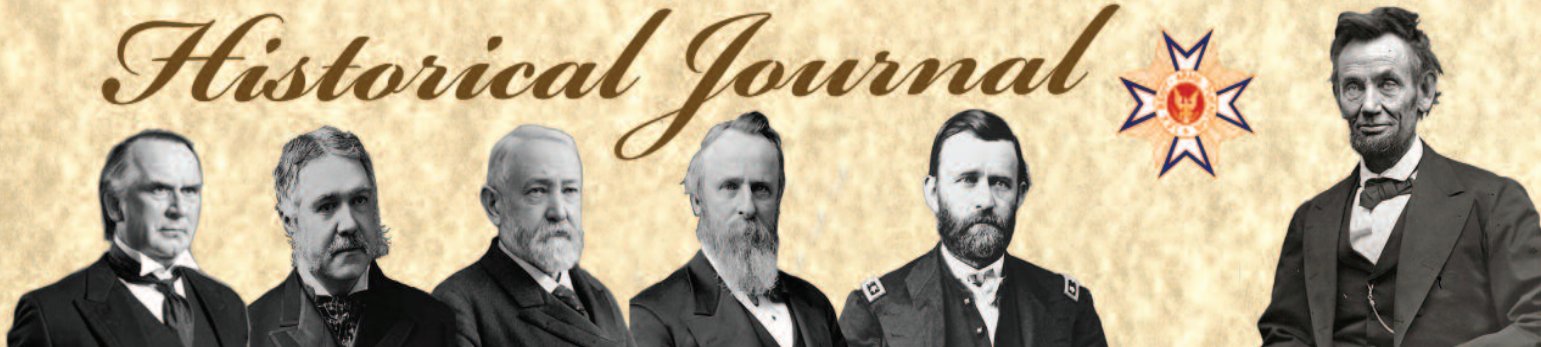


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*Not pictured: Peter Dixon*

## Lincoln Birthday Observance At The Lincoln Memorial - February 12, 2020

The unseasonably mild and dry weather provided for an atypical day in Washington, D.C. in February for the 211th observance of the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. Peter Arrott Dixon of the D.C. Commandery served as Master of Ceremonies for the event which featured the inaugural presentation of the Past Commander-in-Chief James Simmons History Award to Kaleb Jenkins of Lincoln Memorial University. Commander-in-Chief Joe Coleman had the honor of reading a letter of greetings and honors to President Lincoln from President Donald J. Trump. ✱



*DOLLUS members present: L-R Front Row: Cathy Harris, Ellen Higgins, Kathy Watson, Lynn Bury*

## Go To Meeting For Your Online Conference

MOLLUS has provided all Commanderies and DOLLUS with free access to Go To Meeting, an online video conferencing software package. Go To Meeting allows users to host a meeting and share with attendees who can not attend physically. For more information contact Lee Tryon at:

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## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Joseph T. Coleman, Ed.D.

Commander-In-Chief: 2020-2022



It is my honor as the 63rd Commander-in-Chief to bring greetings to you with the resumption of Volume 77, Number 1 of the Loyal Legion Historical Journal. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the publication was interrupted almost one year ago.

Please let me introduce you to our new editor, Companion and current Commander of the Michigan Commandery, Paul Davis. Paul brings with him many years and varied experiences in helping us resume publication. While there has been an interruption in publication, I have sent two lengthy communications in November and January to your state Commander to keep him, and hopefully you, up-to-date on the status of our Order.

As this is being written, we are also in the final stages of launching our new website. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank those who have provided guidance in this transition, most importantly, Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison. Keith is the

creator of the existing website and has been a tremendous assistance in transitioning our content to the new website.

Please look for us soon at: [www.loyallegion.org](http://www.loyallegion.org). While on the subject of communication, I want to encourage content contributions from all Companions. Please note the future submission publication deadlines and requirements in this edition. State Commandery news and photos are always welcome.

