

MOLLUS NOTES

MOLLUS CONGRESS # 126 HOSTED BY PA

The annual National Congress was held in Philadelphia this year. Members from across the country joined us at the Union League from Friday to Sunday, October 14-16.



New Commander-in-Chief Jeff Burden receives his Commander's medal from outgoing C-inC Keith Harrison at the Banquet.

On Friday, early arrivals had the option of having a tour of the historic Union League. After registration, and time for dinner on their own we

had a special addition to the schedule. The new Heritage Center held a pre-opening event for us. (See P.2 for more)

On a windy Saturday morning the men of MOLLUS held their annual meeting. It was a full schedule of reports, discussion and information about the group. We also held the election for new officers. We expect the Journal will have all the details, so don't want to overdo the

coverage. If you have questions, ask and we can provide in another issue.

At noon, we gathered on Broad Street for a bus ride across the river to Camden for a tour of the battleship New Jersey, permanently docked on the Delaware River. Lunch was served in one of the crew messes at the stern of the ship. Then two groups toured the ship and we learned some of what it was like to serve on-board.

On Saturday night members and their guests put on their formal clothes or uniforms to attend the banquet.

Our main speaker was Sharon Smith with an update about the Civil War Museum. (See P.3 for more)

This Congress squeaked into the black financial-ly and we had good comments from the attendees about the organization.

Three of the Congress organizers, Joe Coleman, Tee Adams and Adam Flint, chatting at the Banquet. (Richard Bishop Photo). Below, the Men Of MOLLUS stand for the traditional group photo. (Tee Adams Photo)



Adam
Flint
Photo

HERITAGE CENTER AT UNION LEAGUE OPENS

A late addition to the Congress schedule was an evening event Friday to open the Sir John Templeton Heritage Center of The Union League of Philadelphia.



Executive Director John Meko

Located on the ground floor of the Union League, the entrance to this beautifully appointed, special collections library and Civil War Research Center is directly on Broad Street, making access to the public easy, and giving Civil War History in Philadelphia a prime location.

The Center is being built in two parts; the first includes all of the program, exhibit, and office space for the Foundations of the Union League. The second part will be completed in 2013, and includes the state-of-the-art high density storage space for one of the most important Civil War collections in the United States.

Much of this collection is either owned by, or has its origins with, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). It includes more than 10,000 books from the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, as well as the archives of MOLLUS. The significant Civil War Library, archival and artifact collection of the Union League will also be housed at the Center.

The MOLLUS archives and library collection are

Left, a hat worn by President Lincoln as he passed through Philadelphia. Right, Jim Simmons of Texas, and Jerry Carroon of CT listen as former PA and National Commander Ben Frick tells them about this new display. (Tee Adams Photos this spread)



The evening before his appearance at Independence Hall, Lincoln was informed that there was a plot to assassinate him the next night in Baltimore. He insisted on making his scheduled appearance on February 22nd in Philadelphia, then in Lancaster and Harrisburg but that evening he left the inaugural trip party on the advice of his security detail. Wearing this hat and

a check, he and only two companions traveled by night train back to Philadelphia and on through Baltimore, secretly arriving in Washington in the early morning of February 23rd, hours before the scheduled arrival of the special inaugural train. Courtesy of the Philadelphia History Museum at the Liberty Bell. The Historical Society of Montgomery County, PA.

currently being housed at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, just a few short blocks from the Heritage Center. There, a team of archival and library professionals have been working, for the past year, on organizing, cataloguing and creating finding aids for the collections.

Significant progress has already been made. Most of the MOLLUS archives have been stabilized, organized and inventoried. At this time, approximately 20% of the Library has been catalogued. All of these catalogue records are now in digital data bases, and will be accessible online through OPAC and EOS services.

John Meko, the Executive Director of the Foundation, spoke to the members attending and he believes that the preservation and accessibility of the MOLLUS Library and archives are a priority for the Foundation. "The collections that will be here are the heart of the Center. They are the primary reason we built this beautiful space," stated Meko.

"I expect that the Heritage Center will be a place where MOLLUS members will be able to call home, research their records, and share in the great success of the Heritage Center." Said Meko, "It belongs not only to Union League and MOLLUS members, but to anyone interested in the history of the Civil War."

