Greetings Sisters,

I like the sound of that, “Sisters”. I didn’t have a sister growing up and during these past four years I have become close to a lot of you ladies, so I consider you my family now. Family is very important to me and I hope each of you got to spend time with your friends and families during the Holiday Season and created many happy memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks for all the Christmas cards I received, they are still hanging up.

I have been busy this Fall with preparing for our Convention in July. I have been in contact with the Convention Chairman, Sue Liddie, and we have been working with the hotel on details like meeting rooms, meals, lodging and many of the little details that go into planning an awesome event. As you plan your vacations for 2017; please keep in mind the 127th National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 26-30th. I hope to see you all there; we are going to have a blast!

I contacted the Department, Tents and Detached Tent Presidents early in October so I could get the dates of their meetings and conventions in my date book. That was a great help, unfortunately I won’t be able to attend as many as I would have hoped to because of being on the same days and having a teenager some of the meetings are during her dance recital or competition.

I am very happy to announce that we now have a new tent in the Department of Pennsylvania, have reorganized a disbanding Detached Tent in Tennessee and have revived the Department of Kansas! We have worked very long and hard at making these three events happen.

- I worked diligently with the sisters from Clara Barton Tent #64 and the PA Department President to get them ready to be Instituted and Installed, November 19th in Gettysburg. I was honored to be part of that ceremony. Even when we went to the Pennsylvania monument on the battlefield to lay a wreath, and almost got blown away in the freezing wind and snow!!
- I helped reorganize the sisters from Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent #3 in TN, because they were going to disband but the members stepped up and are going strong again. December 3rd, PDP Barbara Stone and her husband went to Lenoir City, TN while I was in Cincinnati, OH at a tax seminar for two days. Thanks Barb for helping the sisters with their first official meeting and the election of officers.
- PDP Carole Morton also worked diligently with the sisters from Kansas to revive their Department. Way to go sisters!!

As many of you know it takes a lot of work to keep our tents going. Many of them are aging out and we must work extra hard to get new members. Lest we forget.

Gettysburg, what can I say…I had an awesome time!!!! What an experience, each of our members should attend Remembrance Day at least once. It is amazing to see all the ladies and gentlemen come together in Gettysburg to pay their respects to those who fought for our freedom.

It was a very busy day, starting with the SVR Breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel. Wreath laying ceremony at the Woolson Monument at the National Cemetery, where I was joined by the Commander-in-Chief, Donald Martin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Presidents; Denise Oman, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War, Carolyn Agosto, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Michelle Colburn, Woman's Relief Corp. Next was the parade, I will always remember as National President leading the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War sisters in the parade, what an honor and to see all the people lining the streets for miles. WOW! The weather was perfect, well at least it was until the parade was over and then the cold winds came and it got downright frigid. After the parade, I had the privilege to participate in the Institution of the new Pennsylvania Clara Barton Tent #64 and the Installation of their Officers at the Comfort Suites Inn. Congratulations Mandy, you have a great support system in your new officers. After the reception, we went to the Pennsylvania monument to lay a wreath and took pictures in the blowing snow. Memories!!! I then attended the SUV Dedication Day dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn and went to the Civil War Ball back at the Wyndham Hotel to finish Remembrance Day in style. What a fantastic day!

My National President’s Project is to raise funds for archival supplies needed at the Museum to preserve, protect and restore our treasured artifacts. If your Department, Tent or Detached Tent would like to make a donation please send the funds to our National Treasurer, Susan Nitzel, PO Box 1176, Fort Morgan, CO 80701-1176 and mark them for National President’s Project. Thank you.

In closing, I would like to thank my Officers and Committees, without you “Sisters” and your support this organization wouldn’t survive and I definitely couldn’t do it without you.

Always In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Jan Stone Rynerson, National President

KADY BROWNELL

Kady Brownell was one of roughly 250 women who fought in the Civil War. She enlisted in the 1st Rhode Island Infantry alongside her husband and was appointed “Daughter of the Regiment and Color Bearer” by Colonel Ambrose Burnside. She carried her rifle along with the Regimental flag. Kady was an excellent shot and an active participant in the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas). The 1st Rhode Island was raised in 1861 at the beginning of the war for a 90-day enlistment.

After the Brownells mustered out of the 1st Rhode Island they re-enlisted in the 5th Rhode Island Infantry. Although Kady’s contributions to the 5th Rhode Island were many, she is most remembered for the selflessness she exhibited during the Battle of New Bern. As the various regiments were getting their positions, the 5th Rhode Island was seen advancing from a belt of wood, from a direction that was unexpected. Lack of visibility and the poor judgment of several soldiers who wore grey hats almost resulted in disaster. The 5th Rhode Island Infantry was mistaken for a force of rebels, and preparations were made to fire upon them. Kady saw the danger unfolding, grabbed her colors and advanced to clear ground waving at the soldiers until they realized that the advancing troops were friends.

Kady saved the soldiers from an incident of friendly fire and this act of heroism helped solidify Kady’s reputation and built her to legendary status. When her husband Robert was injured in the Battle of New Bern, Kady stopped fighting and spent the rest of the time nursing her husband and other Union troops.

Following the Civil War, Kady was the only female to receive discharge papers from the Union Army. In 1870, she was inducted into the Elias Howe Jr. Post #3 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Kady applied for a pension in 1882. In 1884, Kady Brownell received a pension of $8.00 a month for her service as Daughter of the Regiment, First Regiment Rhode Island Detached Militia (Infantry) and for her wound at the First Battle of Bull Run. Kady and Robert Brownell resided at the New York State Woman's Relief Corps Home, Oxford, New York. On January 5, 1915 Kady Brownell died. A funeral service was held for her in New York City, then her body was shipped to Providence, Rhode Island for a second funeral service. She is buried in Providence’s North Burial Ground. (Article submitted by Jackie Carter, Press Correspondent, Mary Morris Husband Tent #58, PA)

(Photo) Kady Brownell posed for this photograph that was made into an engraving for Frank Moore’s book, Women of the War: Their Heroism and Self Sacrifice
ELLEN HIGGINS, PNP  
2016 KADY BROWNELL WINNER

Mary Morris Husband Tent #58 salutes Ellen Higgins, PNP. Ellen was awarded the Kady Brownell Award for being an outstanding, unselfish, loyal American and a daughter of a Union veteran totally involved with the needs of today and with the same pride in our country and concerns for her fellowman as did Kady Brownell.

Ellen’s tireless commitment to veterans, both past and present, was recognized at the 2016 National Convention. The DUVCW implemented the Kady Brownell Award in 1977 and over the past 39 years there have only been 21 winners. It is an honor and privilege bestowed upon only a select few. CONGRATULATIONS ELLEN!

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to serve the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 as your Sr. Vice President. Your trust and support of me, by election, is uplifting and it is a pleasure to serve you.

There are important duties that fellow Sr. Vice Presidents share. To support our non-profit status, the volunteer hours reported by our Tents go a long way. The new Tent Sr. Vice Presidents should make special efforts to capture all the DUVCW works and volunteer hours. Let me remind you, your annual reports reflect activities through December 31, 2016.

Recruitment of new members is perhaps the most important and on-going task. There have been many great ideas bounced around to gain new members. As a Sr. Vice President you could develop a Recruitment Package, should your tent not have one. A great resource is the National Website (duvcw.org), from the Member’s Only page, you can select and print handouts to be included in your Tents package. The package could include: 1) the updated Proud Heritage brochure; 2) DUVCW Application Worksheet; to avoid confusion for the applicant, complete the Recommended by, Department of, Tent Number, Name and City lines of the worksheet; 3) a Membership Invitation letter, including some of your Tents activities on DUVCW letterhead and 4) a business card with your own contact information. Have a Tent scrapbook available; a picture is worth a thousand words. The most important task after the distribution of this handout and enthusiastic conversation is to keep the prospective member’s contact information and date you offered the information. Then FOLLOW-UP, in a reasonable amount of time, to learn their intentions. Being an ambassador for your Tent in Membership Recruitment is an opportunity for you to show how valuable the principles of our organization are by sharing our feelings of pride, value, patriotism and strength. We are always interested in discovering women who recount their family’s Civil War heritage. Don’t miss this opportunity to introduce them to the DUVCW. Just as a reminder, with each new member to your Tent, there will be a one-time minimal fee of $2.00 to National and Department each, totaling $4.00. The fees are listed on the Tent Membership Annual Report.

