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## Biography of Milton A. Blickensderfer, Medal of Honor Recipient

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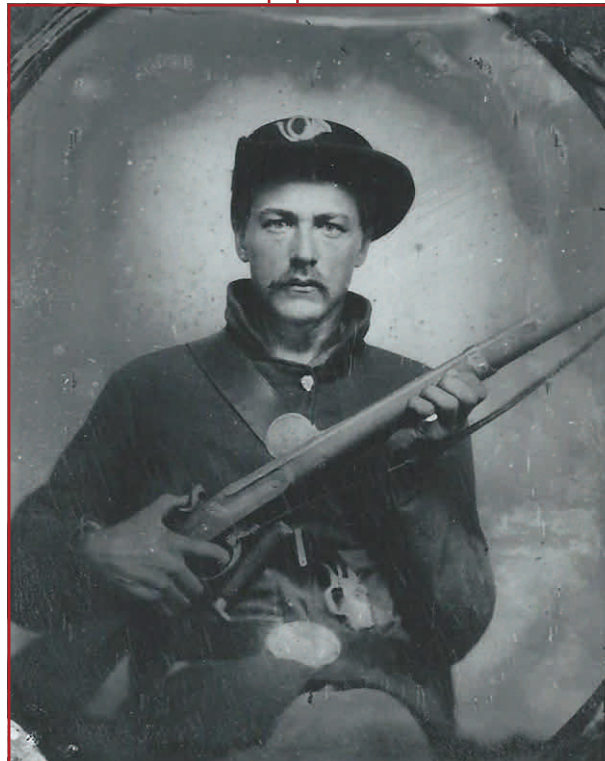
Milton A. Blickensderfer was born on May 20, 1835 in Lancaster County, PA. The son of Joshua and Hannah Weidner Blickensderfer. As a small child, Milton's parents moved to Shanesville, (Tuscarawas County), Ohio, where he spent all but a few years of his life. He was a descendant of a pioneer family that included Joseph Blickensderfer, one of the first local common please judges, and one of its first members to the Ohio legislature.

Blickensderfer was married to Mary Magdalena Dietz on August 2, 1857, by Rev. John G. Zahner. That life-long union produced nine children. Not long after the birth of his third child, Blickensderfer made his fateful decision to join the Union Army. His muster-in report lists him as age 27, 5' 10" in height, with a fair complexion, gray eyes and light hair. The date was August 12, 1862, when he enrolled in

Captain Dixon's Company of the 126<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. This company was later re-designated as Company E. Milton served with this unit his entire military career. The regiment was organized in Camp Steubenville, (Jefferson County), Ohio, and was mustered into Federal service there on September 4, 1862. Members of the regiment were recruited from local counties and numbered 879 officers and enlisted men.

On September 16, 1862 Blickensderfer and the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry were ordered to Parkersburg, WV. There they joined the Department of WV (Railroad Brigade). In January, 1863, the regiment joined the Middle Department (Garrison Duty) and served in that command until July, 1863. Transferred to New York City after the New York Draft Riots, the regiment served in the Department of the East until September, 1863. The unit then joined the Army of the Potomac, serving in that Army until the end of the war. At the time of his heroics the regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, Third Division,

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**Commander-in-Chief's Message**

Companions,

*I am pleased to report that the Mid-Winter meeting in DC was well attended, enjoyable, highly successful, and that the great weather was only matched by the esprit de corps.*



*I'd like to thank the DC Commandery, as they once again put together the equivalent of a National Congress every February. A special thanks to Peter and Joan Dixon, for their decades of service, and who many of us honor as we do our own parents. In the late 1990s, when I had already been in MOLLUS for several years, I humbly asked a Companion, "Am I allowed to come to the functions in DC?" as I thought it was only a business meeting for the Field & Staff Officers. Since then, I've been to many amazing venues and places including: West Point and The Thayer Hotel, Annapolis, The Navy War College, The Army Navy Club, The Philadelphia Club, The MOLLUS Museum at Pine Street, Officer's Clubs at Fort Knox, Fort McNair, Fort Sam Houston, & Fort Meyer, Ford's Theater, Richmond, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, The Alamo, The Menger Hotel, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's Birthplace, Michigan in the Fall, City Tavern, LMU, The Capitol, The Union League, The Battleship New Jersey, and the amazing city of Puebla, Mexico. All of these experiences were shared with great meals, drinks, cigars, and*

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**MOLLUS WEBSITE**

**Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!**

<http://www.mollus.org>

**WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS**

The following Companions have joined the  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the  
Winter 2015 issue of the Journal.

