Annual Congress Banquet
By Marston Watson, Editor-in-Chief

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) held its Annual Congress Banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland on Saturday, 22 September 2007. An impressive group of MOLLUS and DOLLUS members, along with spouses and guests provided a festive occasion at this 122nd Congress event. The Chairman of this event, Chancellor-in-Chief Jeffry Burden, gave a brief welcome and introduction of distinguished guests. Commander-in-Chief Benjamin Frick led the group in a number of toasts to the President of the United States, President Abraham Lincoln, Armed Forces of the United States and departed comrades, as well as to MOLLUS and DOLLUS. Commander-in-Chief Frick presented two of three awards to Capt. John Kent Kane, II, Recorder in Chief, accepts the Daugherty-Thompson Cup from Commander-in-Chief Frick.

100TH Anniversary of the General George Spears Greene Monument Rededication Ceremony, Culp’s Hill, 1907 ~ 2007
By Gregg A. Mierka, Commander RI MOLLUS

No other man in American History represented more the true meaning of family, the spirit of ingenuity, a commitment to freedom and equality, or exemplified the great gift of deep seeded patriotism than George Sears Greene. He came from Warwick (Apponaug), Rhode Island. He lived portions of his adult life as a soldier and civil engineer in New York, Maine and New Jersey. Like his famous Rhode Island cousin Major General Nathanael Greene of the Revolution, George stepped forward to answer the call in one of his country’s darkest hours. He helped save the nation and its democracy at a critical moment on a small rocky knoll called Culp’s Hill near the small town called Gettysburg, in Pennsylvania, to allow the United States of America to become perhaps the last best hope for future generations of all humanity. By his example many of his sons, family and descendants have hence done the same.

The soldiers Greene led in battle called him Ole Pop. They all loved and trusted him. They would have followed him anywhere, and never let him down. As combat veterans in their twilight years, to show the world the great admiration and respect they all felt for him, when their lives and the life of the nation hung in the balance, on September 27, 1907, they erected a monument symbolizing what they all felt about the Rhode Islander they served. They placed it where Greene stood firm on the battlefield that changed the course of the war, as well as the moral direction of their country for all time.

Rhode Island MOLLUS, Pennsylvania MOLLUS and National MOLLUS, as well as members of the Greene Family, members of the SUVCW and Auxiliary, friends and distinguished guests, again gathered to re-dedicate the monument.

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Commander-in-Chief’s Message

Humbly, I address all my fellow Companions on how honored I am to be the 57th Commander-in-Chief of our historic Military Order.

The fact that I was sworn in at Annapolis, Maryland, the home of the United States Naval Academy on 22 September 2007 was symbolic for me. I had a great desire to go to West Point or the Naval Academy when I was a teenager. Unfortunately, my dear mother and father wanted me to attend college locally since I was their only child. I entered Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1948 which was a wonderful experience.

At this point in my message, I want to express my thoughts to our 56th Commander-in-Chief Benjamin C. Frick for his leadership and friendship. You did well and you will be remembered!

Special thanks go to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jeffry C. Burden for their efforts in setting up our annual Congress in Annapolis. Our banquet dinner at the Doubletree Inn was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Now, back to the rest of the story... Our very honorable Military Order was founded on 15 April 1865 in Philadelphia to honor the death of our late 16th United States President Abraham Lincoln who was assassinated.

We MOLLUS Companions throughout our great country and the rest of the world are needed to enlist qualified Hereditary members on a consistent basis. It is our duty to enroll family and other candidates who are eligible to guarantee that MOLLUS will continue to grow...to grow...to grow! Our future rests in our hands.

This message may be different from what you expected, but we have countless loyal Companions who understand the importance of enlisting new Hereditary members. Please remember that MOLLUS is rated highly as one of the most honorable Military Orders in the history of our great country. We honor and reward our fellow Companions who enlist new Hereditary Companions. Membership forms are available on the Internet from your Commandery and other sources within our organization.

Look forward to working with all of you during the next two years.