As far as Convention Sites are concerned, our 127th National Convention, slated for July 26-30, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be a memorable convention. I encourage all our Sisters to seek further information in the GO and make plans to attend.

Last, but not least, Department Sr. Vice Presidents, please forward your Sr. Vice President’s, Department Annual Report to me within 2 weeks of your Department Convention. This will allow me the opportunity to broadly share your activities at our National Convention in July 2017.

Caren Cleaveland,  
National Senior Vice President
NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

My Circular letter in GO #1 asked for your commitment to raising funds to support our National Service Academy Awards program. This circular letter will detail awards given at the National Convention and the reporting processes.

The National Jr. Vice President is Chairman of the National Convention Awards Committee. The following awards are given at the National Convention most of which are based on annual reports. However, the Lulu Downer Cadwalader Award, the Kady Brownell Award and Scholarships are given as a result of your nominations.

- Lola Elliott Award: Department with the largest number of new Tents during the year.
- William Gardner Award: Department with the largest gain in new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- W. Glen Davis Award: Tents with the largest gain in new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- George W. McVeigh Award: Tent over three years old with the most new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- Julia Dent Grant Award: Detached Tent with the largest number of new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- Bernice L. Way Award: Department with the largest net gain in Membership.
- Caroline Scherer Award: Department with the largest percent gain in membership.
- Elbert Jones Award: Department with the largest number of new supplementals, excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- Frederick Ahlvers Award: Detached Tent with the largest number of new supplementals excluding transfers and reinstatements.
- Celia Williams Beckman Award: Department with the largest number of registered members in attendance at the National Convention.
- John Williams Stewart Wolfe Award: Department with the largest percentage in attendance at the National Convention.
- Lulu Downer Cadwalader Award: Department or Tent contributing the most research or accomplishment involving the history of the Civil War.
- Kady Brownell Award: An unselfish, outstanding, loyal American and Daughter of a Union Veteran totally involved with the needs of today and having the same pride in our Country and concerns for her fellowman as had Kady Brownell. The name of the nominee may be from an individual, Tent or Department. The nominee need not be from the nominator’s Tent or Department. The name along with a letter stating the nominee’s qualifications should be forwarded to the Awards Committee Chair Sarah Meyer. The procedure is confidential and is to be a surprise to the winner.
- Convention City Award: Fifty dollar ($50.00) award given to a graduating High School Senior in the convention city area who can prove lineal descent from a Civil War ancestor and has evidenced an interest in history.

Additionally, two scholarships may be awarded:
- duv Scholarship: Funded by the duvs Fund maintained in the National Department. Four (4) $250 awards. Awards may be given to four (4) graduating high school seniors each of whom has been active as a duv for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years. (2016-2017 Chairman Daryl Reed)

Finally, it is my responsibility to receive the Department and Detached Tent Jr. Vice Presidents Annual Reports. This report is available on the Members Only section of the National website in a fillable PDF format. As Jr. Vice President of your Department or Detached Tent, please download the form to your computer, fill out the form, save, and print. Note: You must first download the blank form to save the completed copy to your computer.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Sarah W. Meyer
National Junior Vice President
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

It is an honor to serve as your National Chaplain during the 2016-2017 Administration of National President Jan Rynerson. My responsibilities, as mandated by the National Bylaws, are to raise funds for the Southern Memorial and Wreath Fund, serve as that Committee’s Chair, and to work to preserve the meaning of May 30th as Memorial Day.

Another responsibility is to collect and compile the National Chaplain Annual Report. The Chaplain Annual Report Form for Tents, Detached Tents and Departments is on the Members-Only section of the National website (www.duvcw.org) under “Administrative Forms.” This report is to be completed for the year ending December 31, 2016. Department Chaplains, please forward a copy of your report no later than two (2) weeks following your Department Convention. Please read over the form before December 31 to become familiar with the information needed to complete the report.

Another form on the National website is the Deceased Member Notification Form. This form is to be submitted upon the death of a Sister as soon as a death occurs or information is received. Copies are to be sent to DUVCW National Headquarters, National Registrar, National Chaplain, Department Registrar, Department Chaplain, Tent/Detached Tent Chaplain and Secretary. Please include a copy of the obituary, if available. As stated on the form, the name of the deceased Sister should be reported on the Annual Membership and Chaplain Report. Sadly, I have been receiving quite a few of these forms. They are very important in keeping track of our membership and allow me to send condolences to the family, if indicated on the form. This information is used to honor deceased Sisters at the National Convention Memorial Service who have passed from January 1 through December 31, 2016. This timeline does not apply to National Presidents who pass after December 31, 2016 but prior to the 2017 National Convention. I have participated in many of the Memorial Services during the National Convention and it is always a moving tribute. I encourage those who attend National Convention to participate in the Memorial Service.

I strongly encourage you, your Tent, Detached Tent, Departments and Members-at-Large to donate to the National Department Southern Memorial and Wreath Fund. According to our Bylaws, this fund is maintained for the purpose of placing wreaths at locations authorized by the National Department and for wreaths to be placed in conjunction with the National Woman’s Relief Corps. Departments are encouraged to make monetary contributions for the wreaths placed at the Monument and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Civil War at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreaths are placed in national cemeteries each year on Memorial Day. Please mail checks to National Treasurer Susan Nitzel, PO Box 1176, Fort Morgan, CO 80701-1176. Send me a note regarding your donation. Please continue to help support legislation to restore Memorial Day to its original date of May 30. Traditional Memorial Day will be Tuesday, May 30, 2017; however, the government-observed holiday is Monday, May 29, 2017. If possible, please present wreaths on behalf of your Tent/Department in addition to placing flowers on your ancestors’ graves, as Sisters already do.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Please remember to keep the Nation, our men and women serving in the Armed Services, our veterans, and all those in need in your prayers.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Sandra K. Millin, National Chaplain
8004 Kingwood Road, Confluence, PA 15424
skm25@verizon.net (814) 395-5332
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Dear Sisters: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your National Patriotic Instructor for 2016 – 2017. I look forward to assisting you with the patriotic goals of our Organization. I feel this is one of the most important and interesting offices to hold as there are so many fun and interesting ways to promote patriotism. You may start this by showing patriotism as an example and encouraging others. Attend your local patriotic events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Pass out flags, if possible. Get involved in serving our veterans by volunteering at a Veterans Medical Center or State Owned Veterans Facility. If you are unable to volunteer, these facilities are always in need of donations of items and cash. Write letters and send care packages to our active duty troops at home and overseas. They need to know how much they are appreciated. Attend grave dedications and memorial services. Work with other patriotic organizations to further our mutual goals. It is so important to get our youth involved at an early age. Volunteer to talk about patriotism and our flag at your local schools. Participate in Wreaths Across America. There are so many possible ways to be of assistance and show your patriotism.

I am also honored with this Office to promote and support the G.A.R. Living Memorial Scholarship Fund. You can support this with donations from your Tent, Department or individually. If donating on an individual basis, send your money to our National Treasurer with a notation that it is for this fund. Tents may donate and list their donation on the Funds Distribution Form. I had the honor last year of serving on the G.A.R. Living Memorial Scholarship Committee. I was so happy to see how many really great applications we received and how much our youth are accomplishing. It was hard to narrow it down. The application for this scholarship and requirements are on our National website or can be obtained from Committee Chair Eileen Sleckman, 128 Midland Street, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, 11724.

Lastly, it is important that each Tent and Detached Tent complete their annual Patriot Instructor Form and forward it to me or to your Department Patriotic Instructor. She will then complete her form and forward it to me. Tent forms are due by February 10, 2017 and the Department Patriot Instructor Forms are due as soon as possible after Department Convention. Please make sure your hard work is acknowledged. I hope to see you at National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan and if you need any help or have questions, feel free to call or email me. Our Michigan Department is working hard to put on a great convention.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Bethany Hoover
National Patriotic Instructor

NATIONAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

National member-at-large dues for 2017 came due January 1, 2017. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. Send check payable to: DUVCW National Treasurer, in the amount of $19.00, to Janice Cass, National Registrar, 6049 Twp. Rd. 49, Galion, Ohio 44833. Please include any name, address or status changes.

