

**OHIO DEPARTMENT
AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
FALL 2016**

Sisters,

It is with deep humility that I accept the privilege and honor to serve as your Department President for the second consecutive year. The large attendance at our Department Encampment as well as the visit from our National President Linda Kronberg was also a great climax to my first year of service.

This coming year appears to be a very busy term. A special surprise was an invitation to meet with the Sons of the American Revolution for a Grave Marking Ceremony in Lancaster to be followed by a dedication of a bronze statue the following weekend in Dayton. Thank you to the many Sisters and Brothers who traveled the many miles to attend both of these events. A special highlight of the event in Lancaster was a “Meet and Great” with the Sisters of the Anna Mariah Sterling Butterfield Auxiliary as well as the “sea of white” created by the Officers and Sisters of the Ohio Department. I was so proud to be your Department President.

2016-2017 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

These are the Sisters who were elected and appointed to serve this year:

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Judy Brown Auxiliary #10

Judy Hritsko, PAP Auxiliary #142

Alternates: Sophia Atherton (Auxiliary #108) and Terri Dunlap (Auxiliary #10)

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Congratulations goes to our newly elected National President Denise Oman from Wisconsin. The Ohio Department was honored with the election of two of our Sisters to National positions. Ramona Greenwalt, PDP, of McClellan Auxiliary #91 as National Vice President and Wanda Langdon, PAP of Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary #10 as National Chaplain. Congratulations ladies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you travel this year.

WOMEN'S VETERAN COMMITTEE

At our recent Department Encampment a committee was formed to investigate the needs of women veterans in VA facilities. This committee met in July and their first activity was a baby shower for "Deborah", a homeless veteran at the Dayton VA center. Auxiliary #10 is leading this endeavor as it can not become a Department project until it is brought on the floor at our 2017 Department Encampment. In the meantime any assistance will be greatly appreciated by the Sisters in Cincinnati. For more information on what your Auxiliary might be able to do, contact Sister Wanda Langdon. The Cincinnati Sisters are working under a logo of SSWV (Sisters Supporting Women Veterans). Sounds like a great idea and the committee **will** be bringing this to the membership at our next Encampment.

ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Once again Sisters, I am hoping to be with each of the Auxiliaries for their annual Officer Installation. Two Auxiliaries have already sent me their dates, so Sisters get your dates on my calendar now. Dates which are not available are October 15, 16 and November 13. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

RECRUITING

Enclosed with this General Order is a letter from our Department Vice President with multiple suggestions on recruiting new members for our Order. We have also sent along the logo that she and the Sisters of Cincinnati are using. She is asking that this be our

slogan for the next year and that we strive to increase our membership. Please feel free to use this information in what ever ways you feel necessary. It appears that their campaign is working. They have had six new members and one re-instatement since Department Encampment. Way to go ladies!

MID WINTER MEETING

We are still awaiting the date and location of Mid Winter Meeting , but it is an event you won't want to miss. PNP Jane Graham is planning a workshop. Please, if you are called on to participate, say "yes". More information will be sent out as it becomes available. Each Auxiliary will want at least one representative present to gather the information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 8 Election Day
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 19 Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 24 Thanksgiving
December 25 Christmas
January 1 New Years Day

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Plans are already started for the 2017 Department Encampment. Tentatively, the date is June 10, so please mark your calendars. We are looking for an even larger turnout than last year. Hope to see you there.

SICK AND SHUT IN

The sympathy of the Ohio Department is extended to the John S. Townsend Auxiliary #108 on the loss of life member Sister Rowena Leibig.

To each of you who have lost a loved one goes the heartfelt sympathy of your Ohio Sisters. To those of our Sisterhood who are struggling with illness we lift you daily in our thoughts and prayers for your speedy recovery.

IN CLOSING...

Thanks again for all of your support this past year and let's just keep it going.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Cindy L. Hilliard, PDP
Ohio Department President

Attest: Nancy G. Hilton, PNP
Ohio Department Secretary