

OHIO DEPARTMENT

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Fall 2025 Department Order #1

Thank you for the honor of electing me to serve as your Ohio Department President for the 2025-2026 term at our Department Encampment June 14, 2025. I look forward to leading our Department under the guidance of our Constitution and By-laws and serving with each of you as partners as we strive to fulfill our mission: Keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union. We can reflect on this through a moment of Patriotic Instruction at our meetings, (better preparing us to share our mission with the public), while we experience the pleasure of visiting with one another as we gather as sisters.

Headquarters Change of Address

The Headquarters for the Department of Ohio President is now established at 5041 Strathaven Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45424. All written correspondence can be mailed to this address, as well as sent via email to bglynch5041@gmail.com. Primary telephone and text contact information is 937-305-4913. Alternate telephone 937 235-6967. Please leave a message so that I can respond promptly.

Department Officers elected and appointed for 2025-2026

Department President – Barbara Lynch, PAP (Auxiliary #10)
Department Vice President – Judy Brown, PAP (Auxiliary #10)
Department Secretary – Nancy Hilton, PNP (Auxiliary #91)
Department Treasurer – Amy Miller, NT (Auxiliary #108)
Department Council #1 – Kim Villalva, PDP (Auxiliary #10)
Department Council #2 – Cindy Hilliard, PDP (Auxiliary #91)
Department Council #3 – Judy Williams, PNS (Auxiliary #108)
Department Patriotic Instructor - Sandy Prosak, PDP, (Auxiliary #1)
Department Chaplain – Chloe Miller, (Auxiliary #108)
Department Press Correspondent – Sarah Milburn, (Auxiliary #10)

Those appointed officers:

Department Chief of Staff – Jenna Osborn, AP (Auxiliary #10)
Department Counselor – Wanda Langdon, PNP (Auxiliary #10)
Department Personal Aide – Judy Brown, DVP, (Auxiliary #10)

I would like to make the following Committee appointments. If you are unable to serve, or if you would like to become a member of one of committees, please contact me. Thank you to all who agree to serve. (* indicates Committee Chair)

Department By-Laws Revision – *Nancy Hilton PNP (Auxiliary # 91) Barbara Lynch, DP (Auxiliary #10),

Budget – *Amy Miller, NT, (Auxiliary #108), Ramona Greenwalt, PNP (Auxiliary #91)

Sisters Serving Women Veterans (North) – Jane Graham, PNP (Auxiliary #91)

Sisters Serving Women Veterans (South) – Jenna Osborn (Auxiliary #10)

Fraternal Relations – Sue Freshley, PNP (Auxiliary #142)

Charitable Deeds –* Nancy Hilton, PNP (Auxiliary #91), Judy Brown, DVP (Auxiliary #10)

Website/Social Media – Wanda Langdon, PNP (Auxiliary #10)

2026 Department Encampment – Barbara Lynch, DP (Auxiliary #10)

Department Encampment 2025- Clintonville Women's Club, Columbus, Ohio

We were so honored to have the National ASUVCW President Rosemary Martin with us this year, accompanied by her husband, SUVCW CinC Kevin Martin. They joined us for dinner the evening before at TJ Chumps followed by a reception and evening of fellowship back at the hotel. Before the formal business session started on Saturday, our junior member, Sarah Milburn was initiated into full membership by the National President, with her brother and father, both SUVCW Brothers, proudly witnessing the event. What a special moment for all of us. After the business session and elections, Sister President Rosemary installed the officers and addressed the Encampment with words of inspiration. Sadly, the event was attended by only 12 Sisters. Very disappointing!

National Encampment 2025, August 7-10 Houston, Texas

The Sonesta Hotel Houston IAH Airport was home base for the event with hospitality abounding from our gracious Texas hosts, the Sarah Emma Seelye #1 Auxiliary-At-Large and Host Committee. Their extensive months of planning were apparent throughout as things moved smoothly from the moving joint memorial service through to the closing awards banquet and “Missing Man Table” presentation. Sincere thanks to all!

