Whereas on the 22nd day of September, A.D. 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

That on the 1st day of January, A.D. 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will

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Commander-in-Chief’s Message

Our Annual Congress in Rhode Island was a great success. The state of the Order is strong, and though challenges always abound, we are on a good path. The opportunity to reconnect with old friends at the Congresses, to accomplish the business of the Order, and to hear of the great work Companions are doing is always rewarding. Our trips to the Naval War College, the burial places of Ambrose Burnside and George Sears Greene, and the lovely Sprague Mansion, were wonderful sidelights to our visit.

But, too, the chance to work with Companions whom we have not met before, and to develop working relationships with them, is especially gratifying. These meetings provide the personal foundation on which we can work more closely and accomplish great things. My thanks to Greg Mierka, his wife Mary, and all members of the Rhode Island Commandery for their hard work in creating a memorable gathering.

From the Congress came word of our receipt of a large cash gift from the estate of Companion Oliver Daughtery of Indiana. Companion Daughtery’s thoughtfulness and concern for the Loyal Legion was outstanding. His gift will allow expanded efforts by the Order, and we acknowledge his generosity with grateful hearts.

The Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C, is fast approaching. As always, The Loyal Legion will lead the formal commemoration of Lincoln’s birth at his Memorial. Make plans now to attend, and join in the fellowship that is the lifeblood of our Order.

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Commander in Chief placing wreath during Remembrance Day Observances

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WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Fall 2012 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief Jeffry Burden extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one. Insignia Number//Date///Commandery///Companion

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New membership represents the future of our Order. In recognition of that fact, the Commandery-in-Chief honors those Companions who recruit three or more hereditary Companions during a membership year (October 1-September 30) with the award of the Lincoln Medal. Companions who qualify for the Medal may receive the award at either the Annual Congress, the Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, or the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. Please contact the Commander-in-Chief, or Membership Committee Chairman James Simmons, for more details.

Remarking “MOLLUS” In Your Will

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider including a memorial gift in your will to our hallowed Order? Your gift to the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund, which is tax deductible, would be used to support the preservation of battlefields, monuments and programs that serve to memorialize the Civil War. In this way you would be perpetuating the memory of your Civil War ancestors and fellow companions.
Commandery News

Massachusetts Commandery

MA MOLLUS is writing a short book to be published on the occasion of the 2014 national congress, which it will host. The book consists of five illustrated sections: 1) profiles of MA MOLLUS (including Maine) companion ancestors who served as Union officers; 2) profiles of prominent officers from Massachusetts, some of them original MOLLUS members, some not, who served the Union during the War; 3) profiles of prominent Massachusetts citizens who contributed greatly to the War effort on the home front; 4) profiles of Massachusetts industries important to sustaining the War effort; and 5) monuments in Massachusetts—and at Gettysburg—memorializing distinguished Massachusetts, officers and regiments. [Montage of thumbnails, one each of the categories.]

When MA MOLLUS met on September 8, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, members decided to research the production and erection of a plaque, in honor of Col. James Roger Guiney, in an important Boston public building. The plaque would be modeled on one—among a number placed by MA MOLLUS over the years—hanging in the Old Ship Church in Hingham, MA (the town in which President Lincoln’s ancestors were among the early settlers).

Some of the companions who attended the Rhode Island National Congress October 19–21: (left to right) David Whittemore (and his wife, Mary); Col. Frederick Stevens.

Virginia Commandery

At its meeting on November 14, the Commandery elected Robert Krasche of Williamsburg as Commander for the 2012-2014 term. Robert is a retired Air Force officer and a descendant of 1st Lt. Isaac Stover of the 10th Iowa Infantry. Also at the meeting, the Commandery also voted to continue its practice of contributing to state-based historical organizations. Pamplin Historical Park and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation will receive checks this year.

