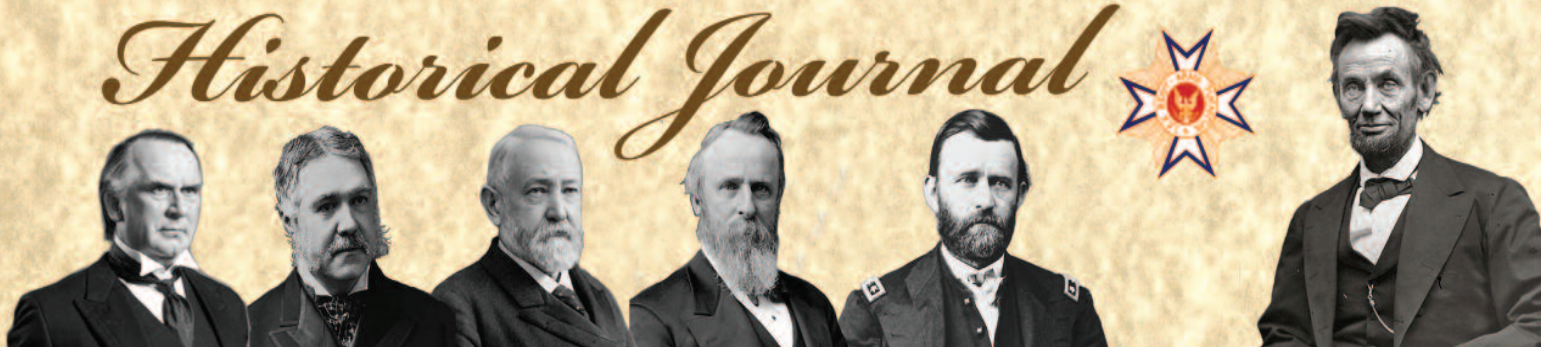


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Commander-in-Chief's Message

Last month, as we have every year since 1866, the Loyal Legion honored President Abraham Lincoln on his birthday. The two most prominent events were held at the Lincoln Memorial and at Independence Hall. I offer my congratulations to the District of Columbia Commandery and to the Pennsylvania Commandery for holding those events. Around the country at least four other Commanderies held commemorations – congratulations and thank you.

On April 16, 2022, I will be participating in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, IL. This is an event that is co-sponsored by the SUVCW and the MOLLUS. Almost all of the Allied Orders and Loyal Legion leadership will be attending, and there is a wonderful luncheon afterward. We will soon have the information posted on our website.



2022 is a special year. We have another President to honor. General Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States was born 200 years ago, April 27, 1822. There are three major commemorations planned. The Ohio Commandery (with the Ohio History Connection) is hosting a ceremony at Grant's birthplace in Point Pleasant, Ohio on April 30, 2022. For more information on this event and dinner please contact Commander Bob Wolz or Past C in C Rick Bury.

In New York City, Companion Frank Scaturro will be coordinating a Bicentennial event (with the National Park Service & the US Military Academy) at the Gen. Grant National Memorial (Grant's Tomb) on Wednesday April 27, 2022.

And the Virginia Commandery is co-hosting (with the NPS and SUVCW) a commemoration at the Petersburg Battlefield on April 30, 2022 which will include an address by Dr. Erik Curren (as General Grant) and speeches by dignitaries including Companion Dr. Sean Heuvel, Commander to the Virginia Commandery of MOLLUS. I encourage Companions living near these events to participate and honor the memory of General Grant.

For Companions and Dames not lucky enough to live near Cincinnati, Petersburg, or New York City, there are a surprisingly large number of Grant related parks and homes across the country. If you live near St. Louis there are two sites. First, White Haven, Julia Dent's childhood home and the young Grant family's first home after marriage. Second, Hardscrabble, a Double log cabin (Dogtrot style) built by Grant for his family near White Haven. If you live near Dubuque Iowa there is the US Grant State Historic Site in Galena, IL. This is an Italianate home given to the Grants in 1865 and was their official home of record from 1865 to 1904.

