WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

GRANT COTTAGE: CHALLENGES FOR A TREASURE IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Frank Scaturro

The Grant Cottage State Historic Site offers visitors a remarkable opportunity to experience the final six weeks in the life of our eighteenth president, General Ulysses S. Grant. Located on Mount McGregor in Wilton, New York, just north of Saratoga Springs, it was at this cottage that Grant and his family moved on June 16, 1885, amid the General’s final and dramatic battle. The year before, he had encountered financial ruin when the banking firm of Grant and Ward, in which his family’s money had been invested, collapsed due to the shenanigans of business partner Ferdinand Ward, whose conduct came as a shock to the Grants. Soon afterward, Grant began to compose his memoirs, only to learn during the endeavor that he was stricken with inoperable throat cancer. This made the last several months of his life a dramatic race against death to finish the memoirs, which could serve to provide his family much needed support at a moment of financial want. Grant lived at that time in a brownstone home in New York City, and as the summer of 1885 approached, it was thought that the Adirondacks would provide him a more therapeutic environment. The cottage on Mount McGregor was owned by Joseph Drexel, a friend and New York banker. For six weeks, it served as home to members of three generations of the Grant family and a focus of the world’s attention as newspapers ran a death watch for the nation’s preeminent citizen, who was also the most famous soldier on earth. Barely able to speak and having to sleep sitting up, Grant labored until he completed his memoirs on approximately July 19, 1885, which was four days before his death on the morning of July 23. The Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant became a literary classic and sold well enough—with around $450,000 in royalties paid to Grant’s widow, Julia—that the volumes lifted the family from debt to wealth. In a significant sense, Grant had won his final battle.

The cottage is impeccably preserved so that visitors can see it as it was at the time. Rarely will one encounter a historic site from so long ago in which virtually all original features are preserved as they were during the underlying historical event. Furnished just as it was back then, visitors will encounter the bed in which Grant died, the chairs he used when writing his memoirs—including his favorite cane chair, in which he was photographed for the last time—and his personal effects, including his medication, toothbrush, sleepwear, and top hat. On the mantle above the fireplace is the clock his son Fred stopped the minute he died, at 8:08 a.m. In an adjoining room are floral arrangements preserved from his funeral, amazingly intact after all this time.

Outside the cottage, visitors can follow a path to the mountain’s eastern overlook, which offers a

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Commander-in-Chief’s Message

Companions,

We had a great Fall this year, including a successful 131st National Congress in Pensacola, and a perfect weather day in Gettysburg, for the Remembrance Day Parade and events. The Pensacola Congress in October was very productive and memorable. We enjoyed the NAS Museum, Civil War Forts, Friday dinner at Dharma Blue restaurant, the historic Pensacola Grand Hotel, and the Saturday evening Banquet. On November 19th, MOLLUS and DOLLUS were well represented at the Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, which fell this year on the anniversary day of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It is always interesting, as a marching body of Union Officer descendants, to receive the salute of acknowledgement and respect, from those in and along the parade route who are trying to accurately portray both Union and Confederate Officers and Men. In addition to the annual wreath laying at the Albert Woolson Memorial, we laid a wreath at the General George Meade Memorial, who was recently made a posthumous Hereditary Companion. I personally invite every Companion and Dame, along with your families, to our Capitol City this February 2017. Next year's Mid-Winter DC business meeting and Lincoln Memorial events, will occur just a few weeks after January 20th.

Captain James Alan Simmons

Commander-in-Chief

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Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!
http://www.mollus.org

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.

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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 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.

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.
CT Commandery

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert Carroon and Treasurer-in-Chief Lee Tryon with the Connecticut Commandery flag at the 51st Annual Massing of the Colors of the Patriotic and Hereditary Societies of Connecticut, held on October 2, 2016 in Lebanon, CT.