Please join me in welcoming our new Companions listed in this edition. We encourage their interest in our Order and future participation. In closing, I want to encourage your participation in some of our most treasured activities of recognition and fellowship. The Lincoln Death Day event in Springfield, Illinois is a must do for all Companions. See page 11 in this issue. Of course, the various Memorial Day events around the country are another way to show our patriotism. On October 16 -18, we will be holding our annual Congress in the birthplace of our Order. This is a marvelous event in a most historic venue - The Union League of Philadelphia. Full details will be published in the next edition of The Journal. ✱

Loyally,  
Joe Coleman

### Commandery Officer Lists

A reminder that all Commanderies are to supply a complete Roster of their Commandery Officers including all contact information: Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Number. This contact information will provide greater and more efficient communication between the individual Commanderies and the Commandery In Chief.

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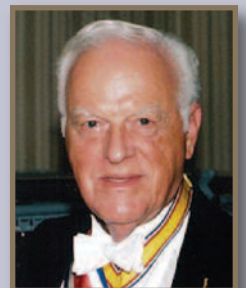
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# MOLLUS Archives At Carlisle Now Open to MOLLUS Members And The Public

by Edward Spannaus

Almost 700 boxes of MOLLUS archives that have been stored at the U.S. Army War College's Military History Institute at Carlisle PA for decades, are now open to MOLLUS members and others for research. Heretofore, these records – some of which have been at Carlisle for almost 40 years — were not accessible, and the very existence of some of them was not known to the current generation of Loyal Legion officers and members.

The decision to make these records available was made late last year by Mr. Geoffrey Mangelsdorf, the Director of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC). MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Joseph Coleman and Companion Edward Spannaus of the Special Committee on Loyal Legion History and Preservation, were informed of this in a meeting at AHEC in November. The only exception to the new policy would be for those records which are too fragile to be handled.



*AHEC Bound Volumes*

The major collections involved are:

**Commandery-in-Chief records** (265 boxes, 147.5 linear feet), dating from 1869, up to the 1990s. These consist of original correspondence files of the Commander-in-Chief, the Recorder-in-Chief (the legendary John Page Nicholson), and the Chancellor-in-Chief; minutes, financial records, circulars, events; membership applications, member biographies and service records, recommendations, votes, investigations, and rejections; rosters and registers; and C-in-C judicial rulings. Also of interest are the scrapbooks of MOLLUS-related newspaper clippings.

These records had previously been stored at the Civil War Library and Museum ("1805 Pine Street") in Philadelphia. In 1992, because of the lack of adequate safety and security conditions at Pine Street, the C-in-C records were transferred to the Military History Institute at Carlisle, in the expectation that the records would be indexed and

made available to the public – which for various reasons, including frequent leadership changes at Carlisle, never happened.

Additionally, there is a smaller quantity of C-in-C records (55 cartons) at the Union League in Philadelphia, which are very well organized and maintained.

**Massachusetts Commandery records** (396 boxes, 249.5 linear feet), ranging from 1861 to 1976. (The Massachusetts Commandery was founded in 1866; the records were transferred to Carlisle in the mid-1970s.) This collection includes membership reports, including applications and inquiries; correspondence; budgets; signatures of prominent Civil War leaders; circulars; minutes; miscellaneous publications and bound pamphlets; and scrapbooks. Of particular interest are three boxes of documents identified as unpublished War Papers delivered before various Commanderies. (Preliminary research shows that some of these were subsequently published; more research is needed on this.)

This voluminous collection of archival records is separate from two other collections from the Massachusetts Commandery which are also held at AHEC. These are:

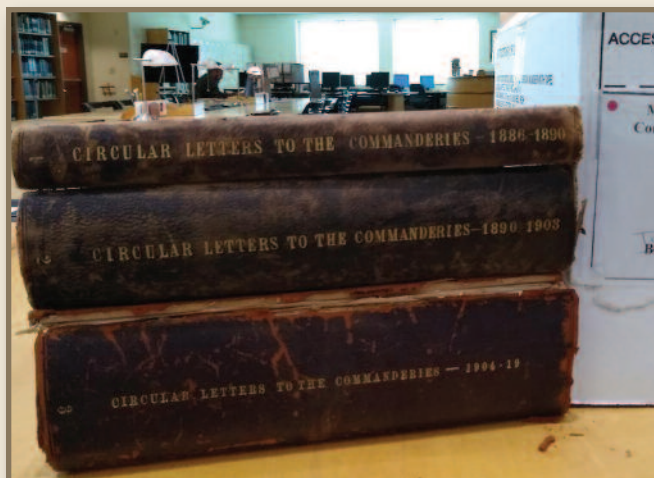
- (1) the famed Massachusetts MOLLUS Civil War Photograph Collection, shelved in 136 binders in the Reading Room at Ridgway Hall, and easily accessible to visitors and researchers on-site or on-line.
  - (2) Three-dimensional artifacts held at the Army Heritage Museum at Carlisle. Among notable items in this collection are: (a) the battle flag of the 11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, captured at Antietam by the 2nd Mass. Vol. Infantry, which LTC Wilder Dwight was displaying to his men when he was shot and mortally wounded; (b) The "MOLLUS Lintel," from Boston Headquarters of the Massachusetts Commandery; (c) a wood splinter from Libby Prison; and (d) The "Standing Lincoln," a copy by the same sculptor of the famed Lincoln statue in Chicago; this came from the Massachusetts Commandery. As well there are various weapons and parts, and hundreds of bullets, minie balls, etc. – only a few of which are on display.
- (Smaller quantities of Massachusetts Commandery records are maintained at Harvard and Boston Universities.)

