Charles Harwood Safford
Brevet Major, 5th Michigan Cavalry

Charles H. Safford was born on March 10, 1838 in Lockport, New York. He was a 24 year-old residing in Detroit, Michigan with his father, a brother who would pre-decease him and one sister named Lucretia Safford of Detroit who survived him. It is not believed that Charles Safford was married or had any children.

Charles Safford enlisted in Company I of the 5th Michigan Cavalry Regiment on August 14, 1862 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was mustered into service on August 30, 1862. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on June 13, 1863 and to Captain on July 15, 1864. He served as part of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade which included the 1st, 5th, 6th and 7th Michigan Cavalry. As one of General Custer’s Wolverines, Safford experienced several battles and skirmishes which he describes in his diary. From October 4, 1864 until January of 1865, Safford served as the Assistant Acting Adjutant General of the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

Sergeant James Henry Avery of Company I described Safford, “1st Lieutenant Safford, a small man, with sandy beard, and very light complexion, generally quiet, always neat and military in camp, but a very lion in battle. I have seen him in front of his company, where the bullets were flying thickest, waving his sword and leading on his men to victory.”

When Safford’s father was taken gravely ill in January of 1865, Safford requested a Leave of Absence to attend to his father back home in Detroit, Michigan. His father passed away and Safford subsequently resigned from the service on January 23, 1865. On March 13, 1865, Safford was promoted by brevet to Major for gallant and meritorious service.

After the war ended, Safford went to live in Black River, Michigan where he became a merchant. Black River is located in Alcona Township just south of Alpena, Michigan.

He was then employed by his former Colonel, Russell Alger in Detroit and subsequently worked for Alger, Smith and Company in Duluth, Minnesota.

Safford was involved in veteran’s affairs and was likely a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.). His diary collection includes an invitation to the 13th annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, held in Detroit on June 14th and 15th, 1882. Charles Safford was also a Companion of the Military

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Commander’s Message

As my term of office comes to end and this being my last message, I would like to thank all of you for your support and help in making my time as your Commander-in-Chief a very rewarding experience. You have allowed me to be our representative where I have traveled to many places, attended many functions and met many people, and this has been a very special honor.

And what have I been able to contribute to the Order in return? I would like to think that I have helped to make us healthier, wealthier and yes, even a bit wiser.

I know that as my term of office ends, our future leaders will have your support for all that we stand and hold dear to our hearts.

Before fading into the past, let me encourage all of you to adjust your schedules so that you can attend our annual meeting in Philadelphia where one hundred and fifty years ago, our Order was founded. Our hosts have promised an event not to be forgotten. AND when the gavel falls at the conclusion of our meeting, our two year campaign to raise funds for the Memorial Fund Trust ends, so there is still time to add your name to the long list of contributors.

Again, my thanks to all, and may the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States continue to thrive because of your continued loyalty.

Loyally,
Waldron Kintzing Post, II

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The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions to keep in line with the mission of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The editor also relies upon the Trustees of the Memorial Fund to ensure the Historical Journal meets the needs of the Memorial Fund mission.

**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.

Secretary of War Stanton told the President this story, which Lincoln truly enjoyed. Lincoln particularly enjoyed stories at the expense of those in positions of authority, especially if they had no sense of humor themselves, which pretty well described Stanton.

Stanton had been travelling by boat up the Broad River in North Carolina, and a Federal picket yelled out, "What are you carrying on that tug?"

The answer came back, "The Secretary of War and Major General Foster."

The picket replied, "We've got enough Major-Generals here. How about bringing us some hardtack?"

**MOLLUS WEBSITE**

Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!

http://www.mollus.org

**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.
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MA COMMANDERY
The Mass members met May 30th for our Annual Meeting at the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts. Dave Whittemore was elected Commander; Mark Slayton, Vice Commander; Ed Welch, Recorder and Rufus Frost, Treasurer, and other officers and councilors were elected as well. The archivist at the library told us about how they were planning to digitize all of the records they have for their eastern United States Scottish Rite Knights Templar and Masonic folks going back perhaps 150 years—not a small task and then a fair amount of time and money to follow through with changes over the years ahead.