Past C-in-C Carroon and CT Commandery Commander Harry Colvocoresses at the monument of Gideon Welles, Lincoln’s Secretary of the Navy, in Hartford’s Cedar Hill Cemetery on May 30, 2016, when Companions of the CT Commandery decorated the graves of Union Officers and other Civil War luminaries.

PA Commandery

The Pennsylvania Commandery welcomed two new notable members in 2016. The first is new hereditary member Philip Price, Jr. Phil is the great, great grandson of MG George G. Meade. Pennsylvania also welcomed new honorary member Oliver St. Clair Franklin. Oliver is the immediate past chair of the Board of Governors of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia and Honorary British Consul to the City of Philadelphia.

VA Commandery

Virginia Companion Frank O’Reilly is a well-known mainstay of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. He helps organize numerous public events, including the annual Memorial Day luminaria walk that drew close to 10,000 visitors this year. He also maintains a busy speaking schedule, having appeared at eleven public events so far this year. Those include the roundtables in Richmond, Knoxville and Dallas, as well as various lectures and symposiums. He’s shown here in 2013 at the Robert E. Lee tomb in Lexington — as he has said, “I don’t go anywhere without my Loyal Legion rosette!”

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Superintendent, Rear Admiral James E. Rendon, Cadet 3rd Class Reid Wiegleb and CT Commandery presenter Companion Peter Stevens. On September 17, 2016 at the Academy’s Parents Weekend Awards Ceremony, Cadet Wiegleb was presented the CT MOLLUS Award of Merit, MOLLUS Medal and Ribbon bar, a copy of UNION BLUE and a check for $200 for achieving the highest military standing at the end of the 4th Class year at the Academy. This year was the 25th consecutive year that CT MOLLUS has presented this award.
Robert Zebulon Johnson was born May 23, 1836 at Montreal, Quebec, Canada to John Johnson and Eliza Therese Kelley. In 1838, the Johnson family moved to New York State. Robert Z. Johnson's first taste of military life was when he enlisted at New York City as a 1st Class Cabin Boy on January 9, 1852. He was first assigned to the USS North Carolina. During his time with the North Carolina, it was serving as a receiving ship. On May 10, 1852, he was transferred to the USS Perry and promoted to Landsman. During his time aboard the Perry, the ship was assigned to help suppress the slave trade off the west coast of Africa. On July 24, 1853, he was discharged from the Navy. He made his way back up to New York City, settled in Brooklyn and entered the carpentry trade. On May 23, 1861, he married Caroline Pinkney at the Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn. Apparently wanting a second taste of military life, he enlisted July 11, 1862 in the 1st. New York Mounted Rifles. On August 11, 1862, he was mustered into Co. G as a Private. Within a month, he was promoted to Corporal and transferred to Co. H. He was detached to the headquarters of Major General J.J. Peck. At some point in 1863, he was promoted to Sergeant. In April, 1863, he rejoined his regiment to take part in the Siege of Suffolk from April 11th to May 4th, 1863. After the Siege of Suffolk, the regiment rode south where they raided Jackson, North Carolina from July 29 to August 12. After serving in North Carolina, the regiment rode back up to Virginia where it took part in an engagement at Bottoms Bridge. On December 13th, they took part in the Battle of Charles City Courthouse, where Sgt. Johnson was wounded. Apparently, he recovered well enough to rejoin his unit where it fought again at Bottoms Bridge on Feb. 17, 1864. In May of 1864, the regiment took part in the Bermuda Hundred Campaign where it fought at Swift's Creek, Fort Darling, Swift Creek, Proctor's Creek and Ware Bottom Church. After the Bermuda Hundred Campaign, they rode to Petersburg to take part in the siege there. On July 10th, Johnson was promoted to 1st. Sgt. of Co. H. The 1st. took part in 20 actions during the Petersburg Campaign of 1864-1865. After the fall of Petersburg on April 2, 1865, the regiment was sent down to North Carolina where it took part in the operations there. In late April, they were ordered to Fredericksburg, Va. About a month later, 1st. Sgt. Johnson was promoted and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon the promotion of Francis J. Kennedy to 1st. Lieutenant. During the months of June and July, 1865, 2nd Lt. Johnson served as Acting Regimental Quartermaster. On August 12th, Lt. Johnson was appointed Acting Adjutant of the Regiment. On Sept. 6th, the regiment's designation was changed to the 4th New York Provisional Cavalry. The same day, Johnson was mustered in as 2nd Lt. of Co. A of the 4th. He served with the 4th until his mustering out and discharge on November 29, 1865. After his discharge, he went back to Brooklyn and went back into the carpentry business. Unfortunately, on August 30, 1868, tragedy struck and his wife, Caroline passed away. She was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Not long after his wife's passing in 1868, Johnson married a woman named Jane, whose maiden name is unknown. The couple resided in New York City until 1876 when they moved to San Francisco. Here, he settled and worked as a carpenter and contractor as he did back in New York. Unfortunately, the move to San Francisco didn't have a positive affect on the marriage as Jane and he were divorced on October 25, 1880. Apparently, Johnson didn't enjoy the single life as on November 6, 1880, he married Mary Louise Dulion. This marriage was blessed with two children, Clarence E.E. and Ulysses S. Clarence was born on August 11, 1881 and Ulysses S. was born on November 3, 1887, both children being born in San Francisco. Apparently wanting to be reconnected with his fellow officer veterans, on May 13, 1889, he applied to be a member of the Commandery of the State of
DO WE RECRUIT OR MERELY HOPE FOR NEW COMPANIONS?
Eric Rojo and Adam Gaines

