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The 2007 Loyal Legion and Dames of the Loyal Legion annual meetings in beautiful Annapolis, Maryland are timed to coincide with this year's Naval Academy Symposium, which means Companions and Dames have the chance to take part in a world-class event drawing leading scholars from around the world.

The Symposium schedule accompanying this article (*found on pages 10-11*) details the offerings at the Symposium, scheduled to run from Thursday morning, September 20 through Saturday morning, September 22. The clashes of navies throughout history will be covered in a series of groundbreaking sessions. The Symposium registration fee of \$75 covers all the sessions, plus a Thursday evening reception and a Friday evening dinner. This dinner will take the place of a MOLLUS/DOLLUS Friday evening event. However, you must register for the Symposium to attend the dinner.

You can go to the Academy's website for additional information at <http://www.usna.edu/History/symposium.htm>.

The Thursday and Friday Symposium sessions will be held on the Naval Academy campus, and the Saturday sessions will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Annapolis. The DoubleTree is the headquarters hotel for both the Symposium and the Annual Meetings of MOLLUS and DOLLUS. Guests of the DoubleTree will have use of a free shuttle service to the Naval Academy campus.

The scheduled MOLLUS and DOLLUS annual meetings will take place on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd, following the last Symposium session, and lunch on your own. The MOLLUS/DOLLUS Saturday evening reception and banquet will be at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Registration forms for the Annual Congress and the Symposium are separate. They are printed in this issue, or can be found online at the above Naval Academy website and at <http://www.suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>.

Keep in mind that the weekend of the Symposium is also a Navy football weekend. Demand for hotel rooms will be high. Blocks of rooms have been reserved for MOLLUS and DOLLUS members, but once unused rooms are released, they will be quickly taken. Information on accommodations can be found on the MOLLUS reservation form. Make your plans early! Make sure you send a separate check for the Naval Symposium.



Gregg A. Mierka

Major Sullivan Ballou

The Story and Letter of Major Sullivan Ballou of Rhode Island

By Gregg A. Mierka, Rhode Island MOLLUS

On the morning of July 21, 1861, the 1st and 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiments were the first units of the entire Union Army, the vanguard of the attack that began the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas Junction, northern Virginia). Battery A, 1st Regiment Rhode Island Light Artillery (of their Rhode Island Brigade, then called the 2nd Rhode Island Light Artillery Battery) fired the opening shots which began the great battle. Major **Sullivan Ballou** was second in command of the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel **John S. Slocum**, served under Colonel **Ambrose E. Burnside's** Rhode Island Brigade. This was part of Brigadier General David Hunter's Division of the Union Grand Army in

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Commander-in-Chief's Message

I am writing this on July 2nd, a time of the year when many Americans are preparing to celebrate Independence Day. I will be at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on July 4, and then looking forward to an evening with family, friends and fireworks. It is a day that Americans can celebrate our nation without regard to where we live or our political viewpoints.

But today, July 2nd, I think back not 231 years, but to 1863 and Gettysburg. Although my MOLLUS ancestor was not there, his cousin, Colonel **Jacob G. Frick** was. Even without a personal connection, certainly many of us in the Loyal Legion are familiar with the events of the first three days of July 1863. (And for those who would like a refresher, we hope to see you at the 2008 Congress which will be held in Gettysburg!) Fortunately, I am not going to write about those July days because my point is a broader one.

We look around the international news at governments younger and older than the United States struggling with democracy. The events of July 4, 1776 which we celebrate each year are merely the beginning of a process. Our nation is extremely fortunate that those participants in the early years of our nation had the wisdom to allow for events they could not foresee. Our nation is extremely fortunate that the participants, four score years later, had the wisdom to guide us through some of those unforeseen events.

The participants in these events were both national leaders and ordinary community members. Our ancestors, whether at Gettysburg or another battlefield during the Civil War, participated in preserving and advancing our nation. This is something of which we should all be immensely proud. By the time you read this issue of the *Journal*, our national celebrations will have passed for this summer. Despite the timing, I hope you will take a moment to remember our ancestors, our Order and the important message of national unity which we promote.

On the more immediate horizon is our 122nd Congress,



Benjamin C. Frick, Commander-in-Chief

Kathy Watson

which will be held in Annapolis in September. Although earlier in the fall than normal, this date will give us the opportunity to participate in the Naval History Symposium at the Naval Academy. As those who were able to participate in the Lincoln Symposium at the last Congress know, this is a wonderful opportunity to interact with some of the most respected historians in the United States.

We hope that you will attend this fall's Congress. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **Keith G. Harrison** and Chancellor-in-Chief **Jeffrey C. Burden** have planned an enjoyable weekend, while Past Commander-in-Chief **Robert G. Carroon** has guided our participation in the Symposium. We especially hope that you be will there for the installation of our next Commander-in-Chief.

I extend the best wishes of the Board of Officers to you and your family for a happy and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing you in Annapolis in September.