Our next meeting will be held September 26, 2015 at the World War II Museum at 8 Mercer Road, Natick, MA 01760 at 10:00 am—entrance fee is $25.00 or $10.00 less if you have your discharge papers from active duty. Also a Waiver of Liability form is required as everything in the museum is hands on. Any and all are invited whether or not a member of the Mass Commandery. We are looking at this event as a way to recruit new members. At a planning meeting in early August we decided to get involved with veterans and active duty families on a case-by-case basis. There is a very active Corvette car club in Burlington, Mass headed up by one of our members, Ron Morneau, which has raised significant monies for those at the VA facility in Bedford, Mass. We may piggy-back on their efforts.

NY COMMANDERY
The Annual Meeting of the New York Commandery of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States was called to order by Commander Gerald F. Fisher at 8:00 PM at the 3 West Club, 3 West 51st Street, in New York City. After an excellent dinner, reports were made for the Recorder, Registrar, Treasurer, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander which were well received. The previous meetings minutes were read and the Treasurers report was received and we are up to date with all necessary administrative and tax related filings. The Registrar's report welcomed Dr. Richard McCarrick as a new hereditary member, and the mention of two new Associate Companions; Jackson Collins and Ronald F. Rosner, as well as our new Honorary Companion Harold Holzer.

TX COMMANDERY
On August 7th, 2015 Companion Doug Richardson and new DOLLUS member Andrea Richardson attended the Guadalupe Victoria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Victoria Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution annual joint meeting and dinner. This event brought greater exposure to our organizations and planted prospects in likeminded men and women who are interested in preserving their heritage. The photo shows Companion Rev. Douglas Richardson with the SAR chapter president Dr. Arthur Munford and the speaker for the evening Mr. Ray Cox. Before the July 4th holiday, Companion Doug Richardson marked the graves of several Union soldiers and officers laid to rest in Victoria's Evergreen Cemetery and the Victoria Catholic Cemetery in Texas. Both the Evergreen and Catholic cemeteries are beautiful, historic cemeteries that have many prominent persons from the community laid to rest. Among those are founders of the community that was established in 1824, the second oldest city in Texas, and those who fought in the Texas War of Independence, Mexican War, Civil War, and World Wars. The Veterans are all represented with a flag holder and flag.
denoting their service but nothing was placed on the graves of those who served our nation during it's most perilous time and preserved the United States and brought freedom to a race of people. Companion Richardson set out to see these men recognized and secured GAR markers with flags to honor these men and the sacrifice they gave that our Nation might live. Among those marked are: Capt. Orren D. Lemert 51st USCT, Lieut. Jonas N. Helmstom 8th USCA, Edward Gray 12th Wisconsin Infantry, Nathan Gilbert 22 NY Cav., Domminck Regan 89th Ill. Infantry, Charles Alden 42nd Ill. Inf. And 4th US Cav., Henry Koppen 12th Ill. Inf., Von Roeder who first served in a New York Regiment and later enlisted in the Regular Army.

OH COMMANDERY
The Commandery of the State of Ohio is proud to announce that its Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Committee has been designated to receive a 2015 Achievement Award from the Ohio Local History Alliance. The awards luncheon will be held on Sat. Oct 3rd in the Columbus area to honor the Ohio Commandery along with its three supporting organizations, the Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Old Stone Church, and the Cleveland Public Library. The Ohio Local History Alliance’s Outstanding Achievement Award for Historical Outreach is a State Level Award. Also, it is hoped that the same type of National Award on the same basis, will be made early next year from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). This application was filed under the project title of Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 for events which spanned the period of Feb. 2nd thru May 30th 2015. Under the application it was stated that this Program, with its many events, was the result of a committee made up of the Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS in the lead with support from The Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Cleveland Public Library and the Old Stone Church. History Outreach Awards recognizes outstanding projects that have educational content, that have contributed to the promotion and understanding of local and state history, and that have had an impact on the community– in other words, projects that inspired, connected, and educated their audiences to local history. The awards submission was under the category of “Public Programming”, which includes, but are not limited to, school programs, workshops, tours, and lectures. Programs were judged on their historical and educational value and on their implementation. Included with the over 400 page award nomination materials were written descriptions and photographs of the four month long series of programs. The judges determined whether the public programs were award-worthy based on submitted nomination materials.

