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Preview of 122nd Annual Congress

By Jeffrey Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief

Annapolis, Maryland—the home of the United States Naval Academy—will welcome Companions and Dames of MOLLUS and DOLLUS when it hosts the 122nd Annual Congress of the Loyal Legion, September 21-23, 2007.

In addition to enjoying this historic



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and beautiful capital city, members of the Legion and the Dames, and their guests, will be able to participate in an exciting special event—the Naval History Symposium, sponsored by the Department of History at the U.S.N.A.

The Symposium (which requires separate registration—see the form following) runs from Thursday, 20 September through Saturday morning, 22 September on the grounds of the Academy. It will cover a wide range of topics related to military history—including a panel discussion led by Loyal Legion members about Academy graduates who became members of the Legion. Among those honored names are Admirals **David Farragut**,

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Major General Charles Devens: Civil War Hero

By Marston Watson, Editor-in-Chief

Charles Devens, Jr. was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts on 4 April 1820, the son of **Charles Devens** (1791-1876) and **Mary Lithgow**. Devens' distinguished ancestry includes his great-grandfather **Richard Devens** (1721-1807), a prominent citizen of Charlestown and a Commissary General in the Revolutionary War from 1776-1782. Richard was a member of the Committee of Safety with John Hancock and other patriots. His residence was opposite the head of his wharf, near the spot where he furnished Paul Revere with a horse from Deacon Larkin's barn just before Revere made his famous ride to Lexington and Concord on 18 April 1775.

General Devens received his early education at the Boston Latin School before entering Harvard College, where he graduated in 1838. He studied at Harvard Law School and continued his law studies in the office of Hubbard & Watts until he was admitted to the bar in 1841. He practiced first in Northfield, then Greenfield and finally Worcester, Massachusetts in partnership with George R. Hoar and J. Henry Hill.

Devens became interested in military matters and was steadily promoted in the state militia until he reached the rank of brigadier general. When President **Abraham Lincoln** called for 75,000 volunteers, General Devens immediately turned his affairs to another lawyer and departed for the front on April 20, 1861,



Jay Adrian, Union Club of Boston

Major General Charles Devens

at the beginning of the Civil War. He was struck by a bullet on July 24, 1861 at Balls' Bluff that would have pierced his heart had it not struck a metallic button.

Devens was made a brigadier general of volunteers on April 15, 1862 and saw action in the Peninsula Campaign. His horse was shot under him at the battle of Antietam in 1862. He was highly complimented by his division commander for gallantry at Fredericksburg in 1862, and was seriously wounded while in command of a division at Chancellorsville in 1863. In 1864, he was assigned to Major General W. J. Smith's 11th Army Corps at his request, and commanded a division at Cold Harbor. General Devens was commissioned major-general in April, 1856 by brevet, for gallantry and good conduct at the capture of Richmond. He mustered out at his own request in June, 1866. The entire congressional delegation from Massachusetts signed

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Commander-in-Chief's Message

This time last year I was writing about the cancellation of the ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial due to a snow storm. This year we had fine weather and a successful celebration – two days before the “Valentine’s Day Snowstorm” shut down the East Coast. Our Mid-Winter Meeting was held at the Channel Inn, and the officers and committee chairman reported on the good works of our Order. There are two particular items I would like to highlight, and these are our annual commemorations of President Lincoln’s birthday and death day.

In 1922 President **Warren G. Harding**, being well familiar with the Loyal Legion and our mission, asked us to arrange a ceremony for the Dedication of the recently completed Lincoln Memorial. Our Commander-in-Chief then was Lieutenant General **Nelson Miles**, the first Chief of Staff of the Army. He worked with other members of the Loyal Legion to present an impressive dedication on Memorial Day, May 30, 1922. The attendance was estimated at 50,000, and included President Harding, Chief Justice of the United States and former President **William Howard Taft**, and the only surviving son of President Lincoln, **Robert Todd Lincoln**.

