Captain James Alan Simmons

61st Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Captain James Alan Simmons was elected as the 61st Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) on October 17th, 2015, during the sesquicentennial year of the Order.

Captain Simmons became a Hereditary Companion through the Pennsylvania Commandery, and in 1999, became a founding member of the Texas Commandery, eventually becoming Commander, and hosting the 2004 Congress in San Antonio. He joined on the service of his great, great grandfather, Captain James Marion Simmons, 9th Kentucky Infantry Regiment. He has a total of 11 grandfathers, and 40 uncles, who fought on both sides of the war, with 4 grandfathers and 12 uncles serving together in the 9th Kentucky. In 2013, he became the first man to ever hold a National Office in both MOLLUS and MOSB (the Military Order of the Stars and Bars) at the same time.

Born at Carswell AFB, Texas, in 1961, he has traveled the World ever since. His father, James Robert Simmons, Chief Master Sergeant, USAF Retired, is also a MOLLUS Hereditary Companion. James Alan caught the genealogy/military/history/aviation bug as a child, and proclaimed to his parents at an early age, “I’m going to fly jets”.

He received a four year USAF ROTC scholarship, graduating from Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1983, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and was off to Navigator Flight Training at Mather AFB, California, where his father pinned on his Silver Wings 8 months later. Earning the top assignment out of his class of 60 men, he flew as a Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) in the F-4 Phantom II fighter, and also served as a Squadron and then Wing level Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO), working in the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing’s Weapons and Tactics Division. In 1988, now Captain Jim “Bull” Simmons separated from the USAF, and started flying as a civilian pilot, becoming an instructor pilot, a corporate jet pilot in Texas, and a regional pilot for United Express out of Denver. In 1991, he was hired as a pilot for American Airlines, and in 2000, upgraded to Captain. He has flown all over the World for American Airlines, spending 12 of his 24 years flying International, and crossing both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans hundreds of times. He has flown the B-727, B-737, B-757, B-767, B-777, DC-10, MD-11, MD-80, & F-100, as well as an occasional WWII aircraft and helicopter.

Captain Simmons’ aviation career has not only fulfilled his proclamation to his parents, it has allowed him to meet and learn from interesting people from all over the globe. After two decades in MOLLUS, his interest in the War is as great as ever, and he still fondly remembers visiting the Lincoln Birthplace in Kentucky at age 8, accompanied by all four of his grandparents, each of whom had at least one grandfather who served.
Commander-in-Chief’s Message

It is my honor to serve as the 61st Commander-in-Chief of our Nobel Order. I am sincerely thankful to those I have had the privilege of working with, and learning from, over the past two decades. Let us pick up the standard, and press forward to the future, with one eye on the past. I look forward to the next two years, working with our Companions, Committees, Commanderies, and the various Allied Orders.

Loyally submitted,
James Simmons
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WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS
The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Fall 2015 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief James Simmons extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Insignia    Commandery    Companion

Hereditary Companions
22667   DC   George Frederick Lucas
22668   PA   George Gordon Meade (deceased)
22669   FL   David Dale Worcester

Associate Companions
A290    FL    Roger Lynne Heiple

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 Lincoln Medal Award. 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 Col. Eric Armando Rojo, for more details.

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 you 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.
**VA COMMANDERY**

Virginia Companions Mark Day (also Jr. Vice C-in-C, SUVCW) and Jeffry Burden, joined D.C. Companion Kevin Martin (also Dept. of Maryland Commander, SUVCW) on November 14 at the dedication of a marker for Pvt. Ira Watson, 147th Illinois Infantry. Watson descendant Jay Nolte of North Carolina organized placement of the government marker, at Richmond’s Oakwood Cemetery. Watson, a New York native, had settled in Richmond with his family after the War. Twelve of his relatives from throughout the eastern U.S. joined the event, to which past C-in-C Burden brought greetings from the Loyal Legion.

York. He attended Oberlin College, then moved to Iowa County, Wisconsin, where he was a surveyor, miner, and teacher. In 1857 he became a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature, and also served as a clerk in Madison, Wisconsin and as a militia member.