Commander-in-Chief James Simmons  
extends congratulations and a warm welcome  
to each one.

Insignia	Commandery	Companion
22670	FL	Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.
22671	WI	Bryce Lloyd Nelson
A291	MA	Mark Bruce Chevalier

***Hereditary Member Recruitment***

*New membership represents the future of our Order. In recognition of that fact, the Commandery-in-Chief honors those Companions who recruit three or more hereditary Companions during a membership year (October 1-September 30) with the Lincoln Medal Award. Companions who qualify for the Medal may receive the award at either the Annual Congress, the Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, or the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. Please contact the Commander-in-Chief, or Membership Committee Chairman Col. Eric Armando Rojo, for more details.*

***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.

# COMMANDERY NEWS

## NY Commandery

The New York Commandery conducted regular business meetings in November and December 2015 during the holiday season, including a Veterans Day luncheon at the Union League Club on Park Avenue.

In December several members of the New York Commandery attended the annual Christmas party of the Squadron "A" Club where we hold our normal evening meetings.

One last item of note was in early February in conjunction with the New York Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars we held a joint event at the Down Town Association, a private club in the financial district of lower Manhattan. Our speaker was the Chair of the West Point History Dept., Colonel Ty Seidule, US



Colonel Ty Seidule, USMA

Army, who spoke on "Robert E. Lee - Hero or Traitor - West Point and Confederate Memory 1861-2016." An interesting lecture and

discussion was enjoyed by over forty attendees.

After the lecture, members and guests hosted Colonel Seidule and his wife for dinner at the famous

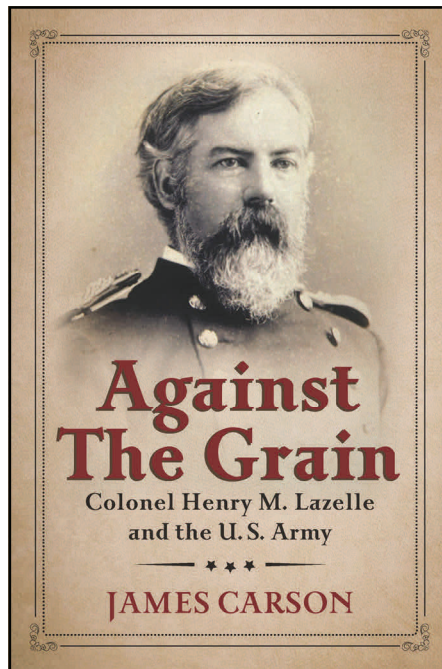
Delmonico's Steakhouse nearby.



Delmonico's Steakhouse, 56 Beaver St. Manhattan

## VA Commandery

James Carson has authored a new book dealing with one of the Civil War's fascinating figures, Henry Martyn Lazelle. *Against the Grain: Colonel Henry M. Lazelle and the U.S. Army* was published in December by the University of North Texas Press. Lazelle served bravely as a scout with Kit Carson, and later as a Civil War cavalryman, but also is



remembered for frequent battles with Army authority (including while serving as West Point Commandant of Cadets) that stunted his career. Lazelle is James' great-grandfather, and his MOLLUS ancestor.

John Hall's Facebook page, "United States Colored Troops (USCT) Headstone Project", has now gathered images of more than 10,000 markers, as well as other data on USCT troops and officers, and has almost 3,000 "likes". It serves as a valuable resource for USCT research.

Jeffry Burden appeared before a Virginia State Senate subcommittee on February 10 to support proposed legislation extending protections given to war-related memorials and monuments. The current law, passed in 1998, has been deemed by a judge to protect such markers from the actions of local governments, but only if the marker was erected in or after 1998. The proposed amendment to the law would extend protection to all markers, no matter when erected.

