, just an observation. When I walked into the meeting room when we started and opened the Bible yesterday, I questioned why the seat of the Treasurer was vacant. Well, I heard several different stories and, with all due respect, I understand as President and the Council there are privileges; however, there's lots of misunderstanding, rumors, whatever you want to call it, I don't know the understanding. I was wondering if we could get from your chair a clarification as to why that seat is vacant and what is going on. I understand from our current Treasurer, because that is my understanding,

she is the current Treasurer, that there are questions out there and I, as a member, I haven't spoken to the Treasurer as to the details. I haven't asked anybody for details. I just hear things going around and I think the assembly here gathered should have a right to know some of the things that are going on without giving away the rights of a President and her privileges of running this Organization.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

I will address that, please. Out of respect for the Sisters, there needs to be a mediation before accusations or talk of actions are smeared across the board. I respect these women. Yes, there are questions we all want answered, but the questions not answered, I do realize, lead to rumors because of a lack of talk. It's a matter of timing. It's not a matter of a removal. It was a suspension until the findings. I am not on that board and because it is a suspension and not a removal, I don't see this apply. It hurts my heart that things come up like this. We are trying to grow and you can't do that at a National event when we bring baggage and things like that to the National Order. Out of respect, I ask that this hold true. Remember we just put in disciplinary actions and there will be a lot of bumps in the road because we don't have all the bases covered. The honest truth is we don't have all the bases covered and we should doing stuff beforehand. There should have been mediation, but unfortunately for those Sisters, it's a growing, agonizing thing on the Organization itself. We are trying to do the things for the Order; make sure that the Sisters are treated fairly and it is not going to happen overnight. So I am begging for you to put this aside and let the National proceedings happen. The more we muddy the waters, the more division there is going to be because we shouldn't be picking sides. We shouldn't be dividing the Organization. There needs to be some kind of compromise here. Sister, did you want anything?

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** I wasn't asking for specifics. I was just asking for clarification as to why the seat was vacant. I believe the assembly has a right to know why that seat is vacant, not the particulars, but what happened. Was it her choice to be removed? Did she step down? Were there health reasons? Who made that seat vacant of the Treasurer of the National Organization and the reason. Not the specifics, but why is that seat vacant?

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

This hurts us all. Unfortunately, there is a disagreement of officers and because of that, there were actions taken following the disciplinary rule. That is all I can say to protect our Sisters. Anything further is going to muddy the waters. If, unfortunately, you know we have to pick from the Sisters that we know and work with dearly and they have to make some decisions. anything else will create more rumors. So that is all I can say. I'm sorry.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I am, personally, not going to take sides. I was going to have faith in the system. I am going to have faith in the system that our National officers and their committees and the appointments they make to make a decision will be the best one and will be in the interest of all. I was just asking for a little clarification and I trust in the system. I trust in this Organization. I trust that the right decision will be made. What I am gathering from you is the unfortunate timing of the situation.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
Yes, ma'am.

GLORIA FISHER, PDP NY: My question is a little bit different. If there is a suspension, she is still the current Treasurer because she is only suspended. Who is doing the job in the interim? What is happening?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
I cannot answer any more questions on that. Sister Mary, is there anything you want to address? Otherwise, I am going to ask you to...

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Thank you for taking the time to look at that rule. I was stating that removal from office... I hear you saying that it is not the same as being suspended. I would hope that the CR&R Committee takes some consideration to make some definition around some of our language in the CR&R because I feel that there is conflict in just that section alone as to the meaning of the word removal. It is used multiple times in that section and if your definition is not suspended, then it's not completely clear as to what that would mean.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
Sister Mary, the word suspension is used prior to final findings. Once we have a final finding, then that other term is used.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Not in that section. The word removal is used multiple times in that section.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
Again, I said we are in the infancy of having that and you know, we need more words. We need some kinder words in there and some considerations so let us hope that the actions go through. I know it is rough and anybody walking through that will find it stressful, but the bottom line is, let our Auxiliary follow through.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So, I'm sorry, I just want to ask, are you saying that suspension and the removal from office are two different things.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, ma'am. Suspension is not permanent. It is a step away.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So I have not been removed from office?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, ma'am.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Thank you. That is all.

CYNTHIA BROWN, PNP NH: As you all know, I am Mary's mother so therefore I am biased. However, after having heard the report that she wrote and the work that she has done, I would like to erase from everybody's mind in this room any thoughts of malfeasance.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sister, you are breaking my heart, but I can't...I can't. If you were in my shoes... We have to let the people in charge have free, clear minds to make sound decisions. That is all I am asking. *(Someone suggested that a prayer was needed.)* I agree. We need solace, cool heads, kind hearts.

*Prayer was offered by the National Chaplain.*

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Anne, would you like to continue your report?

I'm sorry. I forgot to tell the Guards that they can allow people to go in and out of the room now.

***Report of Committee on Officers Reports continues from the Morning Session.***

**National Council:** You have provided many decisions as our governing body. We thank you for your impartiality in rendering these decisions. Your auditing of our financial records and your task of replacing National Officers not able to complete their year proves invaluable to the workings of our Order.

No recommendations.

**National Secretary Sister Rachelle Campbell, PNP:** You have had many jobs placed upon your capable shoulders. We feel you have been over-extended this

year. Your position as National Secretary requires so much of your time and effort. We thank you for your efficiency in your many tasks.

***Recommendation #1: Removed as unnecessary.***

**Recommendation #2:** That the position of National Membership at Large (NMAL) Coordinator be eliminated and that the duties and responsibilities of the office be assigned to the National Secretary. At one time the NMAL was very large, but it has been steadily declining as new Auxiliaries open and Sisters are transferred to local Auxiliaries that can serve them better. Current membership in the NMAL stands at only fourteen (14) members. It does not make sense to have a separate National Officer for such a small number, the duties of which can easily be taken up by the National Secretary. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**

**SECONDED by Ellen Higgins, NJ**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: When we are speaking of the duties, are we speaking of the money that goes along with this particular office and the funds that already exist, which are not part of our operating funds.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: I would believe so, yes, if she is the MAL Coordinator, then she should be the financial person of that also.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Are you saying still have a MAL Coordinator or are we saying that the Secretary will now take care of those members?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: We are saying that the Secretary will now take care of those members.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: And the Secretary will take care of the funds that go along with that?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: My thought process when I put this out and we actually had a long discussion when I was writing this at my kitchen table was what to do with the funds. My thought and my idea were that as the National Secretary I would handle the portion that deals with the membership letters to get renewals, sending out the membership

cards, and doing the per capita report. The part of the checks that come to me from membership is the same as receiving a per capita check from the Departments. I will then send the check to the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer could either choose to have a separate account for the MAL as we currently do, or we could disband and close the checking account with an extra EIN number and just have a sub line item in our budget for the funds that are set aside for the National Membership at Large. That was my thought process because it is getting to be such a small number of Sisters that we are maintaining and handling and the goal would eventually to eliminate that altogether with those 15 Sisters and being able to allocate them within areas of the United States where they could be closer to an Auxiliary where they potentially might be able to participate.

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, COUNCIL #2: I am sure of our National Secretary's capabilities. She already wears a couple of very, very large hats. And I understand the financial needs; however, Members at Large, I feel, need even more time and attention than Sisters who are already in Auxiliaries. It is more than just handling dollars that get passed around. It's communicating with them; it's making sure that they are mentored and understand what the Auxiliary is; it is making sure that they feel welcomed and it is bringing them along in our Order so that they understand what it means to find an Auxiliary they can plug into. We are not going to get rid of 15 people at one time; that's going to be a process over time. So in the meantime, we need someone who has the time to spend time taking care of those people. That's my personal opinion.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #3:** That an increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) be made to the current charter application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). The current fee does not cover the cost to produce a charter. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

## **DISCUSSION:**

SUSAN MERTZ, DP PA: I noticed when we installed our last group in Pennsylvania that the charter is not a standard and to have to get it custom framed is very expensive. When we are having charters made, could they be made in a standardized size and would that be less expensive than having an odd-sized piece of paper?

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I am being told that it is what we have always used for the size and I know this one was designed by Cher Petrovic. That's the best I can tell you.

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: If we are still using the charters that were designed by Cher Petrovic during my year, they were designed to fit a 16x20 frame and there was no problem with it. I am wondering if that particular Auxiliary got an old charter because Cher specifically did that.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: The file that I have is 16x20 and that is what I take to the printer. I am using the file that Cher cleaned up off of the old artwork and has provided it in an electronic version so we can have it printed today.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: And 16x20 is a standard size, correct? (*The answer was "Yes."*) Thank you.