In 1861 he enlisted in the Governor's Guards, eventually becoming a Captain in the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. He participated in the battles of Bull Run, Gainesville, and Antietam, where he was wounded on September 17, 1862.

He became Colonel of the 5th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment on January 26, 1863, commanding the regiment at Marye's Heights, Rappahannock Station, where he was wounded for a second time on November 7, 1863, and Petersburg. He mustered out on August 2, 1864. For his service he was brevetted Major General of United States Volunteers at the end of the war.

In 1866 Allen was elected Wisconsin Secretary of State on the Republican ticket for a four-year term. In 1869 he helped organize the Grand Army of the Republic in Wisconsin, and served as commander of the Wisconsin Department for two years.

In 1870 he moved to Oshkosh, becoming a partner in the Oshkosh Northwestern until 1884. From 1885 until 1902 he published the Wisconsin Telegraph, a German newspaper. He died on December 12, 1905.

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**OH COMMANDERY**

The Ohio Commandery and Dames were out in full force for Remembrance Day 2015. A total of eight members from both organizations attended. The day was unseasonably warm with high temperatures near 60 degrees during the parade. In conjunction with the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Co. G from Akron, Ohio, The Ohio Commandery, along with two other Companions provided a fully uniformed 8 man honor guard for the parade. Gordon R Bury PCinC, was honored to represent the National Commander. Thank you to the 29th OVI for taking the time to participate, and thanks to all who participated in the activities at Remembrance Day.
John B. Coover, MD
Surgeon 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry
“Rush’s Lancers”
By Frederick G. Scott, MSgt.
USAF (Ret)

John B. Coover was born on January 20, 1834, probably at the family home, 70 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. His father was David Coover, and his mother Mary Solander Eckles. His great, great grandfather, John Dieterich Kober immigrated to this country from Heildelberg, Germany some time before the revolution.

David and Mary had 10 children, six of whom lived to adulthood, including the author’s great grandmother, Mary St. Claire Coover Ferguson, wife of William George Ferguson, himself a Chaplain in the 1st Maryland Home Brigade. Ira Day Coover, the doctor’s brother served as a 2nd Lt. Co. B., 165th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry.

Doctor Coover received his college degree from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, entered the office of Dr. Ira Day, of Mechanicsburg for his medical studies, and obtained his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1857. (1)

Doctor Coover began his military service with the 46th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry in 1862, served as Chief Medical Officer to the Reserve Cavalry Brigade (1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th U.S, and 6th PA and 19th NY Cavalry regiments) and was transferred to the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry in January 1863, as Surgeon (2), and just before his death, was appointed Medical Inspector of the Middle Military Division (Army of the Shenandoah) under Major General Phillip Sheridan.

Dr. Coover was briefly held prisoner of war. From the Richmond Dispatch, September 24, 1862: Arrival of Yankee Prisoners. – Five men belonging to the 1st Maryland cavalry, (a Yankee regiment,) captured in Maryland by Gen. Lee’s forces, on the 10th inst., were brought to Richmond on the Central train last evening. They were lodged in the Libby prison. The train that is due this evening will bring down from the Culpeper C. H. hospital, sixty-six Yankees, who have been remaining there since the engagement near that place. There are several officers in the lot, and the followings Surgeons, viz. J.F. Day, 10 Maryland regiment; E.S. Bissell, 5th Conn.; A.M. Heller, 28th N. Y.; John B. Coover, Assistant Surgeon, 46th Penn. They will be sent home from this point. (3)

During the battle of Beverly Ford, June 9, 1863, Dr. Coover closely avoided capture. The Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry, together with the 6th United States Cavalry faced a rebel attack. Dr. Coover was removing the wounded to a field rendezvous, and about a half mile from the Union lines, when a squadron came charging down on them. In three

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SUCCESS!

The Loyal Legion Memorial Fund Trustees are pleased to announce that the Fund has received gifts and pledges totaling $31,691.50 towards the Campaign for 2015, comfortably surpassing its expanded fundraising goal of $30,150.