Benjamin C. Frick
Commander-in-Chief

Fifty-first Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

By Keith G. Harrison, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The 51st annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 14 at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. Fifty wreath bearers attended this event, despite the rain, to commemorate the 142nd anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS) sponsored this ceremony. It began with a parade, composed of SUVCW members, Sons of Veterans (SVR), Civil War re-enactor units, as well as SUVCW and MOLLUS representatives from various Midwestern camps and department and commanderies. National organization flags from the SUVCW

and MOLLUS headed the parade, which was commanded by Major **Jack Grothe** of the 4th Military District, SVR.

SUVCW National Chaplain **Jerry Kowalski** gave the invocation, which was followed by the playing of the National Anthem by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry Band. Past SUVCW Commander-in-Chief (PCinC), **Alan Loomis**, served as Master of Ceremonies. PCinC Loomis gave his opening remarks and then introduced SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **James B. Pahl** and MOLLUS Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **Keith G. Harrison** (representing MOLLUS CinC **Benjamin Frick**), who both provided brief remarks. Musical interludes were presented during the program by the Company Singers of Champion Hill Camp #17, SUVCW Department of Indiana, as well as the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry Band.

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Welcome New Companions

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since April 2007. The Commander-in-Chief extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Jeffry C. Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief

Companions	Insignia No.	Commandery
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Hereditary Companions

John Joseph Heine	22458	Pennsylvania
Robert Duane Lynch	22459	Pennsylvania
William Konrad Leibold	22460	New York
Mark Edmond Slayton	22461	Massachusetts
Sebastian Alec Nelson	22462	California
Stephen Goodwin Porter	22463	Virginia

Associate Companions

Donald Kropp	A220	Virginia
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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.

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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.

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Colonel John S. Slocum

Defense of the Republic, commanded by Major General **Irvin McDowell**. That engagement at Bull Run became the first major battle of the American Civil War on that hot hazy summer day.

Union Strategy

The Union strategy that fateful day was to perform a flanking attack with their right wing launched from a place called Sudley Springs. This attack was aimed at a series of low rolling hills and farm sections in the direction where Confederate General **Thomas J. Jackson** (after the battle known as Stonewall Jackson) held the high ground on the knoll where old Mrs. Henry lived, known after as Henry House Hill. The Rhode Islanders fought their way across about 500 yards of mostly open terrain to Jackson's position behind a low stone fence. The Rhode Islanders were under extremely heavy fire the entire distance and nearly broke Jackson's line as they closed on him. To save Jackson, Confederate Brigadier General **Bernard Bee** arrived in the nick of time with his fresh Brigade to reinforce Jackson, shouting to his men, "There stands Jackson, like a stone wall!"

After General Bee shouted his memorable words, he was fatally shot by a mini ball fired from a Rhode Island musket. Rhode Islanders would pay a heavy price this day as well. Colonel Slocum, Major Ballou, his second in command, and two of his 2nd Rhode Island company commanders, Captains **Levi Tower** and were killed, as well as Lieutenant **Henry A. Prescott** of the 1st

Rhode Island Volunteers. Almost every officer of both regiments was injured in some way. Casualties at the 1st Battle of Bull Run were the most endured by the state of Rhode Island in a single battle. The people of the state were completely shocked and shaken as they hurried read the names of their friends and neighbors posted on casualty lists in town halls across the state. Everyone prayed they wouldn't find the name of their loved one somewhere on the list. Unfortunately many did. As result of the 1st Battle of Bull Run almost every family in Rhode Island was in some way affected, and this battle was only the first of many more terrible events to come.

Eight days before the great battle Major Ballou had a premonition that he would be killed in the conflict that lay ahead. As he looked out of his tent at the men sleeping in camp who he would lead in to battle, he wrote the following letter home to the love of his life, his dear wife Sarah.

Letter to Sarah

July the 14th, 1861
Washington D.C.

My very dear Sarah:

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days—perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write you again, I feel impelled to write lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more.

Our movement may be one of a few days' duration and full of pleasure—and it may be one of severe conflict and death to me. Not my will, but thine O God, be done. If it is necessary that I should fall on the battlefield for my country, I am ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in, the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing—perfectly willing—to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt.

But, my dear wife, when I know that with my own joys I lay down nearly all

of yours, and replace them in this life with cares and sorrows—when, after having eaten for long years the bitter fruit of orphanage myself, I must offer it as their only sustenance to my dear little children—is it weak or dishonorable, while the banner of my purpose floats calmly and proudly in the breeze, that my unbounded love for you, my darling wife and children, should struggle in fierce, though useless, contest with my love of country?

I cannot describe to you my feelings on this calm summer night, when two thousand men are sleeping around me, many of them enjoying the last, perhaps, before that of death—and I, suspicious that Death is creeping behind me with his fatal dart, am communing with God, my country, and thee.

I have sought most closely and diligently, and often in my breast, for a wrong motive in thus hazarding the happiness of those I loved and I could not find one. A pure love of my country and of the principles have often advocated before the people and "the name of honor that I love more than I fear death" have called upon me, and I have obeyed.

Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battlefield.