Thank you,
Janice Cass, National Registrar

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Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
1861-1865
PO Box 211
Springfield, IL 62705-0211
CHIEF OF STAFF PROJECT
Necklace & Earrings

The Chief of Staff Project for this year is the beautiful, hypo-allergenic jewelry pictured here! It’s a great way to show your support for the DUVCW!
8” Gold-filled Necklace…$30.00
Earrings…$15.00
Both (Necklace & earrings)…$40.00

Send checks made payable to:
DUVCW
908 Washington Street
Columbus, IN 47201
Thank you for your support!

Along with the Theme Baskets, we will offer the following items for Pre-Order and for sale at the National Convention.

Pre-Order
16 oz. Blue Travel Mug with DUV Logo (far right)
8 GB Bamboo USB Drive with DUV Logo (near right)

CHIEF OF STAFF ORDER FORM

16 oz. Blue Travel Mug w/DUV Logo $20.00 each ________
(The travel mugs will be ready to be picked up at the National Convention)
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Total Cost of Order: ________

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DUVCW National Treasurer

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Dianne Scheffing
1209 Auber Drive
Manchester, MO 63011-4303

One of the responsibilities of Chief of Staff is to raise monies for the National Department. The success of this depends on the generosity of our members. We are therefore asking that each of our Departments create a “Theme Basket” that will be part of a silent auction table we will have at the Convention.
The Department of Michigan is pleased to announce the following items for sale to celebrate the upcoming DUVCW 127th National Convention.

**DUVCW T-Shirts**
This shirt is made by Jerzees, it is 50% Cotton 50% polyester, it comes in Heather blue with silver lettering and is perfect to wear with your jeans. Sizes S-3XL.

**DUVCW Jackets**
This Coach style jacket is made by Augusta Sportswear. The outer shell is 100% nylon taffeta, lined with brushed polyester tricot. It features snap front, raglan sleeves, reinforced slash front pockets, elastic cuffs with an open bottom. It is great for the fall and spring. It comes in sizes S-4XL. It can be ordered in Red, White, Navy and Royal Blue.

**DUVCW Garment Bags**
This durable 210D polyester bag helps protect your dress attire from dust, wrinkles, spills and sun damage. The bottom is even sewn shut so nothing will drag across the floor. Load and unload clothing with ease—the full length zipper gives you full access to your formal wear A perfect place to store your “whites.” Size: 40” x 22”.

**DUVCW Junior Portfolio**
Show up at meetings prepared with this handy business essential. Includes a pen and 5” x 7” writing pad with 30 lined pages for note taking and brainstorming. Document pocket, clear card pocket and elastic pen loop keep essential documents and materials on-hand. Portfolio flaps guide the eye to your logo with a bold textured design. Size: 9” x 6” x 3/8”.

**127th National Convention Pin**
This pin is a 1 ¼” a cloisonné disc. The state of Michigan is surrounded with a blue background to represent our Great Lakes. The Mackinaw Bridge connects the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Grand Rapids is indicated with a star to represent the location of the 127th Convention. The rim is in red and says DUVCW 127th National Convention.

**DUVCW Decals**
This decal can be ordered in either static or permanent. You will want to get several for your car, notebooks and Bylaws.
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PRESIDENT’S TRAVELS

(left) At the SUVCW National Convention in September 2016. The oldest gentleman in the picture is a direct descendent of General Grant.

(above right) Visiting the Eva Gray Tent in Grand Rapids, Michigan, while checking out the Crowne Plaza hotel where the 2017 DUVCW National Convention will be held this summer.

(left) The picture of the cake was taken at the Institution of Clara Barton Tent #64, PA.

(right) Jan Rynerson and her mom, Barbara Stone, PNP, at the Civil War Ball at Gettysburg.

Remembrance Day, the wreath laying ceremony at the Woolson Monument, Nov. 19th, 2016 (all below).

(above left, L-R) Jan Rynerson and Presidents: Denise Oman, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Carolyn Agosto, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Michelle Colburn, Woman’s Relief Corp. (above right, L-R) Ellen Higgins, PNP, Debbie Schiesser, and Jan Rynerson. (right) Woolson Monument with wreaths.
Rachel Perine, age 100, of Parkersburg, WV, was known as the last surviving daughter of a Civil War veteran in West Virginia. She passed away on Friday, September 9, 2016. Rachel was born on March 8, 1916 and grew up in Doddridge County, WV. She is survived by Edwin (Sheila), her only remaining son. Rachel was predeceased by her husband, Benjamin H. and son, Benjamin D. She was the daughter of Harvey and Virginia Elliott Smith. Rachel was laid to rest in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, WV.

The Wood County Commission and the Doddridge County Commission issued Proclamations designating March 8th as “Rachel Perine Day” in honor of her 100th birthday. Rachel was 13 when her father died in 1929 at the age of 83. Her father, Harvey Smith, served in the Civil War, joining the Union Army at the age of 17 in August 1862 in Wheeling, enlisting in Company A of the 14th (West) Virginia Volunteer Infantry. His unit was made up almost entirely of Doddridge County residents like himself. He and his regiment defended the Baltimore and Ohio RR line connecting Baltimore with Washington DC. They also took part in skirmishes at New Creek and Burlington.

Less than two years after he enlisted, Harvey Smith was captured at Cloyd’s Mountain, VA on May 9, 1864, when he refused to leave his wounded cousin. He spent six months as a prisoner of war, including a 20-day stint at Andersonville Confederate prison in Georgia. Conditions were so bad there that he lost eyesight in his right eye after it became infected with sand.

After the Civil War, Smith returned to Doddridge County and helped raise 14 children until his death in 1929. The family lived in Arnold’s Creek in Doddridge County, where Smith ran a large farm that included gas and oil tracts.

Rachel had fond memories of her father and said of him, “He was a great talker. He talked about everything. I can talk a lot too, but not like him. Men would come to see him and he’d keep them up most of the night.”
Our Tent is proud to be among the supporters of the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in Phoenix which is comprised of seven historic cemeteries which were in use between the years 1884 -1914. This park is the result of the dedicated work of the Pioneers’ Cemetery Association.

Many of the Civil War and Spanish-American War veterans that came west and settled in the Phoenix area are buried in here. It is also one of the two locations in the Phoenix area where our members officially take part in Memorial Day observances. On October 29, to add to our membership support, our Tent members purchased and filled a table at the fall fund raising event, Dining Among the Dead. This was a fun event as you can see from the photo of our members attending. Sister Marilyn Poppe (on the far left) is our liaison to the Pioneers’ Cemetery Association.

For the third year in a row, our Tent took part in the Wreaths Across America Program and several of our members and their spouses attended the ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix. Each year we have increased the number of wreaths donated by our members with this year’s number at 46. Our Junior Vice President, Ginger Trokey, is determined to have us at 100 in 2017. The National Cemetery here in Phoenix is huge and unfortunately this year there were only enough wreaths purchased and donated to cover 9% of the graves. So instead of working through a box of wreaths, each person attending was given one wreath to place on a grave of their choice. Here is Sister Ginger getting ready to place her wreath. And yes, she is in Phoenix, Arizona and yes, we do have winter here and yes, it was very cold (for us).
CA/NV Tent Members Elected to VAVS GLA Executive Board

Cornelia Hancock Tent 91 is proud to announce that three of our sisters have been elected to the VAVS Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Kathie Bickers, Chairperson, Julie Stranges, Secretary and Nancy “Nan” Copsey, Treasurer. They will serve as Executive Board members for the fiscal year 2016-2017 (October through September). Please join our tent in congratulating these sisters on a job well done. Submitted by Tent 91 Press Correspondent, Carole Morton

CA/NV Tent Supports Military Women's Luncheon

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, more than 100 people gathered to honor our Nation's Military women who served in various branches of the Armed Services. Mistress of Honor and organizer of the event was Sister Julie Stranges, VA Sepulveda Lead Volunteer and a member of Cornelia Hancock Tent 91.