Inspired by this dedication ceremony, the members of the Loyal Legion began to sponsor an annual ceremony at the Memorial on President Lincoln’s birthday, beginning in 1923. The 200th birthday of President Lincoln is in 2009, and the congressionally chartered Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) has been planning events to celebrate this milestone. One of the concerns of your officers has been to assure that the Loyal Legion would have a prominent role at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12, 2009. Chancellor Jeffrey C. Burden has spent the last couple of years making sure that the ALBC understands the history and purpose of the Loyal Legion, and our role at the Lincoln Memorial. Jeffrey and I had the opportunity to meet with the Executive Director and the Program Director of the ALBC in early March, and at the end of the meeting were assured that the Loyal Legion will continue in our traditional role, and that the ALBC is willing to provide any necessary support to enhance the event. Jeffrey’s hard work has indeed paid off.

The Loyal Legion also participates in the annual commemoration of the death of President Lincoln. This is an event long associated with our companion, **Thomas L.W. Johnson**, who died early in 2005. Without his leadership, the focus of this event had blurred over the last few years. Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief **Keith G. Harrison** has worked with representatives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, particularly SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, **James B. Pahl**, to reinvigorate this commemoration. Although I am writing this before the commemoration on Saturday, April 14th jointly organized by MOLLUS and the SUVCW, I have



Kathy Watson

Benjamin C. Frick, Commander-in-Chief

every confidence that this will be a success. We will continue this joint sponsorship in future years on the Saturday closest to April 15th. I extend my appreciation to Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Harrison, and to Past Commander-in-Chief **Gordon R. Bury** for all of their efforts on this event.

Returning to our Mid-Winter Meeting, I would like to thank the District of Columbia Commandery and Commander **George E. Walton** for another successful year hosting the meeting and the annual dinner. This endeavor is much like hosting an Annual Congress, and we appreciate the efforts of the companions of the D.C. Commandery each February.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, the weather cooperated this year for the ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. It was chilly inside the marble memorial, but the space heaters were able to thaw the Air Force Ceremonial Brass Band. **Peter Arrott Dixon** served again as Master of Ceremonies in his usual graceful style. We were pleased to have Chaplain of the U. S. House of Representatives The Reverend **Daniel P. Coughlin**, Secretary of the Interior **Dirk Kempthorne**, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy **William A. Navas, Jr.** on the dais.

In the message from President **George W. Bush** that was read as part of the ceremony, he said, “In Abraham Lincoln, the American people elected as their President perhaps the only man who could preserve our unity and assure our future as a great Nation.” The companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion are proud to continue an 84-year tradition of celebrating the birthday of our 16th President, and taking the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to fostering the ideals of Abraham Lincoln.

I look forward to seeing you at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in September for the 122nd Annual Congress.

Benjamin C. Frick
Commander-in-Chief



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El Cerrito, California**Welcome New Companions**

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since December 2006. The Commander-in-Chief extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Jeffrey C. Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief

Companions	Insignia No.	Commandery
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Hereditary Companions

Jon Nicholas Austin	22456	Ohio
Stephen Edward Cunningham	22457	Pennsylvania

Associate Companions

Ryan Bradford Weddle	A216	New York
Todd Alan Shillington	A217	New York
Neal Hanlon	A218	Virginia
John M. Hart, Jr.	A219	Pennsylvania

Hereditary Membership Program

Our Hereditary Membership Program is in effect each fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. Here are the rules that apply to this program. Recruit a minimum of three (3) new Hereditary Companions and you will be rewarded with a Lincoln MOLLUS Certificate of Appreciation for meritorious service and a Lincoln Membership Medal of Honor presented by our current Commander-in-Chief. These two prestigious awards will be presented to you at our annual National Congress, the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C. or at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. If you are unable to attend one of these three major functions, arrangements may be made to mail the certificate and medal to your home. This program is the lifeblood of our historic Military Order and will ensure our noble existence for countless generations to come.

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.

MOLLUS WEBSITE

Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!

<http://www.suvew.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

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a recommendation that he be retained in the reorganization of the regular army, but General Devens insisted on returning to the practice of his law profession.