The memories of the blissful moments I have spent with you come creeping over me, and I feel most gratified to God and to you that I have enjoyed them so long. And hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when God willing, we might still have lived and loved together and seen our sons grow up to honorable manhood around us. I have, I know, but few and small claims upon Divine Providence, but something whispers to me—perhaps it is the wafted prayer of my little Edgar—that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I love you, and when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name.

Forgive my many faults, and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless and foolish I have often been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness, and struggle with all the misfortune of this world, to shield you and my children from harm. But I cannot. I must watch you from the spirit land and hover near you, while you buffet the storms with

your precious little freight, and wait with sad patience till we meet to part no more.

But, O Sarah! If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the garish day and in the darkest night—amidst your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours—always, always; and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath; or the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah, do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again.

As for my little boys, they will grow as I have done, and never know a father's love and care. Little Willie is too young to remember me long, and my blue-eyed Edgar will keep my frolics with him among the dimmest memories of his childhood. Sarah, I have unlimited confidence in your maternal care and your development of their characters. Tell my two mothers his and hers I call God's blessing upon them. O Sarah, I wait for you there! Come to me, and lead thither my children.

Sullivan

Sullivan's Biography

Major Sullivan Ballou was born in Smithfield, Rhode Island on March 28, 1829. His family moved to Rochester, New York, where he spent much of his youth. After finishing his normal school education he was sent to the Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts for preparatory study before entering Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended National Law School in Ballston, New York after his graduation from Brown University. From there he moved back to Providence, Rhode Island and was admitted to the State Bar in March 1853. He opened his law office in Providence that same year.

Sullivan Ballou married **Sarah Hart Shumway** of Poughkeepsie New York in the summer of 1855, during the time he served as clerk for the Rhode Island General Assembly from 1854 to 1856. He was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives in April 1857. His colleagues in the House admired Sullivan's legal skills and elected him Speaker of the House, which he served until the end of year,

but declined the position the following year. Ballou declined a fourth term in 1859 in the Legislature and joined the law offices of Charles F. Brownell. He ran as a candidate for Rhode Island Attorney General in the 1860 state elections, but lost his bid for the seat.

Military Background

Sullivan was appointed to the rank of major by Governor William Sprague when the Civil War broke out. He was asked to assist Colonel Slocum with the formation of the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Ballou and Slocum did not share the popular view held by most that the war would be short. They formed the 2nd RIVI at a place called Dexter Field (the Old Providence Fair Grounds, today the location of the Cranston Street Armory) along with the 2nd RI Light Artillery Battery attached. Two years later the 2nd Battery, renamed Battery A, became part of the focus of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg.

In late May 1861, Major Sullivan Ballou and the 2nd RIVI and its Battery marched from Providence and caught two steamers to New York City. Then they crossed over to New Jersey and boarded trains to Baltimore. All were extremely nervous as they reached Baltimore, since it was a town filled with radical Confederate sympathizers. Several units that previously passed through met some difficulty. Once in Washington D.C. the 2nd *Rhodeys* bivouacked with their Ocean State Comrades of the 1st *Rhodey Volunteers*, as well as the 1st and 2nd Rhode Island Light Artillery Batteries at Camp Sprague. All were excited as they trained and waited for orders from Colonel Burnside to march into Virginia to thrash Johnny Reb. The orders finally came in July 1861. The battle to come was the first Battle of Bull Run.

A Hero's Death

Major Ballou was mortally wounded during the fight, as he had envisioned in his letter to Sarah. He was struck down when a Confederate cannon shot exploded next to him while leading his

men in the attack against Stonewall Jackson's Rebels. The explosion instantly killed his horse out from under him and tore off Ballou's leg. Major Ballou was carried by litter back to a make-shift field hospital near Sudley Springs Church where he died a few hours later of a severe loss of blood. In shock and delirious Ballou kept saying the name, Sarah. His body was laid on the ground outside of the church as the field hospital became increasingly overwhelmed with casualties. No one knows for sure, but Ballou's body may have been misidentified and mistaken by the Hospital Corps as the body of Colonel Slocum.

Later when the Confederates pushed through the area on their way to winning the battle, Ballou's body was mistaken for the body of Colonel Slocum, who was a well-known Northern Abolitionist from Rhode Island, and a man who the Rebels deeply hated. In their anger the Rebels mistakenly removed the head of Major Sullivan Ballou, thinking it to be that of Colonel Slocum, and morbidly seized it as a war trophy, which they passed among their ranks. The people of Rhode Island were outraged. Confederate President Jefferson Davis said the act was a stain on Southern Honor and repudiated all those responsible. Ballou's head was never found. It was said to have surfaced several times years later through a few southern families, but this was never confirmed and it was never recovered for proper burial. The following summer Ballou's remains and those of his comrades were brought back to Rhode Island by Governor Sprague and laid to rest.

News of the battle and her husband's death reached Sarah at about the same time. Ballou's wife Sarah was completely grief stricken. She read and reread her husband's letter hundreds of times in the following years and never remarried. The two sons of Sullivan and Sarah, Edgar and Willie, never really knew their father. Sarah mourned the loss of her husband for the rest of her life and kept his last

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COMMANDERY NEWS

Connecticut Commandery

Connecticut Commandery members placed a flag at the gravesite of Gideon Welles (Secretary of the Navy, companion #00045) in Cedar Hill Cemetery. This event took place at Hartford on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007.