Nearly 25 Youth Volunteers from the James Monroe High School Army JROTC Program as well as two United States Naval Sea Cadet Divisions, Bruce Canon and Betsy Ross (the only all-girls Division in the United States) members helped to serve these deserving women. Mrs. Sadie Stewart, Chief, Volunteer Service Department, presented Sister Julie Stranges with a Special Certificate of Recognition for her work in organizing this event for so many years.

The featured speaker was Dr. Bevanne Bean-Mayberry, MD, one of the primary care doctors at VA Sepulveda. She is also the wife of an Iraq Veteran who gave a wonderful presentation of her own experiences but also many insights into the work that she does on behalf of all the veterans at VA Sepulveda. Other supporters from our Tent included Sisters Carole Morton, PNP, Tammy Collier, Sr. Vice President, Kathie Bickers, U.S. Army Veteran and VAVS Representative and Sassy Johnson. Submitted by Tent 91 Press Correspondent, Carole Morton

L-R: Sisters Julie, Kathie and Nan

L-R: Sisters Carole Morton, Sassy Johnson, Kathie Bickers, prospective Sue MacLaurin, Sisters Tammy Collier and Julie Stranges
ELIZABETH HILL MILLS TENT #88, TUSTIN, CA
STAYS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

Elizabeth Hill Mills Tent #88 members gathered at the Santa Ana Cemetery Tri-City Memorial Day Observance to honor local living veterans and remember members of the military who have passed away. The flag of our country and DUVCW flag were presented by Tent President Charline Grundmann and Sister Lori Clem. The WWI poem, “In Flanders Fields” was recited for the large crowd by Sister Lynn Johsz.

Ten years ago, the Tent received its charter. In August, members gathered for a catered luncheon in a member’s home to celebrate. A distant relative of Col. Elmer Ellsworth spoke at the event about “Col. Ellsworth and the Zouave Legacy.” Charter members were presented with 10-Year pins, and a few other members received their 5-Year pins. Displayed was the Tent’s new DUVCW flag. Past National President Carole Morton assisted the Tent by providing vector art to help create the DUVCW logo for the flag. Members brought over 150 toiletry items to the luncheon, which will be distributed by the local Long Beach Veterans Hospital to local homeless veterans. This is the third time toiletries have been collected by the Tent. They plan to continue this effort in the future.

Once again, Sisters manned a member recruitment booth at the “Civil War Days” reenactment and living history event in Huntington Beach over Labor Day Weekend.

(Article submitted by Lynn Johsz, Press Correspondent and Treasurer, CA/NV Tent 88)
This past November 19th the ASUVCW, Rosecrans Camp 2, held their annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington, CA. Attending were Drum Barracks Director Tara Fansler and other board members as well as representatives from the SUVCW-Camp 2, DUVCW Hannah Anderson Ropes Tent 86 of Torrance, CA, and interested public. Lincoln Presenter, Don Ancell spoke and delivered the Gettysburg Address. Wreaths were placed by the ASUVCW, SUVCW and DUVCW. Names were read of the soldiers that died while in service at the Drum.

(Submitted by Virda Chappell, PTP, Counc. 2, Acting Press., Tent 86)

(photo above, L-R) Melinie Caines, Sec., ASUVCW, Camp 2; Sherry Hohn, Tent 86; Annette James-Rogers, Pres., Tent 86; Don Ancell, Lincoln Presenter; Virda Chappell, Coun. 2, Tent 86; Edie Osterhues, Chap., Tent 86; Lynda Kraemer, Treasurer, Tent 86.

Members of the Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent #3 in Lenoir City, Tennessee, were joined at their December meeting by Past National President Barbara Stone. New officers were elected and Sister Barbara installed those present. The Tennessee Daughters were delighted and grateful that Sister Barbara traveled all the way from Indiana for her visit! They look forward to a great year of growth and service for the tent as they work to “keep green the memory” of our Union ancestors.

(photo left, L-R) Press Correspondent Joyce Condry, Patriotic Instructor Jan Gibson, President Holly Matthews, Sr. Vice President Alice Brosey, Past National President Barbara Stone, Jr. Vice President Eve Frazier, and Chaplain Ruth Heizer with our tent charter. (article submitted by Holly Matthews, Tent President)
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
ATTENDS DEDICATION CEREMONY OF HISTORICAL MARKER

Major General William Tecumseh Sherman began his “March to the Sea” after conquering Atlanta, the Confederate’s industrial and transportation center in Georgia. His Union forces swept across Georgia with the intention of destroying the infrastructure and economy of the Confederacy, as well as the civilians’ willpower to continue the war effort. Upon reaching Savannah and driving out the last of the defensive rebel forces, Sherman’s men “refueled” and turned north toward the Carolinas in pursuit of General Beauregard’s Confederate troops.

The Georgia Historical Society created a historical marker to memorialize this historical march from Atlanta. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) placed the marker in Atlanta’s Freedom Park at the intersection of North Avenue and Moreland Avenue. David Beam, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, SUVCW, conducted the Dedication Ceremony held November 12, 2016.

Attending the Dedication Ceremony representing the DUVCW Department of Georgia were Department President Sarah Meyer, Department Secretary Linda Hartung, and Department Chaplain M. Beth Finley. Sister Sarah Meyer was asked to cut the Dedication ribbon. (submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent Department of GA)
127th National Convention
July 25 – 30, 2017
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Convention Registration

Name _______________________________________ Guest_______________________________

Address _____________________________ City ___________________ State ____ Zip ________

Phone _____________________ Email ________________________________________________

Department of ___________ Tent or Detached Tent Name _______________________

Check ONE

☐ National Officer ☐ Elected Delegate
☐ Past National President ☐ Member-At-Large
☐ Department President ☐ Past Department President
☐ Detached Tent President ☐ Past Detached Tent President
☐ Department Secretary ☐ Non-Voting Member

Check ALL that apply

☐ First Time Attendee ☐ 40 Year Member ☐ 55 Year Member
☐ 25 Year Member ☐ 45 Year Member ☐ Over 55 Year Member
☐ 30 Year Member ☐ 50 Year Member ☐ Trustee
☐ 35 Year Member ☐ duv ☐ Life Member

Conventional Registration Fee* #________x $25.00 = $____________

Check #___________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED $____________

Make checks payable to “DUVCW” and mail on or before July 1, 2017.

ONLY REGISTRATION FEES are to be sent to the National Treasurer. Mail to:

Susan Nitzel, National Treasurer
P. O. Box 1176
Fort Morgan, CO 80701-1176

*See Bylaws Updates – 2009 to 2015, Page A22, 2012 Resolutions on the Members Only
Information Aids webpage for a reduction in registration fees for more than one duv per family.

Hosted by the Department of Michigan
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
127th National Convention
July 25-30, 2017

CROWNE PLAZA
5700 28th St SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

Room Rate $115.00 per night plus tax

For RESERVATIONS call 616-957-1770. Our reservation room rates are under reference Group Code “DAU” and/or “DUVCW.” All reservations have a deadline date of July 3, 2017, and must be guaranteed with a major credit card for the first night. The attendee’s room, tax and incidental charges will be paid by the attendee.

Reservations must be made prior to July 3, 2017 to guarantee room and rate availability. All rooms booked on time are in the same hotel area. If you have a special room request contact Sue Liddie 616 893-8547

Your reservations are important because hotels give reduced rates on meeting space and other items based on the number of rooms utilized.

~ A roundtrip airport shuttle is complimentary at scheduled times
~ Complimentary wireless Internet access
~ Indoor swimming and lap pools and more
~ Aryanna Restaurant & Bar

~ Business Center
~ Free self-parking
~ Fitness Center

Convention Tour ~ Friday, July 28, 2017
Frederick Meijer Gardens

One of the world’s most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park serves over 650,000 visitors annually. Meijer Gardens was recently ranked in the top 100 most-visited art museums worldwide by Art Newspaper. The 158-acre main campus features Michigan’s largest tropical conservatory; one of the largest children’s gardens in the country; a variety of indoor and outdoor gardens; and a 1900-seat outdoor amphitheater, featuring an eclectic mix of world-renowned musicians every summer. The internationally acclaimed Sculpture Park features a permanent collection. In 2015, the eight-acre Richard & Helen DeVos Japanese Garden opened. Created by renowned designer Hoichi Kurisu. The Gardens is also the home of The American Horse created by famed animalier or animal sculptor, Nina Akamu. The work was inspired, in part, by a work created by Renaissance master Leonardo da Vinci for the Duke of Milan in the late 15th century. The project was championed by Frederik Meijer in the late 1990's, resulting in two casts of the 24-foot monument—one for Meijer Gardens and one for the city of Milan, Italy. In addition, to inspiration from Leonardo, Akamu was also inspired by the history of equine imagery and the study of horses. A must see.