## WI Commandery

The Wisconsin Commandery held its annual winter meeting Jan 22, 2016. The major topic of discussion was the 2018 Convention. First, the Commandery reaffirmed its commitment to hosting the convention; decided that the host city would be Milwaukee; the dates of the convention would be

Oct 5-6, with registration on Oct 4. Some of the tasks were assigned, with the task of booking hotel space being assigned at the next meeting (2 years in advance). A general discussion of events and speakers continued with many different options offered. One event that was agreed upon was a tour of the Civil War Museum of the Great Lakes in Kenosha, WI which has a very interactive layout and a not-be-missed interpretation of the Cyclorama form popular after the Civil War. Details will be reported as they developed. These details will be reported MOLLUS Historical Journal as well the Wisconsin Commandery Journal available on the MOLLUS website.



Back Row L-R: Alan Hemple, Kim Heltemes, Stuart Brandes Front Row L-R: Jim Reeves, Alan Petit, Paul Johnson, BG Vince Barker, Murray Beckford, LtCol Thomas Curtis  
Not shown, Dean Collins

## MA Commandery

Is anybody willing to work with Ron Morneau to help veterans who are either in need of help after providing service to our country, or on active duty?

Unless we can get four or more people to participate in this activity I think it will go on the shelf for the moment.

Then we have the ROTC medal program to implement in the spring. Do we have any volunteers to help with this? We normally give up to five awards to students participating at MIT, *Northeastern*, and *UMass*. *Joint Meeting* Then what are your feelings on having a joint meeting with Connecticut and Rhode Island and perhaps some folks from New York state next spring – late April or early May? Any preferences as to one of the following three venues: 1. Air Museum in Hartford; 2. Civil War Museum in Windsor Locks, CT; 3. Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford, CT. Any preference for mid-week or weekend for the joint meeting? *Member Recruitment* Can each member bring in a new member during the year ending June 30, 2016? We will help find the genealogical tree that entitles potential new member to hereditary status, or help with an associate membership if the potential member is lacking a Union officer who fought in the Civil War.

## MI Commandery

Michigan's Grand Army  
of the Republic Memorial Hall  
and Museum  
224 South Main Street  
Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
April 9 & 10, 2016

On the night of April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, lead by Major Benjamin Stephenson, gathered in an upstairs room in a small,

unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save.

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic with a special Open House on Saturday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 10th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. A silent auction will be held on Saturday and light refreshments will be served. Saturday evening will be highlighted with a 150th birthday cake in honor of the Grand Army. We encourage your attendance.

The Museum also invites all members of the Allied Orders to bring items that they would like to exhibit from their own collections including GAR, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Please let either Keith Harrison (517-694-9394) or Gary Gibson (269-345-3827) know by Thursday, April 7th if you will be bringing an exhibit for one or two days and how much table space you will need. The Museum will have 4- and 6-foot tables available, but it will need to be first come, first serve. Also, if you have pertinent items that you would like to donate for the silent auctions, please also let Keith or Gary

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**The Florida  
Commandery  
Invites Companions  
To “Save the date”  
for MOLLUS  
Congress 2016  
Friday and Saturday  
October 14-15, 2016 at  
Pensacola, Florida**

Friday events will depend on interest shown. Fort Pickens, which remained in Union hands throughout the conflict, is in the vicinity. A national seashore is as well. We observed the sesquicentennial at Fort Pickens in September 2011. A Friday evening social is also under consideration.

The Crowne Plaza, Downtown Pensacola is the hotel where we have verbal agreement for a king-size room for \$125 per night, or rooms with 2 queen-size-beds for \$110 per night, both plus taxes. The rate will be honored for 3 days before to 3 days following Congress if reserved by the cutoff date.

Congress convenes Saturday morning at the hotel, with at least one display table.

Afterwards, there will be transport to the Naval Aviation Museum via the west (“back”) gate for lunch at the Cubi Café, followed by tours of the museum. Each attendant will need identification such as a state issued driver’s license for entry aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Following tours, there will be transportation to the hotel for a reception and black-tie dinner. A Palm Beach Atlantic University History Department faculty member with concentration on the Civil War is our planned speaker.

**From The  
National  
Quartermaster...**

New MOLLUS items for sale.

The first of the new items for sale is a plastic, engraved MOLLUS identification badge.

They are 2” X 3” with a magnetic fastening on the back. It is highlighted by another new item – a ¾” flat backed MOLLUS insignia. The initial price is \$15.00 with shipping included. Please specify how you would like your name to appear, your Commandery and office held (optional).