**District of Columbia Commandery records** (29 boxes, 29 linear feet), dating from the founding of the Commandery in 1882 and earlier, up through the 1950s. This collection, transferred to the Military History Institute in 1980, includes membership records with biographical information and military service records; correspondence, meeting announcements and minutes; circulars; financial records; booklets, speeches, and articles; materials pertaining to dinners, events, and other ephemera (such as an invoice from John Philip Sousa for providing a quartet and an orchestra for a MOLLUS dinner in 1883). Additionally, there is a collection of 649 photographs of companions of the D.C. Commandery which has been publicly available for many years, and a few other items previously processed.

Vermont and California Commanderies: There are small quantities of records – one box each – of records from these Commanderies, for have archives in other repositories as well (the University of California, and the Sons of the Revolution Library, for California; and the University of Vermont and the Union League in Philadelphia, for Vermont).



*Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) Dig Project*



*Red Rot*

### **Five-year digitization project**

AHEC and the Military History Institute are now in the second year of a massive project to scan and digitize all records – documents and photographs – in the AHEC/MHI collection; this amounts to 27,000 linear feet of records. (By comparison, the unprocessed MOLLUS records make up about 427 linear feet.) In the first year of the project, six million images were scanned. The overall cost of the project, being financed by the United States Army, is estimated at \$30 million over five years.

The intention is to make every page of every document available to the public online, complete with “metadata” (identifying information, keywords, etc.) to facilitate searches. Typewritten or printed documents will be word-searchable online; it will take longer to make hand-written documents searchable online, since the technology for this is still being developed.

When the MOLLUS archives are online – anticipated to be within 3-4 years – this will be a tremendous boon to historians and researchers. Meanwhile, MOLLUS will be working with AHEC to try to find a way to begin organizing and indexing the MOLLUS collections, perhaps using college students or other available volunteers.

Any MOLLUS members wishing to examine the State Commandery or Commandery-in-Chief records at Carlisle should make an appointment with the reference desk at AHEC, 717-245-3949 or 3660. Commander-in-Chief Coleman, and Ed Spannaus of the Special Committee on History and Preservation, can also assist in locating specific records using the inventories provided by AHEC. ✱

*For previous reports on the search for the MOLLUS archives, see the Loyal Legion Historical Journal issues of Winter 2017, Spring 2018, and Summer 2018.*







## Lowell V. Hammer • Commander-in-Chief 1989 - 1991

### Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

On 21 October 1989 at the 104th Annual Congress in Fremont, Ohio, Lowell Varner Hammer was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. A native Pennsylvanian, Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer was born on 20 February 1928 in Ligonier, Pennsylvania near the site of Fort Ligonier, an important garrison during the French and Indian War. His parents were the Rev. John Domer Hammer and Edythe Lenore (Varner) Hammer. He was educated in the public schools of Ligonier, Greensburg, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania. From 1946 until June 1950 he attended the Pennsylvania State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Service. At Penn State, he was the High Gamma (secretary) of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity; Secretary/Treasurer of Pi Lambda Sigma, the pre-legal honorary; a member of Delta Sigma Pi, the commerce and finance professional fraternity; Vice President and President of the International Relations Club; and a member of the French Club.