For those Companions in the Mid-Atlantic, there is the Grant Memorial on the west face of the US Capitol. And those living upstate New York there is the Grant Cottage State Historic Site near Saratoga Springs.

Even our California Commandery has a Grant site — Fort Humboldt an hour northwest of Sacramento.

Where ever you live, I ask that you keep General Grant in you minds on the occasion of his 200th birthday.

Robert J. (Bob) Bateman 1945-2021

Past MOLLUS C-I-C



Robert J. (Bob) Bateman passed away Oct. 28, 2021, in New York City after a brief illness at the age of 76. Bob had many remarkable experiences and accomplishments during his life time.

Bob was one of the fastest track athletes in the United States. In the summer of 1963, he ran in the Olympic Trials for the 1964 Games in Tokyo, placing 5th in the 100m. He then attended Villanova University on a track scholarship.

Bob worked for over 15 years as Associate Director, Savings Bond Division for the Treasury Dept. in Washington, DC, followed by a longer period in the private investment field. Bob also served nine years as a motorcycle, undercover narcotics, SCUBA, and SWAT officer with the Hampton, New Hampshire Police Department. Bob also did radio play-by-play announcing for the Boston Celtics on station WNBZ in the early 70's, and local sports in Newbury, MA.

He was a retired Colonel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Anti-terrorism/Force Protection and the past Deputy Commander of the 88th Brigade, Headquarters, New York City. Past-Chairman of the Board, the Military Association of New York, Member, Board of Advisors, National Defense Committee, Washington, D.C., Past Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Past National and State Historian for the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Past Prior, Priory of St. King Charles the Martyr, Washington, D.C., and Past Deputy Grand Prior, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar). Chief of Mission OSMTH U.N. Delegation, NYC, Past Camp and Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Member of the Irish Brigade Association, the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the New York State Police Chiefs' Benevolent Association, the New Jersey and New York Detectives/Crime Clinic, the Association of the United States Army, the Military Officers Association, the Harvard Club of New York City and the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D.C. *

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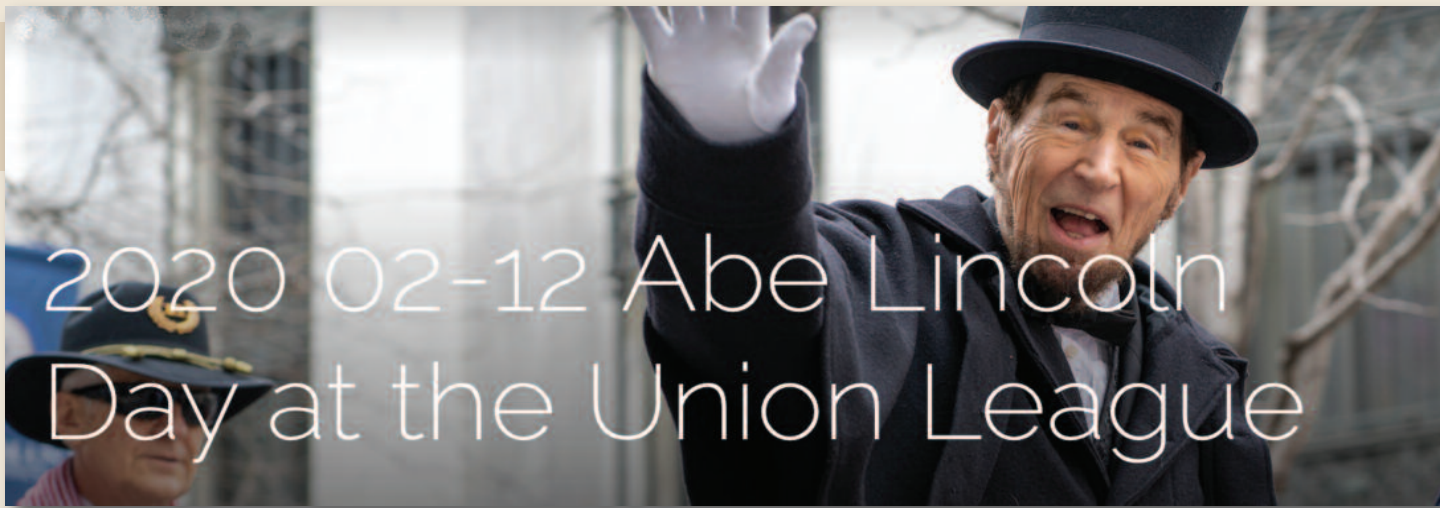


