

OHIO DEPARTMENT
AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

2018-2019 Department Order #2

Greetings Sisters;

The weather is starting to warm up and it is time to start thinking about the Ohio Department Encampment which will be held June 8, 2018, at the Clintonville Women's Club in Columbus, Ohio. Please note the luncheon cost, and deadline date to get your reservations into Chair Nancy Hilton. Reservations MUST be received no later than May 23rd. Please plan to attend the Department Encampment. This is where all Department business is conducted and where your Department Officers are elected.

SPRING EVENTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Spring brings the busy season for most of us with numerous events. These are all great opportunities for recruiting new members. Membership recruitment is absolutely vital if our organization is to continue. I hope all auxiliaries have brochures and/or business cards they can hand out. Signup sheets are a great tool also to capture contact information for follow up. The Department is a support for you so please contact me if you need help and we will help get what you need.

MONEY OFFICERS

Each year the Department elects a Patriotic Instructor and the Department President appoints a Chief of Staff. The Patriotic Instructor raises the funds so that we can support our patriotic endeavors of supporting women veterans. Her fund also pays our Department donation to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. This year's Department Patriotic Instructor is Peggy Young, PDP. Please do not forget that each Auxiliary is to send her a minimum of \$15 towards her fund. Personal donations are also gratefully accepted. This is a very important position in our Department and one that I hope each of us will support.

The Department Chief of Staff is an appointment made by the Department President at the time of her installation. Her funds collected pay any bills required for the Department Encampment, which can include anything from a hotel bill for our National President to a luncheon ticket for our Department President and more. She is required to raise \$700 per our vote at last years Encampment and each Auxiliary is to send her a minimum of \$25 towards her fund.

Please send your donations with the checks made payable to the Ohio

Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to our Department Secretary, Nancy Hilton who will make sure each donation is credited properly:

Nancy Hilton
1576 Charl Ann Drive
Alliance, Ohio 44601

This year, our Chief of Staff, Kim Villalva, is holding a raffle of a beautiful handmade, King Sized Amish quilt as a fundraiser. This quilt is gorgeous. It is a star pattern in blues and cream. Pictures will be posted on the Facebook page and emailed. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Contact Kim Villalva at kdanisk@yahoo.com or 513-680-8729.

Sisters – it is vital that we support and help our monied Dept. Officers. Thank you in advance.

CHARITABLE DEEDS

Each Sister should be reporting her Charitable Deeds for the previous year on the form provided on the National website and then submitting to be compiled by the Department Secretary. Please understand that this form is helpful in retaining our non-profit status. Our numbers have increased last year so I can't wait to see all the service work you have accomplished in the past year!

REPORTS AND FORMS

The Department Secretary is responsible for collecting Auxiliary reports, and compiling for the Department. She must receive from each Auxiliary, by June 3rd the following reports:

Treasurer (form A04)
Vice President (form A05)
Chaplain (form A06)
Patriotic Instructor (form A07)
Auxiliary Property (form A08)
Auxiliary Charitable Deeds (form A10)
IRS Forms 990 N or 8822B

She will consolidate and hand off to the various Department Officers in time for Department Encampment for their signature and then forward on to the correct National Officer.

Thank you in advance for your timely response and assistance.

MEMORIAL DAY

This year marks the 151st anniversary of the founding of Memorial Day. As most of you know, General Logan issued his General Order Number 11 in 1868 marking May 30th as “designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion...” I hope each of you is planning on taking part in a ceremony honoring our fallen this year. Fly your flag proudly - attend ceremonies and parades - scatter rose pedals - and never forget those who died in defense of our country. (Memorial Day Services can be a recruiting opportunity so be sure to have brochures and business cards with you).

CELEBRATING OUR ACTIVITIES

Sisters, I know you all work very hard and I would love to see what it is you are involved with and how you carry out our mission and purpose. The Department Press Correspondent, would love to post pictures on the Facebook pages, help with a newsletter and get the “word” out. She is a resource for you as are each of your Department Officers. Please put her to work. I would love to see what you have been up to.

DEATH AND LOSSES

We will have a Memorial Service at the Department Encampment this year to celebrate the lives of those we have lost. Please make sure you have notified the Department Chaplain if any of our members have passed. We don't want to miss celebrating each one of our sisters.

WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK

I hope many of you are utilizing our website: www.asuvcwohio.org We would love to add information about your Auxiliaries, your events, your history so please send it to our Press Correspondent.

We have a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ASUVCWOHio This page is for the purpose of reaching out to the “outside” world. In other words, it is our marketing and advertising page. We also have a Facebook Group page: www.facebook.com/groups/OHIOASUVCW/ The group page is used for communication between each other. If you are not on these pages, please join or “like” them.

ILLNESSES AND PRAYER NEEDS

I know many of you have had illnesses or other thing happening in your life and could use prayer. Our Sisters would like to share with you and pray for you and our Department Chaplain would like to facilitate sharing for you, praying for you, and sending you a card, so Sisters please let her know when you need

prayer or cheering up

OHIO FUNDRAISER FOR THE DEPARTMENT

Last but not least, Many of you have seen the red “My Ancestor Fought in the American Civil War” T-Shirts that are being used as a fundraiser for the Department. For those who haven’t the words are in a circle with 1861-1865 and a pair of hands, one with a blue sleeve and one with a grey sleeve clasped. Sisters we need your support for this fundraiser. These would make great gifts and are available in all sizes, Men, Women, Youth, and even onsies. They can be seen on our Facebook pages. Buy them for your whole family.

I hope each of you have a wonderful, joy filled, productive Spring!

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Wanda Langdon
Ohio Department President

Attest: Nancy G. Hilton, PNP Ohio Department Secretary