With the outbreak of the Korean War in June 1950 when he received his college diploma, it was not long before Lowell Hammer found himself in the armed forces. He arrived at Fort Dix, New Jersey in October 1950 where he completed basic training and served as a non-commissioned trainer with the 9th Infantry Division before attending Leadership School after which he attended Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After receiving his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in March 1952, he served with the 933rd Field Artillery Battalion of the 31st Infantry Division at Camp Atterbury, Indiana until September 1952 when he received orders transferring him to the Far East Command where he served with the 63rd FABn of the 24th Infantry Division. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he returned to the U.S. where he was released from active duty at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on 10 Sept. 1953.

Returning to the academic world after his military service, Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, which was then administered by Tufts and Harvard Universities, where he received his Master of Arts degree in June 1954. In August of that same year, he moved to Washington, D.C. to begin what was to become a long career in the U.S. Government. During his career of over forty years with the Federal Government, he served as an officer in Executive Branch agencies and departments working primarily in intelligence and international security affairs. In addition to being posted in African and European countries, he traveled extensively in those areas. After retiring in January 1985, he was requested to return to government service where he continued to serve as a consultant for almost another ten years. While working for the government, he lived in Washington, D.C.; Arlington and Alexandria, VA; Potomac, MD; and Williamsburg, VA.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer is married to Elizabeth "Betsy" Carter (Bowers) Hammer who is a Past National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America. Their daughter, Sarah Haberl, and one of three granddaughters are members of the Dames. A son, Carter Hammer, and two grandsons are Companions in the D.C. Commandery. Another son, Christopher Hammer who died of a brain tumor in 2005, was also a Companion in the D.C. Commandery. After giving up his consulting work in Washington, Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer and Betsy moved to Florida in the fall of 1997 where they lived until 2006 when they moved to College Station, Texas to be near their daughter and family. A genealogist by avocation, he published a 706 page Hammer family history/genealogy book in 1999.

Having a grandfather, several grand uncles, two great grandfathers and many cousins several times removed who served in the Union Army during the Civil War, Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer has always had an avid interest in this period of American history. Before completing his term of office as Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion, he was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in August 1991. Although Gen. U.S. Grant III and Companions Rick Bury and Keith Harrison have served as Commander-in-Chief of both MOLLUS and the SUVCW at different times, Lowell is the only one to serve as Commander-in-Chief of both organizations at the same time, albeit for a relatively brief period. While serving as Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS and the SUVCW, he was a member of the Advisory Board of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He served also as Chairman of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee - the group which sponsors the annual ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial every February 12th. Additionally, he served as an Associate Chairman of the Lincoln Commission at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church "the Lincoln Church" which held a special program at the church every February on the weekend

closest to Lincoln's birthday. Other Civil War and Lincoln related activities included membership in the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia and the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. In the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the uniformed military component of the SUVCW, he rose to the rank of Colonel and served at different times as D.C. Liaison Officer, Public Relations Officer, and Inspector General.

In addition to his participation in the Civil War related societies and organizations, Lowell took an active part in many other hereditary societies, veterans organizations, historical and genealogical societies, chivalric orders, and patriotic societies. He served as President of the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, President of the Sons of the Revolution in D.C., Commander of the D.C. Commandery of the Military Order of the Foreign Wars of the U.S., Governor of the D.C. Branch of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; Deputy Governor of the Honorable John Randolph Chapter of the Hereditary Order of Loyalists and Patriots; Sr. Vice Commander of the D.C. Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars; Captain General of the Sons of the American Colonists; Treasurer and Inspector of the St. King Charles the Martyr Priory of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. He has held other offices and served on committees in a number of other societies and organizations. Having served as the National head of two recognized hereditary societies, he is a member of the National Gavel Society. Lowell is also a member of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired (DACOR), the DACOR Bacon House, and the Army and Navy Club. ✱



### The Reverend Richard O. Partington

Reverend Richard O. Partington passed away on December 8, 2019 at the age of 97. He was a MOLLUS Companion and a member of the SUVCW. Companion Partington was a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, A194.

Brother Partington's Membership in the SUVCW dates to July 2, 1938 (81 years, Life Member Number 208). He was a Member of the Anna M. Ross Camp Number 1 of Philadelphia. In that time, he served in numerous Camp, Department and National offices. He was elected SUVCW Commander-in-Chief at the 1987, 106th National Encampment, Buffalo, NY.