The intent of this article is to serve as a call for action, not just for information.

For some time now MOLLUS has been facing an existential problem, the number of Companions instead of growing as we would expect with the natural larger numbers of new generations of descendants of our officer forbearers, we see a number of Commanderies shrink and almost ready to join the pantheon of inactive Commanderies. And, with few exceptions most other Commanderies are keeping the number of Companions balanced between new accessions and losses due to deaths and illness.

If we are to keep to our commitment by heritage and keep the spirit and reasons why our ancestors fought and died for the Union, we must become a more vibrant and active organization. To this end, we need to look at what we do to keep our responsibilities and what we may need to do better or change in order to do so. As our nation changes, we need to ensure current and future generations know and understand what the American Union is, or risk its loss in the hands of ignorance.

One action we must take is to grow our ranks, and in turn grow our Commanderies across the nation. This is a great challenge, and great challenges require innovation and great ideas. This axiom of wisdom is attributed to Albert Einstein; “you cannot expect different results as long as you keep doing things the same way”. As such, our challenge is to define what is that we are doing –or not- that brings us to our current situation.

Granted, our Order has never been a recruiting Order as such; however, population demographics have changed and the world outlook has changed since the heyday of our Order. Also, life in general for the average person has changed.

Some ideas are:

With modern technology we might be able to locate the lineage of Original Companions, former Companions who belonged all Commanderies and their descendants. Create an alliance with genealogy sites such as ancestry.com, where might be able to locate descendants of Union Officers and Original Companions who might never have heard of MOLLUS.

Commanderies to set up tables at various Civil War Reenactments and Family History events. As part of the display, solicit Companions who own CW memorabilia, Original Companion medals and Diplomas to let them use them for the display or the Commandery can acquire some for their own use in recruiting. With that we can do more then just stand there with a bunch of brochures. If we can make the display more interactive and sort of bring our Order to life. We would be bringing the history of our Order to them and showing them that our Order was founded by Civil War Veterans themselves and was the first Veterans' organization established after the Civil War.

Get a reprints of the book "Companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States: an album containing portraits of members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States". And have copies of Union Blue available, as well as suggest that we include a copy for all new Companions, cost can be included in the upfront dues.