Cobvocoresses

l. to r., Lee Tryon (MOLLUS Treasurer), Jerry Carroon (Past Commander-in-Chief) and Robb Storm (Past Conn. Commander).

Massachusetts Commandery

By Bradford Blaser, Recorder

Members of the Massachusetts Commandery participated in the annual Lincoln Day ceremonies in Hingham Massachusetts on February 3, 2007. Hingham's ties to President Lincoln are through his predecessor General Benjamin Lincoln, who accepted General Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown during the Revolutionary War. While this Hingham event has been recognized as an official ceremony, it was initiated through the efforts of the Massachusetts MOLLUS and in particular the efforts of the late Col. **Frank Cadigan**, USA Ret.

The ceremony began with a rifle salute at the grave site of General Lincoln and proceeded to a convocation held in the Old Ship Church, which is the oldest continuously active church in America, since its establishment in 1681. Along with a medley of musical tunes from the Revolutionary and Civil War periods, various town officials and participants made presentations, including our Commander, **Frederick Stevens, Jr.** The event concluded with the singing of The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Participants marched through the

town square to Fountain Square for the laying of wreaths at the Statue of President Lincoln, which was led by the Color Guard of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the Hingham Militia and a Civil War re-enactor unit. This statue is adjacent to General Lincoln's home and is a copy of the Lincoln Memorial statue in Washington, DC. The Hingham Militia fired multiple rifle salutes to conclude the day's events.

The Massachusetts MOLLUS gathered for a luncheon and meeting at a local country club at the end of the of the festivities. This meeting was informal in preparation for our Annual Meeting in May. MOLLUS members addressed a number of matters including renewed membership efforts and various financial management matters. Eleven members and two guests enjoyed a catered luncheon following the meeting.

New York Commandery

By LTC Donald Twiss, Recorder

The New York Commandery held its Annual Meeting and dinner on Monday, May 7, 2007 at the *3 West Club*, 3 West 51st Street, New York City. Some fourteen members and guests attended the event and had a good time. COL **David L. Dalva**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2007-2008. A short business meeting was held after elections. The 2007-2008 officers are **Gerald F. Fisher** (Commander), COL **Paul A. Schneider** (Sr. Vice Commander), MAJ **Slade R. Gandert** (Jr. Vice Commander), LTC **Donald L. Twiss** (Recorder), COL **L. George Van Syckle** (Chancellor), **Waldron K. Post** (Registrar), **William Parry** (Judge Advocate), Rev. **William R. Robbins** (Chaplain), **Frederick M. Tibbitts, Jr.** (Genealogist), **Peter S. Wells** (Historian)

and COL **Ernesto Ego-Aguirre, M.D.** (Surgeon). The two Councilors elected are LTC **Robert J. Bateman** and **Russell W. Twiss**. The current officers serve on the Loyal Legion Foundation board.

Ohio Sees More Activity

by Keith Ashley

The Ohio Commandery has been presenting the Loyal Legion medal & certificate for some time to an outstanding R.O.T.C. cadet at Ohio State University in Columbus. This year was no exception. Cadet **Clinton R. Sheets** received the award for his unit at the May ceremonies during a daytime ceremony.

However, the Ohio Commandery expanded its presence in the state this year by the addition of a similar award to the Army R.O.T.C. unit at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. **Keith Ashley**, senior vice commander, began several months prior to the awards ceremony to get permission from the Army major in charge in order to present the award. The major was excited to have the Loyal Legion as a presenter.

Ashley represented the Ohio Commander at the lavish ceremony in April as he is a graduate of the university. The festivities began with a sword arch where cadets and escorts were formally announced. This was followed by an elaborate banquet at which Ashley was provided with a complimentary meal as an award presenter. Glasses were charged and toasts were given to the cadets, the university, the United States, the U.S. military, and the President of the United States.

The crowd of over 200 filled the banquet hall. Tables were decorated with red, long-stemmed roses, which were given to the ladies in attendance at the conclusion of the evening. A special table was set at the front with the absence of a diner to represent the soldier who fought for his country with the benefit of only soldierly provisions in the field of battle. A color guard also escorted the flag to the podium.

One of the guests of honor was a

direct descendant of Union General **John Reynolds**, who was killed by a sharpshooter on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg. An audiovisual presentation of the work of the unit was shown on a big screen.

Cadet **Matthew Huff** received the prestigious MOLLUS award for Ohio University. Afterwards, Ashley provided Cadet Huff with information about the Loyal Legion so that he would understand the importance of the award. Afterwards a military ball completed the evening.

Virginia Commandery

by Jeffrey Burden

The Virginia Commandery awarded five ROTC Medals of Merit to deserving cadets of three different ROTC battalions this spring. Army ROTC cadets **Andrew Deel** and **Frederick Bryant** of the University of Richmond's Spider Battalion received their awards on 24 April. On 25 April, Companion **Robert Krasche** presented the medal and certificate to Army ROTC cadets **Elizabeth Davila** of Christopher Newport University and **Edward Myers** of the College of William & Mary, members of those schools' combined Revolutionary Guards Battalion. And on 26 April, Midshipman 4th Class **Samuel Kennedy** of Auburn University received the award in ceremonies there.