## MOTION CARRIED

**Recommendation #4:** That the National Organization either pay for an increase in the size of the online storage on Dropbox or invest in an external hard drive to archive files currently on Dropbox. The Space provided free by Dropbox is currently full. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE PROCEEDINGS, ETC. THAT ARE CAUSING THE DROPBOX TO BE FILLED COULD NOT BE PUT ON A THUMB DRIVE AS AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE IS EXTREMELY HEAVY AND BULKY TO CARRY AROUND. COULDN'T THE EXCESS FILES BE PUT ON A THUMB DRIVE?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: As I continue to take old data and transfer it into an electronic format, we would need so many thumb drives that it would ultimately be higher than what it would cost us for an annual subscription for the Dropbox of \$99 for one terabyte. Then on top of this, you are running the risk of the next National Secretary having to go through multiple thumb drives to find a file and/or a thumb drive could get lost.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: But Sister, didn't you say that it was your personal Dropbox?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Here's the thing. The person who opened the Dropbox for my Department was not me. It was the previous National Secretary. She opened it for our Department Encampment. She has since moved all the Department files and all the information out of



that when I told her we were coming up on the maximum. Right now I cannot move files in and out of the Dropbox because it is full and that is just with the National Auxiliary's information. I have already pulled three files that I would like to have in there into another place on my computer right now as I am scanning applications for the National Organization that I am finding. Whatever media storage we want to use, and I threw out hard drive only because I have an extra hard drive sitting at home, but after I was talking last night with another Sister who is very knowledgeable when it comes to storing data like this, an external hard drive can be corrupted and then I would lose everything and all of the data that I have spent years digitizing for us.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Is the Dropbox a secure thing?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Yes, it is. You have to be welcomed as a member to enter it. If we were to do this and set it up, we would set up for the National Organization with the ultimate permissions to it being the National President and National Secretary as the primaries to it and then from there you welcome other members to open their files and their folders. I have opened it up so that Judy Morgan can access her folder for proceedings, to go in and out, and move materials around that she needs. Ramona has access to all of the files. The National Treasurer has access to the folder that she has, along with myself and the National President. So there are multiple tiers of whom you can have access to all of the folders.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: So, you are actually asking us now to vote for the fee to go with a new Dropbox?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Here's the thing. I didn't know what the fee was to go up to the one terabyte coming into this Encampment. I had not researched it yet. I just wanted to go to something larger. After spending some time with Danielle Vance, who is very knowledgeable in this area, she has let me know that it is \$99 because she has just personally gotten one for another organization that she belongs to.

DANIELLE VANCE, DS CHESPK: I happen to have Dropbox and have been using it for several years. It has a number of encryption systems to allow the tiers that Sister Rachelle has spoken to. The tier that I believe will fit us is the \$99 annually which is one terabyte of information. It is more information than we can possibly use, I think. The nice thing about the Dropbox is that because it is stored in the cloud and it is backed up by the company, we are not going to run the risk of losing files being accidentally left on somebody's computer. We are not going to run the risk of losing files through somebody losing a hard drive. The external

drives can fail and you can either pay a lot of money to recover the data or you just consider it lost. Thumb drives, once you move things to and from several times, they also become locked and you can no longer store information on them so that is not a valid way to do that. Dropbox does have a monthly fee for that, but you would pay more annually if you went that route, so you are better off to pay the annual fee at \$99. They have an even higher one, which I think is five terabytes, but that is corporate and it is per user, so that adds more cost.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Before Danielle spoke, I stood up and I was going to support Sister Rachelle's request to pay the annual fee for the additional Dropbox. I have used it for many, many years. I support it. The one thing that I have found is that photographs take up a tremendous amount of space. So I suggest that although one terabyte is very large, I would suggest that when users are established for everybody that the users try to avoid photographs. When I got near the end of my free space, I went in and moved all my photos to a thumb drive and I got space cleared out. I am still on free and I have been there for like, forever, and I have lots of files on there.

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH: I want to quickly address what Danielle said. I have my entire real estate business in Dropbox plus everything I do and there are hundreds of thousands of photos there. I have the \$99 one and there is no problem. There is plenty of space left. As Webmaster, Rachelle and I have been sharing information to me that way for the proceedings and general orders so I can upload those, too. It is fast, simple, and sure. As she said, she only shares documents with someone who needs to.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: So, going on the \$99, we already have \$400 budgeted for Secretarial expenses, which should allow something like this. We are eliminating mailing so I would think that the \$99 could certainly come from the existing \$400 allocation for secretarial expenses.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: After these explanations, THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ**  
**SECONDED by Wanda Langdon, PDP OH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**National Treasurer Sister Mary Flynn:** The Committee would like to thank you for your meticulous attention to detail and your excellent monthly reports sent out to the National Officers. Your dedication to our Order is evident in all

the tasks you undertake for our Order. Your invaluable help to our Maine Sisters to be IRS compliant is another example of your dedication to our Order.

No recommendations

**National Patriotic Instructor Sister MaryCatherine Knight:** Your preliminary report tells us how diligent you have been in promoting patriotic works and raising money for our Order. We look forward to the rest of your report. Your interest in the welfare of female vets is very commendable.

No recommendations.

**National Chaplain Sister Connie Horning:** Your encouragement, prayers, and cards have been a wonderful comfort to all of our Sisters. We thank you for your excellent participation in the Memorial Service and your prayerful guidance during our sessions.

No recommendations.

**National Press Correspondent Sister Rosemary Martin:** We thank you for your exhaustive research and the printed material you provided. We feel that your suggestions should be kept as a guide for any Sisters needing clarification with these matters.

No recommendations.

**National Webmaster Sister Wanda Langdon:** We understand it is not always easy to follow in another's footsteps. We thank you for all your efforts in keeping our Sisters informed via the web.

**Recommendation #1:** That we move the National website to a WordPress platform, which means a redesign of the site. This is a platform that is easier to use. At this point in time, there are very few people in our Organization who can manage a site designed in Joomla, as our current one is. **WE DO NOT CONCUR AS THIS NEW RECOMMENDATION OF A DIFFERENT FORMAT IS TOO EXPENSIVE.**

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** I would like to pose a question to Sister Wanda. The website was hacked. How much difficulty did you have finding a company that still worked with that format?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: I had a great deal of difficulty finding one. I had one that I knew of because of my genealogy site, so I talked to them. I tried to find other companies to get quotes from and I was finally able to get one additional quote and really didn't find any others to get quotes from. It was very difficult.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Is this WordPress more readily found if something happens and you need to get someone to fix it?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: Yes, very much so. I would like to expound a little. I have had several questions that the Sisters have been asking me. One of them I mentioned is about the design. For instance, we want to add more information, more tabs. In the current design across the top, and I am sure most of you have looked at it, we have five tabs, I believe, going across the top. We cannot put any more there because there is not enough space. Down at the bottom, we have four different categories that we have tabs on. You can't really add additional categories under there. In addition, with all the money set aside in the budget to repair what we currently have, that has to be done if we keep the Joomla. Repairs have got to be made. My recommendation was rather than use that \$1,855 to repair the Joomla site, we use that money. So it really wouldn't cost us any additional money.

VERONICA MELLOR, PDP MA: What would it cost us annually to keep up the Joomla versus the WordPress?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: The web hosting fee is the same. The fee that we are paying right now is \$119 annually. That would not change. It does not matter which platform it is designed in; the cost is the same for it to be hosted.

VERONICA MELLOR, PDP MA: Updating, security measures, all that comes with an older, obsolete basically...

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: WordPress would be much cheaper.

VERONICA MELLOR, PDP MA: So we are talking a difference of maybe \$100 versus \$2,000 a year upkeep, just to put a new one on.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I think you are summarizing it correctly. Remember, I am technology challenged.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: The matter of the budget came up and I compared it. It was \$900 for the updates of the Joomla. \$720, which was the 12-month monthly fee of \$60. So the question is if we would go to this new WordPress platform, would we still need the monthly maintenance of \$60 to maintain that or is it maintenance free?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: We would not need that monthly maintenance fee. I am guessing \$1,000 for a redesign and we would keep it with something that looks similar but yet has the additional flexibility to add more pages, more tabs, etc. I was just using that whole amount that is in the budget of \$1,875 as leeway there for us. I don't think it will cost that much. I am guessing \$1,000 and there is no monthly maintenance fee.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: But there are no updates required for this platform?