Loyally yours,

Karl Schaeffer, Commander-in-Chief
Welcome New Companions

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Summer 2007 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief Karl Schaeffer extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Waldron Kintzing Post II, Chancellor-in-Chief

Companions

Hereditary Companions
Sherburne Wentworth Dunn
William Edward Buvinger
Sigmund Joseph Reckline III
William Joseph Reckline
Quinten Christopher Reckline

Associate Companions
Christopher Louis Winkelma
Rudolph Von Quast-Juchter

Hereditary Membership Program

Our Hereditary Membership Program is in effect each fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. Here are the rules that apply to this program. Recruit a minimum of three (3) new Hereditary Companions and you will be rewarded with a Lincoln MOLLUS Certificate of Appreciation for meritorious service and a Lincoln Membership Medal of Honor presented by our current Commander-in-Chief. These two prestigious awards will be presented to you at our annual National Congress, the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C. or at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. If you are unable to attend one of these three major functions, arrangements may be made to mail the certificate and medal to your home. This program is the lifeblood of our historic Military Order and will ensure our noble existence for countless generations to come.

A SALUTE TO NEW DAMES

We welcome the following new members of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States:

Dame | National No. | Society
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Beverly Jean Bishop (Mrs. Richard D.) | 1801 | Member-at-Large
Janet Reece (Mrs. James William) | 1802 | Member-at-Large
Cary Randall Stone-Greenstein (Mrs. Max Robert) | 1803 | Member-at-Large
Kelly Joann Schaeffer (Mrs. James Timothy) | 1804 | Ohio
Allison Marie Schaeffer | 1805 | Ohio
Madison Elizabeth Schaeffer | 1806 | Ohio
Meghan Katherine Schaeffer | 1807 | Ohio
Jane Denny (Mrs. Sidney Grant) | 1808 | Member-at-Large
Ms. Urith Virginia Chase | 1809 | Member-at-Large
Mrs. Louis Root Melby | 1810 | Pennsylvania
Lorena Faye Matchett Long (Mrs. Carl James) | 1811 | Ohio
David R. Curfman, M.D.
District of Columbia Commandery, Insignia No. A050
By Karl F. Schaeffer, Commander-in-Chief

David Ralph Curfman

Our historic Military Order lost an outstanding friend and comrade, David Ralph Curfman, a brilliant neurosurgeon, musician and civic leader, who died at his home in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, of acute myeloidblastic leukemia. David was highly respected by his peers in Washington and elsewhere. He was born January 2, 1942, in Bucyrus, Ohio, the son of Ralph Oliver Curfman and Agnes Mozelle Schreck. David graduated in 1965 from Columbia Union College in Maryland with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in biology and chemistry. Afterwards, he attended George Washington University where he earned his master of science degree in neuroanatomy, and completed work toward his Ph.D. in neuroanatomy between 1967 and 1970. Dr. Curfman received his medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine on May 27, 1973, where he served his general and neurological surgery residencies there. Dr. Curfman was chief of neurosurgery at Providence Hospital at the time of his death, as well as assistant clinical professor of neurological surgery at the George Washington Medical Center. He was senior attending in neurosurgery at Washington Hospital Center and president of the Washington Academy of Neurosurgery, all in the Washington, D.C. area.

Dr. Curfman was a neurological surgeon in private practice in Washington, D.C. and lectured extensively throughout the United States on the medical history of American presidents while maintaining his clinical appointments and surgical schedule in the nation’s capital. He presented his address on The Medical History of the Father of our Country - General George Washington to many groups during the celebration of the bicentennial commemorations of the death of General Washington in 1799.

In addition, Dr. Curfman was an accomplished musician, having studied both piano and organ. His lifelong interest in choral music and liturgies involved him in instruction at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He was a frequent lecturer in Judeo-Christian ceremonies and liturgies. David was dean of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, where he served as Washington program chairman of the International Congress of Organists, held for the first time in the United States in 1977. He had was a member of the development committee for the national office of the American Guild of Organists and a member of the Royal School of Church Music (England).

Dr. Curfman was elected to the board of the Cathedral Choral Society in 1979. He completed two terms as its president, overseeing the transition in 1984-1985 between the society’s founding conductor Paul Callaway and his successor Dr. J. Reilly Lewis. Dr. Curfman was for many years chairman of the music and programming committee for the 200-member resident symphonic chorus of Washington National Cathedral. Dr. Curfman designed the advent wreath in 1983 with holly garlands attached to the torches, which is borne in procession at the Cathedral Choral Society’s ever-popular Joy of Christmas concerts. He organized major events surrounding the Society’s “Russian Riches” Concert (1988) to commemorate the millennium of Russian Orthodox Church, which was recorded on compact disc. In 1997, Dr. Curfman was awarded the anniversary medallion for long-standing meritorious service to the society as a trustee.

