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LONELY CAMP SCENE FROM AN 1862 *HARPER'S WEEKLY* ENTITLED "CHRISTMAS EVE".

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF 1862

by William Gordon McCabe
(1841-1920)

The wintry blast goes wailing
by,
The snow is falling overhead;
I hear the lonely sentry's tread,
And distant watch-fires light the
sky.

Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;
The soldiers cluster round the blaze
To talk of other Christmas days,
And softly speak of home and home.
My sabre swinging overhead
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,
While fiercely drives the blinding snow,
And memory leads me to the dead.
My thoughts go wandering to and fro,
Vibrating between the Now and Then;
I see the low-browed home again,
The old hall wreathed with mistletoe.
And sweetly from the far-off years
Comes borne the laughter faint and low,
The voices of the Long Ago!
My eyes are wet with tender tears.



I feel again the mother-kiss,
I see again the glad surprise
That lightened up the tranquil eyes
And brimmed them o'er with tears
of bliss,
As, rushing from the old hall-door,
She fondly clasped her wayward
boy
Her face all radiant with the joy
She felt to see him home once
more.
My sabre swinging on the bough
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,
While fiercely drives the blinding snow
Aslant upon my saddened brow.
Those cherished faces all are gone!
Asleep within the quiet graves
Where lies the snow in drifting waves,
And I am sitting here alone.
There's not a comrade here to-night
But knows that loved ones far away
On bended knee this night will pray:
"God bring our darling from the fight."
But there are none to wish me back,
For me no yearning prayers arise.
The lips are mute and closed the eyes—
My home is in the bivouac.

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Commander-in-Chief's Message

We are about to enter our 145th year of existence. Given that milestone, I am pleased to report that we *once again* have Commandery-in-Chief Proceedings for our National Congresses and our Midwinter Meetings available to our membership.



Over the years, we have forgone the production of these documents for sketchy meeting minutes that only a few Companions would ever get an opportunity to see. Consequently, we created a situation whereby our membership was left in the dark in terms of what our national organization was doing. An organization's past history cannot be preserved if it does not share its current history. Consequently, with the resurrection of the Proceedings and the making of these publications available on the website, our membership again has an opportunity to examine the programs and progress not only of the Commandery-in-Chief, but also of the individual Commanderies. The Proceedings are available at <http://suvchw.org/mollus/resources/index.htm>

In addition to the re-establishment of Commandery-in-Chief Proceedings, another item of note from the 125th National Congress was the approval of a set of amendments to the Commandery-in-Chief Constitution and Bylaws. Both governing documents were brought into the 21st Century and were updated in order to better reflect how our Order actually operates. The Commandery-in-Chief Constitution and Bylaws also are available at the same location on our website as the Commandery-in-Chief Proceedings.

Another program that was initiated this year was one to help ensure that the Commandery-in-Chief keeps itself informed of the concerns, successes, and activities of its Commanderies. I did this with the establishment of a visitation program whereby, I or if I cannot, a Commandery-in-Chief officer go to

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**WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS**

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Summer 2009 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief **Keith G. Harrison** extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Captain James A. Simmons, Chancellor-in-Chief

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Robert Darrell Pollock	22543 19 Oct 10	DC
Jefferson Davis Lilly II	22544 9 Nov 10	IN

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Lee Shartle Harford, Jr.	A245	1 Sept 10	VA
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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.

MOLLUS WEBSITE
Loyal Legion Historical Journal is
now online!
<http://www.suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

Remembering "MOLLUS" In Your Will

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider including a memorial gift in you 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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each of our Commanderies. This new program was instituted in 2010 with my trips to our Texas, Ohio, New York, and Michigan Commanderies; and in November, I will be attending a meeting of the Pennsylvania Commandery. This program has a double benefit. The Commandery-in-Chief gets vital information on the well-being of its Commanderies and our Commanderies realize that they are not operating in a vacuum. As this program is not supported financially by the Commandery-in-Chief, I plan to continue with the program as best as my schedule and funds allows. Please contact either Recorder-in-Chief Jack Kane or me to arrange for a visitation.

