“Old Promptly”  
By Robert B. Gilbert

I felt that there had to have been a better place for the tall, narrow photograph of a soldier in its plain wooden frame. As old as it was, it certainly deserved to be in the house with climate control to preserve it. My grandfather had hung it in the garage next to his study and there it stayed for about thirty years. Touching it was strictly forbidden because my grandfather had passed away and everything was supposed to stay the way he left it. There was no name, rank, date, or anything else identifying the uniformed man in the picture resting his gloved hands on the handle of his sword with the blade’s point on the floor.

One lazy summer afternoon I asked my mother about the photograph. She said it was her father’s grand-father, General Alvin Coe Voris from Ohio, and she showed me his name in the book, “Generals in Blue.” Mother told me how he’d been wounded in two Civil War battles and how a bullet lodged in his stomach made digesting food very difficult for many years after the war. My 4th Grade class was learning about the war in school, so I really wanted to know more about him.

My question seemed so harmless that I was stunned by the reaction it provoked. “If great-great grandpa Voris was wounded twice and made it to General, then why is his picture out here in the garage instead of inside the house?” Red from the neck up with anger, my mother yelled back, “Because he fought on the wrong side!” Next I was told that I wasn’t a Yankee, but actually a Virginian who just happened to be born in Buffalo. I couldn’t understand why she was so angered by my “lack of interest” in her mother’s Confederate ancestors because we never talked about that side of the family.

Many years later, I found letters recommending my Yankee ancestor for promotion to brevet brigadier general on microfilm at the National Archives in Washington, DC. There was just enough time for me to research a college term paper and read about what Alvin Voris did to deserve a general’s star. Four more years passed before I could drive to Akron, Ohio where I found his obituary on microfilm at the local library and his obelisk in Glendale Cemetery. The cemetery staff was so helpful that I agreed to copy his service record if I ever got the chance. The Summit County Historical Society showed me his Army saddle and postwar tributes to his fellow veterans.

My uncle told me about a book entitled, “A Citizen-Soldier’s Civil War.” The author, Jerome Mushkat wrote a very good biographical summary of my ancestor to accompany the edited version of letters that were written to Lydia Allyn Voris, the general’s wife. The book was so detailed that I returned to the National Archives knowing which items to request and what to expect when I got to see them. Time would be short because of a

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Commander’s Message

Now that Spring is making the turn and Summer is on its way, those of us in the colder states have come out of hibernation and are ready go. I had wanted to attend the events at Appomattox as on the 9th of April, 1865 my ancestor (de Trobriand) was there, in command of the 3rd Division, 2nd Corps and it was there on that day that he was given a brevet promotion to Maj. General. However, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jim Simmons was there along with many other Companions, mainly from the VA Commandery. The report was that it was a rewarding experience for all, and I thank you all for being there.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Simmons wasted no time in catching the next flight to Springfield, IL to join me in the ceremonies commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln’s death. This is the only event where MOLLUS and the SUVCW have a shared responsibility, and it is always good to have the Companions and Brothers spend this time together. Then it was back to New York where I had been invited to be the key note speaker, commemorating the birth of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States by the Tilden Camp of the SUVCW, a Camp that has been arranging this event for over seventy years.

On May 30th many of us will gather in Philadelphia for the 150th anniversary of MOLLUS’s first meeting. I doubt if those 24 Original Members had any idea of what they were starting and how it would grow to be the honorable organization that it is today.

I am not sure how many of us were able to take part in any of the Lincoln at Cleveland events (I was unable to do so), but I do know that the Ohio Commandery played an active role in many of them. My thanks to Ohio.

The Battle of Palmito Ranch is generally reckoned as the final battle of the American Civil War, since it was the last engagement involving casualties. It was fought on May 12 and 13, 1865, on the banks of the Rio Grande, and Rev. Doug Richardson of the FL

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WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Winter 2014 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief Waldron Kintzing extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

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Hereditary Member Recruitment

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.

Remembering “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.
CALIFORNIA
Early in May Companion Linn Malaznik represented MOLLUS and presented the ROTC award to Cadet George Condit from San Jose State University.