On June 9, the Commandery presented the only wreath laid at a ceremony marking the original burial place of 12 Union cavalry troopers near Leesburg, Virginia. Companions **David Penhallow**, **Jeffrey Burden** and **James Carson** participated in the ceremony, which was organized as part of the annual "Eyewitness to History" event at the historic Mt. Zion Church. The men were killed as their units, the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry and the 13th New York Cavalry, clashed with troopers commanded by Gen. John Mosby. (The federal commander in that action, Lt. Col. William Forbes, was later Companion No. 01182). After the graveyard ceremony, the companions there talked with other

visitors about the Loyal Legion and distributed Legion recruitment materials.



Companion David Penhallow (right) and Jeffrey Burden present the Commandery wreath at the ceremony on 9 June at Mt. Zion Church.



Smoke drifts from a salute fired by reenactors at the grave markers of 12 Union cavalymen at Mt. Zion Church in Loudoun County, Virginia.

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Nominations for 2007-2009

Past Commander-in-Chief (PCinC) and Nominating Committee Chairman, **Lowell Hammer**, and his nominating committee of PCinC members submit the following candidates for the 2007-2009 term of office.

Commander-in-Chief	Karl Frederick Schaeffer (OH)
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Keith Graham Harrison (MI)
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief	Jeffrey Christian Burden (VA)
Recorder-in-Chief	CAPT John Kent Kane II (VA)
Treasurer-in-Chief	Lee Allen Tryon (CT)
Registrar-in-Chief	Adam P. Flint (PA)
Chancellor-in-Chief	Waldron Kintzing Post II (NY&CT)
Judge Advocate-in-Chief	J. Baldwin Siedlarz (PA)
Chaplain-in-Chief	Rev. Dr. Christopher Mack Agnew (CT)
Surgeon-in-Chief	Dr. W. Courtney Fleenor (VA)
Editor-in-Chief	Marston Watson, CA (MA)
Council-in-Chief	Peter Arrott Dixon (DC)
	Rev. Barry Christopher Howard (CT)
	Paul Joseph Kinyon (IL)
	COL Eric Armando Rojo (DC)
	CAPT James Alan Simmons (TX)
	Hon. Herbert Keyser Zearfoss (PA)

The election will take place in September at the MOLLUS Congress. All current members of MOLLUS are eligible to be nominated from the floor, provided they agree to serve.

Major Sullivan Ballou...from page 5

letter to her on a table at her bedside.

Today the letter of Sullivan Ballou to his wife Sarah has become one of the greatest pieces of Civil War literature. It is a touching reminder of one of the saddest and most tragic events in American History. Excerpts of Ballou's letter to Sarah were read in the opening sequences of "The Civil War," produced for PBS, by Conn. MOLLUS Companion **Ken Burns**, while the sad moans of a lone violin played the *Ashokin Farewell*, to prepare all viewers of his eleven-part series, for the heart wrenching story about the Civil War, an American tragedy of epic proportion. A story that years later the "Old Fellows in Blue," who gave their "All for the Union," never forgot, a story the veterans of the GAR and MOLLUS, referred to with great difficulty as, "The Late Unpleasantness."

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29 June 2007

- I. The One Hundred and Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 21, 22 and 23 September 2007 for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Headquarters will be at the DoubleTree Hotel Annapolis.

PROGRAM

Friday, 21 September 2007

- II. Registration for the One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- III. The Trustees of the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- IV. A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel for all Companions, Dames and guests, regardless of whether they have registered for the Symposium. Annapolis.
- V. The Naval Academy Symposium Banquet and Keynote Address will begin at 7:00 p.m. (Companions, Dames and guests must be registered for the Symposium to attend.)

Saturday, 22 September 2007

- VI. Breakfast at the DoubleTree Hotel begins at 7:00 a.m.
- VII. Naval Academy Symposium: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (Saturday sessions to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel – must be registered for the Symposium to attend.)
- VIII. Luncheon on your own.
- IX. The MOLLUS Business Meeting will convene promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- X. The DOLLUS Business Meeting will convene promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- XI. MOLLUS and DOLLUS reception and banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel. Reception at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Black or white tie or military uniform. Orders and decorations.

Sunday, 23 September 2007

- XII. Breakfast at the DoubleTree Hotel will begin at 7:00 a.m.
- XIII. Check out and departure up to 11:00 a.m.

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Lincoln Tomb Ceremony wreathbearers.

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Lincoln Tomb Ceremony parade.

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Fifty-First Lincoln Tomb Ceremony...from page 2

Representatives from the Indiana and Illinois Commanderies were introduced, as well as the wreath bearers who presented their wreaths in front of the Lincoln Tomb. Commandery wreaths presented included Michigan (by Commander **Bruce Butgereit**), Illinois (by Chaplain Father **Scott Archer**), and Ohio (by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief **Karl Schaeffer**). SUVCW National Chaplain Kowalski provided the benediction and taps, played by **Mark Heath** of Austin Blair Camp #7, The SUVCW Department of Michigan concluded the ceremony.