Register yourself and your significant other! Limited seating, so reserve your place now! The bus departs at noon sharp.
127th National Convention  
July 26, 2017-July 30, 2017  

**Meals**

### Memory Banquet Thursday
- Shrimp Scampi: #__________ x $29.00 = $__________
- Tuscan Chicken: #__________ x $29.00 = $__________
- Cheese Manicotti: #__________ x $25.00 = $__________

### All States Banquet Friday
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin: #__________ x $29.00 = $__________
- Fried Chicken: #__________ x $29.00 = $__________
- Egg Plant Parmesan: #__________ x $25.00 = $__________

### Granddaughters Breakfast Sunday
- Breakfast Buffet*: #__________ x $21.00 = $__________

*Open to all attendees and free to duvs (ages 8 – 18)

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*Tour to Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park*  
Choose your box lunch served with potato chips, pickle and cookie
- Oven Roasted Turkey on Whole Grain: #__________
- Ham & Swiss on Whole Grain: #__________
- Mediterranean Vegie on Tomato Basil: #__________
- Tuna Salad on Whole Grain: #__________

Total Enclosed ____________________

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**Meal Reservations and Tour Deadlines July 12, 2017**

If you have dietary restrictions, please advise ________________________________________________

Mail checks payable to **DUVCW Dept. MI** on or before July 12, 2017

**Sue Liddie**

4572 Remembrance Rd NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

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**Meals/Tour Tickets** ordered by/for:

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________ City________________ State____ Zip________

Phone: ___________________________ email: ____________________________
Tuesday July 25, 2017
7:00 pm Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 26, 2017
9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon Executive Board Meeting
1:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
2:15 pm Executive Board Meeting Reconvenes
2:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm Committee Meetings
   Committee chairman, contact your committee
   members to setup meeting times. Determine
   if all your members are attending as you may
   need a replacement.
   Guide and Color Bearers Practice

4:15 pm ~ 5:15 pm Registration, PNP's register first
5:30 pm Past National President's Dinner

Wednesday July 26, 2017
7:30 pm Grand Opening
   Escorting of National Officers
   Posting of Colors
   Pledge of Allegiance
   Battle Hymn of the Republic
   Welcome by Convention Chairman
   Response
   Presentation of Guests
   Greetings
   Entertainment
   Announcements
   Reception hosted by Dept of Michigan

Thursday July 27, 2017
7:30 am ~ 8:45 am Registration
9:00 am Public Opening of Convention
   Welcome – Michigan
   Posting of the Colors
   Pledge of Allegiance
   National Anthem
   Presentation of Guests
   Guests with Greetings
10:00 am Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Officers Charges and The American’s Creed
   Roll Call – Appointments
   Adoption of Standing Rules and Convention Program
   Initiation by National Officers
   Communications
   Credentials Committee Report
   Executive Board Approvals and Recommendations
   Announcements
12:00 pm Lunch on your own
   duvs ~ free time
1:15 ~ 3:15 pm Workshops/Presentations and/or Committee Meetings
3:30 pm Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Resolutions Committee Report
   Officers’ Reports
   Announcements
6:30 pm Memory Banquet

Friday July 28, 2017
7:30 am ~ 8:45 am Registration
9:00 am Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Pledge of Allegiance
   Roll Call
   Updated Credentials Committee Report
   1st Nomination of National Officers
   Officers’ Reports continue
12:00 am Convention Tour with Box Lunch or Lunch and touring on your own
6:00 pm Memorial Service rehearsal
6:30 pm Dinner on your own
6:30 pm duvs Pizza Party
8:30 pm Open Houses

Saturday July 29, 2017
8:00 am ~ 8:45 am Registration
9:00 am Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Officers’ Reports continue
4:30-6:00 Tellers count ballots
6:30 pm All States Banquet

Sunday July 30, 2017
7:00 am Granddaughters Breakfast*
   duvs ages 8 through 18, breakfast is free
8:30 am Worship Services
9:00 am Memorial Service – National Chaplain
10:00 am Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Pledge of Allegiance
   Report of Tellers
   Officers’ Reports continue
   Board of Trustees Report – Donations to Headquarters & Library
   Sites Committee Report
   Awards Committee Report
12:00 pm Lunch on your own
1:15 pm Business Session
   Password, Bible opened
   Courtesy Resolution Committee Report
   Chief of Staff Report
   Recess
   Installation of Officers
   Closing
5:30 pm Chinese Night Out (Dutch treat)

*Granddaughters Breakfast is OPEN to everyone.
Reservations Required
After the Convention closes the following committees
must meet to select their Chairman: Board of Trustees,
G.A.R. Living Memorial and Legislative, if necessary.
AMANDA STOKES TENT #2, GA
TENT MEMBER DONATES TO PRESERVATION PROJECT IN ROSWELL, GA

The members of Amanda Stokes Tent #2 of Georgia agreed to support a historical preservation project in Roswell, Georgia for a second year. The project is known as the Old Roswell Cemetery Restoration in conjunction with the Roswell Historical Society.

The Roswell Historical Society (RHS) is committed to preserving and restoring Roswell’s historic cemeteries. RHS’s cemetery committee’s activities include recording data, cleaning monuments, and fundraising to restore monuments. One hundred and fifty-one (151) veterans were identified and recorded in the Find-A-Grave database as a result of this project.

Members of the DUVCW Department of Georgia have faithfully attended several of the cleaning events since 2014. Several members participated in the fundraising efforts to repair broken gravesite monuments as a result of vandalism and neglect.

After learning about this worthy preservation effort, Sheila Richards decided to take a very active role in aiding the fundraising efforts. She donated a family heirloom quilt from the mid 1950’s. Ms. Richards is a member of the Amanda Stokes Tent and President of the newly formed LGAR James Tharp Circle in Roswell, GA.

The quilt was one of nineteen that Sheila’s mother, Florine Tharp Richards, made prior to losing her eyesight. Sheila feels her mother, past member of the American Legion Auxiliary, would be excited that the quilt will be used to raise funds for this project. Of her nineteen quilts, Sheila chose this particular quilt to donate because of the poppy pattern, and because the monies would also benefit memories of the veterans who fought in America’s wars. The quilt is composed of cotton hand-quilted, appliqued and embroidered red poppies. It is registered with the Illinois Quilt Registry and was appraised for $2,000.00 in 2014.

Presently, the RHS Cemetery Chairperson, Janet Johnson, is developing a fundraising program using the quilt as the primary object to benefit this project. For further information, please contact Ms. Johnson at the Roswell Historical Society at 770-992-1665. (article submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent Department of GA)
AMANDA STOKES TENT #2, GA
TENT HONORS VETERANS WITH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On a cold, rainy December 17th, 75 volunteers laid 201 wreaths at Old Roswell Cemetery. With hand over heart, a volunteer says the veteran’s name as each wreath is laid at the veteran’s grave. Paulette Snoby, Jr. VP represented Amanda Stokes Tent #2 by laying wreaths on both Union and Confederate graves. The purpose of Wreaths Across America is to Remember, Honor and Teach; we remember their lives, honor those who served and sacrificed, and teach the value of freedom to our children.

Amanda Stokes Tent #2, Alpharetta, Georgia adopted Old Roswell Cemetery as a preservation project for the last two years through donations and cleaning of the monuments and gravestones. Seven remembrance wreaths were displayed in memory of the US Army, US Marine Corps, US Navy, US Air Force, US Coast Guard, US Merchant Marines and Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. Amanda Stokes Tent Sisters Barbara Nelson and Jill Webster presented wreaths at Canton’s National Cemetery. (see photos below, left and center) (Submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent, Department of GA)

(L-R) Sister Paulette Snoby laying wreaths at Confederate grave and Veterans graves; Sister Barbara Nelson, Amanda Stokes Tent #2 at Canton National Cemetery; DUVCW Sisters and UDC Daughters with Historian Brad Quinlin.

