



THE AUXILIARY VOICE

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FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT —

Much has happened since the August 2018 National Encampment. Many have been busy with dedications, parades, and patriotic activities. Please remember to share your pictures and a brief article about your endeavors with our National Webmistress, Sister Wanda Langton. As we in the Midwest are observing the fall changes, thoughts and preparations are being made for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. Safe travels for all those attending.



As most of the membership is aware, we are grieving the loss of two special ladies, Past National Presidents Marion Combs and Barbara Mayberry. Both Sisters were responsible for achievements that benefit us today. Their leadership, wisdom, and countless efforts were recognized by many within and outside of the Auxiliary. Our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, Auxiliaries and Departments of these fine Sisters. Please remember to drape your charters and badges in their honor.

As the flooding rains in Wisconsin are diminishing (my road has flooded and landlocked five times since the end of August and as late as last week) and the Baraboo River is receding, internet, phone and mail services have been interrupted. The best approach for communications with me is via my cell phone. Hopefully the issue will be resolved quickly. If your communication with me is urgent and flooding conditions reoccur, please contact Past National Presidents Danielle Michaels (Counselor) or Rachelle Campbell (National Secretary).

Thank you to the numerous Sisters working on the national committees. Many of these tasks require years of updating and recording of information. My goals are to support their work and efforts

leading to completion before next August. We have numerous tasks to accomplish. Positive and frequent communications are essential to building teamwork, completing benchmarks, and obtaining results. We need each other to get the job done. It is now time to roll up our sleeves and start rolling. Those not directly involved at the national level are tasked with being involved at your Department and Auxiliary levels. Many of these same needs are also at the local level. Please be generous with your time. If committee work is not your thing then your task is to recruit new members. All of you Sisters are valued by the Auxiliary, needed for our progress and part of our history. Please share your talents to allow the Order to grow.

Blessing to all and may you remain in God's care.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Denise Oman, ASUVCW National President



Members may make a donation to the National Organization in memory of a special individual or for a person's birthday, anniversary, retirement or other special occasion. Checks should be made payable to "National Organization, ASUVCW" and sent to the National Treasurer. An Honor Roll Certificate will be sent to the person honored, or to their family if appropriate, with a copy kept in the Honor Roll Book. The following have recently been added to the Honor Roll:

IN MEMORY OF:

Past National President Marion Eggert Combs

Past National President Barbara Anne Mayberry

REMEMBER

General Orders, forms, news and other items of interest may be found on the Order's official website at:



WWW.ASUVCW.ORG



Auxiliary Scholarship

2018 Scholarship Recipient

Cali Debevoise has been a member of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 52, Department of California and Pacific since 2013 and is this year's recipient of the Auxiliary's annual scholarship award. She is the great-great-granddaughter Charles Barnard Smith (1839-1924) of the 4th Minnesota Infantry, 49th U.S. Colored Infantry, and 9th U.S. Veteran Volunteer Infantry. Cali is currently studying at the University of Washington in Seattle, with a major in business and computers. She belongs to Kappa Alpha Theta, the oldest sorority in the United States.

Summary of Actions by the National Encampment Framingham, Massachusetts — August 10-11, 2018

From the National President's Report (Ramona Greenwalt):

1. Retire the bell in its case and place in the control of the National Historian. **Motion Failed**
2. One page to be dedicated to PNP Frances Murray. **Motion Passed**
3. The per capita tax for National be \$25 per year which is \$2.0833333 per month. **Motion Failed**
4. The expense of printing and mailing the Auxiliary Voice be paid by those who are requesting a hard copy via a subscription the price of which is subject to change according to costs. This year, the cost will be \$8.00 or they can attend their Auxiliary meeting where the Secretary will read the communication. **Motion Failed**. Discussion held about smaller printing (3 instead of 4) will not cost less. It is uploaded on the website. Four times a year will have more timely information. Some people can't afford it. It was suggested that Rachelle send a letter to find out who wants to change to email from hard copy.
5. A special committee be formed to examine the finances of the National Auxiliary and explore ways to increase our earnings using the stock market. **Motion Passed**
6. Increase the amount of the gift given in memory of the GAR to \$500. **Motion Passed**
7. Increase the amount of the President's Scholarship to \$1,000. **Motion Passed**
8. 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. **Motion Passed**
9. The online application provides space for documentation of the applicant's lineage. **Motion Failed**
10. Local Auxiliaries reinstitute the use of the investigating committees for prospective members with the committee reporting their findings to the membership prior to any vote being taken. **Motion Failed**

