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Commander-in-Chief's Message

The MOLLUS is an old institution with a significant history. We are known for our historical records and publications; our collections of photographs, and our generous historical grants. At one time we were known for our ceremonies and banquets. At other times we are known for our gifts to our communities. We are the fourth oldest military society in the USA (after Cincinnati, 1812, & Aztec). But, what does the Loyal Legion mean to you?

The answer to that question will depend upon the State Commandery in which you are affiliated. We have a wide range of State Commandery styles. Some Commanderies meet at private clubs, some at Chinese restaurants, some at museums, some at a VFW hall. Some don't meet at all. A Companion's impression about the Order is shaped by their experience with fellow companions, which mostly occur at these meetings – if they attend.

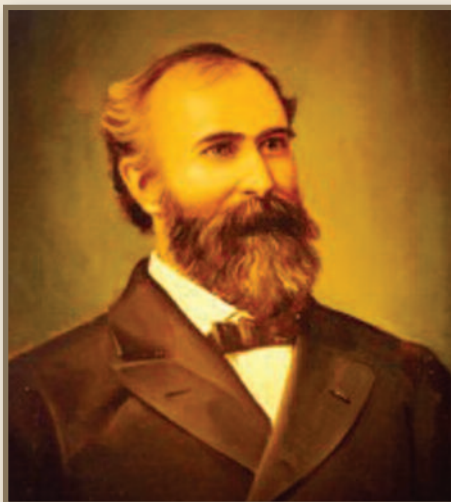
I would like to challenge all of our Commanderies, wherever they meet, to make your meetings valuable to your membership. Make them memorable and worth the investment in member miles driven, worth the investment of your members' time, and worthy of our Order's Original Companions investment in this Order.

For Companions who have not attended a meeting in a long time, I would like to challenge you to reach out to your State Commander and the elected staff. Find out when and where your next meeting will be held and make an investment in your Order again.

And for the adventurous, make plans for attending our National Congress in Gettysburg PA 20-22 October 2023. Our national meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the Order at its national level.

So, what does the Loyal Legion mean to you?

Loyally — Rob ✱





Loyal Legion Memorial Fund 2023 Appeal



The Loyal Legion Memorial Fund is in the midst of its current “giving year”, and needs your support. What do your gifts accomplish?

- If you are enjoying this issue of the Historical Journal, know that the Memorial Fund pays for its publication.
- The Lincoln Death Day observance in Springfield, and other special events, benefit from support provided by the Memorial Fund.
- In this fiscal year of the Order, the Memorial Fund is making contributions to support the following organizations:
 - the Legacy Foundation of the Union League (Philadelphia)
 - the Gettysburg Foundation
 - the Grant Monument Association (New York, New York)
 - The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage (Wilton, New York)
 - the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation (Springfield, Illinois)
 - The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum (Lincoln Memorial University)
 - Ulysses S. Grant Homestead Association (Georgetown, Ohio)
 - the American Battlefield Trust (in memory of Companion and Lt. Hobart Kistler, USN)
 - the G.A.R. Civil War Museum and Library (Philadelphia)
 - the G.A.R. Museum of Michigan
 - the National Constitution Center (Philadelphia)
 - the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center (Fremont, Ohio)
 - the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Association (New York, New York)
 - Zellwood Historical Society Museum (Zellwood, Florida)
 - President Lincoln’s Cottage (Washington, D.C.)
 - the U.S.S. Monitor Center (Newport News) (In memory of Companion John Kent Kane)

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Submission Deadlines:

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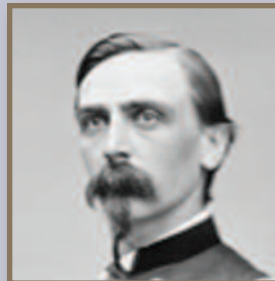
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- OBITUARY -

Keith Graham Harrison

January 10, 1950 - January 12, 2023

Keith Graham Harrison passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in Holt, Michigan. He was born in Dowagiac, Michigan on January 10, 1950. Keith was a 1968-graduate of Cassopolis Michigan High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree in Ecology from Western Michigan University. He retired from the state of Michigan in February 2005 after serving for 25 years.