The participants at this event gathered for lunch at The Inn in Springfield. The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the MOLLUS officers were introduced at the conclusion of the luncheon. This was followed by Mr. and Mrs. **Max Daniel**'s portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. The theme of the program centered on the Gettysburg Address and the Springfield Farewell Address.

Another ceremony was held at the gravesite of Dr. **Benjamin Stephenson** after the luncheon program was concluded. The SUVCW Department of Illinois conducted the ceremony, which commemorated the founding of the GAR by Dr. Stephenson in 1866.

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Wednesday, September 19

Mahan Hall Lobby, USNA (Alumni Hall) & Double Tree Hotel

Registration and informal gatherings at both registration sites

Thursday, September 20

Mahan Hall Lobby, USNA (Alumni Hall) & Double Tree Hotel

9 - 9:45 a.m. – Plenary Session

10:00 a.m. – 210 Sampson Hall

Panel: The Pacific War and After: The United States Navy and Marine Corps in the Pacific and East Asia in the 1940's

A War Orphan's View of a Marine in the Pacific
Arguing over A-Bombs: Inter-Service Rivalry and the Atomic Bomb Tests at Bikini Atoll, September 1945-October 1947

Training a Reluctant Ally: The U.S. Naval Advisory Mission to China, 1945-1949

10:00 a.m. – 211 Sampson Hall

Panel: Naval Blockade During World War I

The British Blockade, 1914-17: The View from the Embassy in Washington

Cooperation and Collaboration: American Assistance and Support to the Allied Blockade, 1914-1917
Nicholas A.

The Blockade That Wasn't: British Preparations for Economic Warfare Against Germany, 1902-1914

10:00 a.m. – 212 Sampson Hall

Panel: Latin American Navies in the 19th Century
Admiral David Glasgow Farragut's First Battle, Valparaiso, Chile, 28th March, 1814

The U.S. Navy in Latin America in the 19th Century: Cultural Observations

The Allied Project to Liberate Cuba, 1866-67: Peru, Chile, and Colonel Barreda's Confederate Navy

10:00 a.m. – 213 Sampson Hall

Panel: European Navies During World War II
German Surface fleet in the Mediterranean, 1941-45

German Kriegsmarine as Mirror of an Idealized German Society up to 1945

French Navy in the West Indies During World War II

10:00 a.m. – 214 Sampson Hall

Panel: Song and Story: The U.S. Navy and Literature

Dos Passos, Hemingway and the Navy: Constantinople, 1921-1922

'The Sailor's Companion': Character of the New Republic through the Naval Ballad

Fictional Midshipmen: The US Naval Academy in Fiction since 1885

12:00 noon – Bo Coppedge Room, Alumni Hall

Lunch

Keynote Address by Paul Halpern, Emeritus, Florida State University

1:30 p.m. – 210 Sampson Hall

Panel: Practitioners of Maritime Operations Confront Diverse Missions: Three Case Studies from the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries

Age-of-Sail Expeditionary Warfare Takes on the 'COIN' Mission: The British Pacification Campaign in South Carolina, 1780-1782

Defeating Napoleon's Designs: Littoral Operations in Galicia, 1809

A 'Soldier of the Sea' in Sub-Saharan Africa: Brevet Major A.R. Chater, DSO, Royal Marines, of the Sudanese Camel Corps, 1921-1931

1:30 p.m. – 211 Sampson Hall

Panel: Cold War Navies

ADM Guven Erkaya: A Naval Hero in War, a Hero for Democracy in Peace

Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind: The US Navy in the 1975 Evacuations of Southeast Asia

Between Warsaw Pact and NATO: The Polish Navy during the Era of Great Changes

1:30 p.m. – 212 Sampson Hall

Panel: Integrating Women into the US Navy

At the Tip of the Trident: Integrating Women in the Fleet

"Women Are Coming!"--Preparations for the Entrance of Women to the U.S. Naval Academy; Management of a Major Social Change

Navy Women's Pioneering Experiences at Sea

1:30 p.m. – 213 Sampson Hall

Panel: Ancient Navies

Defending the Realm: Roman Naval capabilities in waters beyond the Mediterranean

Naval Warfare of Phillip V: Case Study of Hellenistic War [221-179 BC]

Carthage's Achilles Heel in the First Punic War

2:30 p.m. – 214 Sampson Hall

Panel: Teaching Old Frogs New Tricks: Lessons Learned in Amphibious Warfare Across Continents and Cultures

By Land and By Sea: Technological Innovations In Ancient Amphibious Warfare

Cutting Dwarf Pirates Down To Size: Amphibious Warfare in Sixteenth-Century East Asia

Reforms in American Command Relations and Amphibious Operations on Guadalcanal

2:30 p.m. – 215 Sampson Hall

Panel: Influencing Events Ashore: Joint Maritime Operations in the Littoral

Winning Friends and Influencing People: Australian Maritime Operations in the South Pacific 1987-2006