Wisconsin Commandery

Members of the Wisconsin Commandery gathered at the grave of Original Companion Florian Reis for a Memorial service on Oct 27, 2012. Joining members of the Commandery for the ceremony were representatives of the Department of Wisconsin S.U.V.C.W. and members of S.U.V.C.W. C.K. Piers, Camp 1 and Old Abe Camp 8. Also participating was the Milwaukee Police Department Honor Guard honoring Reis’s service as Milwaukee Police Chief from 1885 – 1888. The service was taken from the 1884 publication of services for GAR Posts, but varied a bit with the inclusion of a firing squad and taps.

The ceremonies opened with a parade of participants led by drummer Max Frederick. Max is 10 years of and one of the newest members of Camp 1 as a Junior Hereditary Member. Back row (for MOLLUS: Col. Vince Barker, Commander, Alan Hembel, Member, Dean Collins, Chaplain) As Tom Brown, SUVCW Dept of WI Commander salutes the grave, Alan Petit (WI Dept JVC & Associate MOLLUS member) and Kim Heltemes (WI Dept SVC) in background.
The firing squad from S.U.V.C.W. C.K. Pier Camp 1, Milwaukee fire the salute.

All participants in ceremony pose with Robert A, his son Robert O and grandson James Meyers, descendants of Florian Ries and a 3 generation family of MOLLUS Members.

Lt. Florian Valintin Ries was born April 30, 1843 in the town of Baden, State of Germany; enlisted in Co.D: 1st Reg't of Wisconsin Volunteers, on the 16th day of April, 1861, the day after President Lincoln called for volunteers and was Mustered Out at the end of his term on the 20th day of August, 1861; Enlisted in Co. D: 17th Reg't of Wisconsin Volunteers, on the 12th day of February, 1861; held the offices of Sergeant and 1st Lieutenant and was discharged, July 5 1865.

After the war he served City of Milwaukee in various posts including State Legislator, (1877-78) Common Council Member (1878-79) superintendent of the Milwaukee House of Correction (1880-85), Police Chief, (1885-88), deputy United States collector of customs of Milwaukee (1891-95) and a Justice of the Peace for seven terms.

Ries also served in the Wisconsin National Guard, as captain of the Cream City Guards, major and lieutenant-colonel of the First regiment.

Subsequently he served four years as aid-de-camp with the rank of colonel on the military staff of Gov. Wm. E. Smith.

He joined E.B. Wolcott, Post, No.1, Department of Wisconsin as a charter member and held the office of Junior Vice Commander. He was elected a Companion of the First Class of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Wisconsin Commandery.

He died August 12, 1910 aged Sixty-Seven years.

Ohio Commandery

The Ohio Commandery met on September 22nd and had a full day of activities. Members enjoyed brunch and a get together at Panera Bread, followed by attending a POW/MIA Observance Ceremony held at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. The observance included the “Missing Man Table Ceremony” done by the Lorain County Junior ROTC Honor Guard, and distinguished guest speaker, Rear Admiral Robert Shumaker, USN Retired.

A 21 gun salute followed by taps ended this most meaningful ceremony. MOLLUS members then traveled into the local town for dinner and further fellowship, followed by member Tim Daley speaking on Civil War Prisons such as Andersonville.

Leadership Conference:

In October 2 members of The Ohio Commandery traveled to Columbus, OH to participate in the Ohio Civil War Re-enactor Leadership Conference. This was an opportunity for recruitment and a table with display was manned all day to encourage MOLLUS membership with the guests. This Leadership Conference will support events on the calendar for the 150th Anniversary years and beyond.

Descendants of Gen. George Sears Greene joined Companions and Dames at the Greene gravesite, Warwick.

Companions at the grave of Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside, Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

Past C-in-Cs Robert G. Carroon (CT) and Michael Sullivan (WI), left and center, chat with Companion Hariold Colvocoresses (CT) on Friday evening.

Past C-in-C Keith Harrison (MI) (center) & Companion Linn Malaznik (CA) with Naval War College officials during a tour of the College Saturday in Newport.

Companions and others gathered on the steps of the original Naval War College building, Newport.

C-in-C Jeffry Burden accepts a flag, flown at three historic sites, from Companion James Veach (RI) as a gift to the Commandery-in-Chief from the R.I. Commandery.

2012 MOLLUS National Congress Warwick, RI

Companions Joseph Coleman (PA) and Peter Dixon (DC) at the Friday evening reception.