The next scheduled national events will be the annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Commemoration and Commandery-in-Chief Midwinter Meeting that will be held February 12, 2011 in Washington DC and the annual Abraham Lincoln Death Day Commemoration that will be held April 16, 2011 in Springfield, Illinois. I strongly encourage all Commanderies to attend and present a wreath at these programs. Information regarding both these programs will be posted in the Loyal Legion Historical Journal and on our national website.

I am still concerned about the lack of recruiting on the part of some of our Commanderies and the lack of follow up by others in which applicants are referred to them via our website. We need to be much more vigilant in our efforts. We cannot squander the opportunity that is before us with all the interest that is beginning to be and will continue to be generated as the result of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for

this Order and we cannot waste it. Each Commandery needs to make a concerted effort to get itself out into the community with an established recruiting program.

Finally, I wish to thank Commander Bruce Butgereit and the Michigan Commandery for hosting an excellent National Congress. The meeting room was great, the Michigan-themed reception and banquet were first-class, and the four historic programs and commemorations comprising the tour were outstanding. I am certain that James Vernor, our first and only other Commander-in-Chief from Michigan, would have been pleased. I know I was.

Loyally,

Keith G. Harrison, Commander-in-Chief

MESSAGE FROM PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT ROSEMARY SCHAEFFER (2004 - 2010)

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your National President. At our meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 9, 2010, I passed our Dames gavel onto Monie E. Upham who will carry on the Presidential business of our order. I will remain active as your National Registrar and National Chancellor.



Special thanks to all Dames for the beautiful flag pin, made by Ann Hand of Washington, D.C. which was presented to me by Florence Stanley and Monie Upham. God Bless our Order. May we continue to increase our membership now and in years to come.

Dames in Attendance at Grand Rapids, Michigan Meeting:

Left to Right: Betsy Hammer, Ruth Funck, Rosemary Schaeffer, Monie Upham, Florence Stanley, Marcia Butgereit and Luanne Gaines



**Recipient of the 2011
Fred Drum Hunt
Award For
Outstanding Studies
in American
History:
Kelly DeStefano**



Kelly DeStefano is an outstanding scholar at Severn School in Severna Park, Maryland with a 4.29 grade point average. She is a member of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and a Maryland Distinguished Scholar Finalist. Kelly distinguished herself as a history scholar by earning the highest score possible, "5," on both the AP European and the AP U.S. History exams.

Additionally, she earned a perfect score of 800 on her SAT-II U.S. History Subject Test. She is also a member of Severn's nationally competitive varsity sailing team. For community service, Kelly spends time assisting Spanish adult education classes.

COMMANDERY NEWS

VA Commandery News

The Virginia Commandery met on Wednesday November 3rd 2010 at Mimi's Resturant in Richmond, VA for their Fall 2010 Dinner Meeting. Both Nancy Kane and Jean Bishop, members of the DOLLUS attended. *Submitted by Dick Bishop*
New Officers Include:



Commander: Richard D. Bishop
Senior Vice Commander: John Kent Kane III
Junior Vice Commander: Open
Chancellor: Bruce W. Strong
Treasurer: David P. Penhallow
Recorder: Jeffry C. Burden
Registrar: W. Courtney Fleenor
Chaplain: Christopher M. Agnew

MA Commandery News

On Sunday, September 19, 2010, a contingent of Companions led by LTC Frederick A. Stevens Jr, commander of the Mass. Commandery participated in a ceremony rededicating the grave of 1st Lt George E. Priest, RQM of the 57th Mass Inf. Rgt. At Ridgelawn Cemetery in Watertown,



Mass. David L. Smith, President of the Greater Boston Civil War Round Tables served not only as Master of Ceremonies, but was the driving force behind the event. At least nine members of the Priest Family were present for this event. A wreath was placed on the grave of Lt. Priest by LTC Stevens Jr., a flag and flag holder were placed on the grave by Robert Erickson, Watertown Veterans Svc Dir; A G.A.R. Graveside ceremony was conducted by the Mass. Dept. SVCW followed by the playing of Taps; and a special gift, a trophy, in honor of LT Priest was presented to the Priest family, and gratefully accepted by CSM John S. Priest Jr.