And we would very much like feedback, comments, suggestions and new of activities by each of you and your Commanderies.
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

Attendees Above from L to R: Lee Stone (DC), Bob Lynch (PA), Paul Lader (PA), Eric Rojo (DC), Gary Grove (PA), Kevin Martin (DC), Matt Dupee (PA), Adam Flint (PA), Chuck Lentz (PA), Jim Simmons (TX), Linn Malaznik (CA), Joe Coleman (PA), Bill White (PA) and David Scott (PA)
ANNOUNCEMENT

2017 LINCOLN BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON, DC

February 10—February 12, 2017
SHERATON SUITES OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
801 N. Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
4:30 pm - Welcome and Registration— Sheraton Suites Hotel Lobby
6:30 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.

SATURDAY - Program - Military Order of the Loyal Legion
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
Annual Business Meeting of Commandery-in-Chief, MOLLUS, and DOLLUS (Registration Fee: $30.00)

08:00 am - Bus loads for Meetings at the historic Courthouse of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
08:30 am - Courthouse Tour by Judge Scott Stucky
09:00 am - MOLLUS Midwinter Meeting (Courtroom)
09:00 am - DOLLUS Membership Meeting (Conference Room)
11:30 am - Bus loads for Luncheon at Fort McNair Officers’ Club ($32.00 pp)
12:00 pm - Buffet Lunch
01:15 pm - Tour of Historic Fort McNair and Civil War Sites conducted by Kim Holien, Civil War Author & former Military Historian for the Army
04:00 pm - Board bus to return to the Sheraton Suites Hotel, Alexandria
06:30 pm - Reception (Cash Bar at Hotel Bar off Lobby)
07:45 pm - Patriotic Opening in Ballroom- U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard
08:00 pm - Dinner served with wine for toasts.

SPEAKER: Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, Author of “El Cinco de Mayo, An American and Mexican Celebration”

SPECIAL GUEST: The Honorable Carlos Sada, Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.

ATTIRE: Black Tie/White Tie, or Uniform with decorations and orders for Gentlemen; Evening wear for Ladies. COST: $78.00 per person

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MAKE YOUR RESERATIONS EARLY!

A block of 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) - $139 plus 14.5 tax per night. Hotel parking is free. Complementary shuttle to National Airport and the Airport Metro.
THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEREMONY

SUNDAY, 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 208th 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 presenter will be announced later. Presentation of the Frederick Talley Drum Hunt Award will be presented by Commander-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. At 10:15 a.m., 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. See registration form.

Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee Luncheon

SUNDAY, February 12, 2017

12:45 pm - Cash Bar (Wine & Beer Only) — Hotel Lobby
01:30 pm - Luncheon (Lunch & Program to start promptly) ($42.00 pp)
Sheraton Suites Alexandria Old Town, 801 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA

SPEAKER: Dr. Johnnetta Cole, Director of the National Museum of African Art, and Former President of Spelman College, as well as Bennett College for Women

PARKING: Parking is free (underground) at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria (Take ticket to Desk and identify yourself with Lincoln Birthday – MOLLUS or press call button as you leave)

RESERVATIONS: See reservation form on Page 3. All Reservations to be received no later than February 5. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS.
MOLLUS MID WINTER RESERVATION FORM  

Please Complete and Mail not later than January 31, 2017 to:

Peter Arnott Dixon  
111 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-3803  

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

REGISTRATION—$30.00 each (includes Motor coach and tour on Feb. 11 and motor Coach RT from/to Lincoln Memorial and Sheraton Suites). Register cars at hotel front desk.  

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Please return this form not later than February 5, 2017 to:  
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(Make a copy of registration form for yourself)
From The Quartermaster...

Rosettes - The photo shows all of the MOLLUS rosettes. All are available for purchase but the C-in-C rosette is only available to current or past Commanders-in-Chief.

Now available for purchase by associate members who are elected MOLLUS officers is an officers neck ribbon. The ribbon is the same design (solid blue) as the associate insignia ribbon drape.