Dr. Curfman served as national chairman of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution for this special commemoration assisting in the funeral reenactment at Mount Vernon on December 18, 1999. He was involved in planning the reenactment of the memorial service held on December 29 at the Old Presbyterian Meeting-House Church in historic Alexandria, Virginia. Also, he was an enthusiastic member of 32 hereditary societies including the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the time of his death, Dr. Curfman served on the board of the Leo Sowerby Foundation, as well as historian and board member of the Christmas Pageant of Peace (national Christmas tree lighting by continued on page 10
Annual Congress Business Meeting 2007
By Jeffry R. Burden, Junior Commander-in-Chief

Companions of the Loyal Legion gathered at the DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis on Saturday afternoon, 22 September for the Business Meeting of the 2007 Annual Congress. Commander-in-Chief, Benjamin C. Frick, opened the meeting and reported on his activities for the past year. He attended the 2006 Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and the meeting of the Board of the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum (formerly the Civil War Library and Museum). The museum plans to move to a historic property near Independence Hall by 2010.

The reports of the various national officers and national committee chairmen indicate that the Order is financially sound and involved in a number of interesting projects. For instance, more than a dozen worthy organizations are receiving historic or preservation grants from the Legion’s Memorial Fund. Also, the Legion is working with the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to determine how best to assist with the Commission’s events, including how to help organize the Lincoln Birthday ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in February 2009. The MOLLUS Meeting Committee confirmed that upcoming national meetings will be in Gettysburg in 2008, Fort Knox, Kentucky in 2009, and Michigan in 2010.

The assembled companions had the responsibility of electing new officers for 2007 through 2009. Past C-in-C Lowell V. Hammer presented the Nominating Committee’s proposed slate of officers. It was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote that the slate be accepted as presented. The officers took their oaths of office thereafter. The new and returning national officers are:

Commander-in-Chief:
   Karl F. Schaeffer (OH)
Sr. Vice C-in-C:
   Keith G. Harrison (MI)
Jr. Vice C-in-C:
   Jeffry C. Burden (VA)
Recorder-in-Chief:
   John Kent Kane II (VA)
Treasurer-in-Chief:
   Lee A. Tryon (CT)
Registrar-in-Chief:
   Adam P. Flint (PA)
Chancellor-in-Chief:
   Waldron K. Post (NY/CT)
Judge Advocate-in-Chief:
   J. Baldwin Siedlarz (PA)
Chaplain-in-Chief:
   Rev. Christopher M. Agnew, D.D. (VA)
Surgeon-in-Chief:
   W. Courtney Fleenor, M.D. (VA)
Editor-in-Chief:
   Marston Watson (MA)
Council-in-Chief:
   Peter A. Dixon (DC)
   Rev. Barry Christopher Howard (CT)
   Paul Joseph Kinyon (IL)
   Eric Armando Rojo (DC)
   James Alan Simmons (TX)
   The Hon. Herbert K. Zearfoss (PA)

The Companions adjourned an efficient and productive meeting in plenty of time for the evening banquet.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan--to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves and with all nations.

Abraham Lincoln
The Massachusetts Commandery number stands at fifty-eight members (42 Hereditary, 12 Associates, 3 Mass. Life and one Honorary). Two new members were added during the October to October year, Mark Slayton and Marston Watson (a transferee from the Wisconsin commandery). We mourn the deaths of companions John C. Abbott, Henry W. Lyons and Dr. William C. Wiswall.

The Lincoln Day observance took place in February, which continues to be a traditional event for our participation. Also, we were represented at the Lincoln Birthday festivities in Washington, D.C.

Commander Stevens assisted Companion Bayard Lincoln in the presentation of MOLLUS medals to five outstanding ROTC cadets: one from the University of Massachusetts, one from Northeastern University and three cadets from MIT.

We are in communication with The Military Historical Society of Massachusetts, in hopes of mutually beneficial cooperative actions. Companion Marston Watson is a new member of that organization and will be attending their annual meeting in late October.

Our Judge Advocate is keeping in touch with the executor of the estate of David S. Hendrick II. MAMOLLUS stands to benefit from the patriotic generosity of our deceased companion. Our finances are in good order.

Bayard Lincoln agreed to fill the position of vice commander. He replaced Howard “Jim” Norris who desired to step down. Other officers remain the same.