Members in Attendance at the 2012 National Congress in Warwick, Rhode Island
Loyal Legion Historical Journal

Loudon Rangers

Out of what is today the Commonwealth of Virginia, one organized command was formed for service in the Union Army. The men of the “Independent Loudoun Virginia Rangers” suffered greatly for their loyalty. Twenty percent of the 250 men who enlisted in the unit died in service, and all of the Rangers faced hostility from neighbors and former friends. At least one Ranger, Lt. Luther Slater, became a Companion of the Loyal Legion (#09848).

This summer, more than 20 descendants of the original Loudoun Rangers, along with many family and friends, met for a first-ever “reunion” -- and two MOLLUS companions were instrumental in bringing it about.

Companions Edward Spannaus and Lee Stone of the District of Columbia Commandery first considered the idea of a reunion event in late 2011, and the idea grew quickly from there. With the help of several others, including the authors of a recent book about the effect of the War in northern Loudoun County, firm plans for a June event took shape. An organizing committee which included two Ranger descendants, Michael Virts and Forrest Hough, handled sponsorships and other logistics. Funding for the event came from several organizations, including the D.C. and Virginia Comanderies of the Loyal Legion. With the help of two other descendants, Linda Childress Keeler and Jennifer Snoots, more than 60 relatives of the men became known to the Committee.

About 75 reunion participants, including descendants, their family members, and organizers, began gathering in Waterford on Saturday morning, June 23. The charming town in rural northern Loudoun County hosted a range of activities: a cavalry demonstration by the Loudoun Ranger Re-enactors of Culpeper, Va., a tour of Waterford Union Cemetery (where 15 Rangers are buried), and a walking tour of the town. A particular highlight was having Companion Stone speak in Waterford Baptist Church on the skirmishing that happened in and around that very building on Aug. 27, 1862.

In the evening, the descendants gathered at Weather Lee Farm in Lovettesville, near the Potomac River. Kevin Martin (a Companion of the Legion) spoke on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of which he is an officer. I too had the privilege of making a few remarks, and urged the descendants to understand and study their relatives’ service and sacrifice. Above all, I asked them to tell the story to their friends and loved ones -- just one way of keeping the story alive in the national memory.

The most important outcome of the event may be the forming of a permanent “Loudoun Ranger Descendants” organization. The Loyal Legion, with the hard work of Companions Spannaus and Stone and the financial support of two Commeradies, was in the forefront of the effort. The enthusiasm and appreciation of those attending demonstrate that the new descendant’s organization is off to a good start, and the Loyal Legion will support it every way possible.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief Jeffry Christian Burden, Esq.
Photos courtesy of Nancy J. Olds
John Page Nicholson