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH, WEBMASTER: I would never say never because technology changes all the time. At the moment there is no monthly maintenance fee.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: Sister President, it sounds like we didn't know an awful lot and I would like to withdraw my motion and change it to say we do not concur with the Committee so they don't have to change theirs. It sounds like it will be less expensive in the long run and if it's less expensive, we certainly don't want to be paying \$720 a year if we don't have to pay anything for a while.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME, COMMITTEE CHAIR: SISTER PRESIDENT, I CONFERRED WITH MY COMMITTEE AND WE CHANGED OUR MINDS. **WE NOW CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION.**

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Now, since you changed your mind, do you withdraw your motion and do you withdraw your second?

**MOTION WAS RESCINDED**

**MOVED by Virginia Twist**

**SECONDED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**National Personal Aide Sister Judy Morgan:** Your navigation and your command of time and place have been a great asset to the National President, Sister Ramona. Your cheerfulness and attention to detail have aided the National

President throughout her travels. It is a good thing that you did not take one of the cats from my house, else we would have sent the cavalry out!  
No recommendations.

**National Chief of Staff Sister Cindy Hilliard:** Your preliminary was very informative and your grace and handling of the “roast” of Sister Ramona commendable! We thank you for all your fundraising efforts on behalf of our Order and look forward to the rest of your report.

**National Historian Sister Danielle Michaels PNP:** We thank you for the wonderful report on how our Victorian ancestors were patriotic. Your sharing of articles in *The Auxiliary Voice* was both entertaining and informative.  
Congratulations, Grandma!  
No recommendations.

**National Counselor Sister Nancy Greenwalt Hilton PNP:** Your advice and wisdom are invaluable to the National President. We thank you for your knowledge of the CR&R and your dedication to the written work of our Order.  
No recommendations.

Gentle plea: in the future, could the Chair of this Committee receive the Officers recommendations prior to the National Encampment, making it easier for the Committee to complete their task in a timely manner.

Officers, please remember to give actual hard copies for your various reports. It is too difficult to be playing with your phone at 1:00 a.m!

Sister National President Ramona, we thank you for the honor to serve on this Committee.

Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME  
Judy Trepanier, PNP CT  
Linda Brown, PDP WI

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Sister Wanda, you did go through this and mark what was Policy and what was Practice in your Technology and Communications Report? Ok, you will do that on the website so everyone will know? Thank you very much; I wanted to clear that up before we went any further.

The incoming Council will take care of this issue and then it will be done.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS** **Committee on Female Veterans**

**Recommendation #1:** Due to the current issues our female veterans face, I recommend we keep the website information I have provided on our National website.

**Recommendation #2:** I recommend the National President appoint a veteran liaison that can stay current with veteran's affairs. This would have to be a change to our Constitution, Rules and Regulations since it would be a new appointed position. WE HAVE ASKED THAT THE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS BE COMBINED AND THE COMMITTEE CONCURS AND SUGGESTS THAT THE NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT BE THE ONE TO APPOINT THE LIAISON THAT WAS REQUESTED.

**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**  
**SECONDED by June Lloyd, DP MI**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Committee on Social Media Policies and Guidelines**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: If you remember yesterday, Sister Wanda Langdon got up and started to read a three-page report. Our National President, in the middle of that, asked her to please group this information and tell us which ones were policies and which ones would be guidelines. Sister Wanda did do this. She has given me a copy of the report and has outlined which ones are policy and guidelines. THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT THESE THINGS BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS AND THAT THE POLICY BE HIGHLIGHTED SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND THEM.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: OK, that one I made a ruling on because we said that the New Council will look at it and check the guidelines, to check the procedures and make a ruling on it rather than take it item by item.

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: We thank you for the verification on it.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I would just like to see two separate documents that are posted on the website, not highlighting one or the other, so that Sisters know that this is stuff they have to follow and this is stuff that is suggested that they follow. They are two separate total documents.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Ok, Council can try to remember that. Thank you.

### **Committee on Rituals**

1. Page 5, #8: Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action "is" taken. ("of" changed to "is")
2. Page 27: President: ... "on" behalf of this Auxiliary... ("in" changed to

“on”)

3. Page 31: Guide: I have the pleasure to present Miss (or Mrs.)\_\_\_\_, who has been duly elected to become “a” member of this Auxiliary. (“a” added)
4. Page 42: ...without ceremony, “or” if much time has elapsed... (“of” changed to “or”)
5. Page 43: Chaplain: ...solemn obligation she has just taken “at” this altar... (“at” added)
6. Page 47: In the description - They will then continue to Past President’s station... (take out “is” and add “s”)
7. Page 54: In the description, bottom of page – Guide will advance “to” Altar... (“at” changed to “to”)
8. Page 59 regarding the National Washington D.C. Representative. It was voted at the National in 2016 to eliminate this position.

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: As you remember, she asked those of you that were present to get your Rituals out and she went through all the changes that she felt necessary in the Ritual. I am sure that some of you got them all, some of you did not, but I am safe in saying 700 people sitting at home that belong to the Organization did not get these changes. WE WOULD LIKE THESE CHANGES PUT ON THE WEBSITE, THAT THE SISTERS BE MADE AWARE OF THEM AND MAKE THE CHANGES IN THEIR OWN RITUALS.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I am going to add to that. Besides this posting on the website for the Sisters who can electronically see there were changes to the Ritual, there is a very small number of changes that they found and I will include those changes and the page numbers in the next newsletter.

### **Assistant Secretary for Proceedings Completion**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: The Committee asks that a rising vote of thanks be given to Sister Judy Morgan for her endless volunteer hours to complete this task. We also have a second request with this rising vote of thanks. THE COMMITTEE SUGGEST THAT PRIOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE GOTTEN PROCEEDINGS READY FOR PRINT HAVE BEEN PAID TO DO THIS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT AN HONORARY THANK YOU, FOR THE LACK OF A WORD THAT I CANNOT COME UP WITH RIGHT NOW, OF A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP BE GIVEN TO SISTER JUDY MORGAN FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS THAT SHE HAS EXTENDED TO THESE PROCEEDINGS.



**MOVED by Nancy Hilton, PNP OH**

**SECONDED by Bev Graham, PDP CA&PAC and Veronica Mellor, PDP MA**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH, COMMITTEE CHAIR: *(In response to a question)*  
There is not a cost if we give her a membership. That was the word I used.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: Back when Jane Graham was National President, the same recommendation was made for Cher Petrovic, that we give her a life membership because of her efforts with artwork, etc. That was not voted in because at the time the argument was that we would not be giving out life memberships for these kinds of volunteer efforts. This is a volunteer Organization and we are all volunteers, so if we begin the practice of rewarding our members for these volunteer efforts, that we would step into a practice going forward where we would have to determine what level of volunteer warranted such an award. I am only giving you the information of that knowledge and as I understand it. I am not giving it to you in a way that is for or against the motion.

JUDY MORGAN, PNS OH, ASST SECRETARY FOR PROCEEDINGS

COMPLETION: I agree with Mary. I remember that we wanted to give one to Cher. I certainly appreciate the thought, but I would have to refuse.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Ladies, at least a round of applause, please. *(so done)*

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: I have done that job once. The second time I never got the stuff transcribed and I believe it was Sister Judy that did it for me. I wondered, we did get paid for transcribing. Is this any different than giving her payment that we all received prior to when they stopped it? I think I got \$100 or something like for doing the proceedings. I just wondered, if that's the case, then giving her a life membership is a whole lot cheaper than giving her \$100 for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 proceedings. I am just wondering if that's not a fair way.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That's a very good observation.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: Well, I know what it's like and they are horrible! *(laughter)*

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I think we eliminated honorariums, so if you are suggesting that we implement a new honorarium. I am not sure that we are giving gifts out, but that might be a recommendation.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: It is moot, at this point, as Sister Judy said that she will not accept it. I completely understand Sister Jackie's position, totally. I have seen Sister Judy doing the work in the car, in the hotel rooms, at my home, anytime she has a spare minute, but in this position I can't say or do anything except say I understand.

We are very, very short on time. We have got to move on because we have got to have all business conducted and finished prior to Installation. It is already after 3:30.

### **Committee on Charitable Activities**

JANE GRAHAM, PNP OH: The Committee would like to thank Sister Rebecca Black for the fine report that she gave and to thank all the members of this Organization that have made this good Charitable Activities Report as good as it was.