From the National Vice-President's Report (Denise Oman):

1. Assign a mentor to first time attendees if none are available from their Department for instruction and explaining our traditions during the meeting. They would make introductions and include them in activities. **Motion Passed**
2. All Junior Members and new Senior Members be recognized at the National Encampment during the meeting and introduced to officers. **Motion Failed**
3. A budget of no more than \$25 be available for the President to purchase small remembrances for juniors and new members. **Motion Failed**
4. A committee be formed to discuss developing a procedure/office for mediation of differences between Members prior to filing a disciplinary hearing unless behaviors are a severe action against the membership or our CR&R. **Motion Passed**

From the National Secretary's Report (Rachelle Campbell):

1. The National Secretary, who is the second signatory on the accounts, be allowed to make deposits at a local branch of the financial institution used by the national organization (currently Bank of America). **Motion Passed**
2. 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. **Motion Passed**
3. An increase of ten dollars (\$10) be made to the current charter application fee of \$20. The current fee does not cover the cost to produce a Charter. **Motion Passed**
4. The National Organization either pay for an increase in the size of the online storage on Drop Box, or invest in an external hard drive to archive files currently on Drop Box. The space provided free by Drop Box is currently full. **Motion Passed**

From the National Press Correspondent's Report (Rosemary Martin):

1. Adoption of the proposed Press Guide [included in delegate packet]. **Motion Passed**
2. Investigate recorded media release. **Motion Passed**

From the National Webmaster's Report (Wanda Langdon):

1. Move the National website to a Word Press 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. **Motion Passed**

From the National Newsletter Editor's Report (Rachelle Campbell)

1. A discussion was held regarding the Auxiliary Voice. There are 433 members that receive their copy electronically. It costs \$2,840 to mail the rest of the newsletters. All should be encouraged to opt for electronic delivery. **No motion was made.**

From the National Committee on Ritual's Report (Ann Sosnowski), the committee made the following housekeeping corrections the current Ritual:

1. Page 5, #8: Change "Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action of taken" to "Over which the Chairperson of said committee shall when such action is taken".
2. Page 27: Change "in behalf of this Auxiliary" to "on behalf of this Auxiliary".
3. Page 31: Change "who has been duly elected to become member of this Auxiliary" to "who has been duly elected to become a member of this Auxiliary".
4. Page 42: Change "without ceremony, of if much time has elapsed" to "without ceremony, or if much time has elapsed".
5. Page 43: Under Chaplain, change "Keep her ever mindful of the solemn obligation she has just taken this Altar" to "Keep her ever mindful of the solemn obligation she has just taken at this Altar".
6. Page 47: In description, change "They will then continue to Past President is station" to "They will then continue to Past President's station".
7. Page 54: In description, change "Guide will advance at Altar" to "Guide will advance to Altar".
8. Page 59: Remove reference to the National Washington D.C. Representative, which the 2016 National Encampment voted to eliminate.

From the National Special Committee for Female Veterans (Susan Fallon):

1. Due to the current issues faced by female veterans, it is recommended that we keep the website information that she has provided on our national website. **Motion Passed**
2. It is recommended that 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. **Motion Passed**

From the National Special Committee on Social Media Policies and Guidelines (Wanda Langdon):

1. Adoption of the Social Media Policies and Guidelines [included in delegate packet]. **Motion Passed**

From the Department of the Chesapeake:

1. Removal of the current text in the ASUVCW National Constitution Rules and Regulations (CR&Rs) of Chapter 1 Subordinate Auxiliaries, Article 1 Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. **Motion Passed**
2. Formation of a Committee to evaluate alignment with the SUVCW National Constitution and Regulations (C&Rs), forms, documents, identification and corresponding awards. **Motion Passed**

From the Department of Connecticut:

1. The Department of Connecticut recommends that the six New England States (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) merge together into one Department to be called the Department of New England. **Motion Failed**

From the Department of Maine:

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 favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Departments and Auxiliaries at Large and proclaimed in General Orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution." **Motion Passed**

From the Department of New Hampshire:

1. Proposed Amendment to Constitution, Article IX, Recommendation 1 – "Whereas fines and fees have not always been effective in securing on time the mandated fees and paperwork needed by the National Organization, and, whereas fines and fees have not always been effective in securing on time the mandated fees and paperwork of the Departments; Therefore, be it resolved 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 the Department President of the Auxiliaries until such time as they have become compliant, and 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. The Committee concurs with the addition of language "in arrears of 90 days or more, effective immediately." **Motion Failed**

From the Department of Ohio:

1. Whereas, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has, at least for the last fifty-five years, had an unwritten rule that National Officers could hold one elected office and one appointed office at the same time, and Whereas, we have recently had an elected National Officer running for a second National elected office; 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. **Motion Passed**

From the Department of Wisconsin:

1. A U.S. Military Liaison be appointed by the National President. This Liaison should be a veteran either retired or active duty or knowledgeable in veterans affairs. She will oversee the verification and distribution of the veteran pin/badge. This position is also dedicated to assisting any veteran returning home from active duty military service, a retired veteran or an active duty veteran. She will have knowledge of the operations of the Veterans Affairs website or have access to a Veterans Affairs Office. **Motion Failed**
2. All veterans who 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 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 ID card. The procedure for distribution of the veteran's pin/badge shall be: In order for a veteran to receive a veteran's pin/badge, she will send proof of honorable military service to the Liaison. The Liaison would send notification to the National Secretary after approval of said document. The Liaison will notify the individual's home Auxiliary President of approval. The pin/badge will then be available to the veteran, if desired. **Motion Passed**



Remembrance Day

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - November 17, 2018

62nd Annual Remembrance Day Parade, 1 pm

National Civil War Ball, Gettysburg Eisenhower Hotel, 8 pm

For further info contact: Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr.

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AUXILIARY IMAGES



Above left: Members of Logan Auxiliary No. 20 on Memorial Day in Rockford, Illinois.



Above right: Dept. Pres. Wanda Langdon at a ceremony honoring Brig. Gen. William H. Lytle in Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept. 16, 2018.



Above left: Dept. Pres. Wanda Langdon (right) and Sis. Joyce Vogel (left) with Brothers of the Gen. William H. Lytle Camp No. 10 at the annual Civil War encampment at Glendower Mansion in Lebanon, Ohio on Sept. 29, 2018.



Above right: Members of the Dept. of California & Pacific at the 2nd annual Blue-Gray Banquet in Fairfield, California on Sept. 22, 2018. L-R: Rebekah Thomas, Dept. Pres. Cindy Eddy, Emelia Campbell, Rachelle Campbell PNP, and Elaine Christian.



The Future of the Allied Orders!

Junior Members Nathan Allen and Emelia Campbell at the Blue-Gray Banquet in Fairfield, California on Sept. 22, 2018. The theme of the annual event is "Ambassadors of Reconciliation", which strives to build stronger bonds between descendants of Civil War soldiers, regardless of for which side they fought. Both Nathan and Emelia have ancestors on both sides of the conflict!

Chaplain's Corner

Thank you for electing me to the office of National Chaplain. I am honored to serve and look forward to hearing from many of you. It is my joy to pray for those of you who have a need.

I know many of you are going through struggles, physical, family related, emotional. Life on this earth is hard. But God created us to be in community and relationship with each other; to support and lift each other up in times of trial. Romans 15:5 tells us *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had"* and in James 5:16 we read *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

If anyone knows of a Sister who is sick or in distress, or needs a word of encouragement, please let me know as soon as possible. For those Sisters with Facebook, I am continuing the closed group titled "Chaplain's Corner, ASUVCW," so that reports of illness or loss can be quickly shared between the local Auxiliary, Department, and National Chaplains.

The quickest way to reach me is via email at chaplain@asuvchw.org. My telephone number is (513) 505-6871. Please feel free to leave a message. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Proverbs 17:17 — *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.*

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7**

Current Prayers Needs

Family of PNP Barbara Mayberry who passed to eternal life on September 30th

Family of PNP Marion Eggert Combs, who passed to eternal life on August 31st

PNP Janice Harding who is recovering from surgery

Last but not least – Sisters let us pray for the upcoming election. Pray that God's will be done and our land and people be at peace.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty — Wanda Langdon, National Chaplain



Department Encampments and other events are fast approaching. If you wish to invite the National President to any of these events, please do so as early as possible. While she cannot attend every event to which she is invited, the National President would like attend as many as possible, or designate another officer as her representative.