The military service f 1LT George E. Priest was as follows:

06 Nov 1862	enlisted as Private in the 53rd Mass. Inf. Rgt.
15 Nov 1862	promoted to 1LT, 53rd Mass. Inf. Rgt.
25 Nov 1862	mustered in to Federal Svc as 1LT, 53rd Mass. Inf. Rgt.
02 Sept 1863	mustered out of Federal Svc at end of term of service
05 Sept 1863	appointed 1LT & RQM, 57th Mass. Inf. Rgt.
07 Nov 1863	mustered in to Federal Svc 1LT & RQM, 57th Mass. Inf. Rgt.
30 July 1865	mustered out of Federal Svc at end of term of Svc

Source: Higginson, Col. Thomas Wentworth. Massachusetts in the Army and Navy, 1861-65. Two volumes. Boston, Mass; Wright and



ANNOUNCEMENT**2011 LINCOLN BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON, DC*****Annual Business Meeting of Commandery-in-Chief,
D.C. MOLLUS, and D.C. DOLLUS***

DATE/PLACE: Friday, 11 February 2011 --- Channel Inn (Pier 7)

TIMES: 8:00 a.m. MOLLUS Membership Meeting/Lower Level
 10:00 a.m. DOLLUS Membership Meeting/Conference Room, 2nd Floor
 11:30 a.m. Cash Bar, followed by Luncheon/ State Room
 2:00 p.m. Tour of Ford's Theatre Museum
 (Vans depart Channel Inn at 1:30 p.m. and return from theatre at 3:30 p.m.)



RESERVATIONS/COST: See reservation form on page 5.

Reservations to be received by February 5, 2011.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS.

Program - Military Order of the Loyal Legion Lincoln Birthday Dinner

DATE: Friday, 11 February 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - Reception (Cash Bar)
 8:00 p.m. - Patriotic Opening - U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard
 8:15 p.m. - Dinner served with wine for toasts.

PLACE: Fort McNair Officers Club, Crystal Ballroom - 2nd Floor
 Washington, D.C.
 (Must have ID with photo for admission to Fort McNair)

SPEAKER: Edwin Cole Bearss (Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service and noted Lincoln scholar, historian, author, and lecturer)

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

COST: \$60.00 per person

RESERVATIONS: See reservation form on page 9.

Reservations to be received by February 5, 2011.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS. Guests are welcome.

The Lincoln Memorial Ceremony

DATE: Saturday, 12 February 2011

TIME: 12:00 Noon (participants to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.)

PLACE: Lincoln Memorial

ATTIRE: Warm clothing. Special van transportation available from Channel Inn.

PROGRAM: The Ceremony Honoring President Abraham Lincoln's 202nd Birthday will begin at 12:00 Noon with a prelude of music by a Military Service Band at 11:45 a.m. Members of the Third Infantry

Regiment (Old Guard) will provide the Joint Services Color Guard and Honor Guard. *The Gettysburg Address* will be recited by The Honorable Allan Smith, Senior Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Presentation of the Frederick Talley Drum Hunt Award will be presented by the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS to an honor student at the Severn School, Severna Park, MD. Wreaths will be placed by or for the President of the United States, the Diplomatic Corps, the Secretary of the Interior, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, and hereditary and patriotic societies. Program arranged and sponsored by the LBNCC, the National Park Service, and the Military District of Washington.

NOTE: *Parking near the Memorial is extremely limited. There is limited parking along Ohio Drive. Van transportation to and from the Lincoln Memorial is available at the Channel Inn (site of the LBNCC luncheon) where indoor parking is also available.*

Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee Luncheon

- DATE: Saturday, 12 February 2011
- TIME: 12:45 p.m. - Cash Bar
1:30 p.m. - Luncheon
- PLACE: Channel Inn, (Pier 7), 650 Water Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.
- PROGRAM: To be announced.
- COST: \$27.00 per person inclusive.
- PARKING: Three hours *free* parking in the Channel Inn Garage (underground).
- RESERVATIONS: See reservation form on page 9.
Reservations to be received by February 5, 2011.
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS.

The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia

Please contact Susan Dennis before February 1 to obtain information about events offered by The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia:
Phone (H) 703-532-6188, or e-mail: dennisu@si.edu
Check website for further information: www.lincolngroup.org.