The Pennsylvania Commandery is already at work in planning the 2008 Annual Congress at Gettysburg, scheduled for October 17-19. This exciting event includes a reception on Friday afternoon, October 17, at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Library and Museum in Philadelphia. It will be the last time MOLLUS members can visit the 1805 Pine Street site, as it will be relocating to a new facility at Independence Mall (Old First Bank). Hopefully, this will occur prior to the MOLLUS Congress in Philadelphia in 2011.

The 2008 Congress business meeting takes place on Saturday morning, October 18, at the Gettysburg Wyndham - a new hotel just on the outskirts of town. Lunch is planned at the Dobbins House, followed by an afternoon tour at the soon-to-be opened visitor center. Saturday evening’s banquet will be attended by the Gettysburg National Military Park superintendent, Dr. John Latchar, honorary national member of MOLLUS and the keynote speaker. Their web site is http://www.nps.gov/archive/gett/home.htm.

The hotel room rate at the Gettysburg Wyndham is $134 a night (single or double), plus applicable taxes and incidental room charges. The Congress registration fee and related meal and conference costs have yet to be determined. The contact information for the hotel is: 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg (717-339-0020) and their web site is http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MDTGE/main.wnt.

Karl Frederick Schaeffer was elected on 22 September 2007 as the 57th Commander-in-Chief of our Order at the 122nd Annual Congress in Annapolis, Maryland, which was held in conjunction with the United States Naval Academy Symposium. Companion Schaeffer was born 26 October 1930 in Philadelphia, the son of Karl W. Schaeffer and Cecilia G. Bleistein. He attended St. Barbara’s Parochial School and St. Thomas More High School, from which he graduated in 1948. Karl graduated in 1953 from Drexel University, Philadelphia with a B.S. in Business Administration. He played Junior Varsity basketball for one year and Varsity for three years. He is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and an active alumni member.

Karl served with the United States Army after graduation, taking his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was assigned to Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland and was trained for two ordnance programs, where he received his top secret clearance. He received orders to report to Fort Lewis, Washington and then embarked for Korea on the Marine Phoenix from the Port of Seattle. He served in the 226th Ordnance Base Depot in Pusan and to Commander-in-Chief. He has a number of Civil War ancestors in his family, serving both sides during the war. He joined MOLLUS under the service of his great-grandfather, Isaac Bowman, who fought in the 130th Pennsylvania Regiment, Company H and as 2nd Lt. in the 210th Pennsylvania Regiment, Company A. Karl identified additional Civil War ancestors since that time and coauthored, with his cousin Russ Ottens from Tifton, Georgia, a book entitled Captain Enders Legion, which includes 162 Civil War veterans in the Enders Family. One of these ancestors is Bvt. Brig.-General Thomas Hamlin Hubbard, who was the 19th Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.

Karl has been very active in many organizations over the years, including V.P. Drexel Alumni Varsity Club (1958-1960), Past Director of Pottstown, Pennsylvania Jaycees (1960-1962) and Eucharistic Minister in the Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio Catholic Diocese (1976-2004). He has been quite active in the Enders Family Association and Reunions in Enders, Pennsylvania since 1984. Karl was an active bowler in the McNeil League (1967-1979), Merry Mixers (Mixed League 1968-1979) and was President nine years. He was a member of the Firestone Country Club (1969-1979) and played softball in the Akron City League for Seiberling (1968-1972). He was a player and player/manager in the Akron Silver Softball League (1992-1997) and was on league championship teams in 1994 and 1996. He wore Lou Gehrig’s Number 4 with much pride.

Karl is a life member of American Legion Post 221, Massillon, Ohio.  

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monument of Major General George Sears Greene. On September 22, 2007, one hundred years after the placing of his monument and 144 years after the horrendous battle that made Greene famous, all who attended the special ceremony on Culp’s Hill relived his greatness.

The 100th Anniversary ceremony was organized by Companion LTC John G. Greene, AUS (Ret.) of Belgium; Gregg A. Mierka (Commander of RI MOLLUS) and his wife Mary; George Sears Greene, III and his wife Donna; and Joan (Greene) Pierpont. Honored speakers were Companion Dr. John A. Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park ~ Eisenhower National Historic Site; Colonel Robert J. Dalessandro, Director of the Army Heritage and Education Center of the Carlisle Barracks; Colonel James Bennett, VSM, ROTC Director-The Norwich University Regimental Men’s Choir; Major Jason N. “Dutch” Palmer, Military Intelligence/Assistant Professor, Department of History, U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point; as well as Pegee Malcolm and Geoffrey Gofton representing Warwick Rhode Island Mayor Scott Avedisian. Greetings were conveyed by Companion Adam P. Flint, National MOLLUS Registrar-

in-Chief on behalf of MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Benjamin C. Frick; and the Honorable James R. Hanby, Sr., National SUVCW Council of Administration, representing Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, National SUVCW. Six wreaths and several bouquets of flowers and flags were placed at the General’s monument. Over 50 members of the Greene Family attended among about 300 attendees.