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
DUVCW WREATH EXCHANGE WITH UDC, MARIETTA, GEORGIA

The Department of Georgia DUVCW Sisters exchanged wreaths with the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) on Saturday, December 17th at 10:30AM at Brown Park, Marietta Confederate Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America celebration. This was the second year for wreath exchanges orchestrated by the Emma Stephenson Tent. (see photo above right)

In September 1863, soldiers who died in a train collision near Emerson, Georgia were laid to rest in Marietta’s Confederate Cemetery. More burials were of soldiers who died during the Battle of Chickamauga totaling 3,000 graves from Confederate states. Today, the cemetery is owned by the state of Georgia.

Sister Sarah Meyer, DUVCW Department of GA President, presented a wreath to UDC Kennesaw Chapter 241 Past President Maryanne McCurdy who placed the wreath at the foot of the Confederate monument.

Loriann White, Emma Stephenson Tent President, presented a wreath to Julia Sapp, President of UDC Kennesaw Chapter 241. Jill Webster, Amanda Stokes Tent President, presented a wreath to a UDC Chapter representative. Sandra Vance represented Clara Barton Tent #3.

The UDC Daughters’ wreaths were placed by the DUVCW Sisters on graves at Marietta National Cemetery. The one wreath is annually placed on a former slave’s grave, Emma Stephenson, who nursed Union soldiers in Marietta. She is the namesake of DUVCW’s Tent #4. (Submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent, Department of GA)
CLARA BARTON TENT #3, GA
QUILT DONATED TO MEDAL OF HONOR HERITAGE CENTER

The Board of Directors of the Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee honored Sandra Salmon, Clara Barton Tent #3 member, September 30, 2016. Sandra donated her quilt, “Ribbons of Honor” to the Center. The donation was made on behalf of the DAR, DUVCW, and UDC, whose members attended the presentation. The Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center was created to educate present and future generations about the extraordinary sacrifices of those who went above and beyond the call of duty to preserve the cause of freedom.

The first Medals of Honor were awarded to the soldiers who daringly stole the locomotive “The General” at Big Shanty, Kennesaw, GA. Known as the Great Locomotive Chase, eight soldiers were hanged as spies and train thieves by the Confederate Army, eight escaped to Union lines, and the final six soldiers were exchanged for Confederate prisoners in March 1863. It was these six soldiers who were the first recipients of the Medal of Honor on March 25, 1863. Subsequently, thirteen other Union soldiers received the Medal of Honor for their actions during the chase. The hanged “spies” are interred at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

After the ceremony and lunch at the Mountain City Club, the DUVCW sisters visited the Chattanooga National Cemetery and the grave sites, which included Andrews’ Raiders and the Great Locomotive Chase Monument.

Pictured to the right is Charles Googh, Managing Member of the Center’s Board and Sandra Salmon, quilt creator.

Pictured above (L-R): Sandra Salmon, Clara Barton Tent #3 who created and donated the quilt, Linda Hartung, President, Clara Barton Tent #3, and Sarah Meyer, President, Department of GA.

(article submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent, Department of GA)
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
FORT McPHERSON STAND DOWN 2016

Sisters from the Department of Georgia participated in the 2016 Stand Down for homeless veterans at Fort McPherson in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, October 1, 2016. “Stand Downs” are organized by the Veterans Administration to provide needed services and supplies for homeless veterans around the country. Fort McPherson is a recently-opened domiciliary for homeless veterans. Stand Downs were previously held at the VA Hospital in Decatur, GA. Hundreds of veterans were in attendance. They received medical screenings, counseling, referrals for healthcare, information about housing solutions, employment opportunities, and other support services.

Department of Georgia Sisters helped register the veterans who attended the event. “The Stand Down is one of the annual projects we are excited to participate in serving our veterans.” (article submitted by Paulette Snoby, Press Correspondent, Dept. of Georgia)

Picture below on the right (L-R): Sisters Cathy Hellming, Judith Miehl, Marguerite Dyal, Sarah Meyer.

LAURA BELLE STODDARD TENT #22, CA
STATUE OF LIBERTY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Laura Belle Stoddard Tent #22, Santa Barbara, CA, celebrated the 130th Birthday of the Statue of Liberty on October 14, 2016. Ms. Liberty, portrayed by Barbara Scollin (pictured at right), presided over the program telling about her history and size. Barbara, Tent #22, enthralled her Sisters with many Statue of Liberty facts. For example, her waistline is 35 feet! Did you know that the seven points of her crown represent the seven continents? Her torch is covered with thin sheets of 24k gold and she was officially dedicated on October 28, 1886. The Statue represents the Roman Goddess Libertas! She resides on Liberty Island in the New York Harbor. (article submitted by Lynne Halterlein, Press Correspondent, Tent #22, CA/NV)
MARY TODD LINCOLN TENT #48, IL
UNMARKED GRAVES RECEIVE NEW HEADSTONES

Mary Todd Lincoln Tent #48 participated in the dedication of 17 new headstones placed on the graves of Union Soldiers at Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery, Illinois. The Civil War soldiers’ graves had previously been unmarked. Because of the efforts of the Sons of Union Veterans over 200 unmarked graves now have headstones. Picture is Harry Reineke IV, Vice Commander, P. H. Sheridan Camp #2, Norma Fiedler, President, Mary Todd Lincoln Tent #48, and Gary Gunderson, Commander, P. H. Sheridan Camp #2, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. (Submitted by Norma Fiedler.)

Riverside Cemetery

IL President pins granddaughter

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PINS MEDAL ON GRANDDAUGHTER

Sharon Corum, President, Department of Illinois, pins Woman Veteran Medal on her granddaughter, Captain Nichole Lynn Corum. Nichole Corum is a member of Mary Todd Lincoln Tent #48, Illinois.

Capt. Corum joined the Army as a Private First Class on March 5, 2004. After completing Basic and Advanced Individual Training in 2005, she joined ROTC at Western Illinois University. Upon graduation, CPT Corum was awarded the Distinguished Military Graduate Award and was ranked 1st in her class in 2007, where she commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant as a Military Intelligence Officer.

After college, CPT Corum was assigned to the 82nd Airborne, 1st of the 504th Devil in Baggy Pants serving as an active duty Intelligence officer, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon Leader, and a Higher Headquarter Executive Officer, 2nd in Command. She completed a total of 13 Airborne jumps while stationed there. She deployed twice to Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2008 and Operation Enduring Freedom 2009-2010.

CPT Corum is currently attached to 3100 Strategic Intelligence Group in the United States Army Reserves. Her higher headquarters is the CIA and she is the Operations Officer in charge of production management. She holds a civilian job as a Regional Procurement Manager for Supply Chain Unit at the North American Headquarters of Rolls-Royce in Indianapolis which builds airplane engines that support military platforms and applications for the Department of Defense. (Submitted by Norma Fiedler.)

Awards include: Amy Commendations Medal/Army Achievement Medal (2nd award); National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star; Army service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd award); Parachutist Badge.
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE
DONATION OF GRAVESIDE FLAG MARKERS

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Maine, recently donated graveside flag markers to Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH. Cathedral of the Pines is a non-profit "memorial to the American War Dead of World War II" and a National DUVCW recognized site. Many burials, as well as weddings, patriotic and religious ceremonies have been held there since 1945. To support Cathedral of the Pines, Maine Daughters of Union Veterans purchased and placed 15 graveside markers to hold "the flag our Fathers saved" at veterans’ graves in one of the Cathedral’s cemeteries.