The Heritage Center is designed to allow greater public access to the resources of The Foundations, including exhibition space, a lecture room and a reading room. It includes offices to support The Foundations' increasing activity, and a larger collections storage facility to accommodate the Union League's archival and Civil War Library material and to house several collections of which the Abraham Lincoln Foundation is the steward. These include





A big thank you to Mitchell Schmidt (right) who provided the wine and tended bar for this open house. Jim Loudon and Jean Bishop of the VA Commandery are on the left.

the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of The United States and Dames of the Loyal Legions of the United States Daughters archives.

History on display

A permanent exhibit, "Love of Country Leads," presents the history of the Union League from its founding in 1862 to the present. It includes two short films produced specifically for the exhibit.

In addition, a series of five rotating exhibits focuses on the Philadelphia home front during the Civil War. The first, on display now through February 2011, is "Philadelphia 1861: The Coming Storm." The exhibit tells the story of the city on the brink of war and during the months immediately following the attack on Fort Sumter. Highlights include the election of 1860; the divisions among Philadelphians, Union supporters and Southern sympathizers; Lincoln's visit to Philadelphia on February 22, 1861; and the city's response to the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter.

Hours open to the public

Tuesday and Thursday
3:00pm until 6:00pm
Second Saturday of the Month
1:00pm until 4:00pm

For more information on The Foundations of the Union League and the Heritage Center, please visit www.ulheritagecenter.org.

MOLLUS ON FACEBOOK

"Companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the US (MOLLUS)" is up on Facebook. Look for additional MOLLUS info and reminders.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/49373629875>

CONGRESS SPEECHES OF NOTE

There were a range of speeches and announcements throughout the Congress weekend. Two we want to highlight are by members of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia.

At the banquet on Saturday night, the keynote address delivered by Sharon A. Smith, President and CEO of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia.

Ms. Smith was introduced by Adam Flint, the evening's master of ceremonies, and also by Oliver



St. Clair Franklin, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia and Principal, Franklin Investment Group.



Video of this is on the PA Mollus website and all may visit and view it here:

<http://loyallegionpa.org/2011congressvideo.html>

It sounds like after several slow starts, they are getting themselves

organized to have a location for the Museum in a new spot in Philadelphia. As important, all the items in the collection are in good hands and many are getting long overlooked care and restoration, by professionals in that field.

The message is that we will, someday in this decade, be proud to see our items on display in a Philadelphia gallery.

In related news, it appears that this group desires to foster a closer and more positive relationship with MOLLUS. This has been well received on this end, with hopes for a variety of benefits on both sides, after decades of strife. For those out of the loop, remember we have two PA members on the Museum board - three, including one of their board we accepted for Associate membership in the last year.

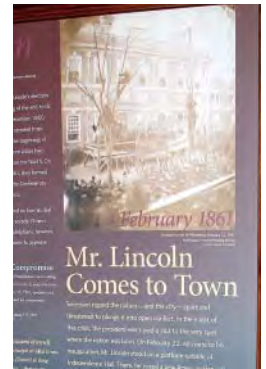


MOLLUS DAMES MEET

The Dames also met on Saturday morning. PA was represented in the back row by: Nancy Siedlarz (left); Veronica Victor (3rd from right); and Viola Bement (right). The Dames were also included in the other activities of the weekend.



Paul Lader and Ellis Adams at the banquet. Below, the evening's awards. Right, part of the Heritage Center's display. (Tee Adams Photos this spread)



A fine setting for the Commandery-in-Chief board members stand to take their oath office, at the Saturday morning business meeting. Left, PA members at the business meeting include: Jim Loudon, back row, 3rd from left sitting next to Bob Lynch. Fuzzy in front are Mitchell Schmidt and Joe Coleman. Middle, Adam Flint makes the Quartermaster's Report. Right, C-inC, Keith Harrison reads reports from each of the State Commanderies as Recorder-in-Chief, Jack Kane (PA Secondary) follows along.





BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

Top Left, Inside one of the BIG guns - the rear compartment of a 16" turret. Above, modern weapons, Phalanx and Tomahawk launcher. Left, hearing how a 5" gun works. Bottom Left, The view from the bridge of the guns and the thin bow.



OTHER SHIPS IN THE HARBOR

Also in the Delaware River near area of the Battleship NJ, are two other historic vessels both in need of significant renovation. Above, the classic ocean liner SS United States, that held the record for the fastest transatlantic passage is stripped inside and a group is praying for help to make her into an attraction here. Below, Admiral Dewey's flagship, Olympia has been in the news due to poor care and it is in grave danger of sinking in place. They are considering options for what to do with her.