ATTIRE: Business attire.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of 30 rooms has been reserved at the **CHANNEL INN**, 650 Water St. SW, Washington, D.C. (800-368-5668) at a reduced rate of \$127 (tax included with free parking). When making reservations, be sure to state that you are with the Lincoln Birthday events (Block # 164177) to get this special rate. Cancellations may be made no later than 24 hours prior to the arrival date.

Other hotels to be considered (based on space available):

- The Quincy Suites:*** 1823 "L" Street, NW, Washington, DC (800-424-2970)
- Holiday Inn Central:*** 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC (800-248-0016)

RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and mail (to be received by February 5, 2011) to:

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, BUSINESS LUNCH
AND EVENING DINNER**

Make check payable to “D.C. MOLLUS” (PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS)

Registration \$25.00 each (2 Days van service to/from Channel Inn) No. _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
(Note: Those using van service on only Feb. 12 pay \$13.00) No. _____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____
Continental Breakfast – Captain’s Table Room No. _____ @ \$ 9.50 = \$ _____
MOLLUS, DOLLUS Business Meeting and Lunch at Channel Inn No. _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
(Members and Spouses only)

Tour of Ford’s Theatre Museum No. _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Dinner Reservations at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, D.C.
\$60.00 per person - Guests are Welcome No. _____ @ \$60.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME: _____ Tel. # _____ e-mail _____

Guests: _____

**LBNCC LUNCHEON
Saturday, 12 February 2011**

Please return this form (to be received by February 5, 2011) to:

**Mr. Peter Arrott Dixon, LBNCC Chairman,
111 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3803.**

Make (Separate) Check Payable to “LBNCC” (PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS)

Please make the following reservations for the LBNCC Luncheon at the Channel Inn, Saturday, Feb. 12.

Luncheon is \$27.00 per person. (Please list guests) No. _____ @ \$27.00 = \$ _____

NAME: _____ Tel. # _____

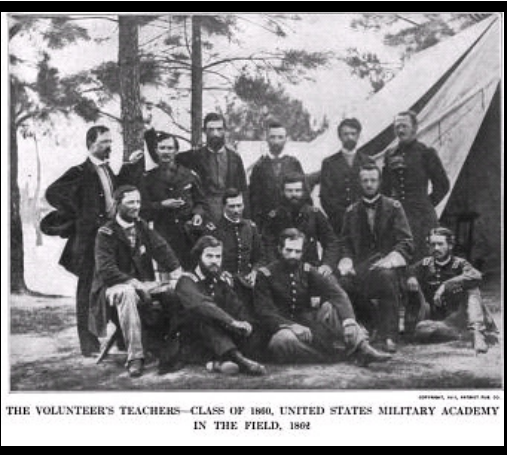
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Guests: _____

FENWICK Y. HEDLEY, BREVET-CAPTAIN, U.S.V.

The MO Commandery of MOLLUS has been contacted by Fenwick Y. Hedley's relative (a first cousin) in Scotland. Fenwick was an original Companion of the MO MOLLUS. From the MOLLUS records, Fenwick Yellowley Hedley, Brevet Captain, 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, 32nd IL Infantry USV, was born March 2, 1844 in Berwick-on-the Tweed in Scotland. After the Civil War he was the editor and publisher of the *Bunker Hill Gazette* from 1866 until 1898 in Bunker Hill, IL. Fenwick was living in St. Louis, MO in 1901, but died on January 7, 1924 in New York City. This is the last of a four part series featuring Fenwick's work in 2010.

An excerpt from "*The School of the Soldier*" Part Four of Soldier Life
The Photographic History of the Civil War in Ten Volumes, Volume 8, NY C 1911



THE VOLUNTEER'S TEACHERS—CLASS OF 1860, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
 IN THE FIELD, 1862

The men who founded the United States Military Academy in 1802 little thought that, three-score years later, hundreds of the best-trained military men in America would go forth from its portals to take up the sword against one another. Nine of the forty-one men who were graduated from West Point in 1860 joined the Confederate army. The men of this class and that of 1861 became the drill-masters, and in many cases the famous leaders, of the Federal and Confederate armies. The cadet who stood third at graduation in 1860 was Horace Porter. He became second-lieutenant, lieutenant-colonel three years later, and brigadier general at the close of the war. He received the Congressional medal

of honor for gallantry at Chickamauga, and later gained great honor as ambassador to France. Two other members, James H. Wilson and Wesley Merritt, fought their way to the top as cavalry leaders.