Pictured above are Maine Department Officers (L-R): PDP and Counselor Elsie Bonney, PDP and Patriotic Instructor Sally Sawyer, Dept. President Vicky Myers, Council Member Jane Wardwell. (article submitted by Elsie B. Bonney, PDP Department of Maine)

SALOME STEWART TENT #55, GETTYSBURG, PA
NAMESAKE HONORED AT CEMETERY CEREMONY

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Tent #55 of Gettysburg met on Saturday, June 18th at Greenwood Cemetery in Gettysburg to honor their namesake, Salome M. Stewart. The ceremony was followed by lunch at Sweeney’s Tavern and an afternoon tour of the Shriver House Museum. (article submitted by Susan Zabolotny, Secretary, Salome Stewart Tent #55, Gettysburg, PA)

Standing (L-R): Mollie Back, Jackie Olcott, Marlyn Easterly, Darlene Shrader, President Maddy Stahl, Sharon Saunders, Susan Zabolotny, Janet Kennedy, Chloe Skaluba, Shannon Skaluba
Kneeling (L-R): Nancy Spaulding, Sherry Morgan
MARY WHITNEY PHELPS TENT #22, MO
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR HENRY CLAY CARROL

We were privileged for Missouri Department President Mettie Davis visit us at our last regular meeting. Ms. Davis showed a design for a new Department banner.

The object of Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to perpetuate the memories of our fathers, their loyalty to the Union, their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation of the same, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in the heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government. At our meetings each month one of our members presents a Celebration of Life for her veteran. At our last meeting we celebrated the life of Union Veteran Private Henry Clay Carrol; Co. C and Co. I, 6th Regiment, Missouri Militia. Henry is the great-grandfather of Sister Linda Johnson Inman. Linda displayed items relating to the Civil War treasures her family discovered after the death of a relative. Dee Dosch presented a Certificate of Appreciation. (Submitted by Modena Hostetler, Press Correspondent, Mary Whitney Phelps Detached Tent #22, MO)

(L-R): Mettie Davis, MO Dept. President with Tent 22 President Pat Dickens display the design for the MO Dept. banner; Linda Johnson Inman displays items relevant to her veteran that were found in a home of one of her family members; Linda accepts a Certificate of appreciation of the Life of Private Henry Clay Carrol.

MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23, WI
GAR STAINED GLASS WINDOW LIGHT CABINET

Thanks to the generosity of the late Franklin and Suzanne Stoneburner, a significant piece of Walworth County, Wisconsin post-Civil War history has been preserved. This Grand Army of the Republic stained glass window (circa 1880-1900) was an integral part of the Methodist Church in Allens Grove, WI. The window had been installed in the church by the GAR to honor those Civil War soldiers from the area who had made the ultimate sacrifice. The original purchase of the window was made possible through the donations of members of the GAR. Stoneburner subsequently acquired the window, which had been removed from the church before it burned in the latter 20th century. The Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent #23 and the GAR Post #8 of Senior Re-enactors donated the light cabinet which was hand crafted by John Jacyna of Franksville, WI. The window will be on display in the Civil War Room at the Webster House, part of the Walworth County Historical Society. (Submitted by Patricia Blackmer)
JULIA DENT GRANT TENT #16, MO
PTP VOLUNTEERS AT VETERANS HOME

On November 21, 2016, Sharon Michael, PTP of Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 at the Pasta House with one of the veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis County. Sharon volunteers at the home on many occasions. In the photo at left is Sharon Michael, PTP with a veteran. (Article submitted by Pat Volkmann, PDP and photos submitted by Sharon Birt Michael, PTP Julia Dent Grant Tent #16)

JULIA DENT GRANT TENT #16, MO
PARTICIPATES IN VETERANS DAY PARADE

A Veterans Day Parade was held in Florissant, Missouri on November 13, 2016. Several members of the DUVCW, Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 attended the parade. The parade began at Bangert Park and ended at the VFW where a ceremony was held to honor the 2016 Veteran of the Year.

The parade is an annual event where many branches of the military and patriotic organizations are in attendance.

Pictured above on the right is Sharon Michael, PTP, Candy Beuchler current Tent President of the Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 and Candy’s husband Paul Beuchler member of the SUVCW Illinois. Also in the picture to the very left is the gentleman who pulled the tent’s wagon and also his young son situated in the middle. Pictured on the left is Sharon Michael on the bus with the veterans of Missouri Veterans’ Home in line for the parade.

Other members of the Julia Dent Tent #16 in parade were, Charlene Konersmann, PDP, Rebecca Konersmann, PDP, duv Cheyenne Long and duv Sierra Long, Patti Dickherber, Pat Baehr and Carol Hertensteiner. (Article submitted by Pat Volkmann, PDP and photos submitted by Sharon Birt Michael, PTP Julia Dent Grant Tent #16)

(L-R): Sharon Michael, Candy and Paul Beuchler
Sharon Birt Michael on bus with veterans.
LIZABETH A. TURNER, TENT 23, OH
TENT DISPLAYS ITS NEW DUVCW FLAG

Betsy Potts recent past president of Lizabeth A. Turner, Tent 23 shared an idea with her fellow tent members early in 2016. Her proposed project was to raise the funds necessary through member donations to purchase a DUVCW flag for the tent. Not only would the flag be used at Tent 23 meetings and when the tent participated in parades but would help identify the group at local memorial services and wreath laying ceremonies. President Potts hoped the flag would be another means of sharing the DUVCW’s name within the community as well as show the sister’s pride in tent membership.

Once President Potts presented her idea, tent members overwhelmingly responded with donations toward the project, fully funding the flag’s purchase as well as a flag pole. Sister Carolyn Chapman worked with President Potts and The Flag Lady’s Flag Store in Columbus, Ohio to produce the new DUVCW flag. Ready for pick up in early December 2016, Tent 23 members were able to see their new DUVCW flag at the tent’s Christmas meeting.

Lizabeth A Turner, Tent 23 members look forward to future community events where their DUVCW flag will be displayed with pride and in honor of their Civil War ancestors who sacrificed greatly for our nation. (submitted by Cindy Freed, Sr. Vice President, Lizabeth A. Turner Tent 23)


LOUISA MAY ALCOTT TENT 11, FL
TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE JOHN SPAULDING

On December 17, 2016 sisters Sandra Vogelpohl and Lillian McCrary of Louisa May Alcott Tent 11, St. Cloud, participated in the Wreaths Across America at Mount Peace St. Cloud. We were able to pay a special tribute to John Spaulding, Civil War ancestor of sister Marguerite Dyal of Amanda Stokes Tent 2 GA. John was a Private in Company K, 36th Regiment Wisconsin Infantry and served from Aug 1864 to Jul 1865. After being injured and taken prisoner and paroled he rejoined and was at Appomattox to witness Lee’s Surrender. It was an honor and privilege to pay tribute to John and so many others who served our country on this very warm winter day. (submitted by Sandra Vogelpohl)

(photo right) Sandra Vogelpohl standing behind the tombstone of John Spaulding at Mount Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud FL
Betty White, Department President, and Carol Cox, Senior Vice President, Sallie Peacheater, Tent 18, Oklahoma Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in the Memorial Service at the 126th National Convention on Sunday morning, July 24, 2016 in Springfield, IL. (see photo at left) Sarah Meyer, National Chaplain, presided at the service. Departed members memorialized were Dava Woodard and Mary Ann Bailey. On the same morning, the election of new officers took place. Betty White nominated Carol Cox for one of the Council offices. Later that day Carol’s name was announced to have been elected to Council #4 for the coming year.