It was during the Civil War that General Devens became one of 503 military and other prominent men who founded The Union Club of Boston in 1863. Only eighty-two of these distinguished men are remembered in the *Dictionary of American Biography*. The other 421 men, according to the Union Club history, “did a great deal more for serious causes than sign the Constitution and pay their dues.” Also, General Devens was an original member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (insignia #863, Mass. Commandery), which was founded in 1865 at The Union League of Philadelphia.

Governor **Alexander Hamilton Bullock** (1816-1882) appointed General Devens a justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court in 1867. He was chosen national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic to succeed General **Ambrose Burnside**. He has served as commander of the Loyal Legion of Massachusetts and the societies of the armies of the Potomac, of the James and of the 6th Army Corps.

Devens was appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in 1873 by Governor **William Barrett Washburn** (1820-1887) and afterwards served as Attorney General of the United States during the administration of **Rutherford B. Hayes** (1877-1881), 19th President of the United States. Governor **John Davis Long** (1838-1915) reappointed Judge Charles Devens to the Supreme Judicial Court at the expiration of Hayes’ term, where he served until his death in 1891.

Judge Charles Devens died from cardiac failure at his residence on 12 Ashburton Place, Boston on January 7, 1891 and is buried at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. He never married and left no issue.

His obituary in the *Boston Globe* reported that “During his term as

marshal he [Devens] executed the process for remanding Thomas Sims, a fugitive slave, to the control of those who claimed ownership in him. Although this was in discharge of what Mr. Devens considered to be his imperative duty, he strove afterwards to make amends for the act by buying the freedom of Sims. He wrote to Mrs. Lydia Maria Childs, who was collecting funds for the purpose, offering to defray the whole expense himself. The coming of the war put an end to the project. Sims was afterwards aided by Mr. Devens, and finally appointed to a department position, while Gen. Devens was attorney-general under President Hayes.”

Fort Devens, Massachusetts was named for Brevet Major General Charles Devens. It first came into existence in September 1917, as a temporary cantonment arising out of preparations for World War I and was opened as a reception center for World War I selectees. It processed over 100,000 men from the New England area into the army. Two divisions (76th and 12th) were trained during the war at Devens. After the war, over 150,000 men processed out through the gates of Devens to return home.

Devens was declared a permanent installation in 1931 and given the name Fort Devens in 1932. It was then the home of the 3rd Battalion, 66th Infantry (Light Tanks). With the outbreak of World War II, a \$25 million building program began and an airfield was constructed. During the war three divisions (1st, 32nd and 45th) trained here. A Prisoner of War Camp for German and Italian prisoners was in operation from 1944 to 1946. Fort Devens was again reduced to caretaker status after the war until it was reactivated in 1948 as a reception center for the Korean Conflict and later as the Army Security Agency Training Center. Fort Devens officially closed as an active Regular Army installation on March 31, 1996, ending nearly 80 years of service to its country and its people.

A statue of General Charles Devens, astride a horse, was unveiled on July

4, 1906 by sculptor **Daniel Chester French** in front of the Worcester Court. A large bronze statue by sculptor **Olin L. Warner** was erected to General Devens’ memory on the grounds of the Old State House in Boston.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts saw fit to rehabilitate the central courthouses, namely the Supreme Judicial Court, the Court of Appeals and local courts. The main structure at Boston’s Pemberton Square was renovated and renamed John Adams Courthouse, which was rededicated on March 31, 2005. A number of national, state and city officials attended this event.



Former Commander-in-Chief Lenahan O’Connell with Fred Stevens

Included in this renovation was an old plaque honoring General Charles Devens, which was badly in need of cleaning and restoration. This plaque was a gift of the “State of Massachusetts of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.” Former Commander-in-Chief **Lenahan O’Connell** arranged with **Fred Stevens**, Commander of



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The Last Camp

Submitted by Bruce Butgereit, Recorder, Michigan Commandery

The following poem was shared with **Bruce Butgereit** by Mrs. **Marjorie Schultz** of Bloomfield, Michigan, who had been given his name as one interested in things relating to the Civil War and veterans. It was written over the course of twenty-two years by her grandfather **James Westly Benedict**. The first nine stanzas were written in 1872 and the final four stanzas on May 30, 1894.