John Page Nicholson was born in Philadelphia in 1842. He was a second generation bookbinder. His father started the business, and wrote “A manual of the Art of Bookbinding,” the first book published in this country about the craft. Until you bound them, you in a sense did not preserve them. So a pamphlet unbound is just a piece of paper, a pamphlet bound becomes a book. This idea reflects everything that Nicholson did. Nicholson’s homegrown impulse to collect and preserve stayed with him during his service in the Union Army. He joined as a private and within a year was promoted to quartermaster of the 28th Pennsylvania Vols. He fought in many major battles of the eastern theater, including Gettysburg, before his command was transferred West in 1863. He made the famous March to the Sea. By the time the war ended, he earned a 1st lieutenant’s commission and a brevet to Lt. Col. He organized supplies like wagons, horses and food … and moved constantly around the battlefield. That’s when he started to collect souvenirs like weapons, badges and accouterments. It was during the war that Nicholson started sending things home like interesting relics and memories of the conflict. He would be starting what would become John’s life long quest. After the war Nicholson helped establish an association for his regiment, which allowed the men to come together and remember what happened during the war. In 1879, he joined another veterans group, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. MOLLUS had fallen into bureaucratic disarray. But when Nicholson became its Recorder, he drew on his administrative prowess – corresponding with members, gathering dues and revived the organization. Nicholson also recast MOLLUS into a more patriotic group, organizing educational programs and laying wreaths at grave sites. He believed people had the tendency to forget. Nicholson wanted the war remembered from the time it began until he died. And so he made it his purpose to help this happen. He encouraged people to write down, no matter who they had been, what they had done, write down what they remembered. He wanted that preserved. These materials provided the seeds for the MOLLUS collection and the War Library and Museum, established by members in 1888. The museum became the repository for the physical remembrance of the war, as well as the materials to read and learn about the war. Nicholson was absolutely essential to that process. Before the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Nicholson spoke at a meeting of the Loyal Legion. Struggling for words, he talked about the memory of the officers whose lives he sought to commemorate and the nostalgic touch of the past. “There is something in the Loyal Legion. It has been something, it has been more than something, if you will only call over the names of the original members, just recalling their names, and the touch of the vanished hand comes back to you.” A brief listing of the organizations Nicholson was involved with includes: chairman of the Gettysburg National Park Commission, president of the Valley Forge Park Commission, and vice president of the Soldier’s and Sailor’s Home in Erie. In addition, he was a member of the GAR and at least 7 other veterans’ and hereditary groups. But he unquestionably saved his greatest efforts for MOLLUS. A fellow companion remembered that when Nicholson became recorder-in-chief, he did so “when the treasury was empty and embarrassed by debt.” To rectify those problems, Nicholson embarked on a massive correspondence campaign, writing companions across the country and urging them to become active in the order. When Nicholson took over as recorder in 1879, MOLLUS consisted of 8 active Commanderies. From 1879 to 1904, thanks in part to Nicholson’s efforts, 14 more Commanderies were chartered. Nicholson died in 1922, at age 79, he was in reality a professional veteran who devoted all of his time to the affairs of former soldiers. MOLLUS members honor John Page Nicholson during Remembrance Day weekend. Submitted by Adam Flint
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Sunday 10 February 2013
1630-1830 Welcome and Registration Holiday Inn National Airport, Arlington VA (Host’s room)
1830-2130 Optional MOLLUS & DOLLUS Dinner “The Portofino”, Crystal City

Monday 11 February 2013
0800-1100 MOLLUS Midwinter Meeting Holiday Inn National Airport, (Eisenhower Meeting Room)
0830-1030 DOLLUS Midwinter Meeting Holiday Inn National Airport, (Executive Board Room)
1145-1330 Social and Luncheon Holiday Inn National Airport, Arlington VA (O’Malley’s Pub)
1430-1730 Tour of the Smithsonian Civil War Exhibits Motor-coach
1845-2130 Social and Banquet Holiday Inn National Airport (Shenandoah Ballroom)

Tuesday 12 February 2013
0800-1000 Free time
1000-1030 Travel to Lincoln Memorial Motor-coach
1100-1230 LBNCC/MOLLUS/NPS Ceremony Lincoln Memorial
1300-1500 LBNCC Lincoln Birthday Luncheon Pier 7 Restaurant at the Channel Inn (See following page)

We have 20 rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn National Airport at Crystal City. 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202 for 10 and 11 Feb 2013 under code “MOL” or “Military Order of the Loyal Legion.” Rooms types available are: 2 Double Bed “mini-suite” or 1 King Bed. Both are $119.00 + 10% tax per night. Free parking.
Complementary shuttle to National Airport and to Crystal City Metro.
Room rate will be honored for three days before the meeting and three days after (7-15 Feb 2013).

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LINCOLN BIRTHDAY NATIONAL
COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

DATE: Tuesday, 12 February 2013
TIME: 13:00 - Cash Bar
      13:30 - Luncheon

PLACE: Channel Inn, (Pier 7), 650 Water Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

SPEAKER & PROGRAM: To be Announced.

COST: $28.00 per person inclusive.

PARKING: Three hours free parking in the Channel Inn Garage (underground). Get stamped.

RESERVATIONS: All Reservations to be received no later than January 28.
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Tuesday, 12 February 2013

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Make (Separate) Check Payable to “LBNCC”. (PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS)

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Continuing our series from Frank Leslies A Soldier in Our Civil War

Immediately upon assuming command of the Army of the Potomac on the 7th of November 1862, as the successor to General McClellan, General Ambrose Burnside reorganized his forces with the view of insuring the early capture of Richmond.