Ohio Sisters received national awards recognizing their outstanding contributions to the orders. Nancy Hilton PNP, National Secretary and Ohio Dept Secretary was awarded the Laura Miller Award for exceptional service to the ASUVCW over an extended period of time, presented by NP Rosemary Martin. Ramona Greenwalt, PNP, was awarded with the National Dr Mary Edwards Walker Award for service to the SUVCW, presented by CinC Kevin Martin. Both Sisters are life-long members of the McClellan Auxiliary #91 as well as ASUVCW Life Members.

Additionally, the following Ohio sisters were elected to serve as National ASUVCW Officers:
Nancy Hilton, PNP Auxiliary #91 – National Secretary,
Amy Miller, NT, Auxiliary #108 elected to serve one additional year as National Treasurer
Jane Graham, PNP, Auxiliary #91 – National Supply Officer

Colleen Swafford, AP Auxiliary #91 -National Chaplain
Barbara Lynch, DP, Auxiliary #10 – National Press Correspondent
Judy Brown, DVP, Auxiliary #10 served on the Officer Reports committee.

Congratulations to all the Ohio Sisters for their service and dedication to the ASUVCW! Photos from both encampments are posted on the Ohio and National Facebook pages and in the last two issues of our National newsletter, *The Auxiliary Voice*, published by our own talented National Newsletter editor, Karen Schwarz. They are available on our National website, (ASUVCW.org)

Auxiliary Elections, Installations and Events

It seems like summer is a distant memory as we gear up for auxiliary elections of officers and planning activity for the busy year ahead. While each of the auxiliaries has members fully authorized and experienced at performing installation tasks, I would welcome the opportunity to do so, if invited and scheduling permits. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest opportunity.

My Theme as Ohio Department President

When I was asked this question after being installed as your President, I immediately stated “**Communication**”. It is my desire to attend a meeting or event at each Ohio auxiliary this year, either in person or via Zoom. While I have known so many of you for some time, I want to place a face with a name on a roster of a sister I haven’t met and get to know her. Meeting once a year in a business setting at Department doesn’t allow for us to interact socially, share ideas, make suggestions, and get to know one another. I feel that interaction within and between our auxiliaries is so important to the health and growth of our organization. To develop this communication, I would like to propose, once again, that we look to schedule a mid-year gathering, possibly in late March, at a location convenient to all auxiliaries (like the former “Mid-Winter Meetings” but not having to travel through inches of snow). I will be contacting you in the weeks ahead to see if there is any interest in this before any planning takes place. If you would like to give me your thoughts on this now, please send me an email or text.

Another communication tool will soon be available to us in the form of a revised National Auxiliary Brochure. Informing the public about our Order is sometimes awkward or inconvenient but is key to our growth. Providing this brochure to friends or visitors attending our events makes that initial contact easier.

Let Us Remember to...

Support our Chief of Staff and Patriotic Instructor as they work to raise funds for our Department and Veterans. Hold a raffle within your auxiliary or provide items to sell.

Keep our sisters experiencing sickness or distress in your thoughts and prayers. Utilize our Chaplain’s Corner ASUVCW Facebook page.

Keep track of your Charitable Deeds throughout the year by downloading the Charitable Activities Log from the National Website under “forms” and jot down all your activity as it occurs. It will make that end of year report so much easier and donations won’t be forgotten.

Honor our Veterans by flying your flag on all patriotic holidays. Keep track of your activity, jot it down on your calendar...that information is needed by your Patriotic Instructor to report to Department in May. Veterans Day is November 11. Plan to attend Remembrance Day November 15th in Gettysburg.

Send your photos of activities and articles to the National Newsletter Editor, the Department and National Press Correspondent and Webmaster for all to share.

As we travel through the months ahead, experience the joy of the Holidays, the beauty of nature, and the treasure of friendship.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Barbara Lynch, Ohio Department President

attest: Nancy G. Hilton, PNP
Ohio Department Secretary