MASSACHUSETTES
Col. Frederick Stevens, Massachusetts Commander, laying a wreath at the memorial to The Great Emancipator on Lincoln Day 2015 in Hingham, Massachusetts. The Commandery co-sponsors the event annually.

OHIO
Cadet Sean M. Duffy receiving the MOLLUS Commandery of Ohio ROTC Medal of Merit Award. Presented for Academic Achievement and Demonstrated Leadership Potential on March 12, 2015 at Ohio State University. Presented by Companion Peter Hritsko.

MICHIGAN
Michigan State University Army ROTC program, April 14, 2015. Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison presented the MOLLUS ROTC medal and a copy of “Union Blue” to Cadet Janelle Van-Lopik. Cadet VanLopik is a Junior at MSU majoring in Finance.

W. Fred Roberts of the Michigan Commandery presents the ROTC Medal of Merit to Cadet Robert Sharp at Eastern Michigan University’s annual
ROTC Ball & Awards ceremony at Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor on 14 February, 2015.

**VIRGINIA**

The Commandery awarded six ROTC Medals of Merit in April, along with certificates and copies of Union Blue. Cadets Nikki Parkman and Andrew Charapko of the “Spider Battalion”, based at the University of Richmond and also encompassing five other schools, received their awards on April 7. Parkman, from Norfolk, is a Junior Homeland Security major at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Charapko is a U.R. senior from New York City receiving his degree in Leadership Development.

On April 10, Cadet Jochebed Koomson, sophomore in the Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College, received her award from Companion Edmund Potter.

For the second year, a top cadet at James Madison University’s “Duke Battalion” received MOLLUS recognition. Cadet Garrett M. Mannion is a sophomore from Richmond majoring in Biology. Two cadets received medals at the April 15 awards event of the “Revolutionary Guards Battalion”, based jointly at the College of William & Mary and Christopher Newport University. Aiden W. Bruley from Ashburn, Virginia is a sophomore Sociology/Criminology major at CNU. Gwyneth D. Mckenna is a junior at W & M studying Kinesiology and Health Sciences and is from Culpeper, Virginia.

Companion Mark Day spoke on behalf of the Loyal Legion on April 12 as the “Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership” celebrated the planting of 500 trees near Locust Dale, Virginia. The Partnership has started a “Living Legacy Tree Planting Program” to plant more than 600,000 trees, representing all Civil War deaths, along the historic U.S. Route 15 corridor stretching from Monticello to Gettysburg.

Zachary Burnett received his commission in March as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, after completing Officer Candidate School. He was sworn in by his Grandfather and fellow Companion (and past Virginia Commander) Maj. Richard Bishop, U.S. Army (Ret.).

**WISCONSIN**

Kim J. Heltemes
Always had an interest in the Civil War
The Campaign for 2015 is nearing its end, as we approach the Philadelphia Congress in October and the Order’s Sesquicentennial celebration! Help the Memorial Fund reach its goal — help it secure a bright future as the means for the Loyal Legion to reach the world through the Journal, through support of worthwhile organizations, and through public events.

The Loyal Legion Memorial Fund is steadily moving toward its fundraising goal in the Campaign for 2015!

We are grouping our generous donors into giving levels:

- **Union Society**: $2,000 +
- **Lincoln Society**: $1,000 - $1,999
- **Grant Society**: $500 - $999
- **Farragut Society**: $200 - $499
- **Cushing Society**: $1 - $99

How can you give?

- **By check payable to** “Loyal Legion Memorial Fund” and mailed to: Memorial Fund, c/o Jeffry Burden, 1815 Harvard Road, Richmond, VA 23226.
- **By secure PayPal transaction** at: http://suvcw.org/mollus/2014capitalcampaign.htm
- **By transfer of marketable securities**. Contact Treasurer-in-Chief Lee Tryon at leetryon@comcast.net.

Remember: our goal is to raise $20,150 in gifts and pledges by the time of the Annual Congress in October 2015. This is our opportunity to help make the Memorial Fund thrive — and thereby to support all of our Order’s worthy historical and philanthropic goals! Give securely online at www.mollus.org, or by check payable to “Loyal Legion Memorial Fund” and mailed to: Memorial Fund, c/o Jeffry Burden, 1815 Harvard RD, Richmond, VA 23226.

