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***The term “Lost Battalion” has come down through history, forever linked to one of the best-known American Expeditionary Force engagements of the First World War.***



One of the heroes of that action, who received a Medal of Honor recognizing his courage, was the son of a humble private of the 22nd Iowa Infantry whose own honorable but anonymous service gave not a hint of his child's future achievements.

**Upton Christian Holderman, Jr.** was born in the then-territory of Iowa in 1844, and farmed before enlisting in Company “A” of the 22nd Iowa on August 21 1862. He served for the entire life of the Regiment, which included bloody action in Grant's Vicksburg Campaign of 1863 and Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864. He mustered out with his surviving comrades on July 25 1865.

Upton married Myra Morse in 1868, farmed in Nebraska, then finally settled in Orange County, California in 1893, where he grew oranges, walnuts and apricots and was active in local politics. He died in 1913.

He and Myra had six children, including Nelson

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## **Past Reflections of the Loyal Legion**

*By Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon R. Bury*

*In 1917 Original Companion Dr. Ayres of the Commandery of the State of Ohio presented a paper before the Commandery entitled the Vanishing Majority covering the decline on Original Companions. He went on to describe the first meeting and banquet of the Commandery held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Most of those in attendance at that first meeting were gone in 1917 as the U.S. entered into WWI, “the War to end all Wars”. At this time Lieutenant General Samuel Baldwin Marks Young was Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion from 1915 – 1919, as well as Governor of the Soldiers' Home in Washington, DC.*

*While the Original Companions were aging, many of their sons continued to carry on the Military Traditions of their fathers and that of the Loyal Legion. Two such notables were classmates at West Point and continued to carry out their Military Duties through WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. The first was the*



*son of Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur who served the Loyal Legion as Commander-in-Chief in 1912; General of the Army Douglas MacArthur was a 1903 Graduate of West Point. His classmate was Companion Major*

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If submitted electronically please use .doc or .rtf for text and .jpg for photos.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund through the National Headquarters.

## Commander-in-Chief's Message

Greetings Companions  
& Dames,

We've had a full Summer schedule, and I've enjoyed the fellowship with you at many events. I represented MOLLUS at Arlington National Cemetery, on the traditional My 30th Memorial Day. I attended the MOSB National Convention, July 6-8, in Wilmington, NC. SUVCW C-I-C Don Martin and I, brought greetings, at the SCV National Reunion in Memphis, on July 20th. I was a guest at the home of Paul Lader and his lovely family, while enjoying the annual PA Commandery picnic on July 29th. PA Commander Brian Maloney and I, presented Paul on the first ever blue neck ribbon, for Associate Companions who hold a State Officer position. I attended the SUVCW National Encampment August 10-12, in Lansing, MI. Mark Day, the new SUVCW C-I-C, is also a MOLLUS Companion. I invite each and every one of you with your families, to attend the National Congress in Gettysburg, October 27-28. It has been my honor and great privilege to serve as your 61st Commander-in-Chief. Let us continue the good work we are doing, under the Command of our 62nd MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Colonel Eric Rojo.



*Captain James Alan Simmons*

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**MOLLUS WEBSITE**

**Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!**  
<http://www.mollus.org>

This issue of the Loyal Legion Journal pays tribute to remembering and honoring those who served and gave their lives during the First World War. More than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during the Great War. In only five months of fighting at the end of the war, 116,516 U.S. soldiers gave their lives in combat, with another 200,000 wounded – a casualty rate far greater than in World War II. More than 350,000 African Americans served in the U.S. military, as did Native Americans and members of other minority groups. And, for the first time, women joined the ranks of the U.S. armed forces. ([www.worldwar1centennial.org](http://www.worldwar1centennial.org))

***The Great War 1914-1918***

***For the Fallen***

Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), published in *The Times* newspaper on 21st September 1914

*With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.  
Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.  
They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe  
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.  
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.  
But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night  
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain (sic)*

***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.

**“In Sadness But Not In Shame” - A Short History of an Unsung American Hero:  
Hereditary Companion & Medal of Honor Recipient  
General Jonathan M. Wainwright IV, US Army  
By BG Vince Barker,  
USAR  
Wisconsin Commandery,  
MOLLUS**



If you are a student of WWII history, you are probably familiar with the story of General Jonathan Wainwright. Unfortunately, outside of those who study US military history, he, like many American heroes, has been lost to the pages of time. As MOLLUS companions, we can take great pride in knowing that Gen. Wainwright was “one of us”. He was in fact a third generation MOLLUS Companion.