WI COMMANDERY
The Annual Spring meeting of the Wisconsin Commandery was held Friday, April 24 at the West Bend Country Club. The major topic of discussion was the National Convention the Commandery will be hosting in 2018, Agreement was reached to hold the convention in Milwaukee and to include at least one meeting at the Wisconsin Club and tours of Soldier Home, Wood National Cemetery and perhaps Forest Home

CT COMMANDERY
Several members of the CT Commandery met at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford on June 8th to decorate graves. We noted the sad condition of the grave of Joseph Roswell Hawley; he had been Governor of the State of CT and was breveted Major General for his Civil War achievements. We voted to donate funds toward the restoration of Hawley's grave. The CT Commandery met at the GAR Hall in Rockville, CT on July 26th. Among the topics we discussed were the proposed bylaws amendment and the upcoming Congress in Philadelphia. We were joined by John Ducheseau, RI Commander. Harry Colvocoresses is behind camera.
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 - $199

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](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](http://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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**U.S.S.Lehigh, November 27th, 1863**

Dear Friend,

I received your letter a short time since & directed properly. We are now at Port Royal for a few days for repairs as we have been terribly pounded by the batteries on Sullivan’s Island. A few days ago the Rebs began a terrible cannonade on our forces on land & we were ordered close to [Fort] Sumter to take part if necessary & while taking our position we grounded close under the enemies guns. They took advantage of our situation & poured into us one of the heaviest fires that any iron clad has been subjected to yet. They made daylight shine through us in a number of places. We received one shot in our hull which made us leak badly. Your humble servant has had two narrow escapes lately. In our last engagement a ball crushed in the deck eighteen inches from my head & covered me with splinters. It was fortunately turned before it reached my bump of combativeness & I still live to order hot rolls & coffee for four. Our men worked on deck in all the fire & took a hawser to the Nahant twice, each time it was shot away. Our name is far above the Weehawken’s. We have been complimented by the Admiral & it is to be read on the deck of all the vessels of the fleet on next muster. We had quite a number wounded, but three seriously. I had just succeeded in getting a dry room when a stray shot crushed it in & made it leak as badly as the one I left. I begin to think that war is not what it is represented. Anyhow there is no fun in it. I think that I will leave it & go into the shoddy business. How are the shoddy aristocrats getting along in the quiet little town of W____ ? The shoddy aristocrats live in the shoddy brown stone houses in New York- drive in the shoddy carriages & dress in shoddy. As the shoddy horse dealers & beef contractors are going to rule, I believe that I will join the shoddy. Do send me the New Doctrine or anything else that is worth reading for I am dying, dying, dying & am now reading a blood & thunder novel just to pass away time. We have the daily papers every mail. If I don’t get out of this iron clad soon I will be the inmate of an insane asylum. Give my love to all my lady friends, but be careful as you may have someone challenging or cowhiding me the moment I get out of the cars. You did not tell me the name & position of the young man from the Ticonderoga. I may be acquainted with him. While passing [Cape] Hatteras on our road down, some rich scenes happened on board. We came near going to the bottom & as a natural consequence some began to pray, some to swear & some were deathly sick & wanted to go home, among the latter your worthy friend. I had been making fun of a young man from shore, but he soon had a rig on me as I was sick for three hours.

Very sincerely,

Your friend,

A. Hedrick

Alfred Hedrick was commissioned 3rd Assistant Engineer, U.S. Navy, May 13, 1861. He was promoted to 2nd Assistant Engineer, February 19, 1863. He resigned from the navy on August 9, 1865.

Submitted by ADAM GAINES
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES
150th ANNIVERSARY
130th National Congress Meeting
Philadelphia, PA, 16-17 October 2015

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.

A guided tour of the Union League will be conducted by Companion Andy Waskie at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 16 at no charge.
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.

For Companions and guests with free time, their visit to Philadelphia follows the visit of Pope Francis just a month earlier. As part of that celebration, over 200 works of art and historically significant objects that form together a great mosaic history of the church and its impact on art, history and culture will be on display at The Franklin Institute, just a short taxi ride from the Union League.

The Vatican Splendor as it is called, includes many artifacts which have never left Vatican City. The collection is composed of renaissance art along with work from the baroque period. The 11 galleries walk you through the history of Christianity and the amazing art that came out of Rome. An impressive focus in the exhibition is on the Basilica of which Michelangelo and Bernini were key contributors. More details will be available at registration.