In a special part of the ceremony, Commander Mierka gathered all the children of the Greene Family after they and their mothers placed flags and flowers at the monument. As they looked up at him with large innocent eyes, in a soft and gentle voice Gregg told them, “Someday when you are all old, gray, and wrinkly like me, and you bring your grandchildren to this place, you can proudly tell them you were here today”. Everyone chuckled, but Gregg’s wife Mary Mierka noticed a great many wet eyes among the Greenes as they thanked Gregg for gathering their children to teach them the importance of the occasion. With every word spoken at the event, all who attended the 100th Anniversary Ceremony visualized and felt the unflinching patriotism of the soldiers of Greene’s New York Brigade and the man who led them during the Civil War so well at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Kay Jorgensen of Civil War News and SUVCW PCnC Steve Michaels of the Banner will also be covering this story in up coming issues. The event is a milestone for RI MOLLUS, supported by The Cranston Historical Society, RI SUVCW Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7 and RIASUVCW Elisha Dyer Auxiliary No. 2 and efforts to open the first museum and library in Rhode Island dedicated to the Civil War, at the Governor William Sprague Mansion in Cranston RI this coming spring 2008. It will become a permanent headquarters for RI MOLLUS and all materials from the ceremony and other items will be displayed for public view. The RI MOLLUS Commandery is dedicated to the memory of George Sears Greene, Ambrose E. Burnside and Elisha Hunt Rhodes. The forty page commemorative ceremony booklet, the 2007 commemorative ribbon and the black marble commemorative paperweight engraved with the monument are still available to collectors, however quantities are limited. If interested please contact Commander Mierka at RIBatteryA@verizon.net. All proceeds help cover expenses for the
A 17-YEAR OLD IN THE BATTLE OF NEW MARKET
By his great-great grandson Robert Bruce Donald

John Elbert Mattoon was the rudimentarily-educated son of generations of American soldier-farmers, with his grandfather in the War of 1812, and his great-great-great grandfather Philip having fought in King Philip’s War and later under Capt. William Turner in the Defense of Western Massachusetts in 1676 and the Falls Fight later that year. John enlisted as a private quite late in the Civil War, on 4 January 1864 in Troy, New York, joining the 21st New York Cavalry (Griswold Lights).

General Franz Sigel moved up the Shenandoah Valley on 15 May 1864 with 6,500 men toward New Market, Virginia. Their rear and flanks were continuously harassed by Colonel John S. Mosby’s Confederate guerillas. Sigel’s force faced similar numbers under Generals John C. Breckenridge and John D. Imboden. 247 Virginia Military Institute cadets commanded by their professor, Lt. Col. Shipp, had been added to the “rebel” lines. These youngsters would play a heroic part in the ensuing battle. The 21st Calvary was forced by positioning and terrain to charge across a stone bridge at fortified positions in a heavy afternoon rain. Confederate riflemen met them with heavy fire forcing them back in confusion. John described his small part in the battle to his sister Charlotte “Lot” Mattoon Bristol in a surprisingly matter-of-fact letter:

Headquarters June 12th 1864
Camp Stoneman [Washington, D.C.]

Dear Sister Lot,

...We started off in the morning before daylight and marched to New Market.

Thare we met the rebels and fought a battle. Got licked like thunder and had to put back again. Well, I had my old horse shot out from under me in the fight so I had to foot it back to a little village called Mount Jackson [The next town north, about 8 miles]. Thare is where we carried all of our wounded men. Well I footed it back to thare and then I helped carry the wounded into the Church. We stayed thare till the Regt. came up and then I went to the Captain and told him that I had my horse shot and asked him how I should get along. He told me to do the best that I could...

Two members of his Company L were captured; overall the Regiment suffered thirteen casualties. The Federal positions were overrun and their forces retreated in poor order, falling back to Strasburg. The Federals under Sigel lost 831 men and the Confederates 577.