At the 126th National Convention, Lucille Nitzel won the center piece top hat for her table at the Granddaughters Breakfast, Monday July 25, 2016 (see photo at right). Lucille is a great granddaughter and has since turned 91. She is a member of Mary Todd Lincoln Tent 23, Colorado/Wyoming Department. Betty White was among others sitting at that table. She is a granddaughter, Oklahoma Department President, Sallie Peacheater Tent 18 attending her first convention. (Submitted by Betty Neukom White, Oklahoma Department President, photo of Lucille and Betty provided by Julie Cass)

Commander Charles Burgess, Jeremiah Smith Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War invited Nancy Chotkey, President of Peacheater Tent #18, and Betty White, Oklahoma Department President-both of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to participate with them in a Remembrance Ceremony, Saturday, November 19th, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City. The ceremony began at 11:00 a.m. with the Sons marching to the 1918 GAR Monument. Nancy laid a wreath in front of the monument, and Betty was asked to read the Gettysburg Address. This was followed by the Sons firing off several volleys with their muskets. The ceremony was concluded by the playing of taps by the Sons’ bugler. The weather was very cold and windy thus Nancy and Betty wore jeans, headscarf, ski cap, earmuffs and heavy coats. Brother Steve Call asked Betty to hold a musket. (Article submitted by Betty Neukom White, Oklahoma Department President, photo taken by Charles Burgess).
On Remembrance Day 2016 at Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania Department President Debbie Schiesser had the honor of placing a floral tribute at the monument of Albert Woolson, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the GAR. Albert Henry Woolson (February 11, 1850 – August 2, 1956) was the last surviving member of the Union Army who served in the Civil War. He enlisted as a drummer boy in Company C, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery Regiment on October 10, 1864 and was discharged on September 7, 1865. Woolson became Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. in 1953. In 1956 a monument of was erected in Gettysburg as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. (Article submitted by Jackie Carter, Press Correspondent, Mary Morris Husband Tent #58, PA)

Photo on Left (L-R): Debbie Schiesser, PA Dept. President, Ellen Higgins, PNP
Photo on Right (L-R): Ellen Higgins, PNP; Debbie Schiesser, PA Dept. President; Jan Rynerson, National President

MARY MORRIS HUSBAND TENT #58, PA WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

Debbie Schiesser, President of the Mary Morris Husband Tent #58 installed three new members at the November meeting. Members Nancy Elias, descendant of Corporal Evan Morris, Co K, 100th Regiment, PA Volunteer; Barbara Patchell, descendant of Private Theodore Warren Roberts, Co C, 20th Regiment, PA Infantry and Michelle Davies, descendant of Private William Alexander Fairchild, Co I, 119th Regiment, PA Infantry were all welcomed at the meeting. (Article submitted by Jackie Carter, Press Correspondent, Mary Morris Husband Tent #58, PA)

Photo above (L-R): Nancy Elias, Dorothy Wright, Senior Vice President, Debbie Schiesser, President, Barbara Patchell and Michelle Davies.
The 153rd Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address coincided with Remembrance Day Weekend this year in Gettysburg, PA. On Saturday, November 19, we attended the Dedication Ceremony, with keynote speech delivered by actor LeVar Burton, known as “Kunta Kinte” in *Roots*, “Geordi LaForge” in *Star Trek, The Next Generation*, and the host of *Reading Rainbow*. His words included personal memories of inspiration by his mother, of the country being divided today as it was so many years ago, and of the great honor to address everyone gathered together to witness the Naturalization Ceremony of 17 (now) new citizens. Abraham Lincoln portrayer George Buss delivered the Gettysburg Address in fine fashion.

Assisting the National Park Service with seating and other important details were Larry and Annette Keener-Farley, Civil War Dance Foundation (we are regular dancers for this organization). Annette kindly found a nice place for us to sit, which happened to be in the same row as President Lincoln and President Jeff Davis portrayed by our friend David Walker. How wonderful to be with friends, no matter what the alliance!

Wearing my parade sash for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, I’d dressed in every bit of wool I owned, fearing that the cold front would overtake the day’s events. Although I felt unsure as to my legs holding up for walking in the parade and then demonstrating dancing later that evening, my husband, Denis, persuaded me to join up with the Daughters who were about to walk in the parade. So, I did! I met new friends and was warmly greeted by Past National President Ellen Higgins, who, after my inquiry as to Past National President Carole Morton’s whereabouts, pointed “upstream” a bit. I excitedly met her, and then, we were off!

The parade was just grand. I enjoyed every step, waving to many friends and friendly faces, and thanking the obvious Veterans of Wars for their service. At the end of the march through town I left my position to greet the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Carolyn Agusto, who called out my name in a delightful voice. Winding my way “downstream” the parade to meet up with Denis, who was keeping company with Amy and Bobbi of Arlington House, I met the eyes of Al Stone, who perfectly portrays Robert E. Lee! Even though he’d retired and gone to Florida last year, he was in uniform with his “Lee’s Lieutenants.” And that, my dear friends, ended this joyous day in the best possible way. Then the cold front moved in. (submitted by Karen Sue Lewis Lyddane, Senior Vice President, Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1)
Members of the Mary Morris Husband Tent #58 paid homage to the sacrifices the 104th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment made during the Civil War by laying a wreath at the monument located in historic downtown Doylestown, PA.

In attendance were DUVCW members Debbie Schiesser, Ellen Higgins, Dorothy Wright, Marion Lane & Bonny Lobby along with several members of the Bucks County Civil War Round Table.

The monument was dedicated in 1868 in remembrance of the contributions the 104th regiment made during the Civil War. One thousand and forty nine men were organized between September 20th and October 16th of 1861. Led by Col. W.W.H. Davis they departed from Doylestown on November 6, 1861 for Washington, DC.

During the course of the war they served in multiple skirmishes and battles including the Siege of Yorktown, the Battle of Williamsburg and the Siege at Fort Wagner. The Regiment lost 2 Officers and 68 Enlisted men during their service and 115 Enlisted men were lost by disease.

On May 12, 1894 Sergeant Hiram Purcell, Company G, 104th Pennsylvania Infantry was awarded the Medal of Honor. While carrying the regimental colors on the retreat at Fair Oaks, VA he returned to face the advancing enemy, flag in hand, and saved the other color, which would otherwise have been captured. (Article submitted by Jackie Carter, Press Correspondent, Mary Morris Husband Tent #58, PA)

In the photo at right are shown Dorothy Wright Vice President Tent #58 and Cheryl Bruno. Cheryl’s ancestor was Lewis Carman, a Private in the 1st Regiment, NJ Light Artillery. (Photo submitted by Jackie Carter, Press Correspondent, Mary Morris Husband Tent #58, PA)
Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23, WI

Dan Nettesheim was our Tent’s guest speaker at the October 25th meeting (photo right). He gave us insights into Ulysses S. Grant including his capabilities as a commander and aspects of his personal life. Nettesheim attended West Point as did U.S. Grant. He has numerous degrees, was with the Army Corps of Engineers, taught history at West Point and retired from service as a Lt. Col. Some interesting facts he shared about Grant include:

- He once was issued a speeding ticket from the police for excessive speed on horseback!
- At age 46 he was the youngest person at the time of his election to hold the office of President.
- He was responsible for dismantling the KKK during his administration.
- His name was actually Hiram Ulysses Grant. An Ohio congressman incorrectly wrote his name on the application when he nominated him to attend West Point.
- Mark Twain published the autobiography that Grant wrote while dying of throat cancer and gave Grant’s wife $200,000 earned from its sale.

Later this fall Dan visited West Point Military Academy where a plaque has been installed to commemorate Alonzo Cushing’s Congressional Medal of Honor. Cushing, a Wisconsin Civil War soldier from nearby Delafield was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg defending the Union position on Cemetery Ridge against Pickett’s Charge.

Tent #23 proudly honors our veterans by sending thank you cards to those who have served in the military from our area. This year cards were sent to 19 veterans. Tent #23 assisted with the planning of the fourth annual Veterans Day Program at the Walworth County Historical Society at 1:00 pm on November 11th. The guest speaker was Ron Borowski, a Korean War Veteran who spoke about the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight program. Wisconsin is one of 44 states that honor their veterans this way.

At our November meeting, our members prepared 125 Christmas cards for veterans and current military personnel and their families through the “Holiday Mail for Heroes” program sponsored by the American Red Cross. We also packed 50 packages including candy, toiletries, lap blankets, and other items to donate to the Rock Valley Community Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Janesville, Wisconsin. (photos above)
Before our Tent went on hiatus for the cold winter months of January and February, we enjoyed a festive holiday luncheon and silent auction at the Village Supper Club in Delavan, WI. (photos below) Members of the Delavan-Darien High School jazz ensemble entertained us during our meal. Our next meeting will be in March 2017. (Submitted by Pat Blackmer and Pam Johnson)

DRUMBEAT #3 DEADLINE

The deadline is April 10, 2017 for articles in both General Orders #3 and Drumbeat (May 2017 issue). Late submissions will be omitted. If possible, please submit in Times New Roman font size 12. It is preferable to email articles and photos; however, you may send them by USPS to:

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IN MEMORIAM

The National Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865, silently and reverently mourns Real Daughter Rachel Perine along with Sisters, Tents, and Departments who have been bereaved of loved ones and Sisters.