The next new items are flat back MOLLUS insignia. These can be purchased in two sizes – 1 3/8” (same size as our insignia medal) and ¾”. These can be used in a variety of ways such as inclusion on presentation plaques, watch fobs, embedding in the matting of membership certificates, etc.

The large insignia is \$17.00 and the small is \$7.50 (shipping included). Until the order forms can be updated, please add them at the bottom of an existing order form when placing your order.

The Quartermaster also has a

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JOE COLEMAN

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PA COMMANDERY

limited supply of 150th anniversary items. They are available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Joe Coleman by email to first determine the availability of the item(s) you would like and then send the regular MOLLUS merchandise order form to Joe but add the items you are requesting that have been confirmed as available.

**150th Anniversary  
Commemorative two medal set  
(\$50.00)- Very limited quantity**

**150th Anniversary Challenge  
coin (\$10.00).**

**150th Anniversary tote bag  
(\$15.00) - Very limited quantity.**



## Trustees' Corner

In coming issues, the Trustees will use this space to report on issues related to the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund, and on how the Fund supports the life of the Order. First, a very basic question: what is the Memorial Fund?

The Memorial Fund, while an integral part of the mission of the MOLLUS, is in fact a separate entity from the Order. It is a trust, established in 1955, that is tasked with taking in and distributing monies, to help the Order meet its philanthropic and educational goals. These goals include publishing the Journal and other written works, awarding scholarships and grants, and funding worthy projects and events. The Fund is a Sec. 501(c)(3) entity under the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, gifts to it are completely tax-deductible. (The Order itself is a 501(c)(10) entity, with more restricted gift deductibility rules.)

The activities of the Fund are overseen by a Board of seven trustees, who bear full responsibility for ensuring that the Fund is properly managed. According to the Fund's "Declaration of Trust", the trustees are the Commander-in-Chief; the Senior and Junior Vice Cs-in-C; the Treasurer-in-Chief; the Recorder-in-Chief; and two other Companions, designated by the above five members, who are either present or past national officers, or present or past Commandery commanders, vice-commanders, or recorders.

To conclude this issue's installment, here's a follow-up on the Fund's just-concluded capital campaign, the **Campaign for 2015**. Below are the names of individuals whose gifts were received after the last issue of the Journal went to press, as well as their cumulative giving levels:

**Lincoln Society (\$1,000 - \$1,999)**

Alice Schmidt

**Farragut Society (\$200 - \$499)**

Paul Kinyon

**Cushing Society (\$1 - \$199)**

Sherburbe Dunn

Michael Miller

## Major Charles Bentzoni

*The United States military has always benefitted from the influence of foreign-born soldiers. From*



*Baron von Steuben's critical instruction at Valley Forge, through the leadership of Gen. Philippe Regis de Trobriand and Thomas Francis Meagher in the Civil War, to the present day, such influence has been critical to American success on the battlefield.*

*One such fascinating soldier, who helped create and sustain the use of black soldiers in the United States Army, was Charles Bentzoni. Born in Breslau in the kingdom of Prussia in 1830, Bentzoni served several years in Prussia's military service before emigrating to the United States. On May 12, 1857, a few weeks after arriving, he enlisted in Company "D", 11th U.S. Infantry. With the coming of the Civil War, he received a commission as a 2nd lieutenant, on 12 November 1861. With the 11th, he saw much action throughout the Eastern Theater.*

*Bentzoni impressed superiors with his knowledge, and his courage under fire. He was serving as a 1st Lt. and battalion quartermaster when he received an appointment as Colonel of the 56th U.S.C.T. (formerly the 1st Arkansas Regiment of African Descent) in November 1864. The*

*56th mostly performed garrison and guard duty, and saw little combat action. Bentzoni was brevetted a Regular Army lieutenant colonel, along with his rank of Colonel in the Volunteers.*

*The most important incidents during his time in command of the 56th occurred after the War ended. Near Helena, Arkansas in 1866, Bentzoni and soldiers in his regiment pooled resources to buy thirty acres and construct a number of buildings there. This site became the home of an orphanage and school for black citizens named Southland College, later known as the Southland Institute. It served thousands of freedmen and others before closing in 1925, and was always a point of special pride for Bentzoni.*