...Well the Army started on the retreat on about 10 o’clock at night. I stayed there in Mount Jackson till about half of the army had gone by, then I jumped on to a piece of artillery and rode on that all night and in the morning we stopped a little while to get our breakfast. I filed off of the old piece of artillery and went down to a house and asked for something to eat and they gave me a bully breakfast. Well if that did not make me feel good...I eat my breakfast and then went back and bye that time the Army was on the march and my old artillery wagon had gone on. Well I sit rite down and waited for another until the wagon train come up then I jumped up and got in one of them and rode all day. At night we encamped at Strasburg [about 35 miles north of the battlefield] again. Thare is where I left the Regt. you see I had no horse and so I was no good there. Well at Washington the government has a Dismounted Camp where they send all of the men that get their horses killed or die [of disease]. They send them rite here and keep them here until they can mount them. Well I left the Regt. the next morning for Martinsburg with about 100 more dismounted men from our and other dismounted regts. We went with a wagon train and nothing worth telling occurred. We arrived at Martinsburg all rite then we took the [railroad] cars and went to Harpers Ferry. From Harpers Ferry we came here and have been here ever since. So you see there is nothing the matter with me, so you need not worry...

The battle was considered a hard-fought loss due to bad generalship and mismanagement. Subsequently Sigel was relieved of his command and replaced by Maj. Gen. David Hunter. John’s first major battle did not seem to disconcert him. He could have been captured on the field, but he chose to follow his regiment on foot. His individual resourcefulness and tenacity in rejoining his company and subsequent disgust at having to leave it again provide a fresh look at what duty truly meant to an already hardened youth in the Civil War.

[Robert “Bruce” Donald, a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont, earned a Masters Degree in History from Trinity College in Hartford. He is the author of the upcoming Manhood and Patriotic Awakening: The John E. Mattoon Letters, 1859–1866 (University Press). He is a proud Son of the American Revolution and two other Civil War soldiers.]

Dames of the Loyal Legion Meet in Annapolis
By Kathy Watson

Dames of the Loyal Legion gathered at the DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis on Saturday afternoon, 22 September for the 2007 Annual Business Meeting. DOLLUS National President Rosmary Schaeffer opened the meeting and reported on activities for the preceding year. Other officers reported on their activities. The meeting concluded with a memorial service for DOLLUS members who passed in the previous year.
MOLLUS Celebrates Lincoln’s Birthday in Washington, DC
February 11-12, 2008
By Marston Watson, Editor-in-Chief

Join your fellow MOLLUS and DOLLUS members in Washington, DC on February 11-12 for the annual celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. The warm hospitality of good friends will more than offset a cold winter’s day in our nation’s capitol.

The price is right at the Channel Inn with a special room rate of $125 a night (free underground parking)! Make sure to make your hotel reservations at (800) 368-5668 (before January 8) to get this exceptional rate. Inform the Inn that your MOLLUS confirmation number is 112954. Reserve early, as a block of only 20 rooms has been set aside for our members.

A Board meeting of the Commander-in-Chief takes place on Monday morning (10:30 a.m.) at the Channel Inn, followed by lunch for companions, dames and spouses only. A general meeting for companions and dames will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Channel Inn.

The highlight of this 86th annual event is the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony on Tuesday, February 12. The celebration begins at 11:45 a.m. with a musical prelude by the Military Service band. The invocation will be given by Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain of the United States House of Representative. A number of dignitaries, along with hereditary and patriotic societies, will participate in the laying of memorial wreaths.

Other highlights of this special occasion include lunch at the Channel Inn ($25) and formal dinner ($80) at the Army and Navy Club on Monday, February 11 and lunch ($25) on Tuesday, February 12 at the Channel Inn for all members and guests, following the Lincoln Memorial ceremonies. The sponsoring organization for the Tuesday ceremonies and lunch is the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee (LBNCC), which is chaired by Past Commander of the DC Commandery, Peter Arrrott Dixon, former Commander of the Washington, DC Commandery.

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Dr. Curfman is survived by his wife of 37 years, Blanche L. (Anderson) Curfman, a widely-recognized research microbiologist at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NIH) and a founding supporting member of the United States Capitol Historical Society.

Dr. Curfman is survived by his wife of 37 years, Blanche L. (Anderson) Curfman, a widely-recognized research microbiologist at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NIH) and a member of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, District of Columbia Society, #1793H. Dr. Curfman’s funeral was held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, July 28, 2007, at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he once served as assistant organist and choirmaster. Among those participating was Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives.