REPORT OF THE COMMANDER

I would like to thank my fellow Companions for the high honor you have bestowed upon me by appointing me as your Commander. It is with immense pride and sincere humility that I assume the position of Commander. Who would not be proud to lead an organization with such an illustrious history? An organization founded by battle tested officers of the War of the Rebellion and established with the explicit intent to help thwart future threats to the national government, to advance the interests of veterans, provide relief to widows and children of deceased comrades and to promote patriotism and allegiance to the United States Government. A truly noble ideal. I will do my best to help lead the Commandery to strengthen our business processes and advance the principles of our Order. It is my hope to empower you with tasks and challenges that will yield benefits to our Order. I encourage active participation by all Companions as we go forth into the years of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

Part of good leadership is having vision and the ability to lead others, but we also have to be able to assess the purpose of actions, our capabilities, resources, and the time frame in which projects can be completed. I am a firm believer in leadership by example but that also means that sometimes we may find ourselves working on projects alone. Keeping the greater good of the Order and our long range objectives in mind are sometimes the best way to prioritize our projects and determine which ones can be done in a productive manner. What we ultimately accomplish over the next few years will greatly depend on what efforts are given by all the members. One suggestion that may be of interest is creating a biography of your officer ancestor which may be presented at a Commandery meeting, used in our newsletter, and/or published on the website. This honors your ancestor's service and helps educate others about the sacrifices made by him for our country during the Civil War.

The total membership of our Order has been in steady decline in recent years. We must attract new and active members so that we may accomplish our objectives. There are many family members of Companions who are eligible for membership. Too often we look to outside sources for membership recruitment and miss many that are so close to us. The short membership application makes it very easy for sons, grandsons, nephews etc. to become

MOLLUS OFFICERS 2011 - 2012

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Treasurer: F. Tee Adams, III
Dues Chairman: Paul Lader
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Chancellor - H. Mitchell Schmidt
Chaplain - Francis Thomas Adams, Jr.
Registrar - Robert Duane Lynch
Surgeon - Position vacant

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Harold Durston Saylor, II Douglass W. Hocker
Past Commander: Joseph Thomas Coleman Ed. D.

members. Life membership for Juniors is a tremendous and inexpensive way to give a life long gift to remember your family's service and sacrifices. Please ask if you are unsure how to enlist new members.

I want to thank you all for your support. I have developed many close friendships over the years in the MOLLUS.

LEX REGIT ARMA TUENTUR, Arms Are Born
So The Law May Rule.

Loyally,
Adam P. Flint

PA RECORDS IN HARRISBURG

Bob Lynch has found a set of microfilms containing Records of the Companions: Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, Insignia Nos. 1-3172, April 15, 1856 – Feb. 15 1935. There are 53 Rolls. Anyone wishing to access the application records of the MOLLUS Commandery of PA at the Pennsylvania Archives in Harrisburg may access information on Fees and Directions at:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/hours%2C_directions___fees/3144.

The microfilm has the file location address of MG-262 and are on Rolls 1437-1789 (actually 53 rolls) with 1437 containing the complete index of names.

ROTC

It is coming to that time of year where we contact PA colleges to offer our ROTC medal. If you have any contacts with one of these colleges, or could present at one, please contact the Jr Vice Commander using contact info below the calendar.

INFORMATION SOUGHT

Recorder, Jim Loudon is seeking information from anyone who attended or might have knowledge about a **service at Saint Stephen's Church in Philadelphia** commemorating MOLLUS Founder Samuel Brown Wylie Mitchell. The Rector of Saint Stephen's recalls the event happened about fifteen years ago but it is quite possible the event happened earlier, possibly in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Loyal Legion.

Please contact Recorder Loudon at (215) 663-0240 or recorder@loyallegionpa.org, if you have any information regarding this event. Thank you.

JUNIOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Hereditary Companions: do you have a son, grandson or nephew under the age of 18? Please consider enrolling them as Junior Life Members of the Order. The Junior Life Membership fee is substantially less than that of its adult counterpart.

A 1 year old's Life Membership is \$300. For a 10 year old it is \$433. 15 it is \$533.

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

WE HAD MUGS MADE FOR THE CONGRESS. THERE ARE SOME LEFT. WHITE MUG WITH MOLLUS LOGO AND TEXT.