Thank you for your support!

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**General Gilbert Saltonstall Carpenter**

General Carpenter was a veteran of the Civil War where he served with the 18th Regulars. He was a native of Akron, a graduate of the old Western Reserve College in Hudson, and entered the Regulars in April, 1861 with his college friend, John Hitchcock, son of the college president, Rev. Henry L. Hitchcock. Both Carpenter and Hitchcock were wounded at the Battle of Stones River, but while Carpenter survived, Hitchcock died of his wounds and was taken back to Hudson and buried under an impressive monument at Markillie Cemetery.

After the Civil War, Carpenter joined MOLLUS, and served with the U.S. Army until his retirement on December 26, 1899, about the same time this portrait was painted. He served in the west and was Post Commander of Fort Sidney at Cheyenne, Nebraska in the early 1870’s. He was later at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. He was with the 14th Infantry after the War, and in addition to the above named forts, also served at Fort Spokane, Fort Vancouver, and Fort Klamath in Oregon which he was ordered to close. He even served in Cuba during the Spanish American War in 1898. He married Elizabeth Thatcher Balch of Akron and had two sons and two daughters. In his retirement, Carpenter went to live with his daughters, Bess and Laura, who were living at Verona, New Jersey where he died in 1904. He was brought back to Akron and buried at Glendale Cemetery. His son, Edward Laramie Carpenter, was a graduate in engineering at the University of Wyoming and was a civil engineer in Washington state. He is the ancestor (grandfather, perhaps) of Edward L. Carpenter of Lynnwood, Washington, owner of the portrait, who has offered to send additional information about his ancestor.

It was the late Barry Cornell of Gnadenhutten, a member of MOLLUS, who first called my attention to Gilbert Saltonstall Carpenter, a kind of mystery man who hailed from Akron and went on to a distinguished career in the American military. Tom Vince had placed an inquiry on Ancestor.com in February, 2010 which was finally answered in November, 2014 by this descendant of Carpenter who offered to send a framed copy of the portrait, now at Western Reserve Academy Archives in Hudson. We look forward to receiving other information about the life and career of Carpenter.

**Tom Vince is a member of the Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS. He has been Archivist and Historian at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson since 1996, and has a special interest in the men from his school (founded in 1826) who served in the Civil War, especially those who later joined MOLLUS.**
Greetings Companions, Dames and Guests:
The Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania proudly invites you to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 130th National Congress to be held 16 & 17 October 2015.
The primary purpose of this Congress will be to focus on the business of the Order and address many new and important issues as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of MOLLUS. An exciting program is planned in a city and state proud of its military history.
The headquarters of the 2015 Congress will be the Union League of Philadelphia; 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19102 (215) 405–9578

The Union League of Philadelphia is a shining jewel of history in the heart of the cultural and commercial district of Philadelphia. Founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the Union and the policies of Abraham Lincoln, it laid the philosophical foundation of other Union Leagues across a nation torn by Civil War. The Union League has hosted U.S. presidents, heads of state, industrialists, entertainers and visiting dignitaries from around the globe. It has also given support to the American military in each conflict since the Civil War, and continues to be driven by its motto, “Love of Country Leads.” The classic French Renaissance-style League building dates to 1865. The traditional decor is accented in rich leather, patina-ted wood and polished marble. Adorned the walls and hallways is the League’s distinguished collection of art and artifacts. The collection, recognized by historians and art experts, is an historical chronicle of Philadelphia’s unique imprint upon the American landscape from the 19th century until today.
Some of the amenities of the Inn at the Union League of Philadelphia include: room service, high speed DSL lines in all guest rooms, cable TV including HBO, individual mini-bar, complimentary daily newspaper, individual climate control, complimentary breakfast, fitness center, signing privileges in any of the three restaurants, library, executive business center, laundry service and barber shop.

Saturday Afternoon will be spent on a bus tour of Philadelphia Civil War sites and the Laurel Hill Cemetery, burial site of General Meade and the location of the newly mounted Silent Sentry. Other sites on the tour will include; the Civil War Monuments in Center City; the Philadelphia Civil War Memorial & General Meade Equestrian Monument in West Fairmont Park; the Site of the Great Central Sanitary Fair; the Refreshment Saloons; the Navy Yard in the Civil War; and Civil War camps and training grounds. Host for the bus tour will be Dr. Andy Waskie, President of the General Meade Society, Post 1, Civil War historian and author, educator and MOLLUS Companion.