In addition to his numerous state Civil Service environmental executive positions culminating as Director of the Office of Special Environmental Projects within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, he also held two gubernatorial appointed positions by then Michigan Governor John Engler. In addition to his state service, he also served as a Special Federal Employee, where he participated in several National Academy of Sciences and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board committees. Keith belonged to several historical, patriotic, and civic organizations, including the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in which he served as the National Commander-in-Chief from 2009 to 2011. Keith also served as the National Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1994-1995, and Commanding Officer of the SUVCW's Sons of Veterans Reserve in 1996-97. Keith was a member of the Michigan Civil War re-enactment organization, 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, Inc., and the Cumberland Guard.

Keith was a Civil War reenactor for 33 years and participated in over 550 reenactments and living histories throughout the United States. He traces his ancestry back to 47 Union Civil War soldiers, 42 of whom served in Michigan regiments and five from non-Michigan regiments. Keith served as a founding member and Board President of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Keith is survived by his wife, Jean Ann Harrison of Holt, Michigan, his son and daughter-in-law, and brother and sister-in-law. *



Henry Clay Longnecker, Insignia 350

By Adam Gaines, National Historian, Insignia 22470



Henry Clay Longnecker was born April 17, 1820 in Allen Township, PA to Henry Longnecker and Elizabeth Kendig. In his younger years, he attended Wilbraham Academy 1836-1839 and Norwich Military Academy 1839 to 1841. In 1841, he matriculated at Lafayette College, but never graduated.

In 1843, he was admitted to the bar and the following year settled in Lehigh Co., PA to begin practicing law. On Feb. 10, 1847, Longnecker was commissioned a 1st. Lieutenant in the Voltigeurs Regiment, probably due to his education at the Norwich Military Academy. He was sent with the regiment down to Mexico, where he served in all the principal engagements under General Winfield Scott. He served as Adjutant of the Regiment for a short period of time. On Sept. 13, 1847, Lt. Longnecker was slightly wounded at the Battle of Chapultepec.

Upon his return from the Mexican War, he resumed his law practice and became active in politics. He served as District Attorney of Lehigh County 1848-1850. He served as a delegate at the 1851 and 1854

Democratic State Conventions in Pennsylvania. In 1856, Longnecker left the Democratic Party on account of his opposition to the extension of slavery.

Longnecker became very successful in the Republican Party, as he was elected to the 36th Congress, which began on March 4, 1859. During his time in Congress, Congressman Longnecker served on the Committee on Military Affairs. Unfortunately, he was defeated for re-election by Thomas B Cooper in 1860.

In 1861, Longnecker took an active part in organizing PA troops for the Union Army and was commissioned Colonel of the 9th Pennsylvania Infantry. The 9th Pennsylvania Infantry served in Western Virginia and was a 3-month Regiment serving from April 24 to July 29th 1861. Apparently, his country still needed his services as he served as Colonel of the 5th Pennsylvania Militia from Sept. 11, 1862 to Sept. 27, 1862. He commanded a brigade of Militia during that period of time.

After the Civil War, Longnecker returned to Allentown and resumed his law practice. He married Mary J Lewis on June 27, 1866. Longnecker seemed to have an urge to reconnect with his fellow veterans not long after the war, as on August 29, 1866, he was elected an Original Companion of the Pennsylvania Commandery and was assigned Insignia No. 350.

He seems to have remained very respected as in 1867, he was elected Associate Judge of Lehigh County. He would hold this position until his passing. Unfortunately, Longnecker passed away in either Allentown or Philadelphia on Sept. 16, 1871 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In addition to MOLLUS, Longnecker was a member of the Union League of Philadelphia. *



Founding Of The Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)



Following the urgent and persistent appeals of Mrs. Ella Thomas Hapeman of Ottawa, Illinois, widow of Lt. Colonel Douglas Hapeman of the 104th Illinois Volunteers, Mrs. L. Bruce Shattuck called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago on May 11, 1899 to form an auxiliary to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). There were 51 Charter members and a committee was formed to draft a Constitution and Bylaws of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS), Mrs. Shattuck, being a leader in club activities in Chicago, was elected President for the first year and her first regular meeting was held October 5, 1899. Mrs. Ella Hapeman was elected President in 1900-1901.