The Last Camp

We have met in the camp where our heroes are resting,
Who stood by that flag that floats o'er their graves.
Though their faces are hid we shall never forget them,
Nor our voices keep silent in accents of praise.

How ready and willing when the nation was calling,
They put on armor, the union to save.
Through the storm clouds of fire, that round them were raging,
They fought, bled, and died, 'neath our flag that still waves.

Their deeds so heroic, in effulgence are shining,
To their names all immortal, pure homage we bring.
In tokens of honor, we have gathered together,
To strew o'er their graves the flowers of Spring.

No power on earth can awake them to battle,
They have conquered through death the greatest of foes.
They will suffer no more from earth's trials and conflicts,
In these graves they are taking the final repose.

Here victory and peace in silence commingles,
Here beauty and fragrance doth richly abound.
Here! Here! Lie the martyrs who will ne'er be forgotten,
In these dark lonely cells 'neath these grass covered mounds.

Go cover their tombs with the sweetest of flowers,
Come sing o'er these loved ones. Your requiems low.
May we feel in our hearts pure gratitude flowing,
For those heroes who died with their face to the foe.

How many in prison under vandal oppression,
Found death by starvation, their only relief.
We can freely forgive; but never forget them,
Who cruelty doubled our burden of grief.

Aye! Well can America boast of her freedom,
Unequaled in liberty, wealth, and renown.
She was bought with a price that equals her value,
It's the lives of our heroes in the graves we stand 'round.

May peace like the Sun, shine over our nation,
And hope and prosperity, lighten the gloom.
'Till the glorious reunion in the eternal Kingdom,
Where we shall awake from earth's sorrowing tomb.

The years have fled like a bird on the wing,
And our comrades grown aged, and gray.
They are fast passing over to join the dead heroes,
Where no one can tell the Blue from the Gray.

The once mighty army's great chieftains departed!
Together with many, as true and as brave.
Our memory still clings to their names and their Glory,
Tho absent they speak to us now from the grave.

Fraternity sounds the glad word of reunion,
And comrades, great comrades like brothers again.
God bless the grand army of this might nation,
True patriots, staunch heroes, and bravest of men.

Leave a place in your hearts, young men of our nation,
For these loyal old comrades, who are meeting today.
They will soon cross the river to join the great Army,
Where suffering and trials have all passed away.

James Benedict was born in 1847 in Middletown, Connecticut. He married **Martha Killmaster** in 1874 at Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada in St. John's Church. He opened the first wholesale grocery store on the northwest corner of Pine and Military Streets in Port Huron in 1874 and closed it in 1901. The original copy of this poem was written on the back of stationary used by James in his grocery store and was bound together by a yellow ribbon.

James and Martha had three children. His grandson William (Marjorie's half-brother) remembers his grandfather as an authoritarian figure, who could blow smoke rings that were a joy to behold. He pointed them at a 30-degree angle to the floor. They sort of wobbled and then finally broke on the floor. He smoked White Owl cigars which his grandsons would purloin on occasion.

Although James never served in the Civil War; he shows his understanding of the sacrifices made by those who did and his appreciation for their accomplishments. He had a sense that he was just a regular man with a patriotic spirit. This poem could have been read at any Decoration Day ceremony across the nation as a fitting memory of those who wore the blue uniform.



Major General Charles Devens from page 4
the Massachusetts Commandery, to have their picture taken in front of this plaque. Companion O'Connell stated with obvious pride, "Now that it is cleaned, the Loyal Legion will have some record of the existence of the plaque and notify the membership."

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[Historical Note: Marston Watson's 3rd great-grandfather is **Richard Devens** (1784-1847), husband of Jane Caroline Lithgow, whose sister Mary was married to Richard's brother **Charles Devens, Sr.** (1791-1876). Major General Charles Devens, Jr., is Marston's first cousin, four times removed. Watson's father, **Joseph Daly Watson** (1915-2005), was an inductee at Fort Devens in 1944 prior to his active participation at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.]

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Bancroft Gherardi, and **Louis Kempff** (the latter two of whom became commanders-in-chief of the Legion).