Brother Partington was a lifelong, active Member of the SUVCW and SVR. He attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg in 1938 and joined the Philadelphia Camp Number 200 that same year. He attended his first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW in 1939 at Pittsburgh, PA. He has served on the Board of Directors and as a member of many other community organizations including the F&AM, the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Union League of Philadelphia.

Companion Partington was a graduate of Temple University, holding a BA, STB and STNM degrees. He retired in 1984, at age 62, as Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church that was organized and built under his leadership. He was married to the late Shirley (nee Thomas) Partington and is survived by S. Lynn Partington and Richard O. Partington, Jr as well as two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services and interment were private. ✱



#### The Commander-In-Chief Wants Your Opinion !

At various times, the topic of MOLLUS Grave Markers has come up.

Is there any interest in pursuing the creation of a MOLLUS Grave Marker?

Please respond to Commander In Chief Coleman with your comments at:

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



## Hereditary Companions

**John Michael Crum, 22765, CA**

*LT Lindsey Layne, Co. G, 39th Kentucky Infantry*

**John Walter Lyons, 22766, CA**

*Surgeon John Michael Daniel, 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry*

**Samuel Alger Milliken, Jr., 22767, NY**

*Capt. Leander H. Kuhn, Co. D, 1st Potomac Home Brigade Infantry*

**Rudolph Jacob Milliken, 22768, FL**

*Capt. Leander H. Kuhn, Co. D, 1st Potomac Home Brigade Infantry*

**Roland Wilber Charles III, 22769, MA**

*Capt. Ezra Wescote, Co. A, 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry*

**Donald Terry MacLeod Jr., 22770, NY**

*Capt. John Darling Terry, 35th USCT (MOH) Co. E, 23rd Mass. Infantry*

**Jason Andre Fite, 22771, VA**

*1st LT John Cantrell Fite, Co B, 6th Illinois, Cavalry*

**Thomas King Kistler, 22772, PA**

*1st LT Silas Warwick Hare, Co. L, 14th West Virginia Volunteers*

**Matthew Stephen Whisman, 22773, PA**

*Capt. Henry Mack Bennett, Co. E, 12th Kentucky Cavalry*

**Edward Richard McCarrick, 22774, NY**

*1st LT George Washington Gaynor, Co F & G 95th NY Infantry*

**Joseph Downie Moore, 22775, PA**

*Capt. Joseph A. Moore, Co. D, 107th PA Vol. Infantry*

**Richard Roy Stanley, 22776, OH**

*Capt. Hiram J. Stanley, 3rd MO, Cavalry*

**Kent Charles Boese, 22777, DC**

*1st LT Lafayette Taber, Co. F, 147th Ohio Volunteer Infantry*

**Robert Alvin Crum, 22778, VA**

*Capt. Robert E. Haggard, Co. F, 61st Illinois Infantry*

**David J. Meinhart, 22779, PA**

*Lt. Colonel Thomas H. Craig, 84th PA Infantry*

**Bradley Dean Slauson, 22780, IA**

*Asst. Surgeon, Stephen Cummings, 4th Iowa Cavalry*

**John Paul Borah, 22781, DC**

*Capt. Jacob Borah, Co. D, 78th Illinois Infantry*

**Roger Culver Whiting, 22782, MA**

*1st LT Aaron Francis Walcott, 3rd Ind. Battery, MA, Light Artillery*

**Powell Stackhouse Thomas, Jr., 22783, PA**

*Major Powell Stackhouse, 198th PA Vol. Infantry*

**Jared James Nathan, 22784, PA**

*1st LT. Eli Arnold, Co. A, 47th Indiana Infantry*

## Associate Companions

**Adam Paige Hess, A324, NY**

**Darwin Finley Duval Concon, A325, FL**

**Steven Harry Steinberg, A326, CA**

**John Richard Sherman, A327, MA**

**Robert Samuel Edmunds, A328, MA**

**Dexter Arnold Bishop, A329, MA**

**Perry Wayne Cleaveland, A330, PA**

**Mathew Paul Siegel, A331, PA**

**Robert Vincent Collins, A332, MA**

**Wayne Frederick Wehrheim, A333, MI**





## Charles Safford: MOLLUS Insignia 7395

Safford was a Major via Brevet in the 5th Michigan Cavalry. He was unmarried and had no children. He stated on the opening page of his diary/collection that he hoped that his collection would “preserve for a time records and documents so associated with my service during the struggle for the Union, that I wished to preserve it.”