Only three (3) sets of 150th anniversary medals left for sale at $50 each. Please email Joe Coleman to reserve a set before placing an order to assure availability.

Winter is coming and you'll want to be wearing an official MOLLUS scarf at Lincoln Birthday activities. Our red, white and blue scarfs are 100% wool and are made for us in England and they measure 10" x 70".

For anyone traveling to VA for the mid-winter meeting in February, you can pre-order merchandise and save shipping costs. Commanderies awarding ROTC medals and Union Blue for presentation purposes who will be represented in VA in February, may pre-order for delivery at the mid-winter meeting.

Save the Date

The Pennsylvania Commandery will host the 2017 Annual Congress on October 29 & 30, 2017. The Congress will be held in Gettysburg at the Wyndham Gettysburg. Please mark you calendars now and come to historic Gettysburg at the peak of fall foliage season in south central Pennsylvania. Additional details and registration forms will be included in the next edition of the Loyal Legion Journal.

Future Congresses:

2018 – Wisconsin
2019 – Virginia
2020 – Philadelphia, PA
2021 – Cleveland, OH

Commanderies offering to host the 2022 Annual Congress should contact Junior Vice Commander Joe Coleman
stunning view for 50 miles on a clear day. Looking straight ahead, one can see the Saratoga Battlefield and as far as the Green Mountains of Vermont. Grant enjoyed this view numerous times, and a fence-enclosed stone marker stands where he had his last view, three days before his death.

Grant Cottage is nothing short of a treasure, but it has faced more than its share of challenges. For decades until recently, the site was surrounded by a prison complex, the Mount McGregor Correctional Facility, and visitors had to pass through a prison security checkpoint to reach the cottage. During the 1980’s, there were even plans to close the cottage and make it a prison administrative office until a group of concerned citizens, the Friends of Grant Cottage, was formed to keep it open and administer it as a historic site.

The Friends have been able to staff the cottage during its open season between Memorial Day and Labor Day and even acquired a nearby stone and wood building in 2006 that they converted to a visitor center and gift shop. In 2014, the Mount McGregor Correctional Facility closed. The prison grounds were annexed by New York State for incorporation into Moreau Lake State Park. That gives the Friends more space to work with and the ability to feature reenactors armed with black powder rifles, which were prohibited when the prison was open. Visitation has increased by 10%. Another promising development is that the Friends are in the advanced stages of applying for National Historic Landmark status, which Tim Welch, president of the Friends of Grant Cottage, is confident will be approved at some point next year.

But these changes also bring challenges, as Welch explains below:

The closing of the prison cost us our utilities, and the security of the Cottage is also in question. We have had to drill a well to provide potable water, and our landline phone system had to be replaced with a more expensive wireless alternative. We have also picked up the continuing expense of a portable toilet to accommodate our visitors for the season.

Snow plowing in the winter was provided by the state Corrections Department by using a plow from one of their other maximum security prisons. However, that was a one-year solution, and Grant Cottage had to wait until the day after the storm ended.

Our security system is also short term because the guard at the base of the mountain is being paid by the Department of Corrections, and we do not know the long-term viability of that solution. The bottom line is that we are now the only entity at the top of the mountain, and without plowing, security and utilities the place is desolate and vulnerable.

No one seems to have responded to the Request for Proposal to sell the former prison property to a private-sector developer, so this winter will make it even lonelier on top of Mt. McGregor. To mitigate this security challenge, we have asked the State Police, the Saratoga County Sheriff, and the New York State Park Police to increase their patrols, and they have done so.

We also prevailed on the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which owns the property, to upgrade our security system from just motion sensors on the Cottage doors to a four-camera video surveillance system on the Cottage and the Visitor Center. However, the system cannot be monitored off site and can only be used as evidence after a break-in. Moreover, the long-term motion detector security system on the Cottage doors is activated by a land-line phone system, which also has stopped working. (Verizon has refused to fix our land lines because we are the only customer for miles around).