Jonathan Mayhew “Skinny” Wainwright IV was born on August 23, 1883, at Ft. Walla Walla, Washington, the son of a career Army cavalry officer and MOL-

LUS Hereditary Companion, Major Robert Powell Page Wainwright and Josephine Serrell.

The Wainwright family had a proud history of both civil and military service. Jonathan’s great grandfather and namesake, Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright I, was a well-known Episcopal bishop who helped found New York University. Gen. Wainwright’s grandfather was US Navy Commander Jonathan Wainwright II, who was killed during the Battle of Galveston Bay on January 1, 1863. It was based on the service of his grandfather Commander Jonathan Wainwright that Gen. Wainwright became a MOLLUS companion. His other grandfather was Bvt. Brigadier General Ed-



ward W. Serrell was an original MOLLUS Companion, NY Commandery, insignia # 06228.



Like his father, Gen. Wainwright attended West Point, graduating in the Class of 1906. During Cadet Wainwright’s plebe year of 1902, his father died while in service in the Philippines, after serving in the Spanish American War in Cuba. Upon graduation, Jonathan was commissioned in the cavalry, where he would serve the majority of his career. One of his friends during his academy days was upper classman and future General of the Army (and future WI Commandery Senior Vice Commander) Douglas MacArthur.

Prior to WWI, Lieutenant Wainwright served at several stateside posts as well as the Philippines, where he saw combat during the Moro Rebellion. On Feb. 18, 1911, he married Adele Holley in Walla Walla, WA. In 1916 he was promoted to Captain. In February 1918 he was ordered to France and served on the staff of the 82nd Division (later the 82nd Airborne Division), and participated in the Saint Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. Promoted to temporary Lieutenant Colonel, he was reverted back to Captain after the war, and promoted to Major in 1920.

During the inter war years he served at various posts and schools in the US, and in 1938 was promoted to Brigadier General while commanding Ft. Myer, VA. In May 1940 he was promoted to the temporary rank of Major General and sent to the Philippines to serve as the senior field commander under his old comrade Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In December 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese invaded the Philippines.

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Greatly out-manned with no chance of resupply or reinforcements, the US and Philippine forces fought bravely but were forced to retreat to the Bataan Peninsula and finally the island of Corregidor. Gen. MacArthur was ordered off Bataan by President Roosevelt in March 1942, leaving then Lieutenant General Wainwright to stay behind with his Army. On April 9 the US and Philippine Forces on Bataan surrendered. Lt. Gen. Wainwright, with the remainder of his starving and sick army, retreated to the island of Corregidor. There they continued to fight and hold out until virtually all ammunition and supplies were exhausted. With no chance of resupply or reinforcements, and hoping to save the lives of his remaining Soldiers, Lt. Gen. Wainwright officially surrendered to the Japanese commander, General Homma on May 6, 1942. His message to his troops read in part: "With broken heart and with head bowed in sadness, but not in shame, today I must arrange terms for the surrender."

A student of the Civil War and keenly aware of his family's connection to it, Gen. Wainwright later looked back on the moment of the surrender saying "Suddenly I knew how Lee felt at Appomattox".

Gen. Wainwright spent the next 3+ years in Japanese captivity in the Philippines and Manchuria. Although he was the senior American POW, he was subjected to severe starvation, humiliation and torture. He was liberated by Red Army forces in Manchuria in August 1945. Two weeks later he was reunited with his command-

er, Gen. MacArthur, in Tokyo. MacArthur never expected to see him again after his departure from the Philippines in 1942, and, for reasons that are inexplicable, vehemently protested when Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall submitted Lt. G. Wainwright for the Medal of Honor that same year. Marshall, possibly mindful of MacArthur's probable reasons for the protest, simply shelved the paperwork. When it was resubmitted and quickly approved by President Truman in September 1945, this time there was no such protest from General MacArthur.

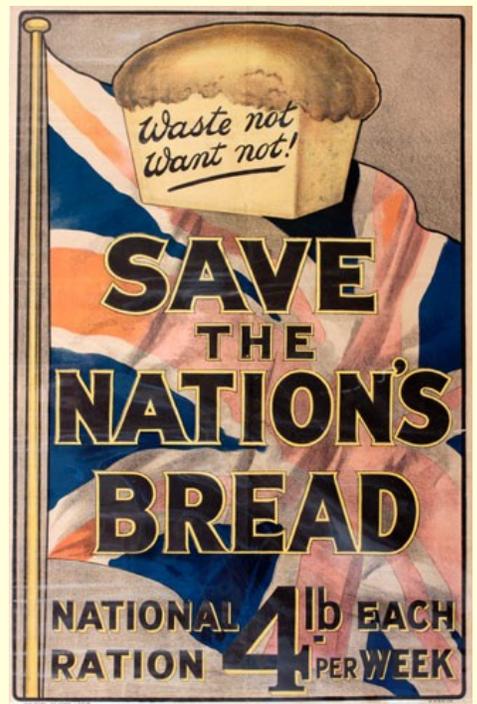


An emaciated Lt. Gen. Wainwright was greeted by Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo.