Gregory P. Gilbert, RAN Sea Power Centre – Australia

HMS Suva, Captain W.H.D. Boyle and the Red Sea Patrol 1916-1918: The Strategic Effects of an Auxiliary Cruiser Upon the Arab Revolt

"Hell Was Let Loose": Making Order from Confusion, the RAN Beach Commandos at Balikpapan, July 1945

2:30 p.m. – 216 Sampson Hall

Panel: Maritime and Naval History in Modern China

Traveling in Wartime China: Journey behind Enemy Lines by Commander Miles USN

Strategic Implications of China's Riverine History
Steven Schwankert, maritime historian

The Real Poseidon Adventure: Britain's Submarine Disaster in China
Commentator

2:30 p.m. – 217 Sampson Hall

Panel: Naval Technology in the Interwar Period

Innovations in the Royal Naval Air Service: Samson, Longmore, and Williamson

Role of the USN in the Formulation of the International Radio Spectrum in the Interwar Period

Commentator:

2:30 p.m. – 218 Sampson Hall

Panel: Navies in the Age of Sail

Naval Strategy in the Baltic 1600-1721

Navy in the New Republic, 1783-1812

Royal Navy and the Interdiction of Aboriginal Migration To Newfoundland, 1763-1812

Sir Alexander Cochrane's First Corps of Colonial Marines: Marie-Galante, 1808

7:00 p.m. – USNA Museum

Reception

Friday, September 21

8:30 a.m. – 210 Sampson Hall

Panel: Naval Campaigns of the American Revolution

October 18, 1775: Day that Should live in Infamy: the Destruction of Falmouth (Maine)

Will No One Act with Discretion: The Newport Campaign of 1778

Royal Navy in the Chesapeake: Problems of Long Range Asymmetric warfare in the Littoral

8:30 a.m. – 211 Sampson Hall

Panel: Navies of the Late 19th Century

Administration vs Strategy? How Bureaucratic Wavering Led the French Navy to Defeat in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870

Ironclads for Beiyang Fleet: Sino-German Naval Cooperation 1881-94

Battle of the Yalu River and The Rise of Japan

8:30 a.m. – 212 Sampson Hall

Panel: Naval Warfare in the Atlantic During WWII

Production and Productivity in Canadian Shipbuilding in WWII

King, Canada and Convoys

American Influence on Canadian Wartime Shipbuilding

8:30 a.m. – 213 Sampson Hall

Panel: 'Twixt Sea & Shore: Tactical Ambiguities, Strategic Misconceptions and Political Issues of Coastal Assault, Defense and Bombardment During the 'Pax Britannica'

British Plans for Attacking New York during the Civil War

Lessons of Shore Bombardment: Alexandria to Gallipoli, 1882-1915

Imperial Dilemma of Defending Cape Town

War Crime or War Custom? The naval bombardment of undefended towns in the 19th century

10:30 a.m. – 214 Sampson Hall

Panel: Naval Affairs in the Western Hemisphere, 1830-1860

Story of David Jewett

Scientific Warfare vs Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education

Becoming Foreign Privateers: Baltimore Seafarers and South American Independence, 1815-1830

Naval Fighting in the Early 19th Century through a Painting by the French Naval Painter Jean-Baptiste Henry Duran-Brager

10:30 a.m. – 215 Sampson Hall**Panel: Naval Technologies in the 20th Century**

Use of Compressed Air Technology to Address the Torpedo Threat to BB 1908-17
The World's First Surface Effect Craft by LTCDR von Thomamil, 1915
Dangerous Crossings: The First Modern Polar Expedition, 1925

10:30 a.m. – 216 Sampson Hall**Panel: 20th Century European Navies**

The Strategic Plight of the Spanish Republican Navy in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39
Sea Power Projection in the Baltic: Some Reflections of the Development of Sweden's Navy, 1905-2005
German Naval Historiography in the 20th Century

10:30 a.m. – 217 Sampson Hall**Panel: Navies in the Early 20th Century**

Britain's Malta Strategy, 1919-1943
ADM Sims and the Officers of the London Flagship: Architects of Victory in Two World Wars
A Maritime and Naval Revival: Charleston in the WWI Era

10:30 a.m. – 218 Sampson Hall**Panel: Navies in the Middle Ages**

Norman Naval Strategy in Central Med under Roger II of Sicily
Rise of Christian Naval Power in the Third Crusade

12:30 p.m. – US Naval Institute Reception

Mahan Hall Lobby

1:30 p.m. – 210 Sampson Hall**Panel: Naval Operations During the American Civil War**

The Use of Tug Boats as Blockading Patrol Craft in the Civil War
French Naval Intelligence and the American Civil War
The Use of Coston Signal Flares by the US Navy in Civil War Blockade Operations

1:30 p.m. – 211 Sampson Hall**Panel: The Interwar Navies**

How Good was the Japanese Imperial Navy 1920s-1940s?
The Mobile Base Project and the Washington Treaty
Exchanging Favors- Encounters between American Gunboat Patrols in the Yangtze River and Scientists Studying Natural History of China in the 1920's