Sister President, we thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Jane Graham, PNP OH, Chair

Vicki Weiss, PDP MI

Joyce Norman, PDP CT

## **COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

### **Department of the Chesapeake**

**Recommendation #1:** Removal of the current text in the ASUVCW National Constitution, Rules and Regulations (CR&Rs) of Chapter I Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article I Formation and Disbandment, Section 2: The name of an Associate cannot be placed on the Charter. **THE COMMITTEE CONCURS TO STRIKE THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE I, SECTION 2. THE RESULT WOULD BE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CAN BE LISTED ON A CHARTER.**

**MOVED by Barb Indan, PDP PA**

**SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME**

**That the committee be sustained.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: This is just to say that they are signers but does that mean that they are part of the count for making up a new Auxiliary?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I don't know. All I know is what is written here. My understanding is that they want an Associate to be listed on the charter.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: But what we are going to be voting is that yes, they can sign, but they are still not part of the count.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DP CHSPK: I would like to address that. The intent was yes, not only would they be part of the charter but yes, they would be part of the count.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: The problem with that is with the Associates, we do not allow more Associates than those that have lineage, so we would run into that number. How are you going to monitor that? You could start a whole Auxiliary with just Associates.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DP CHSPK: I think in our CR&R's we have it as two-thirds.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, two-thirds for membership. I am just bringing that up that you must realize that you must have two-thirds of your signatures at least that have lineage.

ROSEMARY MARTIN, DP CHSPK: As long as you stay within the CR&R about the two-thirds, then we are safe. So yes, we monitor that to make sure that we have the minimum number of five people and at least three with lineage. As long as you have that, then yes, they would be part of the charter.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation #2:** Formation of a Committee to evaluate alignment with the SUVCW National Constitution and Regulations (C&R's) forms, documents, identification, and corresponding awards. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**  
**SECONDED by Cindy Eddy, DP CA&PAC**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont**

**Joint Recommendation:** That the six (6) New England states Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont merge

together into one to be called the Department of New England. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE IDEA BUT RESERVES FINAL DECISION UNTIL CORPORATE ATTORNEY REVIEWS. WE HAVE TWO CONCERNS: LOSS OF PREVIOUSLY EARNED RIGHTS SUCH AS PDP AND VOTING RIGHTS AND DISPERSEMENT OF ASSETS.

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**  
**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

DISCUSSION:

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: Are you saying that we have to hire high-priced lawyers to figure this out or what is that last part?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: No, we are not saying that the group of Departments have to hire an attorney. What we would like you to do is consult with a corporate attorney. We believe there are resources out there of attorneys within the Allied Orders that could advise us on this. If, in fact, it needs to be an attorney's process of paperwork, then that would be the responsibility of those forming that Department. The Committee believes preliminary work can be done. This is a formation of a new Department and there are lots of questions, mainly the status of their rank and voting privileges.

JACKIE JOHNSTON, PNP NH: We are very concerned about that ourselves because we do feel that all Past Department Presidents should still retain the rank of PDP. With the funds, we discussed this thoroughly. We figured we would take "x" amount from each Department and combine it to start. We didn't want to take everything away from everybody and send it to someplace central which doesn't have anything to do with us. So we do have those concerns, too.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: We believe that there are concerns with this formation of this new Department. There might be others. It was suggested earlier today that perhaps they need to look at our bylaws, the Sons' bylaws, and we have the State of Ohio that we are incorporated under. There are just concerns and I believe there are resources within the Allied Orders to help you with the conversation to begin to formulate this. The actual granting of this new Department, I think, should be reserved until next year until all questions are answered. And what happens to the assets? There's more than money assets, I would assume, that those Departments have.

MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER: I appreciate the Committee's work on that. I think that is a sound recommendation; however, I

am a visual person. I would want to know what are the next steps. Are we to make these consultations this year and then what happens next year? Is there going to be another year to decide and another year to decide? I just would want a concrete plan as to what we need to do to answer this question so we can check it off. We have done everything we can within a timeline. This has already been two years that we have been talking about this. I am afraid that we don't have five more years.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sister, what we are saying is that we seek legal counsel. From the comments from the legal counsel, if it is very simple. It's presented; it's a done deal. But what we are doing is this a cautionary to make sure the funds still stay with the membership.

**MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER:** You said "we." Who is "we?"

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** It is going to be up to the next set of officers to come up with that. You are expecting the Council to be able to move on this. Hey, you have got the job to appoint somebody to look into that.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** What do you do now when a new Department is formed or a new Auxiliary is formed? There's an investigating committee; there are preliminary meetings to have the election of officers; there are procedures that need to be in place before they are granted a charter. These all need to be written down and given to the National President so she can make a decision.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** New bylaws need to be created. Like you say with that, is it just something that we can go back into our past and call Divisions? Do you know about Divisions? Before Departments, they had sections, so is this something that we can glean from the past and it is already set in motion? There is going to have to be a research. To answer your question, we can't go any faster until we get a response.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** The six Departments that are interested in forming it should have some type of organizational meeting to decide things, to decide what is going to happen. Write them down and send them as a package to the National President.

**MARY FLYNN, PDP NH, NATIONAL TREASURER:** We have already done that.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: The committee was forwarded all the information and the committee failed to take any action, for which I have no control. Therefore, we are in this holding pattern. I want to talk and I am not allowed to talk, so call in the question because we have got to settle this. This vote will help us settle it.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Maine and New Hampshire**

**Recommendation #1:** Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, Article IX – Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans and shall be effective when favorable acted upon and ratified by not less than ten (10) Departments proclaimed in General Orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution. The recommendation is to change “not less than ten (10) Departments” to read “not less than a simple majority of the number of existing Departments.” THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN YEARS PAST IT WAS STATED THAT LARGER DEPARTMENTS COULD OVERPOWER SMALLER DEPARTMENTS.

**MOVED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**  
**SECONDED by Barbara Indan, PDP PA**  
**That the Committee be sustained.**

## **DISCUSSION:**

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Ladies, just to make you aware, if we do not change this verbiage to make a change here, we are coming up at just ten Departments. If we lose any more Departments, we will not be able to make any changes to our CR&Rs, because we will not have the required number that is specified in our CR&Rs. If all of those Departments consolidate, now you are losing all of those individual little pieces and rolling them into one collective. So we have to be very careful that we don't get ourselves into a predicament where we can't make changes because we have run out of the numbers. We are giving ourselves an opening to this by not specifying an exact amount.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Sister Denise, would you please preside? Thank you. Instead of worrying about specific numbers and a lack of sufficient amount, there is no reason we cannot insert 60% or two-thirds. Our Senate used to work on 60% approval and we could go on. In other things that we have in here, it is two-thirds. If we set up a percentage or a fraction of the number of Departments, we do not need to come back and revisit this again. It will be settled. Thank you.

VIRGINIA TWIST, PNP NY: I think two-thirds would be better than just a simple majority. I think we need to have that little extra added.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I believe that we have to work on the current here and now. No disrespect to the six states, but supposed that the formation of the Department of New England doesn't go through. I think we have to vote on what is current now. If the Department of New England does go through, we know we lose six and gain 1, then we revisit this. But right now we have 15 Departments.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: This came from New Hampshire, right?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: It came from Maine and New Hampshire.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ok, the two Departments must agree if it is the word "simply" or "two-thirds," whichever you want to use for us to vote on. Caucus, please.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: If I may, I will re-read this: "not less than a simple majority of the number of existing Departments." So in other words, if there were 10 Departments, you would need six. If there were 12, you would need seven and so forth. The way it is here, it is the pleasure of the assembly to agree with it or not, with what is written here.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: And you did not concur with that.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: In our meeting yesterday, we did not concur.

## **MOTION FAILED**

### **Ohio**

**Recommendation #1:** That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to read that the Department Presidents shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Auxiliaries until such time as they become compliant in paying mandated fees and submitting paperwork needed by the National Organization. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OF ARREARS OF ONE YEAR OR MORE.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: My Parliamentarian is saying that you can't do that. DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: It was brought to the floor... I mean you could make the recommendation that maybe we should do this and that, but you can't change what the Department ruled. If the Department is willing to make the changes as you would like, then

we can vote on it. Until that time, either you sustain what is written or not with the recommendation of whatever.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So Sister Parliamentarian, how do I proceed? I appreciate your help. Thank you.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: This was brought up by Ohio, so, what did you wish for Ohio? What was their change?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: We didn't change it because that was part of their "whereas" and we just combined it all into one statement because it was in two separate statements.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, but you said a year. That's what you added, correct? So, Ohio has to add that if they see fit and then in agreeance with you and then we can work on it. Because this could be, gee, they are one second over the deadline, you know? I agree that time is important, but Ohio has to make that correction.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: My name is on the bottom of this. First of all, it was done with both National and Department listed as one recommendation, if you read your packets. Not divided. Secondly, there had been a recommendation brought in that we want to become in compliance and try to work as the Sons do. If you don't turn your paperwork in the Sons, they don't give you a year to make up the difference. I agree wholeheartedly. They don't play. Maybe if we did that, we wouldn't have Auxiliaries and Departments that go two, three, five years without paying per capita tax.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ok, but there has to be a time.