As an alternative, you may chose a tour of the Barnes Foundation Collection. The Barnes holds one of the finest collections of Post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings, with extensive works by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Henri Rousseau, Amedeo Modigliani, Chaim Soutine and Giorgio de Chirico, as well as American masters Charles Demuth, William Glackens, Horace Pippin and Maurice Prendergast.

Both tours will include lunch at the German Society of Pennsylvania.

Contacts for information and questions on the Congress are:

Joe Coleman: drjc30@comcast.net
Bob Lynch: lynchrobertd@comcast.net
150th ANNIVERSARY and 130th MOLLUS National Congress

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Rooms have been reserved for MOLLUS Members and guests at two locations:

The Inn at the Union League (Headquarters Hotel)
140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 587-5570
(MOLLUS rate: $219.00 per night plus applicable tax)

Inn guests are considered temporary members and have access to all Union League facilities, including areas marked “Members Only.”

Full breakfast is included with the room rate for up to 2 people per room (additional guests for breakfast are $19.25 including tax and gratuity), served in the Founders Dining Room, located on the first floor. Breakfast Hours: M-F 7-10, S&S 8-11. Make your reservations by the cut-off date of 18 September 2015. Identify yourself as with the “MOLLUS Event” to receive the group room rate.

Overnight parking is available ($32 per night including tax and tip) at the Union League’s Parking Garage located across the street from the League at 1415 Sansom Street. The parking garage is open 24/7. Have parking posted to your guest room account at check in to assure that you have free in and out privileges during your stay.

Radisson Blu Warwick Hotel
220 South 17th Street, Rittenhouse Square (a short three-block walk to the Union League) (215) 735-6000
(MOLLUS rate: Superior King rooms at $179 and Superior 2 Double Bed rooms at $199. Rates do not include occupancy tax of 15.5%)

The Radisson Blu Warwick Hotel is situated in the heart of Rittenhouse Square in downtown Philadelphia amid the confluence of boutique retailers, renowned restaurants, and the arts & cultural best of the city.

Accommodations include Club Carlson Points, complimentary Wi-Fi in the guest rooms, complimentary fitness center featuring over 20 pieces of aerobic equipment and separate weight room, three restaurants and bars, and complimentary daily newspapers.

Free overnight self-parking is available for MOLLUS guests at Patriot Parking, 1616 Chancellor Street. The hotel location is just 8.5 miles from the Philadelphia National Airport and one mile form the 30th Street Amtrack Station.

Reservations for October 16th and 17th must be made by September 16, 2015. Please refer to “MOLLUS Event”.

Alternate Hotels:

The Hyatt at the Bellevue Hotel (215) 893-1776
200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
(One block from the Union League)

Latham Hotel (215) 563-4034
135 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
(Three block from the Union League)

DaysInn (888) 663-7789
1227 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
(Eight blocks from the Union League)

Holiday Express (215) 735-9300
1305-11 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
(Two blocks from the Union League)
150th Anniversary and 130th MOLLUS NATIONAL CONGRESS
RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE THE FUNCTIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Registration Fee ……….. Number attending _____ $55.00 per person…….. $________

(Registration Fee is required for all Companions, Dames, and Guests, children excluded)

FRIDAY 16 October 2015
3:00 pm Registration opens inside the Sansom Street entrance on the first floor.
6:00 pm Guided tour of the Union League including the new Heritage Center
and the MOLLUS Archives Collection…………………………………….. No Charge
6:00 pm Dinner on your own, options include:
1.) Union League Dining Room: 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
2.) Union League Café: 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
3.) Varalli Restaurant (Italian cuisine): 231 S. Broad Street, 215-546-6800,
two blocks South from the Union League Club House.
4.) McGillin’s Olde Ale House. 1310 Drury Street, 2 1/2 blocks NE from the UL
8:30 pm PA Commandery hosts OPEN HOUSE in the C-in-C Suite …… No Charge