Both again were found at the front in the Spanish American War. The former was chief of the Cavalry Bureau in 1864 and commanded the assault and capture of Selma and Montgomery, Ala. He was major-general of volunteers in the Spanish-American War, commanded the column of British and American troops in the advance on Peking, and represented the United States army at the coronation of King Edward VII of England. General Wesley Merritt earned six successive promotions for gallantry as a cavalry leader—at Gettysburg, Yellow Tavern, Hawe's Shop, Five Forks, and other engagements—and was one of the three Union leaders to arrange for the surrender at Appomattox. He participated in several Indian campaigns, commanded the American troops in the Philippines, and was summoned from there to the aid of the American Peace Commission, in session in Paris.

Thank you to Douglas R Niermeyer, PCinC for submitting this four part series.

Be sure to read "Conversations with Keith Harrison" in the November/December 2010 issue of "[Michigan History Magazine](#)"

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*An Excerpt From:
Second Annual Meeting of
The Military Order of the
Loyal Legion of
the United States
Philadelphia,
October 20-21, 1886*

The second annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Order was held at the Hall of the Historical Society of PA, 13th and Locust Sts, Philadelphia, Wednesday, October 20, 1886, at 10 A.M. By command of Brevet major-General Rutherford B. Hayes U.S.V. Senior vice-Commander-in-Chief, Commanding.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order 10:15 a.m. in the hall of the Historical Society of PA by the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Rutherford B. Hayes, commanding. At the request of the Senior Vice-commander-in-Chief, presiding, Chaplain H. Clay Trumbul, D.D., PA, invoked the divine blessing as follows:

“Our Father and our God, the years come and go, but thou changest not. Thou art ever the dame. Thy were, thy love, and thy ministry of good, are today as always. Kept, by the mercy, through the round of another year, we stand together once more in thy presence, in the enjoyment of all the sacred memories of the past, of all the high privileges of the present and of all the holy hopes of the future; and gratefully we render thee thanks, and humbly we implore thy blessing.

Since last we stood together

before thee in this assembly, thou have taken to thyself him who then presided over our deliberations and who had so largely the love and honor of all, besides ourselves, who recognized his worth and nobleness, and who were mindful of his eminent services in the preservation of our national life. As we sincerely mourn his loss, we heartily rejoice in the memory of his life-lived so courageously, so grandly, and with such patriotic fidelity even to its very close; and our prayer is that his example so far may be to us and others unfailingly an inspiration and an incentive.

And now we ask thy blessing upon our country, and upon all who represent its interests, or who are interested in its welfare. Bless the President of the United States. Bless those who counsel him. Bless those who make, and those who interpret, and those who execute, our laws. Bless all who are under our national authority.

Grant thy special blessing upon this gathering. Guide us, in all its deliberations and action. Bless all the constituencies represented here. Bless us as individuals. Grant unto us each and all a loving spirit of fidelity to our country and to thee. We ask all this in the name and for the sake, of our Lord Jesus Christ—who hath taught us to pray.”

The Recorder-in-Chief called the roll, and the companions named responded.

The Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief presiding spoke as follows:

Companions;

This meeting—the second

annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States is the first annual meeting since the death of General Hancock. The Commanderies of the several states, agreeably to a circular issued from the Headquarters, took appropriate action, published their proceedings, and placed a record thereof in their archives. The Commandery-in-Chief, it is assumed, will wish to take a similar course, and will cause to be prepared for publication a memorial of General Hancock which will be worthy of our Order and of its beloved and lamented Commander-in-Chief.