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Jim Haynie portraying Abraham Lincoln and recited the Gettysburg Address during the Honor Ceremony.



Ladies of the Union League Legacy Foundation



Combined Unit: 12th New Jersey, 2nd Delaware, 26th Pennsylvania, and 28th Pennsylvania commanded by Captain Andy Siganuk, 12th New Jersey



Combined Color Guard and Honor Party in front of the Union League House honoring Lincoln on his 213th birthday. Honor Guard includes: 3rd U.S. Colored Troops, 12th New Jersey, 2nd Delaware, 26th, 27th, 28th and 69th Pennsylvania. Commanded by Captain Andy Siganuk, 12th New Jersey



Albert El (Left) Color Guard 3rd U.S. Colored Troops and (right) Color Sergeant Dan O'Daniel, 69th Pennsylvania Color Guard.



Professor Ed Turanski, VP Union League, MC of the Lincoln Day Honor Ceremony at Independence Hall on the very spot where Lincoln raised the first United States Flag with the 34th Star for Kansas on February 22, 1861. MOLLUS placed a wreath during the ceremonies here.



Captain Jack Lieberman, (Far Right) USN Retired, portraying USN Commodore Percival Drayton. Also with his wife Carol Lieberman (Left) and event MC Professor Ed Turanski (Center) in front of the Union League.

Lincoln Birthday Observances at Memorial in Washington

By John Dickinson Moore, Insignia 21648, DC

Lincoln's 213th Birthday was celebrated on 12 February 2022 on a temperate but windy day in Washington, DC, in the 100th year centenary of the Lincoln Memorial. The event was sponsored by the National Park Service and supported by the Army Military District of Washington with the Joint Services Armed Forces Color Guard and a brass quintet. This year proceedings were held out of doors in front of the steps leading up to the Memorial chambers.

The Army Band Brass Quintet played a selection of patriotic airs and marches as a prelude, followed by a brief introduction by District of Columbia MOLLUS Commander and Master of Ceremonies John Moore. An invocation was provided by Dr. Martin Sellers of Lincoln Memorial University. Welcome and remarks were made by Mike Listerst, Chief of Communications of the National Park Service. He talked about the aging infrastructure in the Memorial and about the rehabilitation of the building and improvements which would be beginning at the Memorial in its Centennial year. He said that there would be more events in May to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial.

Peter Dixon, chair of the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee introduced Past Commander-in-Chief and Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Scott W. Stucky. Judge Stucky offered interesting historical remarks about the Gettysburg Address before reading it in a stirring manner to the assembled crowd. Past MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief, James Simmons presented an award made in his ancestors' honor to a worthy Lincoln Memorial Student, Matthew F. Wallin, a student in pre-law History.

Wreaths were laid by David Listerst, Department of Interior, Sheri Morgan O'Connell for the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief, James Simmons for MOLLUS, and Ann Taylor Schaeffer, National President for the Dames of the Loyal Legion, Rosemary Martin for the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and Lee David Stone for the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Other organizations presenting wreaths included the National Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, Hildene – the Lincoln Family Home and the Illinois State Society. Dr. Martin Sellers, Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Professor of Government presented a wreath on behalf of the Lincoln Memorial University.