SATURDAY 17 October 2014
8:00 am Breakfast for those staying at the Union League ……….. No Charge
8:30 am Meeting for MOLLUS in the Lincoln Memorial Room.
9:00 am Meeting for DOLLUS in the Sando Room
12:00 pm Lunch and Civil War bus tour or Barnes Foundation tour (Please Check one):

□ Philadelphia Civil War Bus Tour. Number on Civil War Tour____
□ Barnes Foundation Collection Tour. Number on Barnes Tour____

Lunch will be at the German Society of Pennsylvania.
Meet transportation at the Sansom Street entrance at 12:00 pm
Total Number for Tours and Lunch _____ $60.00 per person (including lunch) $________

6:00 pm Reception with Cash Bar in the McMichael Room-Angela Falco on Piano.
7:00 pm Dinner in the McMichael Room

Speaker: Nationally acclaimed Civil War historian and author, Dr. Allen C. Guelzo,
(White or Black Tie or Uniform with Decorations)

Number attending _____ $85.00 per person (Cash Bar) …………………. $ _______

10:15 pm PA Commandery hosts OPEN HOUSE in the C-in-C Suite … No Charge

TOTAL ENCLOSED: (If attending all functions this should be $200.00 per person)………………. $_______

SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 7, 2015 TO:
Robert D. Lynch, Treasurer, MOLLUS PA, 324 Randle Ct. Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Please make check payable to “MOLLUS PA”

Name:_________________________ Commandery_____ Phone:________________________

Name to put on Name Tag:________________________ Email________________________

Additional Names in your party (Show names as to be put on name tag):
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Address:________________________ City________________ State___ Zip__________

Menus Choices: □Beef #______ □Fish #______

Special Dietary Restrictions:________________________

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Proposed Amendment 60 Day Notice

To the Commandery in Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, The Commandery of the State of Ohio, MOLLUS wishes to offer the following proposed Amendment to Article V, Section 5, Subsection b of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States,

which currently reads:

b. Associate Companions shall pay the same dues and assessments as Hereditary Companions. Commanderies may provide for Life Membership for Associate Companions on the same basis as that provided for Hereditary Companions. Associate Companions may vote and serve on committees, but no Associate Companion shall be eligible for election to office in a Commandery or the Commandery-in-Chief.

be amended to read:

b. Associate Companions shall pay the same dues and assessments as Hereditary Companions. Commanderies may provide for Life Membership for Associate Companions on the same basis as that provided for Hereditary Companions. Associate Companions may vote, serve on committees and be elected to Commandery offices, but no Associate Companion shall be eligible for election to office in the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted by the Commandery of the State of Ohio.
Gordon R. Bury, Past Commander-in-Chief, Recorder, Commandery of the State of Ohio
10095 Wadsworth Road Marshallville, Ohio 44645 phone (330)-855-4251