*A sadder tale arose as the regiment, in relatively good health, returned from Arkansas in September 1866. The men boarded two separate vessels to travel up the Mississippi River to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. By there time the boats reached Cairo, Illinois, men on both vessels were suffering from chills, vomiting and diarrhea — class symptoms of cholera. Bentzoni, desperate to help his men but finding little assistance there, sent the boats on to St. Louis, and had the survivors immediately enter a quarantine camp for treatment. Eventually, one officer and 178 men died.*

*Bentzoni was anguished at the fate of his men, but his decision to enforce a quarantine likely saved dozens more lives in St. Louis*

*itself. A new memorial marker, listing by name all 173 who were buried either along the River or in a mass grave at Jefferson Barracks, was placed in 2014. (Six victims were buried elsewhere.)*

*After leaving the 56th, Bentzoni continued serving with black troops, including as a Captain in the 25th U.S. Infantry. He fought hard to have his men recognized as the trained, disciplined warriors they were, despite official prejudice. He also served in the 21st, 40th and 1st U.S. infantry regiments, and in 1885 was elected Companion No.*

*03690 in the Loyal Legion, through the Commandery of California. He retired in 1894 with the Regular Army rank of Major, carrying with him the affection and respect of the many soldiers of color he led so capably.*



*Bentzoni, who never married, made his retirement home in Los Angeles before embarking in 1896 on an extended trip around the world. He returned to Los Angeles in 1901 and lived there until his death in 1915. His marker in Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Los Angeles features crossed infantry swords...and also, fittingly, a Prussian-style officer's helmet.*

*Submitted by Jeffry Burden, PCinC*

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VI Corps, Army of the Potomac.

Milton participated in over two dozen military operations during the Civil War. The more notable battles taking place at such locations as the Wilderness, Spotsylvania court House, Cold Harbor, and of course the Siege of Petersburg and Richmond; (all locations in VA). Over 300 of Blickensderfer's regimental brothers-in-arms perished in the war. A high mortality rate indeed. Blickensderfer was twice hospitalized during the war, for unknown illnesses. Milton held the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant. One interesting story is shared with us by Mrs. Clifford (Norma) Haglock of Dover, OH. Mrs. Haglock is Blickensderfer's grand-daughter. In a recent letter she wrote that "Milton was somewhat of a scallywag and was busted from Sergeant to Corporal for coming out of his tent in the middle of the night and giving the Rebel Yell. All thought they were under attack and it didn't go over very well."

The soldierly duties of Milton Blickensderfer began early on April 2, 1865. His day of destiny would be a long one. A day in which he would endear himself in the hearts of his countrymen and fellow combatants. Lt. General U.S. Grant, Commander of all Union forces, in an effort to exploit General Sheridan's success at Five Forks, VA, issued orders for the Sixth Corps to assault General Lee's main fortifications on Sunday morning,

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grant also feared that General Lee would, in his desperate situation, strip his fortified lines of troops and redeploy them to reinforce Fitzhugh Lee and George Pickett, of Gettysburg fame, at Five Forks. The wheels of war were in motion. Preparatory to the sixth Corps' assault, and at 10 pm on the night of April 1<sup>st</sup>, General Grant ordered all his artillery fired along the siege lines. This brought about a return fire. The night was dark and dismal, punctuated with the deafening roar, screaming shot and bursting shell from 400 heavy guns. The artillery duel lasted 2 hours. At 12:00, midnight, Blickensderfer's unit received orders to take position for the attack. In the gloom of the damp, chilly night they silently filed out of the lines to an allotted position with 200 yards of the mouths of the Confederate cannons. Once positioned they were to await the discharge of the signal gun before commencing the assault. It is said there were no light hearts among the attackers that night, but there were few faint ones. Blickensderfer knew the strength of the Confederate emplacements and defensive positions. He had watched their completion and knew of the abattis (felled trees with sharpened branches), the deep marshy ditches to be passed, as well as the height ramparts to be scaled. The night added to the solemnity of the occasion.

Blickensderfer's Third Division was formed on the left of the line, about 200 feet from the Second Division on the right.