At the end of about ten days, Burnside had formed the army into three Grand Divisions. The Right Grand Division, formerly the Second and Ninth Corps, was given to Edwin V. Sumner; while the Left Grand Division, formerly the First and Sixth Corps, was placed in charge of General William B. Franklin; and the Centre Grand Division, formerly the Third and Fifth Corps, was given to General Joseph Hooker. The Eleventh Corps constituted a reserve force under the command of General Franz Sigel.

The 80,000 strong Confederate forces, under Lee, were organized into two Corps, under command of Generals “Stonewall” Jackson and James Longstreet. DH Hill’s force, forming the extreme Confederate right, lay at Port Royal, in order to prevent the Federal gunboats from ascending the river, whilst the extreme left was also on the Rappahannock, nearly six miles above Fredericksburg. Stuart’s Cavalry guarded all the intervening fords.

After moving from Warrenton on the 15th of November, and demanding the surrender of Fredericksburg on the 20th but not receiving it, Burnside’s plans for a forward movement were finally completed on the evening of the 10th of December. His chief of artillery, General Henry J. Hunt, had placed in position, upon the crest of Stafford Heights, twenty nine batteries compromising 147 guns, which were to cover the building of five pontoon bridges, and the subsequent passage of the troops.

At about one o’clock in the morning of the 11th, the pontoons were brought down to the riverbank, and the building of the bridges was begun in the midst of a very heavy fog and under protection of the 56th and 57th New York Regiments, belonging to Hancock’s division. The work had progressed but little when the Confederates opened a heavy fire at short range, which proved very destructive.

The Federals were driven back, but made repeated attempts. In each of them they were, however, subjected to such renewed attacks that no effective work could be done. Seeing this, Burnside ordered the batteries to open upon the city. The latter was set afire in several places during the two hours’ cannonading that followed, and, under cover of the artillery, fresh attempts were made to complete the bridges, but to no avail. When the fog lifted at noon, the Confederates were seen still lining the opposite banks, from which they could not be dislodged by the Stafford Heights batteries, but few of which could be depressed enough to bear effectively upon the immediate riverfront.

It was evident that the bridges could not, under the present circumstances, be completed, and that a crossing must be effected in open boats. The Seventh Michigan, the Nineteenth and Twentieth Massachusetts, and the Forty-second New York Regiments, belonging to O.O. Howard’s division, promptly responded to the call for volunteers needed to make the perilous attempt. In a short time they had crossed the river, effected the desired landing, dislodging the Mississippi troops from their shelter, and had taken possession of the riverfront after capturing many prisoners.

Half an hour later the lower bridges were completed, the other being finished shortly after, though at a sacrifice of nearly 300 men, who were picked off by the sharpshooters of the 17th Mississippi Regiment, occupying rifle pits near the mouth of Deep Run. Howard’s division crossed late in the afternoon, and after a spirited but short engagement drove the Confederates from and occupied the town. They were joined during the following day by all but Hooker’s grand division of Burnside’s army, which crossed under cover of guns firing wildly from the heights,
through a very thick fog, and at night preparations were completed for an assault early the next morning.

Being delayed by heavy fog until about nine o’clock on the 13th, Meade’s advance force, of Reynolds’s corps, soon came upon a battery of Stuart’s horse-artillery, and bore the brunt of a rapid enfilading fire, directed by Major Pelham, which for a while arrested Meade’s progress. The battery being at last silenced, he advanced his guns down the Port Royal Road, and began shelling the woods in his immediate front. As this elicited no response, he moved ahead unchecked until, after crossing the railroad, he had reached a point about 800 yards distant from the Confederate position held by Lt. Col. Walker. The reserved fire of fourteen pieces of artillery was then suddenly opened upon his force, and he found that he had unwittingly entered a wide gap temporarily existing in the first Confederate line. In the face of murderous fire of shell and canister which was directed upon both their flanks by Archer’s and Lane’s brigades, the Federals not only stood their ground well, but succeeded, after a fierce and prolonged encounter, in turning both brigades, and in finally repulsing Lane’s before Thomas’s force could come in the latter’s support.