Charles H. Safford was born on March 10, 1838 in Lockport, New York. We don't know a lot about Charles H. Safford except for what he wrote about his experiences during the Civil War. We do know he was a 24 year-old residing in Detroit, Michigan with his father, a brother who died before him and one sister named Lucretia Safford of Detroit who survived him and was mentioned in a letter to the Adjutant General of The State of Michigan written on April 16, 1915. It is not believed that Charles Safford had any children.

Two nieces were mentioned in a February 3, 1925 letter to S. H. Towler, Commandant of The Minnesota Soldier's Home in Minneapolis, Minnesota where Safford was living later in life. According to the text of the letter, Towler stated that he could not find any relatives of Safford with the exception of the two nieces, one of which was living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Towler stated that there seemed to “have been a little estrangement.”

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

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

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

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

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

Safford was involved in veteran's affairs and was likely a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.). His diary collection includes an invitation to the 13th annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, held in Detroit on June 14th and 15th, 1882. Charles Safford was also a Companion of the Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States Insignia #7395.



Robert Wallace was a close personal friend of Charles Safford. Wallace also served in the 5th Michigan Cavalry. Like Safford, Robert Wallace was also a Companion of the Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States Insignia #3927.

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

*Safford's Winter Quarters 1863 to 1864. Left to Right: Crawley Dake, Benjamin Axtell, Horace Dodge, Charles Safford (Standing), Robert Wallace and Walter Stevenson*





*MOLLUS at Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade*



*PA Commandery at the General Gordon Meade Grave Site*



*MOLLUS and DOLLUS Attendees For Gettysburg Remembrance Day*



*Jan Davis, DOLLUS, Jim Crane, MOLLUS-Ohio, and Paul Davis, MOLLUS-Michigan. Honoring their g-g grandfathers from the 5th Michigan Infantry who fought together on the Stony Hill at Gettysburg.*



*Pennsylvania Commandery Lincoln Birthday Dinner*



*Attendees at the Pennsylvania Commandery Lincoln Birthday Dinner*



# ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY - APRIL 19, 2020



All are invited to participate in the 64th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 155th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$105.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 27, 2020.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

**Wreaths** may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 18th.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk to be determined. Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site ([suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org)) or contact Robert Petrovic at: [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567.

For Military Parade Information, please contact: Thomas J. Brown, 4th Military Dist. SVR 5025 N. 105th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53225. Phone: 414-462-0492, Email: [tibcarver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tibcarver@sbcglobal.net)

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## Virginia Commandery Presents Six ROTC Medals of Honor



*Companion John S. Moore and Cadet Lane Harwell*

The Virginia Commandery took pride in awarding six Medals of Merit in 2019, along with certificates and copies of Union Blue, to cadets at four ROTC battalions in Virginia and Tennessee.

Companion John S. Moore presented the Medal on April 13 to Cadet Lane Harwell at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga "Mocs Battalion." Cadet Harwell, from Ringgold, Georgia, was a senior and served as the Battalion's Command Sergeant Major.

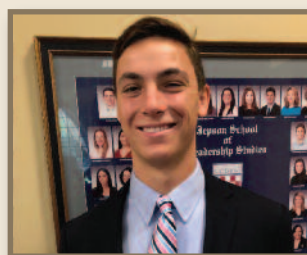
Two sophomore cadets of the "Spider Battalion", Sunmbal Rose Shahid of Virginia Commonwealth University, and Joseph Walton of the University of Richmond, received their medals from Past Commander-in-Chief Jeffry Burden on 9 April.

Cadets Luis Figueroa and Jared R. Decker of the "Revolutionary Guards" joint Army ROTC Battalion received their awards at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia on 24 April.

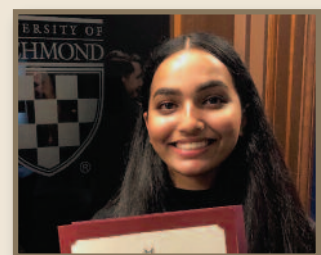
The Commandery is pleased to support these future officers as they enter into their military careers.



*Cadet Diamond Webb*



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