WANDA LANGDON, DP OH: We would like to amend that to read "in arrears of 90 days, effective immediately."

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Ok, Sisters, so it is what is written with a time limit of 90 days for the Auxiliary and Department to be in arrears.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Sister Danielle, I appreciate your parliamentary procedures in helping me out. Before I proceed with whatever my Committee says, it has been brought to my attention in the Regulations section of our CR&R that Chapter I, Article 1, Section 4 reads "An Auxiliary in arrears for per capita



tax for one year can have its charter revoked by the Department President. In the case of Auxiliary where there is no Department, by the National President.” In consultation with Ohio, they want to change the word “can” to “shall.”

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
That’s not what we are working on, Ma’am.

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: We are not trying to revoke the charter, suspend the charter.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
This means that they could not function. They could not have a Department meeting. They cannot have a meeting. They cannot go to a National.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Ok, thank you for correcting me. So the recommendations for Ohio reads:

**Recommendation #1:** The Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to read “that the National President shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Departments and Auxiliaries until such time as they have become compliant with any mandated fees and submitting paperwork...”

NANCY HILTON, PNP OH: No, that is not how it is worded.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: No, one paragraph here...

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I thought you said it is all one.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: It is all one recommendation; however, in that, one speaks to the power of the National President and the other paragraph speaks to the power of the Department President. I lumped them together.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: May I try this again.

**Recommendation #1:** That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to read that the National President shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Departments and that Department Presidents shall have the power to suspend the Charters of Auxiliaries until such time as they become compliant in paying mandated fees and submitting paperwork needed by the National Organization if they are 90 days in arrears. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**  
**SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME**

**That the Committee not be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recommendation #2:** That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to restrict National Elected Officers to holding no more than one elected National Office and one appointed National Office. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND THIS BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CLARIFICATION. WE FOUND OUT THAT IN THEIR WHEREAS'S AND IN THEIR RECOMMENDATION THAT RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE AND ELECTED TO AN OFFICE BE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**

**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** Now, to address the grammar: "Whereas the Auxiliary has had an unwritten rule that National Officers could hold one elected office and one appointed office at the same time; therefore, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to restrict National Elected Officers to holding no more than one elected National Office and one appointed National Office." If you already have an office, you are not allowed to run for a second elected office, but you may hold an elected office and an appointed office.

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** Yes, you may hold them, but in their "whereas" in their explanation, they said "running."

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** That's the problem, the word running?

**ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ:** Yes, we thought that you could run for as many offices as you want until you finally get elected...

**PRESIDENT RAMONA:** No, if you are already an elected National officer, you cannot put your name up or run for a second elected position of another elected officer.

**DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Let's put it this way. Let's do an example. I am the Historian. I cannot run for Chaplain, but I could be appointed a Counselor. So, that is what they are saying. You can hold no more than two, and they can't be two elected offices. In other words, I can't be Council #1, #2 and #3 because I ran.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Ok, let's go back to the recent one. We had an elected National officer running for a second National elected office. Wasn't that already in the CR&R that they couldn't do that?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
No. What we are dealing with is the unwritten rules. Ok, we are trying to clarify what's been done in the past. So, it reads you could hold two offices as long as one is elected and the other would be appointed.

### *CHATTER*

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: I conferred with the Committee and the Committee would like to change their concurrence.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:  
So you concur with Ohio's recommendation of one elected office and one appointed office?

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Yes

### **MOTION RESCINDED**

**Recommendation #2 – Re-read:** That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be changed to restrict National elected officers to holding no more than one elected National office and one appointed National office. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS.

**MOVED by Rosemary Martin, DP CHSPK**

**SECONDED by Hope Parker, PDP NY**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Wisconsin**

**Recommendation #1:** In case accommodations, services and rooms cannot be agreed upon with the Site Committee, the National President has the option to seek other accommodations. The Auxiliary shall not sign a group liability contract with the Hotel. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR AS IT IS TOO BROAD.

**MOVED by Barbara Indan, PDP PA**

**SECONDED by Virginia Twist, PNP NY**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**DISCUSSION:**

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Let me explain quickly because we are all getting tired. This is only in case we can't get appropriate accommodations at the hotels. If we can't work with the Site Committee and the Site Committee can't work with us, this is giving the National President the ability to be able to get a hotel that will work with us. We have talked about signing a group liability contract. There's a lot of hotels that don't require it and to say that we are going to sign for \$80,000 based on what the guys are promising the hotels with dinners and whatnot, this is just giving us wiggle room. We can see where the Ladies of the GAR up and quit coming with us just because they said they won't sign a contract like that and a lot of their members are teachers and want to have the meeting earlier. This is giving us a chance to tell the Sons that it is not an all-or-nothing deal. That we can do things on our own if they can't accommodate us. Is anybody following?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME: Sister National Historian, Chapter III National Organization, Article 3 Encampments, Section 1 – The National Encampment shall hold its annual meeting at the same time and place as the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Correct. And this would change it. What happens if they turn around and say that the next Encampment, instead of the money that we pay, they want to bump it up to \$5,000?

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME: Then this article must be changed prior to this decision.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN:

That cannot be changed prior. We have to replace it. If we vote this in, then we vote that out.

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: I

remember a few years ago we made a change to that section, which may not be reflected in the 2010 version of the CR&R. It was due to New York and the issues that they were having whether you were able to have your Encampment at a different time if it was so necessary.

ANNE SOSNOWSKI, PNP ME: Then it all goes back to we don't have the proceedings.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: What this does is it says, if we cannot reach agreement with the Sons on a contract, and you know how long it took me to get it settled this year, as long as that article remains that Sister Anne read, we are stuck. This

will give us the option to say, “No, we will go on our own.” There is no guarantee that we are going to be able to reach an agreement. This just gives us that option. It doesn’t say we have to go. It says we will have that option, that’s all.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: The Committee believes, Sister President, that you did a very fine job in a list of 14, 20, whatever it was, recommendations that will be part of our contract. The Committee felt that the bases were covered in there. You present that contract to them and if they can’t do it, then we don’t sign it. That was addressed in your report.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: Understand, that is an addendum.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Correct, but if they won’t agree to them, then we don’t do it.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: That’s why we want this in here.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: It states in our book as Sister Anne read that we will, no matter what the outcome is of what we vote has to be done, we will meet with the Sons. What we are saying is, if the cost is so high and we are stuck with insurance and all the other things that they threw at us...

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: We read this as saying the Sitting National President for her convention could say walk away.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: That is not, because you have to sign contracts two and three years out.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: So this gives the current President the authorization for a contract that is three years out?

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: Future, yes, because we forced to signed contracts.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: We didn’t read it that way.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I signed for 2020 and they brought it to me in October 2017. I negotiated up until the year 2018. In the future on these contracts, you have 45 days to say Yea or Nay. If you say no, they cut everything out.

ELLEN HIGGINS, NJ: Well, we still believe you did a great job in your addendum and presenting that to them. We felt they would work with you. If the Department of Wisconsin feels that the President and the Site Committee of the Sons can't work together, that is unfortunate.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: It is unfortunate but it could break us financially.

DANIELLE MICHAELS, PNP WI, HISTORIAN AND PARLIAMENTARIAN: One last comment, it is not that we don't believe but what we are saying is if financially we can't, that it gives us a chance to do something else. Otherwise, we would have to either pay or not have a meeting. Call the question.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I am going to have to call the question. It is 4:40. I am sorry, I don't want to call the question, but I have to. We still have installation and this cannot go any longer, I am sorry.

### **MOTION FAILED**

**Recommendation #2:** All veterans that wish to receive a veteran's pin/badge shall submit proof of military service whether she is an active-duty veteran or a retired veteran. This proof shall be either a DD214 form or any official discharge form showing honorable service at the time of discharge from the military. An active-duty service veteran shall submit a copy of her Orders to Duty or a copy of her Military Identification Card. **THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH SENDING THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE CR&R COMMITTEE.**

**MOVED by Jackie Johnston, PNP NH**

**SECONDED by Anne Sosnowski, PNP ME**

**That the Committee be sustained.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Sister President, this concludes our report of the Recommendations Committee. We all thank you for the honor to serve you.