To learn more about the Vatican Splendor, visit http://www.vaticansplendors.com/

To learn more about the Franklin Institute and its other exhibitions, visit https://www.fi.edu/exhibitions

Contacts for information and questions on the Congress are:
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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 end of 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 Amtrak 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)*

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

**Latham Hotel** (215) 563-4034
135 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
*(Three block 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 Cafè: 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

8:00 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): ________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________ City____________________ State____ Zip________

Menus Choices: □Beef #_______ □Fish #________

Special Dietary Restrictions:________________________________________________________________
Proposed Amendment 60 Day Notice

Current Language of Article V, Sections 3 & 4 of the Constitution of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and proposed amended language to those Sections as submitted to the Commanderies for consideration August 14, 2015

CURRENT: Section 3. HEREDITARY COMPANIONS. The direct male descendants of the age of 18 years or more of deceased eligible officers or of a brother or sister of any such eligible officer. An applicant for membership shall furnish such evidence as may be required setting forth the facts upon which eligibility is claimed.

Section 4. JUNIOR COMPANIONS. The several Commanderies shall provide for Junior Companions, and prescribe their rights and disabilities. Any Companion of this Order (if his Commandery has made provision for Junior Companions) may file an application for Junior Companion in behalf of a direct male descendant under the age of 18 years of a deceased eligible officer or of a brother or sister of any such eligible officer. Such application is subject to the same requirements of evidence as that of a Hereditary Companion. No Junior Companion shall have the right to vote or hold office, nor shall he be subject to the per capita assessment levied upon each Commandery.

PROPOSED: Section 3. HEREDITARY COMPANIONS. The direct male descendants of the age of 18 years or more of (1) an eligible officer, or (2) the brother or sister (by blood) of an eligible officer; furthermore, (3) at its sole discretion, an individual Commandary may grant hereditary membership to the direct descendants of the immediate aunt or uncle (by blood) of eligible officers, that is, the first cousins of eligible officers. An applicant for membership shall furnish such evidence as may be required setting forth the facts upon which eligibility is claimed.

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*****Comment: Subsection (3) of Section 3 and Section 4 permits hereditary membership for an adult or junior applicant if the applicant can affirmatively prove that an eligible officer was the blood nephew of a direct ancestor, that is, a first cousin of the applicant. However, given the concerns raised by a number of companions last year as to the impact this amendment could have upon hereditary membership, additional language was added which allows each Commandery sole and exclusive discretion in permitting first cousins of eligible officers as hereditary members. This is the approach taken by the Society of the Cincinnati in addressing the issue of permitting first cousins of eligible officers to join their order; at the time of the writing of this comment, approximately half of the state societies of the Cincinnati extend hereditary membership to cousins of Continental officers.

Submitted by: The Pennsylvania Commandery of the M.O.L.L.U.S., Matthew Dupee, Commander

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.
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Ross Gamble
Perry of Arlington, Virginia is proud of his Loyal Legion membership.
Though his attentions have been taken up recently with his biggest responsibility — serving as the 37th President-General of the Society of the Cincinnati — the historical importance of the Civil War is always present for him.

“Part of my stump speech, especially when I speak to outside groups...is to talk about the values of the American Revolution, and the fact that there is a direct line from those values...to the Emancipation Proclamation...through to the expansion of rights and liberties we’re still enjoying today,” he said.

Perry assumed his leadership role in 2013, and will finish his term in May 2016. He served as Secretary-General, and as editor of the Cincinnati’s national periodical, before becoming President-General.

The Order he leads was founded in May 1783 by officers who served directly under George Washington’s command. Those were the final days of hostilities with Great Britain, as it became clear a formal peace treaty would be signed and the American army demobilized. The officers who signed the Society’s charter — including Washington, Henry Knox, and Baron von Steuben — pledged to maintain their ties and help fellow officers who needed assistance. Most importantly, they pledged to keep alive the ideals and goals of the Revolution.

Eighty-three years later, the founders of the Loyal Legion had the example of the Cincinnati very much in mind when they formed their new order. “All of the rights [established by the Founders] were severely challenged by slavery and the Civil War,” Perry said. “The Civil War, in essence, codified and cemented and enshrined those rights that were first put into action by the American Revolution. They’re almost like bookends on what the development of the core values of America are.”