IF YOU NEED A TIE, ROSETTE, OR OTHER GEAR, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR ORDER FILLED.

SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER FOR AN ITEM LIST & ORDER BLANK OR E-MAIL OUR COMMANDER,

CMDR@LOYALLEGIONPA.ORG OR USE THE CONTACT INFO FOR OUR EDITOR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CALENDAR ON P 12.



VISIT THE PA WEBSITE

We keep adding things to the MOLLUS-PA website LoyalLegionPA.org. Go have a look.

A site is only as good as the content it provides. If you have ideas for items to include, or something you can provide to include, we would take an interest. You can contact Jim Loudon at recorder@loyallegionpa.org with anything you think our members would like to see.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to send us an article, pictures, or information on a Civil War related event to include in a future issue, please contact EDITOR, Tee Adams using contact info by the calendar, P 12.

PASSINGS

We would like to note two board members and a hereditary member who have died.



Left is **Bruce Flint**, uncle of our Commander, who worked his way up to Jr Vice Commander before cancer took him. He was the owner of Robinson Steel Company. He enjoyed sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. He was 77, and leaves behind three kids and five grandchildren.

Below, our board member listed as surgeon, was **Dr. John Albert Koltjes** who passed on Sept. 29, 2011 at the age of 88. A drawing of him is flanked by



his sons, also Companions, John, III and Steven. Steven is our only member living overseas and it was great to see him in person after years of sending mail. Several of us were pleased to be

able to go to the services of the two above.

In addition, one of our members, **Arthur J. Costigan, Sr.** we find passed in 2006, at the age of 92, but mail wasn't returned until November 2011, saying he was gone. He lived in the Bethlehem, PA area, and was about a 50 year member. He was a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans, Civil War Roundtable Abe Lincoln Division, Hightstown, N.J. and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was a contributing writer/reviewer for The Civil War Book Review.

JOHN WHEATON LYNCH, 1839-1907

Just this past Spring, PA Registrar, Bob Lynch, completed the arrangements for a bronze marker which has been placed at the burial site of his great grandfather, Captain John Wheaton Lynch (JWL) in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, PA. When the Civil War broke out on April 14, 1861, JWL was among the first volunteers called upon by President Lincoln to join the state militias. He joined the Commonwealth Independent Battery, Heavy Artillery on May 2, 1861 and was stationed at Ft. Delaware. He returned to Philadelphia in August, 1861 (*By law, enlistments in the militia were limited to 90 days.*) where he helped recruit for the 106th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers and received an appointment as a first lieutenant. He then served in the Army of the Potomac, active in all of the battles and skirmishes in which the regiment participated, including Richmond and especially Fredericksburg under Burnside, when, under the most galling rebel fire, he helped to rally some new troops who had somewhat faltered.

In 1863 he was promoted to Captain and served



(Bob Lynch Photo)

in battles at Gettysburg where he individually captured a rebel Colonel, whose sword he retained until 1899 when he returned it to the family receiving a gratifying letter from the Governor of Alabama.

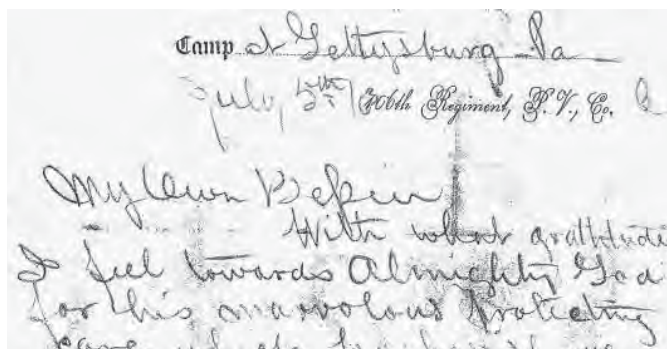
During the arduous marches of the Army of the Potomac JWL incurred serious heart problems and was granted a medical discharge in September 1863. (*100 letters written by John Wheaton Lynch to his wife to be, Bessie, during his service have been transcribed by Bob and are available at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. They describe the many trials, tribulations and frustrations of the soldiers in the Army of the Potomac, his deep religious faith, and his love for Bessie.*)



CAPTAIN JOHN W. LYNCH.
Oct. 7, 1861. Sept. 7, 1863.
As First Lieutenant.
Promoted to Captain, Jan. 9, 1863.
Discharged, Sept. 7, 1863. Disability.