Welch also observed that given the cottage’s isolation, “the biggest threat is fire. The Cottage is a 140-year-old wooden building kept heated year round to preserve its artifacts and would certainly burn to the ground long before any volunteer fire department could get there.” The cottage’s most immediate need may be a $60,000 fire suppression system. While the state’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has suggested they would try to include this in a future budget, it is unclear when or if it would do so. In fact, $60,000 is a sum equal to the site’s annual budget.

Between these needs and the Friends’ plans to increase fundraising for special programming, contributions from organizations like MOLLUS and from the general public are that much more urgent. Contributions can be made to the Friends’ website, grantcottage.org.

-- This is the first in a series of articles detailing where MOLLUS money is used in support of philanthropic endeavors --
Trustees’ Corner

As we’ve discussed in past issues, the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund exists to meet the philanthropic and educational goals of the Legion. The money supporting those efforts comes from the assets of the trust, or the “corpus,” consisting of investments within a portfolio that is managed by an investment professional.

The portfolio consists of stocks (“equities”), held as individual assets, and a small amount of cash. The stocks in the account are managed to both grow in value over time, and also to create cash income from dividends and interest. Some of the gifts made and expenses paid out of the Fund assets, are paid from the income produced. Some more is covered by annual gifts, and estate and trust distributions.

Still, in most years, the Fund must dip into its corpus to meet its various obligations. That’s why the annual appeal for gifts to the Fund is so important — by giving, we are helping the Fund both grow, and to meet its obligations.

EXPANDING PARTICIPATION VIA ON LINE MEETINGS
Submitted by Eric Rojo, Sr. Vice Commander in Chief
November 2016

With the interest in greater participation at the Congress in Pensacola we experimented with and used an on line system in order to be able to expand real time participation for all Companions who for many reasons are not able to travel to our gatherings. To this end, we have set up an account with GO TO MEETING, an online service that permits live streaming of the event –video and sound- and on line participation for comments and discussion.

We are happy to report that the experiment was a success as many Companions were able to join, view and listen to the proceedings —we did have a couple of glitches of course, but these will be corrected with more knowledge of the system- thus, a decision was made to establish an MOLLUS account that is available to all National Officers, Committees and Commanderies in order to facilitate meetings whenever and as often as needed.

We expect that this added meeting capability will enhance participation, especially for those commanderies that cover great distances and traveling to meetings is not always practical. This new capability will also enhance committee meetings by giving the ability to ‘discuss’ issues in real time, after setting up agendas via email or regular mail.

As soon as the MOLLUS account is set up, and have good knowledge of the process, we will send instructions and access to Go-To-Meeting via email to all Officers and Commanderies in order to ensure all take advantage and to use this capability to communicate and conduct meetings right away. To this end, it is most important for all to ensure that our email addresses are up to date with the Commanderies and the National Data Base.

Keep present that this system in addition to giving us the capability of live streaming, it also allows us to make presentations and show videos. As such, how we use it is up to our creativity and imagination.
Name: William Joyce Sewell

Born: December 6, 1835, Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland.

Commands: Colonel, 5th New Jersey Volunteers, 38th New Jersey Volunteers, Brevet Brigadier General


Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Congress in 1896, for conspicuous gallantry at the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, the citation for which reads as follows: Assuming command of a brigade, he rallied around his colors a mass of men from other regiments and fought with these troops with great brilliancy through several hours of desperate conflict, remaining in command though wounded and inspiring them by his presence and the gallantry of his personal example.


Died: December 27, 1901, Camden, New Jersey.

Interred: Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey, Lot 75. The Celtic cross at his grave was designed by sculptor Alexander Milne Calder.

Submitted by Paul Lader
From the Dames of the Loyal Legion

November 2, 2016

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

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<td>Ms. Heather Lindsay McCarrick</td>
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Rosemary Schaeffer
National Registrar

DAMES members...Be sure to “Like” our Facebook page:
“Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States”
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*Vermeil (Gold on Sterling Silver)

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