It could be said the Civil War was Perry’s first historical passion. As a child growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, “I was drenched in the myth of the Old South,” he said. “I’ve got Confederate ancestors as well as Union ancestors. To me, the Civil War was a tragedy, but it was almost a necessary tragedy to define once and for all what America was all about.” His Loyal Legion relative was Lt. William King Laverty, who served in the 1st New York Cavalry, and later in the Veterans Reserve Corp.

Perry sees a bright future for the Cincinnati. He says that the basic ongoing functions of the Society, which include a museum and a research library at its Washington D.C. headquarters, “Anderson House”, are doing well. Also, membership is above 4,000 and growing. A big factor in its growth is that, with the help of increasingly-available Internet data, more and more Continental soldiers are being determined to be qualifying officer ancestors.

However, it’s public perception that is a particular emphasis for Perry. “What we’re really focused on right now — I hate to use this term, but it probably applicable to all hereditary organizations — is branding. We’re trying to get beyond the core membership...to the general public, to try to spread our message. Whether it’s the MOLLUS, whether it’s the Cincinnati, whether it’s the DAR, all of the historical and genealogical and hereditary societies have a core message, and because we’re so fragmented, it’s difficult to get that message out.”

For Perry, part of that “branding” is establishing strategic partnerships with other organizations. Last year, the Cincinnati announced it would be lending its prestige and expertise in support of a new venture of the Civil War Trust to preserve unprotected land connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. The Society will also manage the Trust’s temporary Revolutionary War and War of 1812 exhibits. He says the partnership “takes all of the expertise that we’ve got, and lays them up against their 60,000 members and their expertise, so that two plus two equals five. I think that’s how you grow smartly without losing your identity.”
Surrender at Appomattox, 1865

With his army surrounded, his men weak and exhausted, Robert E. Lee realized there was little choice but to consider the surrender of his Army to General Grant. After a series of notes between the two leaders, they agreed to meet on April 9, 1865, at the house of Wilmer McLean in the village of Appomattox Courthouse. The meeting lasted approximately two and one-half hours and at its conclusion the bloodiest conflict in the nation's history neared its end.

Prelude to Surrender: On April 3, Richmond fell to Union troops as Robert E. Lee led his Army of Northern Virginia in retreat to the West pursued by Grant and the Army of the Potomac. A running battle ensued as each Army moved farther to the West in an effort to out-flank, or prevent being out-flanked by the enemy. Finally, on April 7, General Grant initiated a series of dispatches leading to a meeting between the two commanders.

"General R.E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A.:

5 P.M., April 7th, 1865. The results of the last week must convince you of the hopelessness of further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia in this struggle. I feel that it is so, and regard it as my duty to shift from myself the responsibility of any further effusion of blood by asking of you the surrender of that portion of the Confederate States army known as the Army of Northern Virginia. U.S. Grant, Lieutenant-General"

The note was carried through the Confederate lines and Lee promptly responded:

"April 7th, 1865. General: I have received your note of this date. Though not entertaining the opinion you express of the hopelessness of further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia, I reciprocate your desire to avoid useless effusion of blood, and therefore, before considering your proposition, ask the terms you will offer on condition of its surrender.

R.E. Lee, General."

Grant received Lee's message after midnight and replied early in the morning giving his terms for surrender:

"April 8th, 1865. General R.E. Lee, Commanding C.S.A.:

Your note of last evening in reply to mine of the same date, asking the conditions on which I will accept the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, is just received. In reply I would say that, peace being my great desire, there is but one condition I would insist upon,--namely, that the men and officers surrendered shall be disqualified for taking up arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged. I will meet you, or will designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose, at any point agreeable to you, for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms upon which the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia will be received. U.S. Grant, Lieutenant-General"

The fighting continued and as Lee retreated further to the West he replied to Grant's message:

"April 8th, 1865. General: I received at a late hour your note of to-day. In mine of yesterday I did not intend to propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition. To be frank, I do not think the emergency has arisen to call for the surrender of this army, but, as the restoration of peace should be the sole object of all, I desired to know whether your proposals would lead to that end. I cannot, therefore, meet you with a view to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia; but as far as your proposal may affect the Confederate States forces under my command, and tend to the restoration of peace, I should be pleased to meet you at 10 A.M. to-morrow on the old state road to Richmond, between the picket-lines of the two armies. R.E. Lee, General."