Each were in two lines of battle. The Confederates were alert and opened fire with artillery and musketry inflicting some losses. At 4:40 am, while still dark, a gray light in the East being barely visible, Fort Fisher's signal gun boomed forth a single shot. At that exact moment Milton Blickensderfer began his quest for survival and the fulfillment of his destiny. The storming column moved promptly. The advance line had bayonets fixed, guns not loaded, the other line with guns loaded to protect those in advance while passing the trenches. The Confederates opened fire with musketry and cannon, but the column went on, sweeping down the abattis using it to effect a passage of the deep ditches and to gain a footing on the berme of the earthworks. The troops were resourceful and used muskets and bayonets as ladder rungs to climb the banks of the ditches. Men made ladders of themselves enabling their companions to gain the parapets. The assault forces captured the Southern positions. Blickensderfer's Third Division entered the positions first and quickly captured 10 pieces of artillery, three battle-flags, and General Heath's headquarters flag. Some hand to hand fighting occurred on the ramparts of the fortifications. The battle continued during the morning hours. It was during this action that Corporal Milton Blickensderfer captured a rebel battle flag. Exact details are lost to history. Only the Sixth Corps,

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that fateful day, was able to make a rift in the Confederacy. In a twist of historical irony at about that very moment General Lee was wiring the Secretary of War (Mr. Breckinridge) in Richmond that the military situation was critical and that it would be “absolutely necessary that we should abandon our position tonight.”

The whereabouts of the Rebel battle flag which Blickensderfer captured is unknown. It was on exhibit in the State House at Columbus, OH for many years. It is believed that parts of the flag, worn and shredded with age, remain at the State House. There is speculation that the flag was included in an exchange of captured battle flags between various Northern and Southern Veteran’s organizations in 1905. Also, it is not known which units’ flag Milton Blickensderfer captured. A great deal of research, and expert consultation leads one to interpret best available historical evidence that the flag in question belonged to the 11<sup>th</sup> NC Infantry.

Blickensderfer’s gallantry was acknowledged by his commanding officer on April 17, 1865 in a letter to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Sixth Army Corps. On May 3, 1865 his M.O.H. was forwarded to him from the Adjutant General’s Office of the War Department by the authority of the Secretary of War. On June 2, 1865 he took part in the famous Grand Review of the Sixth Corps in Washington, DC. He was

discharged on June 25, 1865 near Washington, DC by authority of General Order No 26, Headquarters, Army of the Potomac.

When the Civil War hero returned to his hometown he resumed his vocation of wagon maker and sometime butcher. He is believed to have operated his own shop in Shanesville in addition to being a business associate of the founder of Dover.

Blickensderfer began receiving a \$30 monthly Civil War pension on May 20, 1912 and collected it until his death at the age of 81 on March 17, 1916. The cause of his death is listed as arterial sclerosis. He is buried in Shanesville Cemetery.

Blickensderfer’s Medal of Honor, and other personal papers relating to it have been in the custody of his descendants since his death. His medal is at the Dover, OH Historical Society’s J.E. Reeves Museum. Mrs. Haglock donated the papers to the museum in 1974 upon the death of her brother. In 1980, Mrs. Haglock persuaded another family member to donate the medal to their local society. Blickensderfer’s Medal of Honor is in excellent condition.



Dover, OH J.E. Reeves Museum

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*conversations, unknowingly building lifelong friendships with my MOLLUS and DOLLUS family, as well as their spouses, friends, and family. On February 12, I was honored to read a letter from our President, about the life of President Lincoln, while standing just feet away from the 175 ton, 19 foot tall, Georgia white*



*marble statue of our 16th President. I am certainly glad I asked, can I come to DC!! As your 61st Commander-in-Chief, in the sesquicentennial year of our Order, I personally invite you all to come to as many functions as you can, sharing in the service, adventure, and brotherhood of our Order. I also ask that we support and encourage the renewed growth of the Dames. We have an exciting future ahead of us, and you are that future!!*

*Loyally,*

*Captain James Alan Simmons  
Commander-in-Chief*

## From the Senior Vice Commander in Chief ...

### Law Now Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

#### SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

- (A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;
- (B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and
- (C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers - non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.

*Respectfully submitted by Col. Eric Rojo, Senior Vice Commander in Chief*

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know. The silent auction will be held to raise funds for a new museum heating and air conditioning system.

Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is the only such museum in the state that is totally dedicated to ensuring the memory, deeds, and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan. The Museum is free to the public. Its operation and maintenance rely solely on annual sponsorships and donations. Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 501 (c) (3) Michigan Nonprofit Corporation. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

We thank you for your continued support of our mission and look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

On June 11th Detroit and Michigan Commandery members will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Vernor's Ginger Ale. Founder James Vernor served in the 4th MI Cavalry, and was a member of the Michigan Commandery. Companion Bruce Butgereit will make a presentation on Vernor's and the MI Commandery from 2:15-2:45. Join him at the Detroit Historical Museum.

## OH Commandery

The Ohio Commandery's five month long series of events under

the umbrella of "Lincoln at Cleveland 2015" which was the 150th Commemoration of the Lincoln Funeral Visitation to Cleveland, Ohio recently won an Outstanding Award from the Ohio Historical Society. The Award was presented at the Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Ohio Historical Society within the History Outreach Awards which recognizes outstanding projects that have educational content, that have contributed to the promotion and understanding of local and state history, and that have had an impact on the community— in other words, projects that inspired, connected, and educated their audiences to local history. On behalf of the Ohio Commandery, Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury received the Award. Ohio was further represented by Ohio Commander Col. Robert Pollock, Senior Vice Commander Peter Hristko, and Companion Tim Daily along with DOLLUS National President Lynne Bury, Dames Judy Hristko and Mary Louise Daily.

Ohio Commander-in-Chief Rob Pollock participated in the annual McKinley Birthday Wreath Laying Ceremony. Several Ohio Commandery members attended, and a short meeting was held



afterward with coffee and fellowship.

The Ohio Commandery will hold its Spring meeting on Saturday 23 April 2016 at the Golden Lamb at 27 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, phone 513-932-5065. At 11:00 AM a reception will be held for attending dignitaries, then at noon a Dutch treat luncheon will be held, to be followed by the formal meeting of the Commandery for such business as may come before it. For those wishing to come early or staying late, room reservations may be made with the Golden Lamb with rooms such as the R. B. Hayes, U.S. Grant, or Harriet Beecher Stowe Room..

<http://www.goldenlamb.com/>  
Speaker for the event will be Dr. Thomas Mackie of Lincoln Memorial University speaking on: *A Shrine for Mr. Lincoln*. RSVP to Recorder Bury by Wednesday 20 April 2016 [ohiomollus@aol.com](mailto:ohiomollus@aol.com)

10 September 2016 will be the date for the Annual Meeting of the Commandery of the State of Ohio at Spiegel Grove, the home of the Commandery of the State of Ohio founder, General Rutherford B. Hayes. The R.B. Hayes Presidential Library will celebrate being the first U.S. Presidential Library just 100 years ago; the Commandery of the State of Ohio will be greatly involved in the Ceremonies on Sunday 29 May 2016.

**ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

All are invited to participate in the 60th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 151s Anniversary of President Lincoln's death.

**It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2016.**

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701^ The room rate is \$96.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". Reserve your room by March 25, 2016. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

**Wreaths** may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16th.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a documentary film by the Lincoln Monument Assoc. on the history of Lincoln's Tomb. Luncheon cost is \$29 per person.

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**OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION**

(please print clearly)

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e-mail address: if no e-mail, home City, State, & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

To insure being recognized in the program

**This notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.**

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**OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON**

Please accept \_\_\_ luncheon reservation (s).

Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. PLEASE PRINT.

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Vegetarian \_\_\_ Include remittance of \$29.00 per person for each lunch reservation **payable to National Organization SUVCW.**

**Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance.

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**MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION**

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No. of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

**SEND TO: ROBERT M. PETROVIG 6519 CHEROKEE LANE GEDAR HILL. MO 63014 636-274-4567**

**For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at rpetro7776@aol.com**



Members of MOLLUS in attendance at the Lincoln Birthday Ceremony on February 12, 2016