Frances Asbury Smith was born on November 29, 1837 at Salisbury, Massachusetts to Rev. James G. and Polly (Leavitt) Smith. When he was about 9 years old his family moved to Plymouth, New Hampshire. He was educated in his youth at Plymouth Academy. After graduating from Plymouth Academy he entered Wesleyan University. While at Wesleyan University he joined the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1859. After his graduation from Wesleyan University he at some point made it to Poughkeepsie, New York where he was admitted to the bar in 1861. In the summer of 1861 he began to practice law in Johnstown, New York at the office of a relative of his, the Hon. Horace E. Smith. On October 28, 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 3rd New York Infantry. He was mustered into federal service the same day. On June 30, 1861, the regiment was order to Baltimore and stationed at Fort McHenry. On April 27, 1862, Private Smith was promoted to Corporal. In the summer of 1862, the regiment was order to Suffolk and were stationed there until September 12, 1862 when it was ordered to Fort Monroe. The 3rd was apart of Mansfield's Division, 7th Corps, Department of Virginia. On October 13, 1862, Corporal Smith was promoted to 2nd Lt. of Company F on the resignation of an officer. During the winter of 1862-1863, the 3rd was stationed at Fortress Monroe. Lt. Smith must've gotten leave in April of 1863 as on April 11, 1863, Smith married Julia Scott at Salem, Rockingham, New Hampshire. On his return to his regiment, it was still stationed at Fort Monroe. In July of 1863, the regiment was ordered to Folly Island. The Union Army captured Folly Island in August of 1863. Once the regiment got onto Folly Island, it took part in the Siege of Charleston Harbor from the north end of Folly Island. They took part in this operation from August-September 1863. After that they participated in operations within Charleston Harbor. Sometime in the early fall of 1863, Lt. Smith was sent to the General Hospital suffering from fever. When he partially recovered, he was sick leave. When he reached home to be reunited with his wife, he weighed only 98 pounds. On November 13, 1863, he was honorably discharged by General Order #603. During the winter of 1863-1864, his wife and him resided at the residence of her father in Plymouth, New Hampshire. On March 2, 1864, he applied for a pension but for whatever reason did not receive one. In early 1864, they moved to Fonda, New York where he set up a law office. Also in 1864 he took part in the second Lincoln canvass as a "spell-binder". Smith set up a partnership with his wife's uncle, the Hon. Robert S. Hale in February of 1865. The partnership lasted about 13 years. It was during this time that Smith and his wife adopted Louisa Scott, who was the (Continued on page 12)
infant daughter of Julia's deceased sister. In the fall of 1878, Francis Smith had the honor of being elected the Essex County Surrogate and Judge. He appears to have been very respected in that position as he was re-elected in the fall of 1884 with the support of the opposing party. On March 6, 1886, Smith was mustered in as a Comrade of the S.C. Dwyer Post No. 528 of the Grand Army of the Republic of which he remained a member for the rest his life. At the end of his term as County Judge and Surrogate in 1890, he retired from the bench. He remain active in the legal community as he was one of two representatives on the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Biography and continued to practice law with two former pupils of his who had studied law under him. On February 7, 1900, former Lt. Smith was elected a Companion of the First Class in the Commandery of the State of New York being recommended by Companion 2nd Lt. Frank Madden of Plattsburgh and was assigned Insignia Number 12794. Francis Smith was also a Shakespearian scholar and wrote a book called "The Critics Versus Shakespeare" which was published in 1907 by the Knickerbocker Press. On March 7, 1907, Smith put in for a pension again on account of old age and it appears to have been approved and received it until his death. He passed away at a little before 9 pm at his residence on October 12, 1915 of heart trouble as he had been ill for 4 weeks. His funeral was held at his home on October 15, 1915 at 3pm.

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series of favors I was doing for Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.  
While finishing Ben Maryniak’s research project honoring thirteen Union soldiers who died at Buffalo General Hospital, I was able to copy General Voris’ muster cards, leave requests, and appointments as Officer of the Day. His Invalid Pension and Widow’s Pension were consolidated into one file which made it a lot easier to copy. These were all originals, and just before the Archives closed, I printed the promotion letters from the “Commissioning Branch” microfilm reel that I’d found many years earlier. Putting everything I discovered in chronological order, I could not believe what I was never told by my family. Maybe they just didn’t know.

Oberlin College prepared my great-great grandfather for a career in law and was the most likely source of his extreme abolitionist convictions. In 1854, he opened his home to a runaway slave bound for Canada. His rhetoric in the Ohio State Legislature, “God Forgive our nation for its hypocrisies to the world, its cruelties to the African,” was backed up by hosting abolitionist John Mercer Langston during an assembly. By autumn of 1861, the former state legislator was a Private in the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, but Governor Dennison quickly approved a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. A short stay in the 45th O.V.I. transformed the lieutenant into a colonel before a permanent transfer to the 67th O.V.I. took place a week before the first Christmas of the war. The thirty-four year old officer was in Virginia by mid-January of 1862 where he was destined to become very fatigued chasing Stonewall Jackson. LTC Voris participated in a very rare victory over the Confederate icon at the First Battle of Kernstown and survived a wound to his right thigh on March 23rd near Winchester. The 67th stayed in the Shenandoah Valley for three more months before being ordered eastward to assist with the Peninsular Campaign. Voris was promoted to colonel at Harrison’s Landing on July 29, 1862 for his battlefield achievements and for rescuing some of his men in the Chesapeake Bay when their barge sank. The colonel returned to Akron to recruit more soldiers after General McClellan failed to capture Richmond.