The Reverend Marty Cosby of Lincoln Memorial University gave a short thoughtful benediction to conclude the proceedings in a spiritual manner. The Army Brass Quintet then played a Postlude of more martial and historical music. ✱



*Anne Schaeffer, National President
DOLLUS and Sheri O'Connell*



John Moore, Master Of Ceremonies



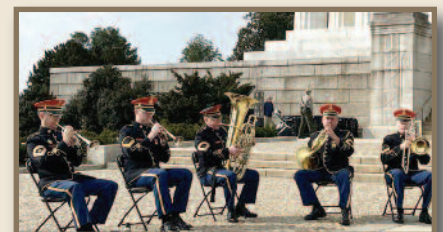
*Jim Simmons, Past C-in-C
MOLLUS*



*Peter Dixon, Chair, Lincoln
Birthday National Commemorative
Committee*



*Scott Stucky delivers The
Gettysburg Address*



U.S. Army Brass Quintet

Blinded in Battle: Lt. Herman Tuerk, Insignia 08275 (MO)

By: Jeffrey C. Burden, Insignia 22116 (VA)



Lt. Tuerk, shortly after his blinding at Pea Ridge.

In that honored list of foreign-born men who served the United States in war, few who survived their service gave more than Herman Tuerk. This son of Germany lost his sight on the fields of Arkansas, but lived the rest of his life overseas as a proud American veteran and eventually a Companion of the Loyal Legion.

Tuerk was born in 1842 in Rostock. He emigrated from the turmoil of post-Revolutionary Germany in the 1850s, and like so many of fellow Germans settled near St. Louis. He was among the intensely-loyal immigrants who answered the first call for troops to suppress the Rebellion. He enlisted in the 4th Missouri Infantry, a three-months unit, in April 1861 and was soon made Orderly Sergeant. The regiment disbanded in August, but Tuerk immediately accepted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the 12th Missouri Infantry.

The 12th Missouri saw action in Missouri and Arkansas, serving under Brig. Gen. Samuel Curtis, as Curtis' forces moved against Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's Missouri State Guard. After pursuing Price's men out of that state and into Arkansas, Confederate Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn attempted to trap and destroy the Union force. In early March 1862, the forces clashed in Arkansas around Bentonville, Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern in actions collectively known as the Battle of Pea Ridge.

After a sharp two-day fight, Van Dorn's forces retreated. The Confederate army never again seriously threatened Missouri. Tuerk, however, had suffered a gunshot wound to the face that blinded him. He thereafter attempted to serve on staff duty, but was finally discharged for disability in August 1862. Though by then a naturalized American citizen, he chose to return to Germany in the years after the War. He eventually married his nurse.

Despite the distance, he maintained strong ties to his former comrades-in-arms. He joined St. Louis's Frank P. Blair Post #1 of the G.A.R., being mustered in at Bremen by the American consul. He was commissioned a Major on the military staff of the Governor of Illinois. And, in 1890, the Missouri Commandery of the Loyal Legion elected him Companion #08275. In later years, Tuerk received several visits from Missouri Companions.

The United States government recognized his service as well, though not without some controversy. He was granted a special disability pension in 1863, after a personal meeting with President Lincoln. Congress in 1873 raised the rate of pension payments to those blinded in service, but Tuerk was denied that additional benefit because his original award came from a special act of Congress, not the normal pension process. It took additional legislation to give Tuerk the enhanced benefit.

Finally, in 1893, Federal pensions laws changed to strip benefits from foreign-dwelling, non-U.S. citizen widows and dependents of Civil War soldiers, and perhaps eventually (some feared) from foreign-dwelling soldiers themselves, even citizens. Tuerk wrote the Missouri Commandery in distress, and Commandery leaders expressed their opposition. The law was repealed in 1895.