In the presence of many who served on most intimate terms with General Hancock during long years of severe and trying duty, I shall not attempt an adequate sketch of his life, services and character. I had not in the army the privilege of an acquaintance with him that was either extensive or intimate. He was my commander only during the last few weeks of the active work of the war. My relations with him from 1877 to 1881 were, however, in some interesting matters necessarily close and confidential. I cannot be mistaken as to the substantial and sterling elements of his character. If, when we make up our estimate of a public man conspicuous both as a soldier and in affairs, we are to think first and chiefly of his manhood, his integrity, his purity, his singleness of purpose and his unselfish devotion to duty, we can say truthfully of Hancock that he was through and through pure gold.

I will not on this occasion enter at large on the facts of his life.

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During many years he was at the head of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. His presence, his prestige, his name, have given to this soldiers' organization we know not how much of its prosperity, its interest, and its influence. His commanding figure and features—so impressive, inspiring and dignified—were the outward symbol of a character and of achievements which left nothing for the most exacting imagination to desire when seeking the ideal American soldier, patriot, and gentleman. One reference to his record as a soldier is enough for my present purpose. The single battle which, lost or won, humanly speaking, seemed destined to decide the great conflict, was Hancock's opportunity. He was equal to the occasion. Henceforth Hancock and Gettysburg—Gettysburg and Hancock—are forever linked together in adamant. The name of our Commander-in-Chief will live in our annals as long as American history is known among men. Brave soldier—noble gentleman—beloved Companion—hail and farewell!

Companion Martin T. McMahan, NY, moved that the remarks of the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief be entered on the Journal. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Recorder-in-Chief submitted the following:

I have the honor to make the following report to the Commandery-in-Chief: Number of Commanderies as of May 1, 1885 was 10. Number of

Commanderies instituted and organized from May 1, 1885 to April 30, 1886 was 5. Total membership of the Order as of May 1, 1886 was 3,627.

The Treasurer-in-Chief submitted the following:

To the Commandery-in-Chief, I have the honor to present my annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending October 19, 1886.

Receipts from Recorder-in-Chief during the year \$3114.94. Expenditures paid fifty three vouchers during the year \$2963.91. October 19, 1886 on hand in Importers and Traders Bank, NY \$151.03. John J. Milhau, Treasurer-in-Chief. Examined, audited and found correct to October 19, 1886, Francis A. Walker of the Council-in-Chief.

The Recorder-in-Chief then read the following:

*Union League House
Philadelphia, October 19, 1886*

*Colonel Jon P. Nicholson,
Recorder-in-Chief of the Loyal
Legion of the United States.*

*Sir; I have the honor to extend to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the privileges of the League House during their stay in Philadelphia, and trust they will avail themselves of the same. The insignia of the Legion will be sufficient recognition for admission. Very truly yours,
Edwin N. Benson, President.*

Companion Martin T. McMahan,

NY moved the acceptance of the invitation. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief presiding, Companion John S. Cuninghame, CA moved that the Commandery-in-Chief do now proceed to the election of a Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Companion John M. Schofield, NY, spoke as follows: Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief:

I desire to nominate for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Order Lieutenant-General Philip H. Sheridan. I base this nomination upon the broad principle that it is in exact harmony with the spirit of the Order. The Senior Companion of the Order who is eligible as a member of the Commandery-in-Chief, should, in my opinion, be chosen Commander-in-Chief. By senior I mean that officer who held the highest command, rendered the most valuable service, and received the highest rank as a recognition of that service, in the war for the preservation of the Union; that officer who, by the common consent of his fellow soldiers and of his countrymen, is regarded as the most eminent soldier among those who are eligible to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

I do not mean to say that special circumstances may not make it proper to depart from this rule at some future time. But so long as no special reasons exist

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for exceptional action, I hold that the principle upon which our Order is founded, requires the action I suggest. It would be entirely superfluous for me to say that my personal relations to General Sheridan and my estimate of his services, character, and ability would dictate the same course. I desire to base my nomination upon the broad ground I have stated.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hayes spoke as follows:

Companions,

It gives me very great pleasure to second the nomination of General Sheridan for Commander-in-Chief. It was my good fortune to serve under him during his brilliant and victorious campaign in the Shenandoah Valley. Last evening while we were enjoying a quiet, social reunion with our Companions of the PA Commandery, at the United Service Club, my mind was full of most interesting and vivid recollections of the scenes of that wonderful battle which occurred on that day just 24 years before—the battle of Cedar Creek—the battle in which the complete and disastrous defeat of the morning was changed by the Military genius and magnetic heroism of Sheridan into the glorious victory of the evening.