Meade pressed on until the second Confederate line was reached. There he was met by Gregg’s South Carolina Brigade, and subjected to another fierce attack, which his troops also withstood bravely, until Early’s division had made a rapid circuit, enabling it to attack Meade’s flanks, and compelling him to retire with heavy loss. As Meade gradually fell back toward the railroad, it was met by Gibbon’s division, which for a while checked the Confederate advance. The Federals were successively joined during the afternoon of reinforcements, but were in turn subjected to the arrival of overwhelming and fresh Confederate troops, which finally compelled them to fall back, and would no doubt have succeeded in overpowering them but for the opportune arrival of additional reinforcements from Hooker’s grand division. Such an imposing front was then presented, and such a heavy artillery fire opened upon the Confederates, that the latter abandoned all further pursuit, and were forced to retire to old position.

While Franklin had thus been operating on the extreme left, the Federal right held by Sumner had met with still greater opposition at the foot of Marye’s Hill, toward which it had begun moving as soon as the fog lifted, at about noon. The Confederate position on the heights was a strong one. Guns from the Washington Artillery lined the crest, and about 50 heavy guns were stationed so as to enfilade the columns which could not but approach through the narrow road that led to a succession of hills and abrupt declivities, and finally to a deep ravine fronting the City of Fredericksburg.

The Federals advanced under cover of the Stafford Heights batteries, which, however, seemed to fail in their object of silencing the Confederate guns. With Kimball’s division of Couch’s Second Corps in front, each successive brigade made its way along the narrow road until it reached the foot of Marye’s Hill. There it came within range of the Confederate guns, which opened upon the Federals with Terrible effect, mowing down column after column, and creating huge gaps in every direction. In the face of this deadly fire, the ranks were steadily closed up, and the troops moved onward. French’s entire division was nevertheless forced back with the loss of nearly half its numbers. Despite repeated attempts to advance beyond this point with successive support each time, the Federals continued to meet with the same result. The front was so narrow that it could be occupied but by one brigade at a time, and each advanced toward the wall only to meet a scathing musketry fire, poured at short range from Longstreet’s lines, in addition to the well-directed artillery fire from the hills. Burnside seeing this, concluded to send

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Hooker’s remaining divisions across the river, and Hooker lost no time in executing his orders.

After successfully posting his guns so as to make a breach in the wall, and finding that the latter was too far in the sunken road to be reached from the plain, Hooker ordered the firing stopped, and directed Humphrey’s 4,000 men to advance for a bayonet-charge. As soon as they reached the stone wall, however, another storm of iron was poured into them, with such deadly effect that in about 15 minutes over 1,700 of their number lay hors de combat. The last of this series of fruitless assaults was made just before dark. “Finding” Hooker says, “that I had lost as many as my orders required me to lose, I suspended the attack, and directed that the men should hold, for an advanced line, a ditch, which would afford them shelter”. This was Burnside’s climax in command after which he tendered his resignation which was accepted on the 26th of January 1863, and succeeded by Major -general Joseph Hooker to now command the Army of the Potomac.

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recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