The Symposium fee covers not only the Symposium sessions, but a Thursday night reception, and a Friday banquet (which will take the place of a MOLLUS/DOLLUS dinner event that night.) You must be independently registered for the Symposium to attend those two social events. Please use the separate Legion registration form to indicate attendance at the various MOLLUS/DOLLUS events, and to accompany the fees and costs associated with them.

The Annapolis Doubletree Hotel is the headquarters hotel for both the Congress and the Symposium. Besides offering first-class accommodations, the hotel will run a free shuttle to the Academy for Doubletree guests who are also registered for the Symposium. See the Loyal Legion registration form for more details on hotel availability, including reservation phone numbers and cut-off dates.

Companions and Dames will hold their meetings on Saturday afternoon at the Doubletree, before adjourning to the annual Loyal Legion reception and banquet.

The Congress and Symposium will be a unique opportunity to experience the character and attractions of the one of the world's great military landmarks, while enjoying the company of your fellow Companions and Dames. Please note that 22 and 23 September will be a Navy football weekend in Annapolis — so make your hotel reservations early!



Abraham Lincoln quote on preserving the Union:

"If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that."

(Letter to Horace Greeley, August 1862)

COMMANDERY NEWS

Missouri Commandery

General William Tecumseh Sherman Birthday Ceremonies, St. Louis February 28, 2007

It was a bitterly cold blustery day but over sixty braved the elements to help honor Sherman's life at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, the final resting place of himself and his family. The Billy Yank/William T. Sherman Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp did an excellent job of conducting the ceremony as they always do. Companions participating in this event included Charlie Funk and wife Ruth (DOLLUS), Jack Grothe, Doug

Niermeyer and Vernon von der Heydt from the Missouri Commandery and Bob Chesnut of the Illinois Commandery.

A parade of about forty re-enactors marched in formation from the front gate to the gravesite.

Wreathes were placed by hereditary organizations including one for the Commander-in-Chief by Past CiC Niermeyer and one for the Missouri Commandery by Senior Vice Commander Funk. Several condensed speeches were given and then closed by salutes by rifle and by cannon. A fellowship dinner followed afterwards.

*Douglas Niermeyer, Recorder
Past Commander-in-Chief*



Parade of re-enactors marching in formation from the front gate to the gravesite of General William Tecumseh Sherman.

Douglas Niermeyer

Wisconsin Commandery

LTC Thomas P. Curtis II, Former Commander

It has been customary for companions of the Wisconsin Commandery to meet for its Annual Meeting at the end of each year, at the beautiful Women's Club of Wisconsin in downtown Milwaukee. The event had to be cancelled this year because of a major snow storm (about a foot of the white stuff) and postponed until January 5, 2007. This day proved to be a fine one for traveling and the companions met for an excellent luncheon at the same venue. One of the actions taken by the members included continued support for the Old Soldiers Home and Chapel (originally established by Lincoln), in its ongoing battle to save the buildings from the bulldozer.

Nominations for 2007-08 officers were presented and Robert A. Meyer was elected the new commander. Other companions elected were Robert O. Meyer, Sr. Vice-Commander, Truman Farris, Jr. Vice-Commander and Charles Beckford, Recorder, along with James S. Reeve, Treasurer, James A. Meyer, Chancellor,

Outgoing commander, Thomas P. Curtis, concluded the afternoon activities with a brief talk on the Gettysburg Addresses, giving a rendition of both a bit of Edward Everett's two-hour presentation and then the whole of Lincoln's "remarks," along with some observations of his own.



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At the Lincoln Day Ceremony, official wreaths were presented, including wreaths of the President, Secretary of the Interior, Mayor of the District of Columbia, the LBNCC and wreaths of 18 Civil Service related societies. Pictured above is the MOLLUS wreath placed by Commander-in-Chief, Benjamin C. Frick, Esq.