David’s final resting place is in his hometown of Galion, Ohio. Rosemary and I arrived in Galion on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, to attend the viewing at the Richardson-Davis Funeral Home. It was an honor for us as friends, and also representing DOLLUS and MOLLUS, to be there. A large turnout of family and friends were there to say farewell to this remarkable man. David Ralph Curfman was laid to rest on Wednesday morning, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. beside other family members at the Fairview Cemetery in Galion. The gravesite service was conducted by Rev. Jack L. Koceis.

It is true David is no longer on mother earth, but the memory of him and what he stood for will last for many years to come. After the services, we were invited back to the Curfman homestead. Spending time with Dr. Curfman’s dear wife Blanche, who is in our thoughts and prayers, and other family and friends was very special.

Lincoln Birthday Activities/Lunch
Monday, 11 February 2008 – Channel Inn
650 Water Street SW, Washington, DC
10:30 a.m. MOLLUS Board of Officers Meeting
11:30 Social (cash bar)
Noon Lunch
MOLLUS/DOLLUS Members & Guests
1:00 p.m. MOLLUS/DOLLUS Business Meeting
(Channel Inn-2nd floor conference room)
Cost: $25/person

Lincoln Birthday Dinner
Monday, 11 February 2008 – Army & Navy Club
Farragut Square, 901 17th Street, NW Washington, DC
7:00 p.m. Reception (cash bar)
8:00 p.m. Patriotic Opening
(U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard)
8:15 p.m. Formal Dinner (with wine for toasts)
Place: Army and Navy Club
2nd Floor Ballroom
(valet parking $6)
Program: To be announced
Attire: Black/White tie or uniform with decorations and orders for gentlemen
Evening wear for ladies
Cost: $80/person

The 85th Annual Lincoln Memorial Ceremony
Tuesday, 12 February 2008
11:15 a.m. Arrive at Lincoln Memorial
11:45 a.m. Lincoln Ceremonies begin
(wear warm clothing)
Program: Honoring President Abraham Lincoln
Music prelude by a military service band
Joint services color and honor guard
(3rd Regiment, Old Guard)
Gettysburg Address
Placing of wreaths
Fred Drum Hunt Award
Presented by Karl P. Schaeffer
MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief

RESERVATION: Lincoln Birthday Activities
Monday, 11 February 2008 (members & spouses only)
Make check (by no later than 6 February 2008) payable to
MOLLUS DC (payment must accompany reservation)
Send to George E. Walton, 7618 Winterberry Place, Bethesda, MD 2081
Lunch (Channel Inn) No.____ x $25 = $____
Dinner (Army & Navy Club) No.____ x $80 = $____
Total $____
Name _____________________________________________
Street _____________________________________________
City __________________________ State _____ Zip ______
Guest ____________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________

RESERVATION: Lincoln Birthday Activities
Tuesday 12 February 2008
Make check (by no later than 6 February 2008) payable to LBNCC
Send to Peter Arrott Dixon, 111 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3803 (Guests welcome)
Lunch (Channel Inn) No.____ x $25 = $____
Name _____________________________________________
Street _____________________________________________
City __________________________ State _____ Zip ______
Guest ____________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________

Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee Luncheon
Tuesday, 12 February 2008 – Channel Inn
650 Water Street SW, Washington, DC
1:00 p.m. Social (cash bar)
1:30 p.m. Lunch
Program: Gail Stephens, Retired Ranger, U.S. Park Service
“The Battle of Shiloh and General Lew Wallace”
Cost: $25/person
Guest Parking: Three hours free in Channel Inn Underground Garage
NOTICE
The Winter Issue of
The Loyal Legion
Journal
will be published in
January 2008

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December 7, 2007

Please send all material to:
Marston Watson
mwatson@royalancestry.org
48 Southwind Circle
Richmond CA 94804-7404

MERCHANTISE ORDER FORM

Important!! Please make certain that you include the shipping cost of $4.50 listed in the order form below.

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*Vermeil (Gold on Sterling Silver)

Questions on supplies and orders should be sent to Adam P. Flint at Adamflint@aol.com

Send orders and payment to: Adam P. Flint, 46 Oak Lane, Douglassville, PA 19518-1628
Please make checks payable to MOLLUS Commandery-in-Chief
Name__________________________
Address__________________________
City__________________________State/Zip______________