That the executive will on the 1st day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State or the people thereof shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such States shall have participated shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-In-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this 1st day of January, A.D. 1863, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the first day above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St.
Vernon Dean Schwartz, M.D., 87, retired physician, passed away April 12, 2012. Rosary was held Tuesday, April 17, and Funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 18, both at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Wichita. Dean was born May 11, 1924, in Leonardville, Riley County, Kansas. As a youth he lived various times in Olsburg, Topeka, Manhattan, and Blue Rapids, Kansas. He was class valedictorian when he graduated from Blue Rapids High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a Summerfield Scholarship recipient. He served in the United States Army in both World War II and during the Korean Conflict where he received a battlefield promotion to Captain, Medical Corp. within the Medical Division, First Cavalry Division. He married Eileen Ruth Bonicamp January 8, 1948 and they settled in Wichita where they raised their family. He entered his medical internship at St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, Kansas, and entered the general practice of medicine in Wichita in 1949. In 1957 he was made Chairman of the Department of General Practice at St. Francis Hospital, a position he held for five years, and began his tenure on the Executive Committee of the medical staff for the hospital which extended for sixteen years. He was President and Chief of Staff in 1972 and in 1976 was elected to the Board of Directors of St. Francis Hospital and remained on the Board for five years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and in 1964 received Papal knighthood to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He was President of Serra Club in 1969. He found the time to pursue activities outside of work and church. He collected stamps, coins and Native American artifacts, enjoyed fly-fishing, horseback riding and gardening. He enjoyed woodcarving, pencil drawing, and he amassed an extensive collection of photographs of Kansas and Midwest wildflowers. Baking and gourmet cooking were also hobbies. In 1984 he became a member of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and, in 1989 served as the President of the Kansas Society SAR. He became interested in all things Scottish, and in 1989 he was a co-founder of the Scottish Society of Wichita which is presently inactive. In 1996 he was President of Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society in Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents, R. B. Schwartz and Gladys Klocke Schwartz Hill. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eileen, his children, William Dean (Debbie) Schwartz, Denver, CO., John B. (Pat) Schwartz, Blue Rapids, KS., Elizabeth A. (Doran) Cole, Rose Hill, KS., and Gloria E. Kemper, Emporia, KS., his brother, Robert W. Schwartz, Lawrence, KS., and by grandchildren: Emily, Jonathan, Rose, Eileen Lucy and Elizabeth. Memorials have been established with the Via Christi Foundation, 723 N. McLean, Wichita, KS, 67203 and Wichita Catholic Diocese, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS, 67202. Downing & Lahey Mortuary East is in charge of arrangements. Tributes may be sent to the family at www.dlwichita.com

It with a sad heart that I inform you of the passing of Vernon Dean Schwartz, M.D., KS#21920, Charter Member and Past KS CDR of MOLLUS which he served as for many years. In recent years he had dropped his membership in MOLLUS after he moved to CO but his son John B. Schwartz is still a member of KS MOLLUS. John can be contacted at: John Bonicamp Schwartz, KS#21980 P.O. Box 266, Blue Rapids, KS 66411-0266

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Howard E. “Jim” Norris, 85, of Charlton, formerly of Lexington, passed away August 27, 2012. Devoted husband of Thelma Loretta (Weissenberger) Norris, loving father of Lawrence Norris of Hudson, MA, and Alan Norris of Auckland, New Zealand and cherished grandfather of Amy Norris of Hudson, MA, and Kevin and Lucas Norris of Auckland, New Zealand. Born in Brooklyn, NY on January 13, 1927, he spent his childhood years in NYC with summers on Long Island. After graduating from Choate School in 1944 he enlisted in the Navy. Following WWII he attended Columbia University where he met Thelma. They married on January 24, 1948. Upon graduation in 1950 Jim received a direct commission into the Air Force. He served several years in England where his two sons were born. After active service, Jim took a Civil Service job with the Air Force working in first New York City and then at Hanscom Air Force Base in Lexington. Following retirement from the Civil Service he worked for Riverside Research in Bedford. He retired from the Air Force reserve as a
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Lieutenant Colonel after 27 years service. A Lexington resident for 46 years, he and Thelma moved to the Overlook Life Care Community in Charlton in 2006. An avid history buff, he was a founding member of the 5th Mass. Battery Civil War reenactment group and a longtime member of the Civil War Round Table and the 10th Regiment of Foot, a Revolutionary War reenactment group. A true community spirit, Jim was active in ROA, NARFE and MOLLUS, having held many offices at the local and state levels. His association with the Mason spans well over 50 years. His hobbies included stamp collecting and crossword puzzles. Cremation will be private. Interment will be in the Bourne National Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

He was a member of our former William S. Tabor Camp 162. http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wickedlocal-lexington/obituary.aspx?n=HOWARD-NORRIS&pid=159565183

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Bernard, Palquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all case when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

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

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