Please contact National President Denise Oman at
president@asuvchw.org or 262-719-8735



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

I would like to thank everyone that attended this years' National Encampment for placing their faith in me and electing me as your National Patriotic Instructor.

I will strive to remind every member how to respect the United States Flag and list what days to give special attention to the National Standard for which our ancestors fought. We as a free people forget how precious our flag is. We forget what every veteran gave up to defend our flag.

Flag holidays are special and they are days one should fly their flags. Here is a list of the days recommended by the United States Veterans Affairs Office:

September 17 – Constitution Day; October 8 – Columbus Day; October 27 – Navy Day; November 19 – Remembrance Day; November 22 – Thanksgiving Day; December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day; January 1 – New Year's Day; January 21 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday; February 18, Presidents' Day; May 18 – Armed Forces Day; May 27 – Memorial Day (Reminder: the flag is flown at half-staff until noon); June 14 – Flag Day; July 4 – Independence Day; July 27 – National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

The next issue of the newsletter will feature flag respect and flag protocol.

Yours in F, C, & L,
Susan Fallon — National Patriotic Instructor

MEMORIAL DAY IN THE SOUTHWEST

Submitted by Verna Maleski

The 150th anniversary of Memorial Day marked a historic day for Arizona. Mother Nature seemed to know that it was a special day and gave us spectacular weather, when May temperatures can soar to over 100 degrees before noon. It was the first time that all five Allied Orders participated together in Memorial Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery and at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in Phoenix.

Members and officers of the Department of the Southwest SUVCW, Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1, Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps presented eight wreaths between the two cemeteries. The wreaths were hand made by the members.

What an honor it was for us when Master of Ceremonies, former Phoenix District Attorney and Purple Heart recipient, Rick Romley ended the ceremony with a special tribute to the GAR, the Allied Orders and the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. He named each of the Allied Orders and shared that sadly today so few people know who or what these organizations are, but noted that they were all present at the event.

Several of us made it a point to shake his hand after this ceremony and thank him for mentioning us. There were over 3,000 in attendance and more than 90 organizations presented wreaths.

The Pioneer & Military Memorial Park is comprised of seven cemeteries in Phoenix, which were in use between 1884 and 1914. These cemeteries are the resting place of many of the veterans who settled in Phoenix in the years after the Civil War.

Officers and members of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 and the Department of the Southwest SUVCW, joined Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1, Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps in the wreath laying ceremonies. Each Sister was escorted by an SUVCW Brother.

Past Department Commander David Swanson gave the *Gettysburg Address*. Taps was played by SUVCW Brother Jan Huber. The ceremony ended with a 21-gun salute and firing of the cannon by members of the Camp.

NATIONAL CEMETERY – PHOENIX, ARIZONA



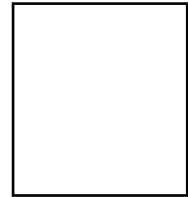
Above, L-R – Barbara Metzger (Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent No. 1), Rachel Peak (Woman's Relief Corps), Verna Maleski (Lew Wallace Circle No. 77, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic), and Dr. Geri Morgan (Life Member, Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1). Not pictured: Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Junior Vice Commander George White represented the Dept. of the Southwest, SUVCW.

PIONEER & MILITARY MEMORIAL PARK – PHOENIX,, ARIZONA



Above, L-R – Ginger Trokey (Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1), Lavern Reynolds (Woman's Relief Corps), Sunny McMahan (Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent No. 1), Maura Mackowski (Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic) and Carole McMahan (Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent No. 1).

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can be obtained through eligibility in several ways:

1. Women who are lineal or collateral descendants, of soldiers, sailors or marines regularly mustered and honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865. Daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece, grandniece, etc., & legally adopted daughters qualify.
2. Mothers, wives, widows, daughters & legally adopted daughters of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing. (Not Associates)
3. Associate Memberships: Available to women who do not qualify through heredity, #1 & #2 above, who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Civil War and can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the Auxiliary. An Associate may vote and hold any office except that of National Vice-President and National President. Associates may not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election.
4. Junior Membership: For young ladies of not less than six (6) years of age.

For a membership application, please visit:

www.asuvcw.org/mem.htm