We grouped 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

Here are the Companions and Friends whose cumulative gifts and pledges, received between July 1, 2014 and October 17, 2015, helped the Fund reach its goal:

**Union Society**
- Gerald A. Fisher / Benjamin C. Frick / Stephen Koltes / Linn Malaznik / The Margaret & Robert Cathers Charitable Trust (courtesy Matt Dupee) / The Joseph Stanley Charitable Trust (courtesy Florence Stanley)

**Lincoln Society**
- Robert A. Allan / Robert G. Carroon / Bensley L. Field / Nicholas Quintana / James A. Simmons / Robert J. Wolz

**Farragut Society**

**Cushing Society**
Together, the gift and pledges received from these Companions and Friends are far beyond the amounts raised in any of the Fund’s recent appeals. Thanks to the unprecedented response to this call, the Fund now has crucial additional resources to publish this Journal, support annual events, and do all the other things to help this Order meet its worthy historical and philanthropic goals!

Well done, Companions and Friends! The Trustees of the Fund salute your spirit and your generosity.

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minutes he would be a prisoner again. The wounded could not ride rapidly, and they could not make the ford or the Union lines to the rear. At that moment, Captain Tidball’s battery of field artillery, concealed within a few feet of the doctor and his wounded, announced its presence with the thunder of cannon, and scream of shell. Their hearts leaped for joy, and they paused to give cheers to the battery. The pursuing rebels wisely concluded to leave the field.

The doctor wrote many letters to his sister, Mary St. Claire Coover Ferguson during his military service. She dutifully saved them all, as well as two swords and an officer’s belt that the family believes were presented to the family by his aide and a fellow officer, as surgeons did not carry swords. One is an 1860 Ames Cavalry saber, and, the other an Ames 1840 NCO sword. She also saved his medical kit, and a homeopathic medicine box.

From a death notice in the Mechanicsburg newspaper:

“Killed—Again it is our duty to record the death of another victim to this wicked rebellion: and for none of them was it with more sincere sorrow that that (sic) with which we record the death of our friend, Dr. John B. Coover, surgeon of the 6th Pa. cavalry. Dr. C had been for some time acting medical inspector of the cavalry division of Sheridan’s army, but at the time of his death was on his way from Winchester to Harper’s Ferry, to resign his position in the regiment to accept a higher one on General Torbett’s staff. When with four miles of Harper’s Ferry on Monday evening, about 4 o’clock, the party with which he was traveling, numbering about twenty, was attacked by a party of guerrillas who spring (sic) from the bushes and fired a volley into the party. The only one struck was Dr. C., who was pierced by a ball in the abdomen. His horse ran with him to Harper’s ferry – he having sufficient strength to retain his seat. Arriving there he received the kindest attention, but all was of no avail, and on Tuesday night at twelve, he expired.

Dr. C stood deservedly high in the estimation of the military as well as the medical authorities, and at the time of his death was recommended for a higher position in the medical department of this State. Here, where his many virtues were known and appreciated by numbers, his death is mourned with genuine

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sorrow. Thus was cut down in the prime of life another patriot, and ended forever the hopes which animated as true a breast as was ever covered by the Union blue. And we may add, another life lost to be accounted for with the thousand already sacrificed by the fiends in human shape who are striving to overthrow the Union. The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, about three miles from this place, on Monday next. (illegible) the memory, and the turf above (illegible) ever green.”


Footnotes:
1. http://jdc.jefferson.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1016&context=wagner
3. The Daily Dispatch, Richmond VA, Sept 24, 1862
4. Annals of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Samuel Lewis Gracey, 1868
150th MOLLUS Congress
2016 LINCOLN BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES
WASHINGTON, DC
February 10—February 12, 2016
SHERATON SUITES OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
801 N. Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016
4:30pm - 6:30 pm  Welcome and Registration— Sheraton Suites Hotel Lobby
6:30pm - 8:30 pm  For those arriving early, we will meet in the lobby at 6:30 pm for a Dutch treat dinner at an Old Town restaurant.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
Annual Business Meeting of Commandery-in-Chief and DC MOLLUS, and DC DOLLUS
8:00am - 11:00 am  MOLLUS Midwinter Meeting (Potomac Room)
10:00am - 11:00 am  DOLLUS Membership Meeting (Board Room)
11:30am  Bus loads for Luncheon at Ft. Myer Officers’ Club ($25.00 pp)
1:30pm - 4:30 pm  Board bus for Tour of The U. S. Capitol & Visitors Center