Beverly Graham, PDP CA&PAC  
Susan Mertz, DP PA  
Ellen Higgins, NJ

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I thank you for doing it. (*applause*)

Very, very quickly, we need the money totals for the Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff. We really need to get that into the record.

### NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

I would like to start with “thank you” to all who helped raise money. I did all I could think of to raise money. I sold items at Sister Ramona’s Testimonial and was able to have a table set up at the Remembrance Day Ball at the Eisenhower. I also sold items at our local flea market, at a festival held each year in my hometown, and sold refreshments at a high school spring musical. I also had personal, Auxiliary and Department donations.

In addition to Auxiliary and Department donations, I had the following personal donations:

Ramona Greenwalt, NP OH	\$100.00
Cynthia Brown, PNP NH	25.00
Mary Flynn, PDP NH	25.00
Bonnie Morse, PDP NH	50.00
Judy Morgan, PDP OH	20.00
Viola Smithcors, PDP NJ	10.00
Teresa Doyle, PDP VT	50.00
Wanda Langdon, DP OH	25.00
Becky Black, PAP OH	3.25
Minnie’s Whalers Club	<u>5.00</u>
Total Personal Donations	\$313.25

Total with Department, Auxiliary and Personal Donations: \$2,560.00.

Cindy Hilliard, PDP OH  
National Chief of Staff

CINDY HILLIARD, PDP OH, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF: Without all of you, it would not have been possible to reach my goal. (*applause*) Thank you. I pulled the auction tickets and they are taped to the prizes.

### NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Sister President, the Patriotic Fund raised \$1,369.00. (*applause*) I thank everyone for their donations.

MARYCATHERINE KNIGHT, PDP MA  
National Patriotic Instructor

PRESIDENT RAMONA: We thank you, also, for taking a position knowing what you are going to have to do. Thank you very much.

Sister Denise, would you name your Installing Officer, please?

DENISE OMAN, PDP WI, PRESIDENT-ELECT: Ramona, I want you to install me.

PRESIDENT RAMONA: I’m sorry? You want me?? Oh! (*laughter*) I didn’t realize that!

Sister Secretary, I can't ask the President if everything has been forwarded to National. Would you answer that question?

RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PNP CA&PAC, NATIONAL SECRETARY: Yes, it is a mess all around. *(laughter)*

RAMONA GREENWALT, PNP OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: I will make the following appointments:

Installing Chaplain: Nancy Hilton, PNP OH

Guide: Amy Miller; PDP OH

Assistant Guide: Barbara Lynch, PAP OH

Color Guard #1: Becky Black, DVP OH

I am relieving myself of the command of this National Organization and we will skip taking me over to the Past President's chair because we don't have time.

Sister National Secretary, you will call the names of the officers-elect, who will take a position or be escorted on my left in the order named.

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

President .....	Denise Oman, WI
Vice President.....	MaryCatherine Knight, MA
Council #1 .....	Linda Brown, WI
Council #2 .....	Beverly Graham, CA&PAC
Council #3 .....	Barbara Indan, PA
Chaplain.....	Wanda Langdon, OH
Patriotic Instructor .....	Susan Fallon, WI
Historian .....	Danielle Michaels, WI
Press Correspondent .....	Hope Parker, NY
Supply Officer .....	Judy Morgan, OH
Chief of Staff .....	Connie Horning, MI
Personal Aide.....	Elise Oman, WI
Co-Counselor.....	Danielle Michaels, WI
Co-Counselor.....	Stephen Michaels, SUVCW

RAMONA GREENWALT, PNP OH, INSTALLING OFFICER: Sister National Guide, you will escort to this station the President of the National Organization.

*National President Denise Oman is escorted to clapping from the delegates. Installation proceeded as per Ritual. The National President's badge was pinned on President Denise by PNP Ramona Greenwalt.*



*The Past National President's badge was pinned on  
PNP Ramona Greenwalt by PNP Jane Graham OH.*

DENISE OMAN, PNP WI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT: For the good the order, I would like to say thank you for placing your trust in me...again. So you are really going out on a limb. Due to the fact that a lot of people need to go to dinner tonight and I won't be around all tonight or all tomorrow, I would rather get you dressed properly and real pretty and we will do our good-byes tomorrow.

We have some housekeeping. All sashes need to be left at their placements so that I can have them all packed.

I have an early flight and I would like to meet with Council at 7:30 a.m.

There being no further business to conduct before the Auxiliary, we will proceed to close. Sister Chaplain, will you tend the Altar and ask the Blessing of God to be with us before we part? (*so done*)

PRESIDENT DENISE OMAN: Sisters, as we have completed our business and are about to depart to our party and our homes, let us remember our duty to each other and our Order and conduct ourselves in such a manner that our objects may be seen and appreciated by all persons. This meeting is now officially closed.

**The 132<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment closed at 5:17 p.m.**

## **TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT NOT READ DURING ENCAMPMENT**

### **SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

Online social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest, Flickr, Linked-In, and YouTube have made it possible for virtually anyone with Internet access to create and be part of virtual communities where people can discuss our Order, share events, memories, and other items of information.

The use of social media to connect with others interested in Civil War history can be a very positive experience. But the creation and maintenance of these accounts require forethought, care, and responsibility. For that reason, the ASUVCW has developed this policy to help you navigate the use of social media channels.

It is important to remember that all social media channels are, by nature, designed to be social, that is, shared with members of the public. As such, whatever social media activities you engage in should be completed with the understanding that the public will see them and may engage in an online dialogue with you as a result. You should not do anything on a social media channel that reflects poorly on you, other individuals in your Auxiliary, Department, or the ASUVCW National Organization, or anyone else. Before posting any content on any social media channel, you should first ask yourself if that content is in keeping with the precepts of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and if it in any way violates the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, or the Constitution and Bylaws of your Auxiliary, Department, or the ASUVCW National Organization.

As an additional consideration, once created, social media channels and the content on them “live forever” on the Internet, sometimes even if the accounts have been deleted. That means social media channels and posts created today may still exist five, 10, or 15 years from now, in some cases long after those who started them are no longer involved directly with our Order. As such, considerations should be made regarding the transitioning of administration rights and duties if the initial administrators end their direct involvement in the ASUVCW.

Also, organizations wishing to use social media must accept the fact that listening is just as important as speaking in these channels, and those wishing to participate in this space should be prepared to listen if they are to reap any value. Social media can be a powerful tool for sharing the mission and scope of the ASUVCW and the Allied Orders, but if not executed properly, it can be a detriment to everything we represent. As such, engage in social media activities wisely. Also realize that social media is a new and evolving form of communication that requires flexibility, patience, and commitment, but the rewards of increased connection with, and understanding of, your target audience can be great.

### **General Usage Guidelines**

This policy governs both the publication of and commentary on social media by members and associate members of the ASUVCW. For the purposes of this policy, social media means any facility for online publication and commentary, including but not limited to blogs, wiki's, social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Flickr, Snapchat, Pinterest, Instagram, and YouTube and any other similar sites which are constantly evolving. This policy is in addition to and complements any existing or future policies regarding the use of technology, computers, e-mail, and the internet.

**Protect your own privacy**

Privacy settings on social media platforms should be set to allow anyone to see profile information similar to what would be on the ASUVCW website. Other privacy settings that might allow others to post information or see information that is personal should be set to limit access. Be mindful of posting information that you would not want the public to see.

**Be Honest**

Do not blog anonymously, using pseudonyms or false screen names. We believe in transparency and honesty. Do not say anything that is dishonest, untrue, or misleading. If you have a vested interest in something you are discussing, point it out. But also, be smart about protecting yourself and your privacy. What you publish will be around for a long time, so consider the content carefully and be cautious about disclosing personal details.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES****Spokesperson Policy**

In your social media communications, you should be clear that it is not an official social media channel of the National Organization, but is instead your own Auxiliary, Department, or National channel. You can use the following template as an example:

*“This site is the [reference your specific social media channel] of [your name or organization] and is reflective only of the personal views, thoughts, and opinions of the [your name or organization] and the designated administrators. This site does not have the endorsement of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – National Organization, and it is not an official communication channel of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – National Organization.”*

You should never respond to any controversy on behalf of the organization. The National President is the only one who can speak on behalf of the ASUVCW. If asked about an ASUVCW policy, simply refer them to the proper authority. Contact information via email is shown under National Officers available via the main menu of the front page of our National website: [www.asuvcw.org](http://www.asuvcw.org)

**Respect copyright laws**

It is critical that you show proper respect for the laws governing copyright and fair use or fair dealing of copyrighted material owned by others. You should never quote more than short excerpts of someone else's work, and always attribute such work to the original author/source. It is good general practice to link to others' work rather than reproduce it.