Lincoln Birthday Events

By Peter A. Dixon, LBNCC Chairman

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Annual Lincoln Birthday dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. on Sunday evening, February 11, 2007. Guest of honor and speaker was **Steven L. Carson**, Chairman of the White House Conference on Presidential Children. He is Past President of the Lincoln Group of Washington, D. C., an international lecturer and Lincoln scholar. The subject of his presentation was *The Trial, Execution, Burial and Exhumation of the Lincoln Assassination Conspirators*.



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Steven L. Carson, Chairman of the White House Conference on Presidential Children

Presiding at the dinner was **George E. Walton**, Commander of the DC Commandery. A United States Armed Forces Color Guard presented the colors, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and lead by Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, **Keith G. Harrison**. The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. **Christopher M. Agnew**, Chaplain-in-Chief. Approximately 75 members and guests attended, including Major General **Guy Swan**, Commanding General, Military District of Washington.

The traditional birthday memorial service in honor of President Abraham Lincoln was held on Monday, February 12 at 11:45 am. Presiding at the ceremony was Past DC Commander, **Peter Arrott Dixon**, Chairman of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. Following the presentation of the colors and the National anthem, the invocation was given by the Reverend

Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain of the U. S. House of Representatives. Greetings were given by the Honorable **Kirk Kempthorne**, Secretary of the Interior, following which the traditional letter from the President of the United States was read by **Benjamin C. Frick, Esq.**, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS.

The Gettysburg Address was read by the Honorable **William A. Navas, Jr.**, Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The Frederick Talley Drum Hunt History Award given by the District of Columbia Commandery, was presented to **Abigail Duvall**, senior at the Severn School, Severna Park, Maryland. Commander-in-Chief Frick made the presentation.



Kathy Watson

Abigail Duvall, recipient Frederick Talley Drum History Award

The Lincoln Day Ceremony was followed by the presentation of the official wreaths, including wreaths of the President, Secretary of the Interior, Mayor of the District of Columbia, the LBNCC and wreaths of 18 Civil Service related societies. These included the Loyal Legion, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Dames of the Loyal Legion. Excellent musical support was provided by the United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass.

The Lincoln Birthday Committee hosted the traditional luncheon at the Channel Inn after the ceremony. LBNCC Chairman, Peter Arrott Dixon, presided at this luncheon where the invocation was given by the Reverend Dr. Christopher Agnew. Special guests were recognized, including many Civil War society heads, Hon. **Jerome**

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Membership Campaign

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By Karl F. Schaeffer, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We are a very fortunate military order that has been alive and well for the past one hundred and forty-one years. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion honors our beloved 16th United States President, whose untimely death on April 15, 1865 will be remembered for eternity. Our Order was created in mind and soul on that dreadful day and shortly thereafter it came to pass. The memory of Abraham Lincoln has stirred our great country and because of that and what he stood for, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion became what it is today and for evermore.

The most important act that a MOLLUS hereditary companion can perform is to become a part time recruiter for the army of Abraham Lincoln. All you need is the necessary forms and then you could be on your way to building Lincoln's loyal and devoted MOLLUS Corps. Your commandery registrars will provide you with the necessary forms.

The best technique is to enlist your sons, grandsons, cousins,

uncles and other eligible hereditary family, friends and acquaintances.

One of the most famous questions to ask, "Do you have a family member, such as your great-grandfather or great-granduncle, who served in the Union forces in the Civil War (1861-1865), who was a Union officer, second lieutenants and up in rank, a chaplain, a surgeon or assistant surgeon?" You will be amazed how many people will enlist in the MOLLUS when you show or give a prospective member a Prominent Companions booklet which lists some of the great Americans who fought and died in the deadliest war in the history of our great country. If you need some of the Prominent Companion booklets, e-mail or call our Recorder-in-Chief, Captain **John Kent Kane, II**, USCGA, e-mail: jkk28@coxnet, phone: (757) 898-6953. Contact your commandery recorder first to check to see if he has some inventory of the booklets.

The second best news is you can qualify for two awards when you enlist three (3) new hereditary members. This article will lead you in the right direction to enlist new hereditary companions.

An additional program has been approved to be a permanent part of

our "Enlistment Program," which will utilize all of our "Associate members" as recruiters of new Hereditary members. This will increase our new hereditary membership greatly, now and in future years and will enhance our morale, productivity, relationship and future of our historic Military Order.