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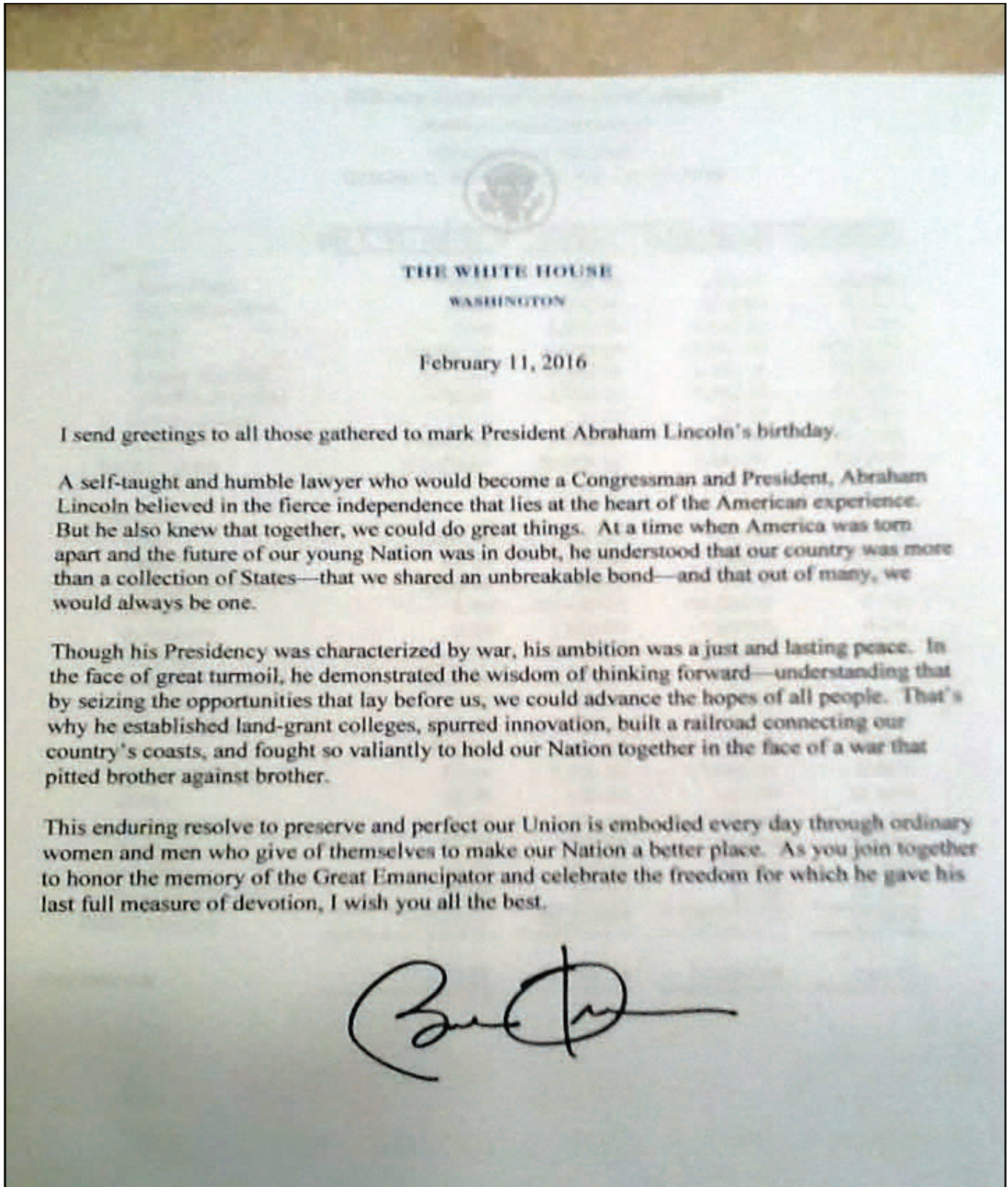
## Helen Soden Brady Memorial Scholarship Fund

1. Only a DOLLUS member can nominate a person (male or female) to receive said scholarship. It should be stated the relationship of the applicant to the DOLLUS member, who is writing the request for this scholarship.
2. Each letter must state the name, address and age of the applicant.
3. Please list the college or university where the applicant will attend, the year in school, the course of study, and the year the applicant is expected to graduate.
4. List any other activities and or awards received in school--also the applicant's Grade Point Average.
5. List any activity in community service and any work experience.
6. This letter of recommendation by a DOLLUS member is to be sent to the *Chairperson of the Helen Soden Brady Memorial Scholarship Fund* and received by this Chairperson by June 1st. If more than one person is recommended for this scholarship, the interest monies will be divided among those peoples recommended.

Send all nominations for the scholarship to:

Monie Upham, PNP  
2323 40th Place NW #105  
Washington, DC 20007  
[meupham@comcast.net](mailto:meupham@comcast.net)

## President sends greetings to Lincoln Birthday Gathering on February 12, 2016



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