Tuerk lived quietly thereafter in Germany until his death in 1907. His gravesite is unknown. *

Sources: *Congressional Globe* (1873), *The Pension Crisis of 1893*, clarabartonmuseum.org (posted June 16 2017), *Records of Lt. Herman Tuerk*, fold3.com, *2LT Herman Tuerk memorial*, findagrave.com



Lt. Tuerk, in Lubeck, Germany about 1895, with Loyal Legion and G.A.R. medals.

Battle of Pea Ridge (Oklahoma Historical Society Collection).

The USS Michigan: Guardian of the Great Lakes

By Paul Davis, Insignia 22554, MI Commandery



When most people think about Civil War era iron hulled and iron clad ships, the Monitor and Merrimac come immediately to mind as the first ships of that type. The Monitor was launched/put into service on January 30, 1862. However, the first ship in the Navy to have an iron hull was the USS Michigan in 1843.

The Michigan was designated as a steam powered paddle frigate. She would come to serve as the link between wooden battleships and fully armored and steel warships. The Michigan was conceived and designed with many engineering and hull design

advantages. In addition to her speed, the flat bottom and rectangular cross section of the hull allowed her gun crews to be consistently more accurate than her counter parts. Construction began in the Summer of 1842 at Pittsburg. In early Spring of 1843 the hull was disassembled and shipped to Erie where it was reassembled during the Summer and Fall of 1843. The first Captain of the Michigan was William Inman. The attempted launch of the Michigan occurred at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 4, 1843, but when the last block was removed, she remained still. Many onlookers had gathered as they had expected the iron ship to immediately sink.

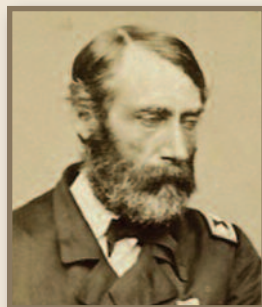
The next day, the engineers were able to get her into the water and it did not sink displacing only three feet of water. During the following months the engines and boilers were installed along with the wooden decking, cabin partitions and other fittings. Captain William Inman served as her first Captain from 1844 until November of 1845. Inman was not a MOLLUS Companion. Commander John Carter was Captain of the Michigan from March of 1861 to November 1864. Carter was not a MOLLUS Companion. However, on July 29, 1861, a newly commissioned 3rd Engineer was assigned to the USS Michigan. This sailor was George Wallace Melville who would later become a Rear Admiral and MOLLUS Commander In Chief on October 18, 1911, Companion, Insignia 04682, PA Commandery.

In November of 1864, Lieutenant Commander Francis Roe, MOLLUS Insignia 00330, New York Commandery served as Captain through April of 1866. Commander Andrew Bryson, MOLLUS Insignia 08410, DC Commandery served as Captain from April of 1866 to April of 1868. Commander, later Rear Admiral, James E. Jouett Insignia 00583-386, DC Commandery served as Captain from April of 1868 to September of 1870.

The Michigan served in many capacities. From 1905 to 1912 she was named the Wolverine. From 1912 through 1923 she served as a training ship in the Pennsylvania Naval Reserve. In 1949 the Michigan was finally sent to be scrapped. At the time she was scrapped her hull was still sound and in rust-free condition. Lore has it that the Michigan did not go without a fight. In her last defiant act the line attached to the launch towing her to the scrap yard, parted and the Michigan rammed and swamped the launch. *



George Wallace Melville



Francis Roe



Andrew Bryson



James E. Jouett

200th Birthday Celebration for General/President U.S. Grant

Hosted by the Commandery of the State of Ohio,
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FRIDAY 29 April 2022

3:00 PM - Registration opens in Ohio Commandery Host Committee Room, Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, Ohio
8:00 PM - Ohio Host Commandery OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY 30 April 2022

11:00 AM - Meeting for Ohio MOLLUS & DOLLUS... Grant Memorial Church, Point Pleasant, Ohio