Program - Military Order of the Loyal Legion
Lincoln Birthday Dinner (Ballroom)
6:30pm  Reception (Cash Bar at Hotel Bar off Lobby)
7:45pm  Patriotic Opening in Ballroom- U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard
8:00pm  Dinner served with wine for toasts.
SPEAKER: Michael W. Kauffman, Author, Lincoln Historian & Lecturer Affiliated with The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, regarding The Lincoln Conspiracy Trial.
ATTIRE: Black Tie/White Tie, or Uniform with decorations and orders for Gentlemen; Evening wear for Ladies.
COST: $75.00 per person
RESERVATIONS: Reservations to be received no later than January 31.
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS. Guests are welcome.

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEREMONY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — Board Bus at 10:30 am to Lincoln Memorial at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria. Wear warm clothing, including socks and shoes or boots. Arrive at Lincoln Memorial at 11:15 am — Program starts at 11:45 am with Musical Prelude. Participants to arrive no later than 11:30 am for instructions by the National Park Service.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM: The Ceremony Honoring President Abraham Lincoln’s 207th Birthday will
begin at 12 Noon with a prelude of music by a Military Service Band at 11:45 am. Members of the Third Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) will provide the Joint Services Color Guard and Honor Guard. *The Gettysburg Address* will be recited by Dr. J. Philip London, Capt. USN Ret., Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board, CACI International, Inc.

Presentation of the Frederick Talley Drum Hunt Award will be presented by Cdr-in-Chief, MOLLUS to an honor student at the Severn School, Severna Park, MD. Wreaths will be placed by or for the President, the Diplomatic Corps, Secretary of the Interior, Mayor of the District of Columbia, Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, and hereditary and patriotic societies. Program arranged and sponsored by the LBNCC, the National Park Service, and the Military District of Washington.

NOTE: *Parking near the Memorial is extremely limited. There is limited parking along Ohio Drive. Van transportation to and from the Lincoln Memorial is available at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria (site of the LBNCC luncheon) where indoor free parking is also available.*

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**LINCOLN BIRTHDAY NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE LUNCHEON**

Friday, February 12, 2016

12:45 pm Cash Bar—Hotel Lobby
1:30 pm Luncheon (Lunch & program to start promptly)

PLACE: Sheraton Suites Alexandria Old Town, 801 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA

SPEAKER: Dr. Johnnetta Cole, Director, Smithsonian Museum of African Art

COST: $40.00 per person inclusive.

PARKING: Parking is free (underground) at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria

RESERVATIONS: All Reservations to be received no later than February 5.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS.

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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS –SHERATON SUITES OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA**

801 N. Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reservations: 1-888-627-7049 or 703-836-4700, ext. 6106 (By January 15)

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria under MOLLUS, “Military Order of the Loyal Legion”. Rooms available: 1 King Bed or 2 double beds (all are mini-suites) - $134 plus 14.5 tax per night. Hotel parking is free. Complementary shuttle to National Airport and the Airport Metro. Room rates will be honored for three days before the meeting and three days afterwards (Feb. 7-15, 2016).

Since Monday, February 15 is Presidents’ Day (a holiday), why not stay over and do some site-seeing! Mount Vernon is not far and they have a new Museum and Library.
LINCOLN BIRTHDAY RESERVATION FORM

Please Complete and Mail not later than January 31, 2016 to:
Peter Arrott Dixon
111 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 2231

Make check payable to DC, MOLLUS (PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS)

Registration is $28.00 each and includes motor coach and tour of U.S. Capitol on Feb. 11 and motor coach from/to Lincoln Memorial and Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria on Feb. 12.