Exhausted from stress and suffering the pain from a severe headache, Grant replied to Lee around 5 o'clock in the morning of April 9:

"April 9th, 1865. General: Your note of yesterday is received. I have not authority to treat on the subject of peace. The meeting proposed for 10 A.M. to-day could lead to no good. I will state, however, that I am equally desirous for peace with yourself, and the whole North entertains the same feeling. The terms upon which peace can be had are well understood. By the South laying down their arms, they would hasten that most desirable event, save thousands of human lives, and hundreds of millions of property not yet destroyed. Seriously hoping that all our difficulties may be settled without the loss of another life, I subscribe myself, etc., U.S. Grant, Lieutenant-General"

Still suffering his headache, General Grant approached the crossroads of Appomattox Court House where he was over taken by a messenger carrying Lee's reply:

"April 9th, 1865. General: I received your note of this morning on the picket-line, whither I had come to meet you and ascertain definitely what terms were embraced in your proposal of yesterday with reference to the surrender of this army, I now ask an interview, in accordance with the offer contained in your letter of yesterday, for that purpose. R.E. Lee, General."

Grant immediately dismounted, sat by the road and wrote the following reply to Lee:

"April 9th, 1865. General R. E. Lee Commanding C. S. Army:

Your note of this date is but this moment (11:50 A.M.) received, in consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg road to the Farmville and Lynchburg road. I am at this writing about four miles west of Walker's Church, and will push forward to the front for the purpose of meeting you. Notice sent to me on this road where you wish the interview to take

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Meeting at Appomattox: The exchange of messages initiated the historic meeting in the home of Wilmer McLean. Arriving at the home first, General Lee sat in a large sitting room on the first floor. General Grant arrived shortly and entered the room alone while his staff respectfully waited on the front lawn. After a short period the staff was summoned to the room. General Horace Porter described the scene:

"We entered, and found General Grant sitting at a marble-topped table in the center of the room, and Lee sitting beside a small oval table near the front window, in the corner opposite to the door by which we entered, and facing General Grant. We walked in softly and ranged ourselves quietly about the sides of the room, very much as people enter a sick-chamber when they expect to find the patient dangerously ill.

The contrast between the two commanders was striking, and could not fail to attract marked attention they sat ten feet apart facing each other. General Grant, then nearly forty-three years of age, was five feet eight inches in height, with shoulders slightly stooped. His hair and full beard were a nut-brown, without a trace of gray in them. He had on a single-breasted blouse, made of dark-blue flannel, unbuttoned in front, and showing a waistcoat underneath. He wore an ordinary pair of top-boots, with his trousers inside, and was without spurs. The boots and portions of his clothes were spattered with mud. He had no sword, and a pair of shoulder-straps was all there was about him to designate his rank. In fact, aside from these, his uniform was that of a private soldier.

Lee, on the other hand, was fully six feet in height, and quite erect for one of his age, for he was Grant's senior by sixteen years. His hair and full beard were silver-gray, and quite thick, except that the hair had become a little thin in the front. He wore a new uniform of Confederate gray, buttoned up to the throat, and at his side he carried a long sword of exceedingly fine workmanship, the hilt studded with jewels. His top-boots were comparatively new, and seemed to have on them some ornamental stitching of red silk. Like his uniform, they were singularly clean, and but little travel-stained. On the boots were handsome spurs, with large rowels. A felt hat, which in color matched pretty closely that of his uniform, and a pair of long buckskin gauntlets lay beside him on the table.

General Grant began the conversation by saying 'I met you once before, General Lee, while we were serving in Mexico, when you came over from General Scott's headquarters to visit Garland's brigade, to which I then belonged. I have always remembered your appearance, and I think I should have recognized you anywhere.'

'Yes,' replied General Lee, 'I know I met you on that occasion, and I have often thought of it and tried to recollect how you looked, but I have never been able to recall a single feature.'