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12:30 PM - Luncheon in Grant Memorial Church lower level at NO CHARGE.....# attending _____

2:00 PM - Visit to Birth Place/Home of General/President, wreath laying, ceremony, & speakers.....# attending _____

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/us-grant-birthplace>

8:00 PM - Grant Birthday Banquet at Holiday Inn Eastgate, with Birthday Celebration & Speakers

Black Tie or Uniforms with Decoration ... Banquet Entrée is Sirloin with a Bourbon Mushroom Jus

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Attention To Orders: General Grant Trivia Quiz

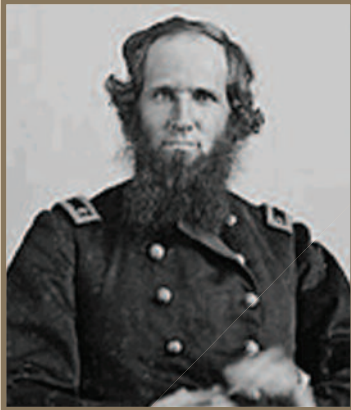


1. *What is U.S. Grant's christened name?*
2. *Grant attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Did he ever plan to have a military career?*
3. *Did Grant have any military combat experience before the Civil War?*
4. *Was Grant a slave owner?*
5. *Grant was a horse lover. During the Civil War, how many horses did he have, and for extra points can you name them?*
6. *In 1863 Grant was appointed a Lieutenant General. He was the second to have that rank. Who was the first?*
7. *Grant had an unusual talent for a military man and some of his work still exists today. What is it that Grant did and did quite well?*
8. *Grant was accused as being a drunkard. It has been said that Lincoln proposed finding out what brand Grant was drinking and he would send a barrel to all of his Generals. True or False?*
9. *After Grant's victory at Fort Donelson, his admirers in the North sent him something in great quantities. What was it?*
10. *Grant did have a preferred drink, can you name what it was?*
11. *When it came to whiskey, Grant did prefer a certain brand that is still made today. Can you name it?*
12. *How did Grant get his picture on the US \$50 Bill?*
13. *Concerning Grant's Memoirs, Grant is believed to be the actual writer but two names are often mentioned as possible authors. Can you name them?*
14. *How much money did the Grant family get from the sale of his memoirs?*
15. *Can you identify this person?*



Lost And Found and Found Again:

By Paul Davis, Insignia 22554, MI



John Johnson Elwell (Insignia 2994)

John Johnson Elwell was born on June 22, 1820 in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio. John's father was Samuel Elwell (1794-1882). His mother was Anna Reeves (Elwell) (1799-1856). John Elwell had four siblings: Augustus Elwell (1822-1906), Zerviah Reeves Elwell Woodrow (1828-1861), Margaret Elwell (1830-1848), Lucy Anna Elwell (1843-1861)

Before the Civil War, Elwell attended the Western Reserve College in Ohio as well as the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College. His professions included a Physician and Lawyer. John Elwell was married to Nancy Chilton (1820-1890) in 1846. Together they had four children: Emma L. Elwell (1847-1861), Ellen King Elwell (1849-1854), Mary Ann Elwell (1852-1854), George Howard Elwell (1857-1865).

Elwell lived in Orwell, Ohio and served in the Ohio State Legislature from 1853 to 1855. During the Civil War, John Elwell may have first entered the service on October 29, 1861 in Company E, 20th Iowa Infantry and resigned July 12, 1862.* He then entered the service and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Quartermaster Department for the Southern Region.

At the end of the war, he was breveted on March 13, 1865 to Brigadier General of U.S. Volunteers. Following the war, John Elwell became a member of MOLLUS (Insignia Number 2994).

John Johnson Elwell died on March 13, 1900 at the age of 79. He is buried in Section 7 Lot 2, Woodlawn Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

So as to the meaning of headline of this article: Lost and Found. And Found Again:

Elwell's insignia number 2994 is ranked as 3,264 in a list that contains 13,860 original Companions. Insignia 2994 being just four digits is obviously an earlier member.