General Sheridan is precisely the man whose character, reputation, and achievements qualify him for Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Companion John M. Schofield, NY, spoke as follows:

If the Companions present, and especially the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will indulge me in a personal remark, I desire to state that I have with great pleasure heard General Hayes say, on several occasions, that he esteems his honorable record as a soldier, though in a subordinate position, as an object of great pride and satisfaction far above anything connected with the great office he has since held, the important services to the country he has since rendered, and the high position he now occupies in the world because of that great office.

In short, that war record is what gives standing in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The graceful terms in which General Hayes has just seconded the nomination of General Sheridan cannot but be pleasing and gratifying to the Companions of the Order.

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and Companion Philip H. Sheridan of Illinois had received the unanimous vote of the Commandery-in-Chief.

**Second Day, Thursday,
October 21, 11:00 a.m.**

Pursuant to the Order of adjournment, the Commandery-in-Chief was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall of the Historical Society of PA by the Sr Vice Commander-in-Chief, Rutherford B. Hayes.

The Chaplain in Chief, H. Clay Trumbull, D.D., opened the session with a prayer.

Present a quorum of Companions.

The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief invested...Companion Philip H. Sheridan, Illinois, as Commander-in-Chief of the Order.

The Commander-in-Chief presiding spoke as follows:

Companions of the Commandery-in-Chief,

Your action in choosing me the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States has come to me so unexpectedly that I can only return you my sincere and heart-felt thanks. I highly appreciate the great honor you have conferred on me and can only repay you by a diligent performance of the duties which may fall upon me.

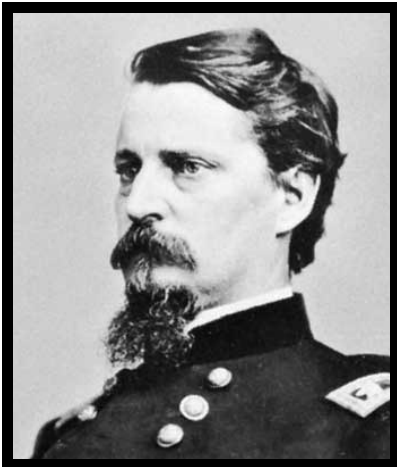
I will do all I can to promote the best interests of the Order and to preserve its honor and high character.

The Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief submitted the following: Resolved, that a committee of five companions be appointed to prepare a memorial of our late Commander-in-Chief Winfield Scott Hancock. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Sr. Vice Commander moved the Commandery-in-Chief do now adjourn. The motion was adopted. Adjourned at 11:35 A.M. John P. Nicholson, Recorder-in-Chief

*Submitted by PCC Gordon R.
Bury from the Journal of the
Commandery-in-Chief Volumes
1,2,3,4 1885-88,
Philadelphia 1889*

**COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
IN MEMORIAM
WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK**

“There is a heritage of heroic example and noble obligation, not reckoned in the wealth of nations, but essential to a nation’s life.”



Cadet U.S. Military Academy, July 1, 1840; Brevet Second Lieutenant 6th U.S. Infantry, July 1, 1844; Second Lieutenant, June 18, 1846; Regimental Quartermaster, June 30, 1848, to October 1,

1849; Regiment Adjutant, October 1, 1849, to November 7, 1855; First Lieutenant, January 27, 1853; Captain and Assistant Quartermaster U.S. Army, November 7, 1855; Major and Quartermaster, November 30, 1863; Brigadier-General U.S. Army, August 12, 1864, “for gallant and distinguished services in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, and in all the operations of the Army in Virginia under Lieutenant-General Grant;” Major-General, July 26, 1866.

Brigadier-General U.S. Volunteers, September 23, 1861; major-General November 29, 1862; vacated commission in Volunteer Service July 26, 1866.

Brevetted First Lieutenant U.S. Army, August 20, 1847, “for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico;” Major-General U.S. Army, March 1, 1865, “for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Spotsylvania, VA.”