**Controversial Issues**

Avoid arguments. Brawls may earn traffic, but nobody wins in the end. Don't try to settle scores or goad competitors or others into inflammatory debates. Make sure what you are saying is factually correct. Remember that your words, actions and social media posts reflect on the ASUVCW for anyone who knows you are part of the organization.

**Social Media and Junior Members and Youth**

As is true for participation in ASUVCW activities, all Sisters, whether Member or Associate, should keep safety and protection of our Junior Members and all youth in mind. Social Media is heavily used by youth, and we must ensure that any transmission made using the ASUVCW trademarks and logos be done in such a way as to protect any user, especially minors, from questionable and potentially unlawful communication.

No pictures should be posted of youth without a signed permission. If it is your child, it is suggested you post only to "Friends." Restrict your post so it cannot be "shared."

To help ensure that all communication on social media channels remains positive and safe, these channels must be public, and all communication on or through them must be public. This enables administrators to monitor all communication and help ensure there is no inappropriate communication involving minors.

**Permissions**

In accordance with the provisions contained within this policy, an entity chartered by the ASUVCW already has permission to use the name, and logo of the ASUVCW and may use the name, and logo to establish a presence on the Internet, in social media, and other electronic communication, including but not limited to websites, Internet-based tools, accounts, Facebook pages and groups, Twitter accounts, and mobile device applications after approval from the Chairman of the Technology Committee. This includes Auxiliaries and Departments.

**Administrative Rights**

Social Media accounts must be monitored. Any Social Media account should be set up when the platform allows for at least two administrators so there is always one person available to monitor activity.

All Auxiliary, Department, and National social media accounts, and electronic blogs that utilize the name and/or trademarks of the ASUVCW must have at least one member of the National Technology Committee as an Administrator both to monitor content and security and to assure there is no gap in monitoring.

**Discipline**

Social media “personas” in the form of public-facing profiles or pages of Auxiliaries, Departments, and any National Organization profiles or pages are expected to adhere to the code of conduct as proscribed in the Constitution and Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Violation may result in suspension and review of social media accounts by proper authority. Any Sister who willfully uses social media in violation of, or contrary to, the Constitution and Regulations of the Order may face discipline.

Should you have questions regarding any of the guidelines and/or recommendations or concerning the use of a specific social media channel not covered here, please feel free to contact the National ASUVCW Committee for Communication and Technology for further guidance.

National ASUVCW Technology Committee 2017-2018  
Wanda Langdon, PDP OH, Chairperson  
Lisa Smith, PDP MI  
Allison Pollitt, PDP WI

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS NOT READ DURING THE ENCAMPMENT**

### **IOWA DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The year 2018 has been full of many service hours to the communities. The membership for the Department of Iowa is 19 Sisters, three of which are Life Members and one Sister, Helen Dodd, passed away in January. This brings the membership to 18 Sisters.

The Sisters have been busy all year long. One Doesn't realize how much of your time is spent helping others until it is all added up and tallied. Many of the activities include education programs for middle school children, many hours calling bingo for the community care centers, driving people to appointments that can't do it themselves, donating money to many different worthy causes like Wreaths Across America or the United Way, donating hours to Getting Out the Vote, volunteer hours at a county museum doing programs for visitors and school groups. Here are some more specific examples:

Sister Linda has been working on registration of Civil War veterans that are buried in cemeteries and updating Find a Grave and SUVCW grave registration database. Her husband, Roy, and Sister Linda have over 27,000 veterans located and documented to date.

Sister Marilyn walks the Bluebird Monitor Trail in Glendale Cemetery with her husband, Ron. They are part of a program in Des Moines, IA, that sets out birdhouses and monitors the eggs.

Sister Barbara has been working on a family newsletter every other month to update the family on genealogy. She spends hours on research and writing the letters that are sent to all family members who are interested.

Sister Deb and her husband, Mike, walk cemeteries all over Iowa to help Sister Linda in locating Civil War veterans. They have spent countless hours walking, identifying, and recording.

Sister Peggy has spent numerous hours taking food and supplies to shut-ins and transports them to doctor appointments and runs many errands.

The Sisters of the Department of Iowa have huge hearts and are always willing to donate time to help.

Mary Rittel  
Department President

### **NEW YORK DEPARTMENT REPORT**

New York Department has tried to maintain a busy schedule for the year, keeping ever in our mind the Boys in Blue.

Memorial Day is a busy month for many of us. Helping SUVCW and other organizations place flags on graves of not only Civil War veterans, but all fallen members of past wars. Memorial weekend finds many of us at Waterloo in period dress sharing the history of Memorial Day with many people interested in history. On Memorial Day in many small towns, we participate in parades. Camps and Auxiliaries enjoy handing out flags to bystanders as we march by, always making sure veterans receive a flag if we see them along the route. The summer fills in with little town gatherings, carnivals, old home days, festivals, picnics, and fairs. Four of our Auxiliaries set up tables to talk and hand out information at as many events as possible. In the fall, Auxiliary #15 and the Department sent Hope Twist to help rededicate a fallen Civil War soldier's grave in the Albany area. Working with the local Sons Camp, it was a well-advertised event.

As President, I was invited to a luncheon in Syracuse, consisting of some 50 other historical organizations. It was a wonderful get-together enjoying new ideas and chatting with other groups interested in history.

Our Department listed a wonderfully large number on our Charitable Giving Form, so large, in fact, we questioned our chair lady and she reported she had herself rechecked her numbers and yes, we do volunteer hours of \$155,090.35 a year from New York.

I would like to personally thank President Ramona for allowing me to present her greetings at Grant's Tomb this year and lay the National wreath. Wreaths laid were from the New York Department Auxiliary, Daughters, and Sons; National Auxiliary, Daughters, and Sons; New Jersey Department; a Confederate unit

from New York City; and the Sons Camp that works closely with the National Parks Service, who takes care of the Tomb. Going there is always a wonderful remembrance of a time gone by.

Our numbers are small, but we make a mighty roar!

Diane K. Theetge  
Department President

### **POLLY TOOLE AUXILIARY AT LARGE #17, TN REPORT**

The Polly Toole Auxiliary #17 in Maryville, TN had a busy year both in support of the local Sons of Union Veterans Camp, as well as our own independent activities.

The Auxiliary held luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant. At these meetings, planning occurred as well as developing social bonds.

On August 20, 2017, our Auxiliary met in conjunction with Major William A. McTeer Camp #39's Annual Encampment. Both Orders separated for their own business meetings following the dinner which honored seven Eagle Scouts and the William Blount High School Jr. Air Force ROTC unit that has supported many events over the past several years.

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017, our Auxiliary joined with Major William A. McTeer Camp #39 to both honor World War II hero and veteran Clinton Riddle, who piloted gliders during both the North Africa and Normandy campaigns and his Civil War ancestor, John Riddle. Clinton Riddle was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. A new headstone was dedicated for John Riddle using a ceremony in conformance with that of the Grand Army of the Republic.

From November 16-17, 2017, the President of the Polly Toole Auxiliary, Cindy McReynolds and member Rachel McReynolds attended Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, PA, along with Cindy's husband David McReynolds, National Treasurer for the Sons of Union Veterans.

From April 6-7, 2018, the Auxiliary participated in the Department of Tennessee Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Annual Encampment in Alcoa, TN. During the opening ceremonies, the Auxiliary, along with the local Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans, was escorted into the meeting and were greeted with applause and singing. Both the Auxiliary and the Daughters were provided the opportunity to address the Encampment. At the banquet that evening, the Auxiliary was recognized for the help provided to both the local Camp and the Department over the past year. The Auxiliary's President, Cindy McReynolds, was presented with the Dr. Mary Walker Award.

On April 7, 2018, the Auxiliary met separately from the Tennessee Department, elected and installed its officers for the coming year.

On April 21, 2018, the Auxiliary participated in living history demonstrations at the Thompson-Brown House in Maryville, TN, a site where a skirmish took

place during the Civil War. The site also houses the Blount County Historical Museum.

On May 28, 2018, the Auxiliary was one of four sponsors of the Memorial Day activities held at Knoxville National Cemetery. The other sponsors included the McTeer Camp, the local DUVCW Tent, and the 79<sup>th</sup> New York Highlanders Re-enactment Group.

