



## AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### Membership Request (check one):

Local Auxiliary Membership

Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

National Membership-at-Large (*eligible women from a state where there is no Department*)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a female the age of twelve (12) or more, hereby apply for membership in the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). If this application is accepted, I will obey and support the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the Bylaws of the ASUVCW.

### I am applying for membership in the ASUVCW (*please circle appropriate number*):

**1.** As the wife, sister, daughter, legally adopted daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and so forth, niece and grandniece and so forth, not less than twelve (12) years of age, of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy or Coast Guard (including Revenue Cutter Service) during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865.

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (granddaughter, grandniece, etc.) of the following Union veteran:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mustered in on: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Company, Regiment or Ship: \_\_\_\_\_ Honorably Discharged at: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** As the wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of the following member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage, and who is in good standing:

Brother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** As an Associate. I am not a descendant of a Union Civil War veteran, and desire to affiliate with the ASUVCW.

### *If applying for Junior Membership (females between the ages of 6 and 11), please use Form A00J.*

**Obligation** I, \_\_\_\_\_ of my own free will and accord, do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will ever bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, that I will firmly adhere to and sustain the principles and objects of this Order, that I will faithfully assist in promoting the interest of this Auxiliary and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; that I will, to the best of my ability, aid a Sister of the Order; and I furthermore promise and declare that I will faithfully uphold and obey the Constitution and Bylaws of the Auxiliary and all legal orders coming from the proper authority. To all this, I pledge myself, and pray God to keep me true to this sacred obligation.

*I declare that this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For fees and mailing information, please see page 2)*

## Principles and Objects of the ASUVCW

Acknowledging a firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and believing that under his beneficent care and guidance the free institutions of our land - by the assistance and sacrifices of our soldiers and sailors - have been preserved, and the integrity of the nation maintained, the objects of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are therefore declared to be:

1. To assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all their principles and objects.
2. To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the maintenance of the Union, particularly through patriotic and historical observances, especially the proper observance of Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Appomattox Day.
3. To inculcate true patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but to all people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.
4. To oppose to the limit of our power and in influence, all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union, and to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism.

### History

The history of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is closely associated with the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was founded in 1866, and the Allied Orders of the GAR, which were later formed to continue its work. GAR Post 94 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created a Cadet Corps in 1878, which later became the Sons of Veterans. Similar units were organized throughout many neighboring states. In 1882 the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans was held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In later years, the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The need for an Auxiliary was soon recognized and through the efforts of Major A. P. Davis, the first Ladies Aid Society was organized at Philadelphia in 1883 and in the following year was officially recognized as their Auxiliary.

Ladies Aid Societies were formed in several states in rapid succession and in 1886 plans for a National Organization were formed, with the first National Encampment being held in Akron, Ohio in September 1887. In 1904 at the National Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts the name was changed to "Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary", with it eventually becoming known as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### Mail a check or money order made payable to "ASUVCW" for:

Application Fees: National \$15.00 + Local \$ \_\_\_\_\_; + Initiation Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; + Annual Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

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### Or, if you reside outside an ASUVCW Department, mail check or money order payable to "ASUVCW" for:

Application Fee: \$15.00 + Annual Dues: \$15.00 = \$30.00 to:

**National ASUVCW Membership**

**c/o NVP MaryCatherine Knight**

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Membership questions, please e-mail: [vicepresident@asuvchw.org](mailto:vicepresident@asuvchw.org)

or Phone: (413) 323-7392