Here is a transcription of the letter he wrote to Bessie on July 5, 1863, following the July 3 battle at Gettysburg *"With what gratitude I feel towards Almighty God for his marvelous protecting care which he has shown toward me in this last engagement none can tell. O it seems almost incredible after going through with what I have in the last two days that I am spared-not a scratch excepting the left side of my face which is well splattered with powder, making quite a number of dirty spots. We have lost very heavily. One officer killed & seven wounded & a large number of men. On the evening of the 3rd it even all looked as all was lost our men coming in panic stricken with the Rebs charging after them. Our little Regiment with three others on the third line of battle rose up & with one mighty cheer determining to sacrifice ourselves to save the day resisted the charge & drove the rebels before us capturing between four & five hundred of*

the Rebels, twice the number of our own little Regt. One of our officers got an arm full of swords captured from the Rebel Officers. We also recaptured one of our battery which they had got possession of."



He and Bessie were married in 1865. They had sons, John, Thornton, also a MOLLUS Companion, Percival, minister and grandfather of Bob Lynch, and Jasper. In 1886, JWL started the Safety Storage Van and Packing Company at 1612 Market Street. He lived at 1818 Bank Street in 1887 and later at 3133 Mantua Ave. John Wheaton Lynch was a member of the Loyal Legion (Insignia #5726) and joined the Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1 of the GAR in 1890.

A one-of-its-kind open book marble pedestal also marks the grave of John Wheaton Lynch but all inscriptions have been eroded away.

DUES CHAIRMAN POSITION CREATED

Our Group has been trying to lighten our Jr Vice Commander's load. Last June we tried to pass the treasurer's function to someone else. That failed in the summer and that was passed back again in September. Finding that "someone" had been a two year effort, and we're a little defeated at where we stand now.

At the Congress this fall, there was discussion of how some of the Commanderies have expanded their boards by adding associate members to handle certain tasks. We like the idea as a way to get a limited number of fresh voices to participate.

The Board has accepted giving Paul Lader, one of our most participating associate members, the job of Dues Collector. He is officially Dues Chair - on the Treasurer's committee. He is already on file at the bank we use, so getting him signed up to make deposits should be relatively simple. He really likes the group and is enthusiastic about the possibility of helping out.



Some of the other details are still to be worked out, but we hope this will continue to move us for-

ward. Other than the dues function Tee Adams will continue to provide the quarterly reports and other elements of the treasurer's job. We are in the process of passing the dues function beginning JAN 1.

So in 2012, dues, gifts and Life Member replies will be sent and returned to Paul's address in New Jersey.

DUES REMINDERS

Here are a few things to remember about the dues. All **non-dues paying categories** still need to reply each year so we know you are still getting our mail. We will and have dropped people for no reply over a couple years. If you can't drop a reply in the mail, send an E-mail, or call in, when requested, you are not considered part of the group.

Same goes for dues. Most of our members reply to the first dues mailing that goes out in the first quarter of the year. We thank you for that. But we have those on the other end who owe for several years and won't bring their membership up to date. We dropped more than a dozen last spring and after a special mailing in the next several months, odds are another dozen will go as well. Those dropped may apply to re-join at a future time, but we will not pay National dues for you and provide services, when you won't contribute at least the minimum.

MOLLUS-PA SUMMER BBQ ANOTHER CROWD PLEASER

Our latest installment of the annual BBQ, on July 17, 2011, was well attended by a core group of members who come back year after year and a few new ones we expect to see in 2012. This year due to a Club event the night before, the food offerings were substantially enhanced. We were offered half a lobster and shrimp in addition to the steaks, salads, and other summer fare we expected. It was sunny and nice looking out at the view at the end of the Club's porch.



Guests included a whole row of Dames, above. Some of the food offerings, below. Left, a view of two of our tables.



2 EVENTS - GETTYSBURG ADDRESS REMEMBRANCE

MOLLUS-PA members participated in several events to remember the Gettysburg Address in November. First, we held our own annual dinner party. Then some joined National board members at the Gettysburg event over the weekend.



We want to welcome long-time member Howard Butcher who attended his first event, because we went to one of his favorite places. He says he will be back again. You just don't know what you are missing.