The first state society, Illinois, made eligible for membership, only wives, widows, and eldest daughters of MOLLUS Companions. In later years the rule was changed to admit all direct lineal descendants and also the wives of MOLLUS Companions. While some MOLLUS Companions did not favor the formation of an "auxiliary", recognition and affiliation of the Dames was formally made at the meeting of the MOLLUS

Commandery-in-Chief in Boston in 1915 under the chairmanship of General Nelson Appleton Miles, who also suggested that Societies be formed in other states besides Illinois. The New York Society was organized at a meeting in the Army, and Navy Club in New York City on February 1907 with Mrs. Jasper Cairns as it's first President. The New York Society took part in many patriotic events in New York and placed the insignia of DOLLUS in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. It also contributed to the table placed in the Washington Cathedral in honor of General Nelson Miles. The New York Society declined during the years of World War I but rebuilding commenced in 1952 under the aegis of Miss Grace Doyle of Buffalo. In 1961, the headquarters returned to New York City.

Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, the wife and daughter of General John A. Logan, organized the District of Columbia (DC) Society. General Logan, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1868, designated May 30th "for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the Late Rebellion and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land." The DC Society restored the room in which President Lincoln died in the Peterson house opposite Ford's Theater. Among the articles contributed by all of the state societies is the original pillow used under the President's head as he lay dying.

The Pennsylvania Society was organized in February, 1909. On June 4, 1922, the Society placed a tablet on Grant's cabin in Fairmount Park and planted 54 oak trees around the cabin as memorials to ancestors of members. There are now 311 beautiful oaks in what is believed to be this country's largest memorial grove. During the sesquicentennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1926, the Pennsylvania Society maintained a booth at the exposition. Each Memorial Day from 1922 to 1940, the Society placed a wreath on the site of the Civil War Satterlee Hospital. In 1933, the Society held its first meeting in the MOLLUS Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia and now has a room there in which DOLLUS has been placing articles that relate to the home and the role of women during the Civil War. In 2008, the Pennsylvania Society ceased to exist as a state society and all of its members became National Members-at-Large. Currently, there exists two state societies (District of Columbia and Ohio), and a National Membership-at-Large of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. *

(Photo Right: Placing A Wreath At The Lincoln Monument in Washington D.C. L to R: Ann Schaeffer, Laurie Moore and Sheri O'Connell)



MOLLUS Companions Who Were Awarded The Medal Of Honor

A brief search for MOLLUS Companions who received the Medal Of Honor during the Civil War reveals that 191 Companions were awarded the Medal Of Honor. A total of 1,520 medals were awarded during the Civil War with 1,196 awarded to Army personnel, 307 to Navy and 17 to Marines. None of the Civil War Navy and Marine Awardees were officers.

During the Civil War there were two versions of the Medal of Honor. One for the Army and one for the Navy. Note the similarity to the GAR membership badge. Following are some of the MOLLUS Companions who received the Medal Of Honor for service during the Civil War.



ARMY Version



NAVY Version



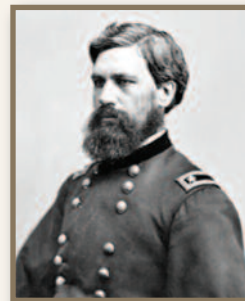
Adelbert Ames



Absalom Baird



Joshua Chamberlain



Oliver Howard



Orlando Wilcox

AMES, ADELBERT: New York Commandery #729. First Lieutenant, 5th U.S. Artillery. For action at Bull Run, Virginia, 21 July 1861. Date of Issue: 22 June 1894. Citation: Remained upon the field of in command of a section of Griffin's Battery, directing its fire after being severely wounded and refusing to leave the field until too weak to sit upon the caisson where he had been had been placed by men of his command had been had been placed by men of his command.

BAIRD, ABSALOM: District of Columbia Commandery #1949. Brigadier General, U.S. Volunteers. For action at Jonesboro, Georgia, 1 September 1864. Date of Issue: 22 April 1896. Citation: Voluntarily led a detached brigade in an assault upon the enemy's works.