1:30 p.m. – 212 Sampson Hall**Panel: Intervention in the Caribbean, 1898-1983**

Grenada: Preemptive Strike
The Volunteers of 1898: Identity, Motivations, and Attitudes at the Dawn of an Age of American Empire
The Bay of Pigs in Global Context
The Volunteers of 1898: Identity, Motivations, and Attitudes at the Dawn of an Age of American Empire

1:30 p.m. – 213 Sampson Hall**Panel: South Asia and the Indian Ocean in the Early Modern Period**

All About Trade: Mughal Women and Business in the 17th Century Northern India and the Indian Ocean
Rulers, Pirates and Companies: Naval Warfare and Politics in the Western Indian Ocean in the 18th Century
Across Time and Space: Indian Ocean Commerce and the Ali Rajas of Cannanore

3:30 p.m. – 214 Sampson Hall**Panel: Naval Personnel in the 18th Century**

Desertion, Identity and the North American Squadron of the Royal Navy, 1745-1815
Hidden Lives: Elderly Cooks, Powder Boys, and Fugitive Slaves among 18th Century British Atlantic Ship Crews
Fishermen, Fish Merchants and the Origins of the American Navy

3:30 p.m. – 215 Sampson Hall**Panel: Maritime Powers in the 20th Century**

Defense by Cooperation: the Admiralty and the Post War Role of the Dominion Navies
The National Characteristic of Self-complacency: Australia's Failure to Understand the Singapore Strategy
Ships That Wait: the Afloat Prepositioning Force

3:30 p.m. – 216 Sampson Hall**Panel: Intelligence, Information and Perceptions as Tools of Naval Policy**

British Naval Intelligence 1878-1889
Intelligence and the Blockage 1914-17: A Study in Administration, Friction and Command
The Intelligence Dimension of German Naval Rearmament 1928-1939
'If You Can't Beat Them, Join Them': US-Japan Military Exchanges and the Development of Japan's Post-war Submarine Force (1955-2005)

3:30 p.m. – 217 Sampson Hall**Panel: French Revolutionary War's Naval Impact on Latin America 1793-1815**

Fighting Back British Privateers and the Loss of the Santa Leocadia, Santa Elena, 1801
The English Invasions of the Rio de la Plata in 1806 and 1807
North American Seaman as Part of British Naval Efforts in South America after Trafalgar

3:30 p.m. – 218 Sampson Hall**Panel: H. L. Hunley: The Recovery, Forensics and the Crew**

Archaeology of the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley
Identifying the Crew of the H.L. Hunley

7:00 p.m. – Double Tree Hotel**Banquet with Keynote Address by Holger H. Herwig, FRSC, Canada Research Chair in Military and Strategic Studies****Saturday, September 22****9:00 a.m. – Roundtable: Double Tree Hotel**

The 4-Navy Combined Operations Project: A Multinational History for Current Application
 Chair: Peter M. Swartz, Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, VA
 R.H. Caldwell, Directorate of History and Heritage, Ottawa, ON
 Sarandis Papadopoulos, U.S. Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC
 Stephen Prince, RN Naval Historical Branch, Portsmouth, United Kingdom
 David Stevens, Sea Power Centre-Australia, Canberra, ACT
 Gary E. Weir, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Bethesda, MD

9:00 a.m. – Double Tree Hotel**Panel: Marines in the 20th Century**

Marines in Nicaragua
Marines under Siege: The Cultural Capital of the Marine Corps, 1945-1952
Situating the History of Marines in Afghanistan

9:00 a.m. – Double Tree Hotel**Panel: Iron Men in Wooden Ships: US Naval Personnel Before the Civil War**

That Navy's Sailors: A Demographic Profile, 1837-1860
"A Yankee Ship and a Yankee Crew:" The Lives and Experience of USS Constitution's War of 1812
Officers but Not Gentlemen: Careers of the Forward Officers of the Antebellum U.S. Navy

9:00 a.m. – Double Tree Hotel**Panel: Issues of Neutrality before the War of 1812**

Imperfect Neutrality: French Spoliation and the limits of Jeffersonianism, 1802-1812
Public Response to British Impressment of American Naval and Merchant Seamen
To Copenhagen a Fleet--the British Preemptive Seizure of the Danish-Norwegian Navy, 1807

11:00 a.m. – Double Tree Hotel**Closing Plenary: Awards and Prizes****11:45 a.m. – Symposium Adjourns**

The 100th Anniversary (1907–2007) General G. S. Greene Rededication Ceremony

September 22, 2007

12:30 p.m. -- Culp's Hill – Gettysburg

National Military Park

An Invitation by the Greene Family and RI MOLLUS

Visitors from all over the country will make the pilgrimage to Culp's Hill on September 22, 2007 to honor General George Sears Greene. Keynote speaker is Dr. John A. Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park. Guests from the Greene Family, U.S. Military, state and local government, National MOLLUS, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and RI MOLLUS will also be present at this once-in-a-lifetime rededication ceremony.

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