Colonel Voris began 1863 in the Carolinas where he and the 67th O.V.I. occupied seven islands along the coast, Morris Island being the final objective by mid-summer. During the historic charge against Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863, a bullet struck his sword belt and broke into two pieces just before entering his abdomen. He fell about 150 yards from the fort. Neither Clara Barton nor an Army surgeon could completely heal him at Beaufort. The surgeon had only removed the smaller, and therefore, easier to find lead fragment; no one detected the larger piece either inside or near the patient’s bladder. A ship took the wounded soldier to New York City to start recuperative leave mostly spent at home in Akron. Seven weeks passed before he returned to his regiment, but recurring, extreme pain haunted him for ten years.

The twice-wounded colonel spent part of the winter of 1863-1864 recruiting in Ohio. He was successful in returning the 67th O.V.I.’s strength to more than 800 men while resting enough to endure a series of battles in May. A pitched battle at Chester Station was followed by the capture of BG William S. Walker, C.S.A., at Ware Bottom Church. Although only a colonel, “Old Promptly” served as acting commander of the 1st Brigade, Tenth Corps during the summer of 1864 at The Bermuda Hundred. The 6th, 9th, and 126th U.S. Colored Troops under his command fought along Darbytown Road so well that Colonel Voris later commanded the 1st

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Commandery stood in for me during their 150th anniversary ceremonies. The Civil War Sesquicentennial events have drawn to a close, and I would like to ask all who are in position to do so to keep the interest that was generated by them alive and strong.

In closing--please keep those donations to the Memorial Fund flowing; and keep in mind the last of the 150 celebrations is almost here; the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia Where the PA Commandery is going all out to host a fantastic weekend.

Loyally,

Waldron Kintzing Post, II

Division, Tenth Corps. The bullet fragment still inside his body forced another sick leave absence in December of 1864.

Voris returned to Virginia to finish the war with the 1st Brigade, 1st Division of the 24th Corps. As winter gave way to spring and the Confederate Army retreated from Petersburg, he witnessed the capture of Fort Gregg and the pursuit through Rice’s Station and Farmville to Appomattox. The 67th took pride in blocking a rebel retreat down the road from Appomattox to Lynchburg. A month after Lee’s surrender, Voris finally received his promotion to Brevet Brigadier General, effective from December 8, 1864.

As Commander of the South Central Military District, he wrote home about the difficulties inherent in emancipating slaves and issued orders requiring respect for women’s rights. Establishing a fair wage for freedmen’s labor was proving far more difficult than expected, something that required the use of federal government authority for the first time in national history. After a difficult summer in Louisa Court House and autumn in Charlottesville, “Old Promptly” was sent home and mustered out in Columbus, Ohio on December 7, 1865. His final rank was Brevet Major General.

A new career as Common Pleas Judge of Summit, Medina and Lorrain Counties never made him so busy that he forgot about the war. He commissioned a stained glass window inside Glendale Cemetery’s chapel honoring his fallen brothers Samuel, Henry and Roswell, two of whom didn’t survive captivity. GAR Post #12, Buckley, owed its establishment to the general’s efforts, too.

The wound from the Fort Wagner assault became too much for the 46 year old veteran to bear on November 12, 1872. Incredibly, despite being unable to walk that day because of crippling pain, a little more than a year would pass before surgeons fixed the problem. A sounding taken in June, 1873 proved that the Minnie ball fragment had penetrated the bladder wall, and the 7th surgery of its kind for a Civil War veteran took place in Columbus five months later on November 20th. Full recovery was evident before Christmas, by which time the family had a new heirloom weighing one and 1/8 ounce. The suffering he endured was compensated by a $30 per month pension back dated to his muster out date.

The general coped with the loss of his wife Lydia to cancer in 1876 by focusing upon his three children. His son Edwin helped expand his father’s private law firm after graduating law school in 1879. Daughter Lucy married a corporate lawyer the same year her father wed Lizzie Keller, 1882. Lucy and her husband’s son Charles was my maternal grandfather and heir to the photograph that caught my attention forty years ago.

