

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



All female blood kin relatives, 10 years of age or over, of honorably discharged Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and ex-Army Nurses of the Civil War, 1861-1865, are eligible for membership. "Blood Kin Relatives" refers to and includes daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters etc., and nieces, grand-nieces, etc., of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Membership is offered on a local, or "Circle" level in many states which are called "Departments." Visit the website to find contact information in your state (Department). For those in a state where there is no Department, a Membership-At-Large is available. See the website for the current Department contacts or the M.A.L. Chairman for a Membership Application.

<http://suvchw.org/LGAR/Home.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS TO INDIVIDUAL STATES, PLEASE VISIT  
[HTTP://SUVCW.ORG/LGAR/ROSTER.HTML](http://suvchw.org/LGAR/ROSTER.HTML)

# THE LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



*A Congressionally Chartered  
Hereditary Organization*



Honoring the Past Through  
Education, Preservation and  
Community Service



## OLDEST WOMEN'S HERITAGE SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is a national non-profit organization deeply rooted in history. When thousands of men answered President Lincoln's call to save the union (1861-1865), their women on the home front worked tirelessly to give them support. After the Civil War in 1866, the Union Veterans organized the first Veteran's organization, the Grand Army of the Republic.



Laura McNeir Loud  
1st President of the  
LGAR

As these Veteran's grew older, many women's groups formed to aid comrades, widows and orphans. In 1881 an organization called The Loyal Ladies League was established as an auxiliary to the G.A.R. By 1886 these ladies nationalized changing their name to The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

1910 found the LGAR having active membership in 29 states with over 60,000 members. The original objectives of the organization were many; including volunteer hours and dollars to community activities involving Veteran's homes, hospitals, and the care of the elderly. The LGAR has erected numerous memorials and monuments over the years to preserve the memory of our brave boys in blue. Members were fervent teachers of history and patriotism presenting flags and portraits throughout the United States. Additionally these ladies actively promoted and participated in Memorial Day observances as well as all patriotic holidays.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National Headquarters is currently housed at the Military Museum on the campus of the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Please stop by to visit our unique museum room. Hours vary by season.

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"Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Headquarters"



## CURRENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- National participation in wreath laying ceremonies for President Lincoln's birthday in Washington DC, Lincoln's Death Day observances in Springfield, IL, and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA commemorating "The Gettysburg Address."
- Maintain Several Facilities for the Elderly.
- Preserve Archival Records of Eligibility
- Historical Preservation of Documents & Photos
- Parades
- Living History
- School Presentations
- Flag Etiquette
- Veteran Grave Maintenance
- Restoration of Civil War Monuments & Markers
- Patriotic Holidays
- Community Service
- Aid to Veterans and Shut Ins
- Donate Flags
- Memorial Day
- Support Soldier Relief