CHAMBERLAIN, JOSHUA LAWRENCE: Maine Commandery #62. Colonel 20th Maine Infantry. For action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 2 July 1863. Date of Issue: 11 August 1893. Citation: Daring heroism and great tenacity in holding his position at the Little Round Top against repeated assaults, and carrying the advanced position on the Great Round Top.

HOWARD, OLIVER OTIS: Vermont Commandery #3808. Brigadier General U.S. Volunteers. For action at Fair Oaks, Virginia, 1 June 1862. Date of Issue: 29 March 1893. Citation: Led the 61st New York Infantry in a charge in which he was twice severely wounded in the right arm necessitating amputation.

WILCOX, ORLANDO B.: District of Columbia Commandery #2817. Colonel, 1st Michigan Infantry. For action at Bull Run, Virginia, 21 July 1861. Date of Issue: 2 March 1895. Citation: Led repeated charges until wounded and taken prisoner.

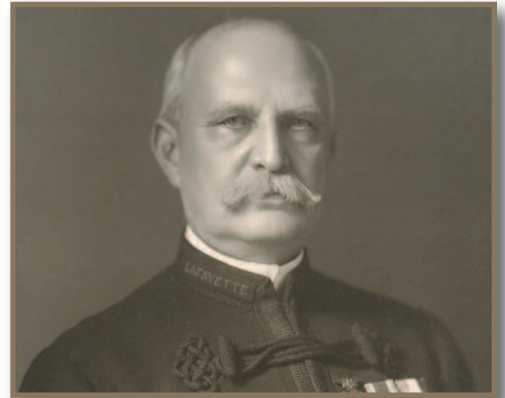
To see more of the MOLLUS Companions who were awarded the Medal Of Honor visit the MOLLUS website at: Loyallegion.org *

Play Ball!: The Loyal Legion's Baseball Pioneers

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

Baseball is back — and with it, stories of its early days. Of special note to this Order are the several Companions who were prominent in the birth and development of “America’s pastime”.

Morgan Gardner Bulkeley was known to citizens of Connecticut as a mayor, governor and U.S. Senator, as well as a leading figure in the banking and insurance industries. Travelers in Hartford today drive down Bulkeley Avenue and cross the Bulkeley Bridge. But before his days of prominence, he had served in 1862 as a Private in the 13th New York Infantry. (He joined the Loyal Legion as a Hereditary Companion of the First Class, based on the service of his brother, Capt. Charles E. Bulkeley of the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery).



Abraham G. Mills

After the War, Bulkeley entered the new world of professional baseball (or “base ball”, as it was commonly called then). In 1874, he formed the Hartford Dark Blues club of the “National Association of Professional Base Ball Players” (or National Association), which had formed in 1871 as the first fully-professional baseball league. When the National Association combined with other leagues to form the National League in 1876, Bulkeley was chosen as the League’s first President. He promised to serve only one year-long term, and kept his promise, but worked in that time to control the gambling and fan rowdiness plaguing those early days of the sport. After his term, he returned to business, to his other great sports passion (harness racing), and eventually to politics, before his death in 1922. In 1937, he was elected to Major League Baseball’s Hall of Fame in recognition of his early role.

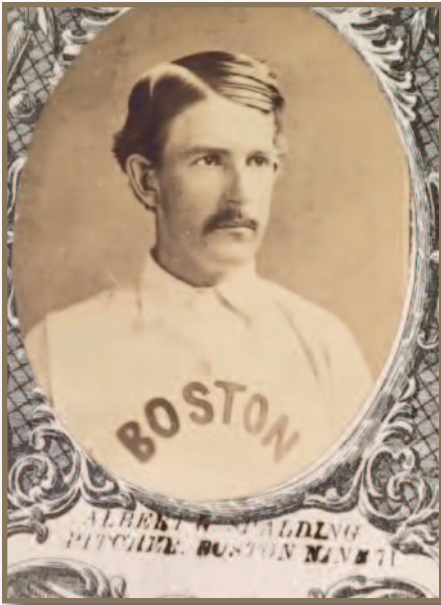
He did complete one other baseball task, though: to serve on the so-called “Mills Commission”, tasked in 1905 to determine how, and by whom, the game was created. The Commission was headed by Abraham G. Mills, a lawyer by trade, who had played baseball while an enlisted man, and later Lieutenant, in the 165th New York Infantry (and who became Companion 07469). In fact, Mills organized a game at Hilton Head, South Carolina in 1862 that reportedly drew tens of thousands of spectators. After the War, he attended law school in Washington, D.C. where he organized the “Olympic Base Ball Club”. While practicing law in Chicago, he was an advisor to the National League, and became in 1882 the League’s President. He helped create the “reserve clause,” allowing a team to bind players to one team from year to year.