On May 30, 2018, the day set aside for Memorial Day, the Auxiliary participated with the McTeer Camp in a ceremony at the tombstone for camp namesake, Major William A McTeer.

On July 21, 2018, the Auxiliary participated in a headstone dedication for two brothers whose bodies were never recovered, Privates William and James Kidd of the Third Tennessee Cavalry. William died at the Cahaba Prison in Alabama and James died in the Sultana Riverboat tragedy. Over 50 participated, including a great-grandnephew, David Kidd, from Los Angeles, CA.

We are currently working with the activities director at the Ben Atchley Veterans Home in Knoxville to sponsor particular needs of the veterans living there.

Also, we are following the progress of Girl Scout Molly Culliton, who is working on her Gold Award. Her project is based upon helping to document the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Louisville, TN.

Cindy McReynolds  
Auxiliary President

### **SARAH EMMA SEELYE AUXILIARY AT LARGE #1, TX REPORT**

This last year was not as fruitful as our other years. Hurricane Harvey displaced two of our members. Major health issues have also been a limiting factor.

We were unable to hold our Annual President's Tea, which is our main fundraiser for the year.

We did, however, hold our Annual Veteran's Hospital Christmas Hot Chocolate Social for a specific group of patients. We presented 35 packages, which held socks, a cap, puzzle books, a deck of cards, candy, \$2.00 in quarters, a blanket, and a Christmas card from the Auxiliary. We provided them with hot chocolate and cookies.

Hoping to be back with our activities for the next reporting year.

Jana Marsh  
Auxiliary Secretary



**LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 132nd ANNUAL NATIONAL  
ENCAMPMENT OF THE AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION  
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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Beverly Graham D  
Cindi Menzies D  
Rebekah Thomas D

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Rosemary Martin D  
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June Lloyd D  
Vicki Weiss D

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Laura Ward D

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Ellen Higgins D

**New York**

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Sue Freshley D  
Jane Graham PNP  
Ramona Greenwalt NP  
Cindy Hilliard D  
Nancy Hilton PNP  
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Carol Jutte, D  
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Barbara Lynch D  
Amy Miller D  
Judy Morgan D  
Colleen Swafford D

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Barbara Indan D  
Susan Mertz D

**Wisconsin**

Linda Brown D  
Elizabeth Craig D  
Susan Fallon D  
Kathy Heltemes D  
Denise Oman PNP NVP  
Elise Oman D  
Danielle Michaels PNP

**Polly Toole #17 TN**

Cynthia McReynolds D  
Rachel McReynolds D

**Membership at Large**

Elsie Bonney D

D – Delegate

J – Junior

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1941 †	Mrs. Lillian S. Ball, Indianapolis, IN
1975 †	Mrs. Catherine McCoy, San Diego, CA

\* Life Member

† Deceased

### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
1st	1887	Aug. 17-19	Akron	OH
2nd	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	WV
3rd	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	NY
4th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	MO
5th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	MN
6th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	MT
7th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	OH
8th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	IA
9th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	TN
10th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	KY
11th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	IN
12th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	NE
13th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	MI
14th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	NY
15th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	RI

16th	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	DC
17th	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	NJ
18th	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	MA
19th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	PA
20th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	IL
21st	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	OH
22nd	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	NY
23rd	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	DC
24th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	NJ
25th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	NY
26th	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	MO
27th	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	TN
28th	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	MI
29th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	DC
30th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	MO
31st	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	MA
32nd	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	NY
33rd	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	OH
34th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	IN
35th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	IN
36th	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	IA
37th	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	WI
38th	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	MA
39th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	MI
40th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	IA
41st	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	MI
42nd	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	CO
43rd	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	ME
44th	1930	Aug. 26-29	Cincinnati	OH
45th	1931	Sept. 15-17	Des Moines	IA
46th	1932	Sept. 20-22	Springfield	IL
47th	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	MN
48th	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	NY
49th	1935	Sept. 10-12	Grand Rapids	MI
50th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	DC
51st	1937	Sept. 7-9	Madison	WI
52nd	1938	Sept. 6-8	Des Moines	IA
53rd	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	PA
54th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	IL
55th	1941	Sept. 16-18	Columbus	OH
56th	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	IN
57th	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	WI
58th	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	IA

59th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	OH
60th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	IN
61st	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	OH
62nd	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	MI
63rd	1949	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Indianapolis	IN
64th	1950	Aug. 20-24	Boston	MA
65th	1951	Aug. 20-24	Columbus	OH
66th	1952	Aug. 24-28	Atlantic City	NJ
67th	1953	Aug. 23-27	Buffalo	NY
68th	1954	Aug. 8-13	Duluth	MN
69th	1955	Aug. 21-25	Cincinnati	OH
70th	1956	Sept. 9-13	Harrisburg	PA
71st	1957	Aug. 18-22	Detroit	MI
72nd	1958	Aug. 17-21	Boston	MA
73rd	1959	Aug. 16-20	Long Beach	CA
74th	1960	Aug. 21-25	Springfield	IL
75th	1961	Aug. 20-24	Indianapolis	IN
76th	1962	Aug. 19-23	Washington	DC
77th	1963	Aug. 18-22	Miami Beach	FL
78th	1964	Aug. 16-20	Providence	RI
79th	1965	Aug. 15-19	Richmond	VA
80th	1966	Aug. 14-18	Grand Rapids	MI
81st	1967	Aug. 6-10	Chicago	IL
82nd	1968	Aug. 18-22	Wilmington	DE
83rd	1969	Aug. 17-21	St. Louis	MO
84th	1970	Aug. 23-27	Miami Beach	FL
85th	1971	Aug. 15-19	Boston	MA
86th	1972	Aug. 13-17	Philadelphia	PA
87th	1973	Aug. 5-9	Palm Springs	CA
88th	1974	Aug. 18-22	Bretton Woods	NH
89th	1975	Aug. 10-14	Rochester	NY
90th	1976	Aug. 15-18	Columbus	OH
91st	1977	Aug. 14-18	Des Moines	IA
92nd	1978	Aug. 13-17	Grand Rapids	MI
93rd	1979	Aug. 12-16	Hartford	CT
94th	1980	Aug. 17-21	Richmond	VA
95th	1981	Aug. 9-13	Philadelphia	PA
96th	1982	Aug. 15-19	Providence	RI
97th	1983	Aug. 14-18	Portland	ME
98th	1984	Aug. 12-16	Akron	OH
99th	1985	Aug. 11-15	Wilmington	DE
100th	1986	Aug. 10-14	Lexington	KY
101st	1987	Aug. 9-13	Buffalo	NY

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102nd	1988	Aug. 14-18	Lansing	MI
103rd	1989	Aug. 13-17	Stamford	CT
104th	1990	Aug. 12-16	Des Moines	IA
105th	1991	Aug. 11-15	Indianapolis	IN
106th	1992	Aug. 13-16	Pittsburgh	PA
107th	1993	Aug. 12-15	Portland	ME
108th	1994	Aug. 11-13	E. Lansing	MI
109th	1995	Aug. 10-13	Columbus	OH
110th	1996	Aug. 8-11	Columbus	OH
111th	1997	Aug. 7-10	Utica	NY
112th	1998	Aug. 6-9	Harrisburg	PA
113th	1999	Aug. 19-22	Indianapolis	IN
114th	2000	Aug. 17-20	Lansing	MI
115th	2001	Aug. 10-12	Springfield	MO
116th	2002	Aug. 8-11	Springfield	IL
117th	2003	Aug. 7-10	Ft. Mitchell	KY
118th	2004	Aug. 12-15	Cedar Rapids	IA
119th	2005	Aug. 4-7	Nashua	NH
120th	2006	Aug. 10-13	Harrisburg	PA
121st	2007	Aug. 9-12	St. Louis	MO
122nd	2008	Aug. 7-10	Peabody	MA
123rd	2009	Aug. 13-16	Louisville	KY
124th	2010	Aug. 12-15	Overland Park	KS
125th	2011	Aug. 11-14	Reston	VA
126th	2012	Aug. 9-12	Los Angeles	CA
127th	2013	Aug. 8-11	Brookfield	WI
128th	2014	Aug. 14-17	Marietta	GA
129th	2015	Aug. 20-23	Richmond	VA
130th	2016	Aug. 11-14	Springfield	IL
131st	2017	Aug. 10-13	Lansing	MI
132nd	2018	Aug. 9-12	Framingham	MA



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