The two generals talked a bit more about Mexico and moved on to a discussion of the terms of the surrender when Lee asked Grant to commit the terms to paper:

"'Very well,' replied General Grant, 'I will write them out.' And calling for his manifold order-book, he opened it on the table before him and proceeded to write the terms. The leaves had been so prepared that three impressions of the writing were made. He wrote very rapidly, and did not pause until he had finished the sentence ending with 'officers appointed by me to receive them.' Then he looked toward Lee, and his eyes seemed to be resting on the handsome sword that hung at that officer's side. He said afterward that this set him to thinking that it would be an unnecessary humiliation to require officers to surrender their swords, and a great hardship to deprive them of their personal baggage and horses, and after a short pause he wrote the sentence: 'This will not embrace the side-arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage.'

Grant handed the document to Lee. After reviewing it, Lee informed Grant that the Cavalry men and Artillery men in the Confederate Army owned their horses and asked that they keep them. Grant agreed and Lee wrote a letter formally accepting the surrender. Lee then made his exit:

"At a little before 4 o'clock General Lee shook hands with General Grant, bowed to the other officers, and with Colonel Marshall left the room. One after another we followed, and passed out to the porch. Lee signaled to his orderly to bring up his horse, and while the animal was being bridled the general stood on the lowest step and gazed sadly in the direction of the valley beyond where his army lay - now an army of prisoners. He smote his hands together a number of times in an absent sort of way; seemed not to see the group of Union officers in the yard who rose respectfully at his approach, and appeared unconscious of everything about him. All appreciated the sadness that overwhelmed him, and he had the personal sympathy of every one who beheld him at this supreme moment of trial. The approach of his horse seemed to recall him from his reverie, and he at once mounted. General Grant now stepped down from the porch, and, moving toward him, saluted him by raising his hat. He was followed in this act of courtesy by all our officers present; Lee raised his hat respectfully, and rode off to break the sad news to the brave fellows whom he had so long commanded."

References:

In 1920, Saflord became incapacitated having suffered a stroke. After being hospitalized in Duluth, Safford was transferred to the Minnesota Soldier’s Home in Minneapolis where he died on December 10, 1924. Charles Safford is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

Charles Safford maintained a diary from 1862 to his resignation in 1865. On the opening page of his diary, he wrote, that with his diary and collection, however crudely assembled, he wished to “preserve for a time, records and documents so associated with my service during the struggle for the Union…”

He also wrote about many events experienced in a soldiers life such as the weather, “Rainy all day” and “Hot and dusty.” About pleasantry, “Took tea with Mrs. Thompson Sr. And about the miseries as well, “Sick,” and “We halted, quite exhausted & weary,” and “This morning my horse “Bill” absent without leave. Probably stolen, not unusual in the Cavalry.”

C.A. Coolidge, Recorder for MOLLUS sent the following obituary notice to Commandant S.H. Towler for his review:

CAPT. AND BREVET MAJOR CHARLES HARWOOD SAFFORD
Born Lockport, N.Y., March 10, 1838
Died Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 10, 1924

Companion Safford joined the 5th Mich. Cavly. as 2nd Lieut. Aug. 14th, 1862, in Detroit, Michigan., and left there Dec. 4, 1862, for Washington, D.C., where it formed with the First, Sixth and Seventh Mich. Cavalry the Michigan Brigade and served under General Custer to the end of the war. Lt. Safford was promoted 1st Lt. June 13, 1863. At the battle of Gettysburg, the Mich. Brigade repelled then Confederate General Stuart’s forces that had marched to the right and rear of the Union Army and prevented a disaster to the Army of General Meade.

Lieut. Safford was promoted to Captain July 15, 1863. He was on duty as Asst. Adjt. General of the First Brigade from Oct. 4th, 1864, to Jan., 1865, was brevetted Major U.S. Vols, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services during the war. Resigned and honorably discharged Jan. 23rd, 1865, having participated in over 16 engagements and battles. He returned to Michigan and settled in Black River, where he became a merchant. Subsequently he was employed by his former Colonel Russell A. Alger in Detroit and ultimately by the firm of Alger, Smith and Co., at Duluth, Minn., until 1920, when he was incapacitated by a stroke of paralysis and interned in the hospital at Duluth and then taken to the Minnesota Soldiers’ Home in Minneapolis, Minn., where he died Dec. 10, 1924. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

He left no know relatives, his only brother having died some years previously to his decease.

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