Elwell's wife Nancy preceded him in death by ten years. Elwell's children all died at a young age. So what happened to his MOLLUS badge? August Elwell was the only sibling that lived longer than John by six years. The others pre-deceased John as well. There is a possibility that August or maybe one of August's children had settled John's estate. Likely as is often unfortunately seen at Civil War collector shows today, a family member brings in a treasure of family artifacts and wants to sell them as no one in the family has any interest in them.

Several years ago, a gentleman in Michigan showed up at a meeting of the Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War. He had obtained a medal that he could not identify and was looking for some help to determine what it was he had. He is not a collector of Civil War items, but thought the medal might be French or a GAR badge of some type as there were not many markings on the badge to help with identification. He saw Loyal Legion but for him that did not connect to MOLLUS in any way. Further, he thought Loyal Legion might be a French Medal of Merit or something like that. He found the badge in a dusty box in a low-end antiques establishment. The seller had no idea of what it was either.

The seller said he would take \$10 for it if the buyer was interested. For \$10, the buyer said he would take a chance. Luckily, the individual attended the SUVCW meeting that I was attending and he saw my MOLLUS badge. I was able to confirm for him what it was that he had. He gave me the number on the badge and I told him I would research it for him and try and find the original owner.

He thanked me and left. It took me awhile to track down the history and the original owner. The first number provided to me was not the correct number. After searching awhile longer, I checked the number again to discover the correct number... 2994. I reconnected with the gentlemen to tell him what I had discovered. He was excited to know what we were able to tell him and said he would bring the badge to our next Sons meeting.

Winter weather and other circumstance delayed our meeting again for several weeks. We were finally able to determine a meeting time and place when he informed me that he had misplaced the badge and didn't know where it was. Several weeks later he contacted me again to say he had found the badge. His wife in her eagerness to organize his space had reorganized and "re-piled" his files and envelopes. ✱

Grant Trivia Quiz Answers



1. *Hiram Ulysses Grant. For convenience, Ulysses was shortened to US. Grant's fellow cadets at West Point call him Uncle Sam.*
2. *No*
3. *Yes. As a Lieutenant in the Mexican War in 1846-1848*
4. *Yes. He was given a slave William Jones in 1850 by his father-in-law Frederick Dent. Grant freed William in 1859.*
5. *Four. Cincinnati, Jack, Kangaroo and Fox*
6. *George Washington*
7. *He was an accomplished artist. One of his favorite subjects was horses.*



8. *False. Lincoln denied saying it.*
9. *Cigars.*
10. *Champagne.*
11. *Old Crow, a Kentucky bourbon.*
12. *No one knows for sure. Probably because Grant was a hero in his time just as Washington (on the \$1 bill) was a hero in his time. Grant's image on the \$50 began in 1914.*



13. *Adam Badeau falsely claimed he was a Ghost Writer for Grant. It was also suggested that Mark Twain wrote the Memoirs a fact he clearly denied.*
14. *Mark Twain did help with the publishing and marketing of the Grant Memoirs which earned the Julia Grant family \$200,000.*
15. *He is Franklin Dent Grant, son of U.S. Grant. Franklin served attaining the rank of MAJGEN.*

HOWDID YOU DO?

15 Points or more: GENERAL 14 Points: BGeneral 13 Points: COL 12 Points: LTCOL 11 Points: MAJOR
10 Points: CAPT 9 Points: 1LT 8 Points: 2LT 7 Points: SGTMajor 6 Points: Sergeant 5 Points: Corporal
4 Points: Private

Hope you enjoyed the Trivia Quiz. Questions and answers were taken from sources which included: Civil War Trivia and Fact Book by Webb Garrison, The National Park Service, The Memoirs of U.S. Grant