Our Associate members will be rewarded for enlisting new Hereditary members on the same basis as our Hereditary Companions. When an Associate member recruits three new Hereditary Companions, he will be rewarded with the "Lincoln Medal of Honor" and the "Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation" for meritorious service. Associate members would be eligible for these two significant awards, on a multiple basis.

The Associate recipient will be rewarded with these two very honorable awards at our annual National Congress, the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C. or at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Our current Commander-in-Chief will present these two prestigious awards. If the recipient is unable to attend one of these major events, their "Medal of Honor" and "Certificate of Appreciation" will be mailed to their home.



Kathy Watson

from l. to r. Benjamin C. Frick, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS, Keith G. Harrison, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jeffrey C. Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief, MOLLUS, and Lee A. Tryon, Treasurer-in-Chief.



Kathy Watson

DOLLUS members attending the DC Chapter meeting are from l. to r. seated Ann Schaeffer, Florence C. Stanley, Past National President, DOLLUS, Blanche Curfman, and Eleanor Niebell. Standing from l. to r. are Nancy Moody, President, Lincoln Memorial University, Jean Bishop, Nancy Kane, National Recorder and Kathy Watson

Lincoln Birthday Events - Washington D.C.



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from l. to r. Frank J. Scaturro, President of the U. S. Grant Tomb Association in New York, Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain, US House of Representatives, Peter Arrott Dixon, Chairman of the LBNCC, Benjamin C. Frick, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS, Florence C. Stanley, Past National President, DOLLUS, Rev. Dr. Robert G. Carroon, Past Cdr.-in-Chief, Dr. David Curfman, M.D., and Jeffrey C. Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief, MOLLUS

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**Annapolis: Site of 2007
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By Jeffrey Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief

Annapolis is one of the oldest cities on the east coast, and its attractions make it one of the most interesting to visit. The State Capitol building, finished in 1772, dominates the heart of the city. The handsome brick and lumber structure boast the largest wooden dome in the world made without using nails. It is the oldest state capitol in continuous use in the United States, and from its central location radiate the streets of old Annapolis like the spokes from a wheel.

Nearby on the waterfront is the Annapolis Maritime Museum, telling of the city's long history of sea-going citizens. Not all sailors here are home-grown. In fact, locals call the waterfront "Ego Alley" because of the constant parade of high-priced watercraft that come visiting. On dry land, the William Paca House and Gardens recalls the Revolutionary-era governor of Maryland, who was also a "signer" of the Declaration of Independence. Another "signer," Charles Carroll of Carrollton, was born and raised in his grandfather's house in Annapolis, a house now preserved and fully restored as the Charles Carroll House. He was the only Roman Catholic in that honored group of revolutionaries.

Of course, the United States Naval Academy is the best-known attraction at Annapolis. It boasts its own Naval Academy Museum, housing such relics as the desk on which the Japanese signed surrender documents in World War II. The huge Navy Chapel is the spiritual center of the campus, while in the crypt below is its greatest treasure – the tomb of **John Paul Jones**.

Bancroft Hall is among the largest university buildings in the country. In what may be the Academy's best known ritual – certainly one of its most impressive – midshipmen gather outside, stand inspection, then march

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Jeffry Burden

United States Naval Academy midshipmen

by unit into Bancroft every weekday for the mid-day meal. The spotless, wooded grounds of the Academy, located directly on the Severn River, make even a simple walk a treat for the eyes.

Annapolis will be a great host for the 2007 Congress – make your plans to attend now!

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Mendouga, Ambassador of the Republic of Camaroon, and Mrs. Mendouga, representing the Dean of the Diplomatic



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Kate Lehrer, Speaker

Corps. The speaker and guest of honor was **Kate Lehrer**, author, lecturer and wife of **Jim Lehrer** of the PBS News Hour, whose subject was *Insights into Life in Washington – Past and Present*.



Kathy Watson

Peter Arrott Dixon, Chairman of the LBNCC, 198th Annual Commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday



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