No. ____ x $28.00 = $________

Motor coach only on Feb. 12 No. ____ x $12.00 = $________

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Business Meetings followed by:
Special Buffet Lunch at Ft. Myer Officers Club (Campaign Room) (followed by tour of the U.S. Capitol)

No. ____ x $25.00 = $_______

LINCOLN BIRTHDAY BANQUET (Guests are Welcome)
Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria

No. ____ x $75.00 = $_______

Please choose your meal:  (   ) Fish  (   ) Steak  (   ) Vegetarian ($65.00)
TOTAL $_______

NAME: ____________________________________ Tel. # ________________ Email _____________
(Please Print)

Guests______________________________________________________________________________

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RESERVATION FORM FOR LBNCC LUNCHEON

Friday, 12 February 2016

Please return this form not later than February 5, 2016 to: Peter Arrott Dixon, Chairman, 111 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3803. (703-549-7428) Make SEPARATE Check Payable to “LBNCC”. (PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS)

Please make the following reservations for the LBNCC Luncheon at the Sheraton Suites, Friday, Feb. 12.

Luncheon is $40.00 per person. (Please list guests).

No. ___ x $40.00 = $______

Choose:  (   ) Fish  (   ) Chicken

NAME: _________________________________Tel. # __________________ Email______________

Guests: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Make a copy of registration form for yourself)
The Passing of a Legend

James A. Getty, 83, of Gettysburg, PA, died September 26, 2015 in Gettysburg. Getty was born on January 17, 1932 in Fairbury, IL, the son of the late James Andrew and Olive A. Getty. Getty grew up in Colfax, IL and graduated from Colfax's Octavia High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree (Music) and his Master of Music Degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Jim met his wife Joanne at IWU, and they married on January 19, 1952 in Grandview, IL.

Getty began his professional vocal music career when he sang for two summers with the St. Louis Municipal Opera chorus beginning in 1950, just before entering college. He served in the US Navy from 1952-1956, serving in the Korean War as a radioman on the minesweeper USS Swift 122. Getty taught high school choral music in Lincoln, IL; St. Charles, IL; Old Greenwich, CT; Annandale, VA; Sandusky, OH and Naperville, IL. At the collegiate level, Getty taught choral music at Lincoln College, Lincoln, IL; Bowling Green State University (Firelands campus); and the University of Maine at Orono. Getty directed numerous church choirs throughout his career, including the choirs at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky, OH; and Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg. Jim and Joanne toured Europe on three occasions with high school choral music students. The choirs were composed of a 40-voice nucleus from Getty's high school choirs, along with select students from high school choirs across the US. The choirs performed in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy and the Netherlands. Getty's final two tours abroad were with the American Youth Symphony and Chorus.

Getty was the general manager at the children's theme park Fantasyland in Gettysburg for several summers before he moved to Gettysburg, PA in 1977 to start a small theatre called A. Lincoln's Place. There Getty performed his one-man show in a business that he and his wife created. For the past four decades, Getty's full-time vocation was the study and portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. Over the years, Jim touched countless thousands of lives with his vast knowledge of all-things Lincoln. Getty would often present his programs over 500 times each year to visitors to Gettysburg, and to students in schools. Jim later developed a leadership presentation specifically for corporate executives and government leaders, where audiences were able to capture the lessons of history and apply them in today's business environments. Perhaps the signature piece of Getty's presentations was the "press conference", where "the President" willingly opened the floor to questions from the audience. Many newspaper and magazine columnists have written about Getty's Q & A sessions. One wrote, "The depth of his (Getty's) knowledge was astounding. None of our questions had stumped him...the crowd had not presented him with particularly easy issues." Getty delivered the Gettysburg Address at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg each year on November 19th for several decades. Getty presented his program at the Reagan Presidential Library, and had spoken before the Indiana and Pennsylvania State Legislatures. Getty delivered his Lincoln performances for the Delta Steamboat Company's Civil War paddle wheel cruises from 1994-2006. Getty's voice is that of President Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Getty received the Meritorious Service Award from the Grand Army of the Republic Sons of Union Veterans in 2014. That year, Jim also received the prestigious Nelson Current Award from the Lincoln Forum. Getty was a life member of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity, American Choral Directors Association, Sons of Union Veterans, American Legion Post #202 (Gettysburg), The Lincoln Forum, Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, Adams Country Historical Society, and a life- and charter-member of A. Lincoln Presenters. Jim was a member of the Gettysburg Travel Council. He was a member of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

Getty is survived by his wife Joanne; son Charles Andrew Getty (Amy) of Fremont, OH; daughter Margot Diane Good (Mark) of Stoutsville, OH; daughter Marla Suzanne Getty of Powell, OH; and son James David Getty of Columbus, OH.