Alvin C. Voris died in his hometown at the age of 77 on July 28, 1904 and was honored with a 12-block funeral procession to Glendale Cemetery where three volleys preceded “Taps.” A high school bore his name until it was torn down in March of 2013, which is when he was inducted into the Akron Hall of Fame. An SUV camp named in his honor cooperates with Glendale Cemetery, the Summit County Historical Society, and the Akron-Summit County Public Library to perpetuate his memory. All of these groups now have copies of the full-length photograph that I first saw forty years ago, as well as his service record and pension file.

My uncle who told me about the book of letters that was published in 2002 passed away two years ago, which is part of the reason I haven’t been attending SUV meetings or ceremonies. Researching photographs of my grandmother’s Confederate ancestors which were kept in my uncle’s house for decades led me to many places where I’ve either lived before or visited during my military career. Only now can I finally understand why my mother reacted the way she did to my interest in a Yankee, which is another story unto itself for another time.

Submitted by William Christen II of the New York Commandery
An Unbelievable Find

In late December, after Christmas, Companions Douglas and Caleb Richardson made the trek from their residence in Florida to their new home in Texas. On this trek from Florida, my son and I were able to visit a very fine museum that was free of charge, the Mobile (Alabama) History Museum. This being a Sunday afternoon, I was surprised but delighted to find this gem opened. Being in the south and going to see a museum in Mobile, Alabama, I was not surprised to see much Confederate material. There is a statue of Raphael Semmes by the entrance to the museum. I explored downstairs and was delighted to see that they had the actual crucifix that was carried by Raphael Semmes during the War. I asked one of the docents if there was any other Civil War material in the museum. And I asked if there may be any Union items that may have been captured. He said there was and that I would be surprised. As Caleb and I walked upstairs, we rounded the corner to see what appeared to be a United States flag! It was and as I got closer, something was terribly wrong! The flag of the United States was turned upside down! I had never seen this before and I looked for a description to find out the perpetrators of this act. It seems that this United States flag was captured in Harper’s Ferry in 1864 by the Mobile Cadets and used as a banner in the 3rd Alabama Infantry, Company A, the Mobile Cadets! The very same company that turned over the United States flag and used it as a banner in the War! I was mortified! I myself am a Union man, a life member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. How could I possibly be related to a person who did this? James Glenn Stewart is my 1st cousin, 4 times removed. I soothed myself with the thought that he was only a cousin, not close blood, certainly not in my line. So I saw it for what is was, an interesting story until I heard that at the MOLLUS Congress this past year, one of the Commanderies wanted to expand hereditary membership to cousins. My blood ran cold! Cousins! I was told that it was okay, it would only be 1st cousins, but I thought, wait, I have 1st cousins that were Confederates, would that make me a Confederate? Perish the thought. I also thought that I balance my family tree out with three Union officers, 1st cousins, one that gave the dedication speech at the 140th Pennsylvania Monument at Gettysburg. With this information I felt better that I had that loyal blood pushing through my veins.

However, the question still becomes, should these men become Hereditary Companions based upon cousinal relationship? My answer, speaking only for myself, is a resounding, No! The Loyal Legion was founded by officers and later their descendants. Collateral descendants were allowed because, for many, there was no heir or like my MOLLUS ancestor, Colonel Ephraim Ludwick had no children. His line only continues...
Lincoln at Cleveland 2015

The Ohio Commandery wishes to thank the National Organization of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for its monetary support of the Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Commemoration of Lincoln’s funeral in the City of Cleveland, Ohio.

April 26th, 2015

It was a beautiful day and the funeral procession was well attended. The procession was led by the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Co G as Color Guard, followed by the 73rd Ohio Regimental Band followed by the hearse. Local members of the Ohio Commandery provided the honor escort for the hearse and several local reenactment units led by PCinC Keith Harrison came together to create the military regimental escort of the President from the City Hall to Public Square. Several other local organizations turned out to show their support and joined in participation in the procession. The procession was followed by an Ecumenical Service held in the only witness building remaining on Public Square, The Old Stone Church. After the service Hon. Frank Williams gave a talk on Lincoln and the Civil War. We are thankful to Frank for his attendance at our event.

For more information surrounding the events of Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 please visit our website at www.lincolnatcleveland.org or our Facebook page Lincoln At Cleveland 2015. There are photos and video of the event available there.
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