Harrison Gardner

Mills left the job in 1884, but continued serving as an advisor to the League. In 1905, he was chosen to head what became known as the Mills Commission. Baseball’s leaders wanted to prove the game was an entirely American creation, and not developed from the British game of “rounders.” With no more evidence than one man’s statement, Mills and his Commission concluded that “base ball” began after Abner Doubleday watched schoolboys in Cooperstown, New York playing a local game called “town ball,” after which Doubleday formalized it with new rules. Though now considered almost certainly a fabrication, the story provided the sought-after “All-American” origin.

Another early pioneer, Harrison Gardner, was a clerk when he enlisted as a Private in the “Boston Cadets” infantry unit in May 1862. Soon after, he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant of Company “C”, 45th Massachusetts Infantry, for nine months’ service. Once home, he resumed work as a merchant, and became Companion 04493.



Albert Spalding, a star of the 1871 Boston Red Stockings

On January 20, 1871, Gardner and others organized the Boston Red Stockings club, as a charter member of the National Association. Gardner served as the team's treasurer, and helped secure players — including from the recently-disbanded Cincinnati Red Stockings, one of the game's first dominant clubs. The new Boston team thrived, and joined the National League at its formation in 1876. The Red Stockings were at various times known as the "Red Caps," "Beaneaters," "Doves," and "Rustlers." The team settled on "Braves" in 1912, a name that has followed it (apart from a few years as the "Bees" in the 1930s) from Boston to Milwaukee to Atlanta. It is considered the oldest continuously-operating sports franchise in North America. Gardner remained connected with it until his death in 1899.

Finally, we remember a baseball pioneer and valiant sailor named Alexander F. Crossman, U.S.N.A. Class of 1855 (who was the subject of an article in the Spring 2021 Historical Journal). He was an enthusiast of the game from his Annapolis days, and later played for a leading Midwest team. In 1860, he appeared in the first game contested west of the Mississippi River using recently-adopted national rules. He was at sea through the Civil War, and afterward was elected Companion 00186.

He continued in naval service until 1872, when he drowned trying to assist fellow sailors while on an expedition scouting a route for the Panama Canal. His early enthusiasm, like the later efforts of the other men mentioned here, paved the way for the game we enjoy today. *

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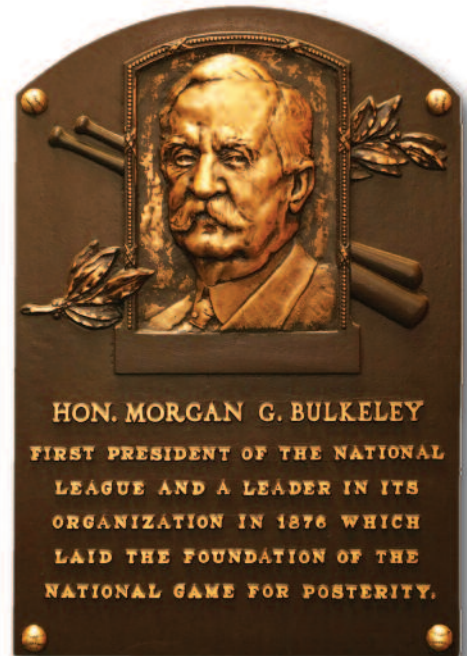
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The 1874 Boston Red Stockings



Morgan G. Bulkeley plaque

67th ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 15, 2023



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Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program TBD. Luncheon cost is \$45.00 per person. For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact:
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