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Christian Stawitz was born April 17, 1839 in Hesse Darmstadt, German Empire to John and Christina Stawitz. In 1851 the Stawitz family immigrated to the United States settling in Indianapolis, Indiana. He appears to have been well-educated in Indianapolis. On Oct. 3, 1861, feeling the need to defend his adoptive homeland, he enlisted in the 32nd Indiana Infantry which was composed entirely of German immigrants and was also known as the 1st German Regiment being organized by Colonel August Willich. His first service was being stationed at Camp Nevins, Kentucky where the regiment was protecting railway workers. The first battle Private Stawitz was in was the Battle of Rowlett's Station. The battle became notable as one of the few occasions during the war when the Union infantry successfully defended itself in the open against repeated Confederate cavalry assaults. The 32nd Indiana's battle casualties were 46 (13 killed, 28 wounded, and 5 captured). Another soldier in the 32nd, Christian Friedrich August Bloedner wanting to honor his comrades who died at Rowlett's Station created what is considered the first Civil War Monument to honor those who were killed at Rowlett's Station which was placed on the battlefield in mid-January 1862. After the battle, the 32nd Indiana performed garrison duty and helped with construction projects at Munfordville until March of 1862. On March 16, 1862, the regiment began its march west to join U. S. Grant's Army at Pittsburgh Landing on the Tennessee River. Hearing artillery fire in the distance, the 32nd marched 20 miles, arriving on the east shore of the river, witnessing the aftermath of the first day of the Battle of Shiloh. On the second day of the battle, the regiment became unsteady and their Colonel ordered the men to assemble in a double column facing the enemy. Colonel Willich, on horseback, drilled the men until they regained their composure. Once they regained their composure, along with the 77th Pennsylvania Infantry advanced to prevent the Confederate forces from attacking the Union line. The 32nd Indiana suffered 119 casualties, including 19 dead, at Shiloh. After Shiloh, the regiment took part in the Confederate Advance on Corinth, Mississippi and fought at the Siege of Corinth, April 30-May 30, 1862. After the Siege, the regiment went through Alabama and Middle Tennessee taking part in General Don Carlos Buell's campaign during the months from June to August of 1862. Private Stawitz must've proved his ability as a soldier as on August 19, 1862, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and transferred to Company K. From October 1-15, 1862, the 32nd pursued General Braxton Bragg's troops into Kentucky. After that the regiment marched to Nashville where it remained until December 26, 1862. On December 26, 1862, the regiment was called to take part in the advance on Murfreesboro, Tennessee until December 30, 1862. The Battle of Stones River was the first major battle Stawitz participated in as a commissioned officer. The regiment estimated it's losses as 12 killed, 40 wounded, and 115 men captured. 2nd Lt. Stawitz survived the battle and able to avoid being captured by the Confederates. Stawitz was promoted to 1st Lt. and was transferred to Company C on February 14, 1863. While the regiment remained at Murfreesboro, Stawitz must've shown himself to be a skilled administrator as on March 28, 1863, he was promoted to Adjutant of the 32nd. When the summer campaign opened up, the regiment fought at the Battle of Liberty Gap during the Tullahoma Campaign. That was the only major battle the regiment took part in during the summer. When the fall came the regiment fought at the Battle of Chickamauga where they lost 21 dead, 81 wounded and 20 missing. From there, they took part in the fighting at Orchard Knob before taking part at the Battle of Missionary Ridge. After Missionary Ridge, the regiment remained in eastern Tennessee until April of 1864. Beginning in May of 1864, the regiment was called out to take part in Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. In May of 1864, they fought at the Battle of Rocky Face Ridge, Battle of Resaca, Battle of Adairsville, in the advance on Dallas, Georgia, in the battles around New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills and the Battle of Picket's Mill. In June and July of 1864, the regiment fought at the Battle of Marietta, Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, and the Battle of Peahtree Creek before taking part in the Atlanta Campaign. On August 2, 1864, 3 year enlistees in the regiment were ordered back to Indiana, where they were to be mustered out. On their way back to Indianapolis, these men took part in an expedition that included skirmishes at White Oak Springs, Gouger's Lake, and Smith's Mills. These men (Stawitz included) were mustered out September 7, 1864 at...
We welcome the following new members of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States:

Dame   Insignia   Society
Patricia Ann Innamorato   1832   Member-at-Large
Suzanne Patricia Innamorato   1833   Member-at-Large
Brieanne Elizabeth Innamorato   1834   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Stephanie Barker   1835   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Mary Whittemore   1836   Member-at-Large
Mary Louise Daley   1837-A   Ohio
Regan Marie DeCoursey   1838   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Diane Mellor   1839-A   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Kelly Ann Bethard   1840   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Christina Marie Carter   1841   Member-at-Large
Poppy Rei Carter   1842   Member-at-Large
Mrs. Heidi Mae Crabtree   1843   Ohio
Mrs. Andrea Sharon Richardson   1844   Ohio
Mrs. Janice Ann Davis   1845   Ohio
Taffy Tiegiser   1846   Ohio
Mrs. Carol Anne Gannon-Hembel   1847-A   Member-at-Large

Indianapolis. Apparently, Christian Stawitz still felt the need to serve his country. He joined the 144th Indiana Infantry as a 1st. Lt. and Regimental Quartermaster. The unit served from March until August of 1865. It served in Virginia and West Virginia. After his service, he returned to Indianapolis, where he became involved in the insurance industry starting his own insurance company, Loomis & Stawitz. Sometime in the early 1870's, he moved from Indianapolis to Saint Louis, Missouri where he became a State Agent for the New York Underwriter's Agency, Delfield & Snow. During his career as an Insurance Agent, he was employed by several companies in Saint Louis. While in Saint Louis, he joined the Frank P. Blair Post No. 1 of the GAR. He became extremely active in the GAR. From 1882-1883, Comrade Stawitz was Inspector General for the Department of Missouri. In 1884, he was appointed Assistant Inspector by Commander-in-Chief John S. Koutz. He also attended several National Encampments of the GAR during the 1880's. In 1884, another

Veterans' organization was founded called the Union Veteran Legion. On February 22, 1888, Stawitz was elected Junior Vice Commander of the Union Veteran Legion. It was during the late 1880's, not long after the Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States was chartered, Stawitz was elected a Companion of the First Class and was assigned Insignia No. 4271. Throughout the 1890's, Stawitz was active in the insurance industry and became a very respected gentleman in the Insurance Community. Christian Stawitz passed away at his residence on May 29, 1901 of pneumonia and cirrhosis of the liver.

Submitted by National Historian
Adam Gaines

Also surviving are grandchildren Michael Getty (Mary Beth), Jimmie Getty (Holly), Robert Furgeson (step-grandson), Jesse Poole, Kevin Poole (Ashley), and Kathleen Lowe (James), as well as several great-and great-great-grandchildren. Getty was predeceased by his parents, granddaughter Joni Elizabeth Poole, and sister-in-law Beverly Deterding. Jim had a passion for Major League Baseball and the Chicago Cubs. He enjoyed classical music, his Navy buddies, college football, and a cold bottle of Anchor Steam from San Francisco. And oh my, how he loved the sweet smell of a new car. People who knew Jim Getty knew of his love for his wife and his family. They knew of his love for a great joke and storytelling. They knew when he made a friend, he made a friend for life.

Submitted by Douglass Knight

Photo by Madeline Rock of the newly erected Getty Memorial in Gettysburg, November 2015

From the Dames of the Loyal Legion

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