

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

Greeting Sisters;

The *pandemic* has kept us from attending functions and spending time with our families and it is my hope that as the vaccine is more readily available, that if you and your family so choose that you are able to be vaccinated at your earliest convenience and that in the future this *virus* like the Spanish Flu of 1919 will become another chapter in our history.

With that said, the work of Order must continue as we strive to remember “The Boys in Blue”. I have spoken with our Department Secretary and at this time she only has one form AO1 which was due January 30. If you have mailed her your Installation Report, you might want to e-mail and see if it is yours she has received...otherwise these need filed immediately. April 1, is the deadline for form AO2 which is your Auxiliary Annual Report including your check made payable to the Ohio Department ASUVCW for per capita tax of \$13.50 per member. Please be reminded that life members and youth (under 12 years of age) do not pay this fee. Also as you are filing your personal taxes please remember to file your form 990N by May 15, to the IRS. A copy of your filing receipt should then be sent to the Department Secretary to be kept on file.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

As of this date I have not been given any information by the Ohio Department SUVCW concerning time, date or location for 2021. Since our Department By-Laws state that we must meet on the same date we are awaiting their decisions. This information will be sent out as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime there are several things your Auxiliary can do in preparation.

ENDORSEMENTS

If your Auxiliary wishes to present a candidate for any of the elected offices at the Department Encampment, your Auxiliary may submit a written endorsement to be read during communications. This informs the other members that this Sister has the backing and support of her subordinate Auxiliary. All endorsements **must** be voted on at a regular Auxiliary meeting and signed by the Auxiliary President. (Vice-President if the endorsement is for the President.) They need not be lengthy, but may include: years of membership, offices held, etc...

Department Offices available for election: Department President (must be a Past Auxiliary President), Department Vice-President (must be a Past Auxiliary President), three members of Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain and Department Press Correspondent. Department Chief of Staff, Department Personal Aide and Department Counselor are appointed by the Department President during her installation.

The same holds true for Auxiliaries who wish to endorse candidates to run for National office. These endorsements are then read during communications and acted upon. If the vote is favorable, the Department Secretary writes a Department Endorsement and both endorsements are sent on to the National Secretary prior to the required date.

IN SYMPATHY

One of our Auxiliaries has been personally touched by the loss of membership during this time. We know that only time and good memories will fill the void left by their passing. Many of us have lost loved ones and friends and may God wrap His arms around you as you grieve their passing.

GET WELL

So many of you and your families have been suffering with illnesses, surgeries and just “trying times”. Today we are sending you a Sisterly hug and hoping for the days ahead to be much sunnier.

REMEMBER

Keep celebrating our holidays, flying your flag and honoring and supporting our veterans.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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