Our party was held at Trattoria San Nicola in Paoli on November 17. The menu was a great cross section of their regular lite Italian offerings, in what might be called tastings servings, but there was plenty for all. Our speaker was "Mr Civil War, Philadelphia," Andy Waskie. He brought a pile of his new books, and quickly ran out.

We also observed our traditions with the four toasts and our Commander read the Address to the assembled guests.



Above: Commander Flint reads the Gettysburg address. Below: Our speaker, Andy Waskie, tells us about how the war affected the Philadelphia area. (Tee Adams Photos for this event)



IN GETTYSBURG

The annual event in the town of Gettysburg went off without a hitch on November 19. There



was a parade of a variety of Civil War groups through the town. Then there were different wreath laying activities around the battlefield. Some of our members participated at a ceremony at the Woolson Memorial. He was the last surviving GAR member. Jeffrey Burden, National C-in-C, and Past C-in-Cs Jerry Carroon and Keith Harrison were also in attendance.



Above, left: The Woolson Memorial, Site of one of the programs.

Left: Joe Coleman handles the MOLLUS-PA flag at one of the wreath layings. Above: PA member Andy Waskie also participated.

Right: PA Commander, Adam Flint attends the MOLLUS wreath presentation.



NEW YEARS EVE AT LAUREL HILL



Joe Coleman presented the MOLLUS-PA wreath.

It was a beautiful day to usher in the new year at Laurel Hill Cemetery. You must remember

pictures from previous years where some of the participants looked to be frozen in place.

MOLLUS-PA and several groups gather at this time to honor the savior of Gettysburg, General Meade on the occasion of his birthday. This annual event is a highlight of the General Meade Society's calendar. Individuals and groups march to his grave where there are speeches, and groups place wreaths in memory of all who served in our war.



Good to see another of our members, John Heine, was out at the event as well, in full uniform.

The parade of Civil War reenactment units, civilians in period attire, heritage groups, participants and citizens proceeded at noon to the final resting place of the Victor of



The honor guard fires a volley near the end of the ceremony. Below, Paul Lader presents Andy Waskie a painting of Gen Meade at the event for all he has done to organize these events.



Gettysburg to memorialize his service to the nation.

A champagne toast and reception followed the program.

Representing MOLLUS-PA this year was recent past Commander Joe Coleman. He placed the MOLLUS wreath at the appropriate moment, after the march to the grave site.



FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY

Our Midshipman, member, Hobie Kistler reports in:

"I am just now finishing a six-month assignment to South America, five months of which were spent in service with the Chilean Navy in Valparaiso, Chile. It has been a very challenging yet successful deployment, though I can't say I care much for the Chilean culture."

Hobie Kistler - Bogotà, Colombia



Our newest, youngest member, Cole Patrick De Coursey is baptized this fall. He is one of two of Joe Coleman's grand children who joined this fall.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12 @ 6pm
Lincoln's Birthday Dinner
Merion Golf Club

Wednesday, March 14, @5:30
Board of Officers Meeting
Merion Golf Club

Sunday, May 27, Noon
Memorial Day at Laurel Hill Cemetery
at 3822 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia

Wednesday, June 6, @5:30
MOLLUS Annual Meeting
Corinthian Yacht Club

Saturday, November 17,
Remembrance Day in Gettysburg

In between newsletters, please check our website
<http://loyallegionpa.org/>
for updates and more event announcements.

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The principal objectives of MOLLUS are to foster military and naval science, promote allegiance to the United States government, perpetuate the memory of those who fought to preserve the unity and indivisibility of the Republic and to honor the memory and promote the ideals of President Abraham Lincoln.

Membership Options:

There are currently four categories of membership within the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States: Hereditary, Junior, Associate and Honorary.

Hereditary - Direct male descendants of the age of 18 years or more of a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, Navy or Marines who served during the War of the Rebellion, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

Junior - Direct male descendants under age 18 years of an eligible officer or of a brother or sister of any such eligible officer. Junior Companions cannot vote or hold office.

Associate - Male persons of the age 18 years or more who are not known to be eligible for Hereditary membership and who subscribe to the Preamble, Principles and Objects of the order and who have demonstrated a serious interest in the War of the Rebellion, and whose membership will advance the objects of the Order. Associates may vote and serve on committees, but may not hold office. Not all Commanderies provide for this particular membership category.

Honorary - Bestowed by the Commandery-in-Chief and Commanderies under the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

**For membership information, contact our Registrar, Bob Lynch,
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