The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled Resolved (joint resolution approved April 21, 1866) “That in addition to the thanks heretofore voted by joint resolution, approved January 28, 1864, to *** and the officers and soldiers of the Army of the

Potomac for the skill and heroic valor which, at Gettysburg, repulsed, defeated and drove back, broken and dispirited, the veteran army of the rebellion, the gratitude of the American people, and the thanks of their Representatives in Congress are likewise due, and are hereby tendered to Major-General Winfield S. Hancock, for his gallant, meritorious and conspicuous share in that great and decisive victory.”

- Elected, February 12, 1866. Class I, Insignia 161.
- Council of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, 1866-1869.
- Commander of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, June 5, 1879 to February 9, 1886.
- Acting Commander-in-Chief of the Order, June 5, 1879 to October 21, 1885.
- Commander-in-chief of the Order, October 21, 1885 to February 9, 1886.
- Born, February 14, 1824 at Montgomery Square, Montgomery County, PA.
- Died February 9, 1886, at Governor’s Island, New York Harbor.

This photograph shows Major General Hancock and his staff near Cold Harbor, Virginia. General Hancock is

to the right of the tree; General Francis Barlow is at the left of the tree, without a hat; General David



Birney is to the right of Hancock; and General John Gibbon is to the right of Birney, standing in profile.

For a thorough biographical sketch of Winfield Scott Hancock, please refer to the 1997 Spring Issue of the Loyal Legion Historical Journal, for an article written by Robert G. Carroon.

Memorial from the Journal of the Commandery-in-Chief Volumes 1,2,3,4 1885-88,

Philadelphia 1889

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**125th NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
Grand Rapids, Michigan 8-10 October 2010**



The Michigan Commandery under the direction of Commander Bruce Butgereit is to be commended for organizing and conducting a truly monumental Congress. Although cooler weather had arrived in Michigan, we were welcomed by an unseasonably warm spell. On Friday, 8 October, following registration and a meeting of the Trustees of the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund, a welcome dinner took place in the Holiday Inn

headquarters hotel where we were entertained by The Schubert Male Chorus which received rousing applause by the audience. Following the dinner and entertainment, a hospitality hour ensued in the Commander-in-Chief's suite where Companions, Dames and guests added inches to their waistlines by consuming mounds of a great local ice cream and pie. For those who didn't eat too much the evening before, a breakfast was available prior to the prompt opening of the Congress by Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison.



In his usual efficient style, Commander-in-Chief Harrison wrapped up the business session in time for everyone to get to the noon luncheon. National President of the Dames, Rosemary Schaeffer also made certain that the Dames were not late for lunch. At their meeting, the Dames elected Monie Upham of the D.C. Society and daughter of Past Commander-in-Chief Bill Upham as their new National President. After lunch everyone climbed on the bus for a tour of Civil War

historical sites where ceremonies were held to commemorate the event and those involved. Among the stops where ceremonies were conducted were the old soldiers home Civil War monument at the Veterans Home; the memorial tree site for Amos Watson; the Civil War monument in Memorial Park; and Lincoln Place. The Saturday evening formal banquet, "Dinner with the Lincoln's", featured Fred and Bonnie Priebe portraying President and Mrs. Lincoln. Once again, those Companions and Dames who had withstood all of the heavy activity of the day convened in the Commander-in-Chief's suite for more of the "Taste of Michigan" ice cream, beverages, and snacks. After breakfast on Sunday morning Companions and Dames began their departure while some remained behind to visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Library Museum or engage in other sight seeing. In any case, everyone left with fond memories of a truly splendid Congress. *Submitted by PCC Lowell Hammer*



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2010

Commander-in-Chief with the MOLLUS flag in the background at the Albert Woolson Monument saluting after placing the MOLLUS wreath at the Monument.



Just before the Remembrance Day parade. *MOLLUS C-in-C Keith Harrison, SUVCW C-in-C Brad Schall, SUVCW JrVice C-in-C Perley Mellor, SUVCW SrVice C-in-C Don Palmer Jr., and MOLLUS SrVice C-in-C Jeffry Burden.*



Virginia Companion Mark Day and SVCinC Jeffry Burden.



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