Gen. Wainwright knew nothing about the Medal of Honor submission in 1942 and fully expected to return home branded as a coward and failure. Instead, he was promoted to full General, given a hero's welcome, including a ticker tape parade and his picture on the cover of Time Magazine. He was completely surprised when he was presented the MOH by President Truman. After the war Gen. Wainwright served as Commander of 4th Ar-

my at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, before retiring in 1947. He lived quietly there with his wife Adele, passing away on Sep. 2, 1953, at age 70. He is buried next to Adele at Arlington National Cemetery. Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, is named after him as well as the US Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, WA. Gen. Wainwright was a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, insignia # 19087. He was the consummate "quiet professional" who was beloved by his Soldiers and peers, had fought with his Soldiers beyond the limit of human endurance and suffered unimaginable privations in the service of his country. We, as fellow MOLLUS hereditary companions, should be honored that Gen. Wainwright was one of us.

*(Thanks to PCinC Keith Harrison for providing Gen. Wainwright's Commandery and insignia information!)*





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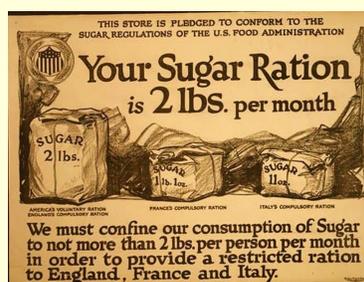
*General Ulysses S. Grant III who served the Loyal Legion as Commander-in-Chief 1958-1961.*

*In later years Douglas MacArthur would serve the Wisconsin Commandery as Senior Vice Commander. In that role in 1962 he would travel to Washington, D.C. along with the Wisconsin Commander. There is notable picture of these Companions seated in the Oval Office with then President John F. Kennedy, which notes their discussions on the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.*

*Companion MacArthur's visit to the White House and meeting with the President of the United States was not an uncommon practice. There were many such visits by the Loyal Legion and DOLLUS. There was the visitation on April 28, 1921 to President Warren Harding at the White House. To the left of President Harding is Loyal Legion*

*Commander in Chief, Lieutenant General Nelson Appleton Miles, who served as Commander-in-Chief from 1919 until his death at West Point in 1925. To the right is Mrs. John (Mary) A. Logan, National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, Companion Captain Robert Armour and then Mrs. M.N. Tucker, among many others of the Loyal Legion and DOLLUS.*

*Today the Loyal Legion and DOLLUS are down in its numbers as are so many other organizations. We need to look to MAKING US GREAT ONCE AGAIN and having both Military and Government Representatives on our roles of membership.*



## Past Commander-in-Chief Karl F. Schaeffer

passed away peacefully at home on August 26, 2017.

His life activities

include the following: Life member of American Legion Post 221, Massillon, OH, Legionnaire of the Year Award, Executive Committee member, Chairman or Co-Chairman of three major projects - Renamed the old Lincoln Way Viaduct, "The Four Chaplains Memorial Viaduct", co-founded, co-chairman, co-curator with Legionnaire "Brother" and Post Historian, John Tsocheff, our "Post Memorial Museum and Library and chaired "Our Beacon of Light" outdoor lighting project; 40/8 Voiture No. 10, Stark County, OH, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 9795, Canal Fulton, OH, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War McClellan Camp No. 91, Alliance, OH (Commander 1995-1996), Dept. of Ohio Camp Organizer, and National HQ Staffing Committee member, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), founded April 15, 1865 Commandery of Ohio - Commander (1997-1999), 16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Reserve (Third Military District), John Hunt Morgan Camp No. 1342, The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Louisville, KY, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, George W. Johnson Chapter 118, Louisville, KY Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Harris Ferry Chapter, Harrisburg, PA. In memory of Karl, cherish the people you love, extend your hand in friendship, embrace a child, listen with sincere religious compassion and remember His love, concern and kindness. It has been said by some, that he never met anyone he didn't like. Karl's legacy is his family, friends, his Catholic faith, his family military heritage back to the 1750's and "Duty, Honor, Country" with much pride in our "America the Beautiful". Karl's proudest moments were laying wreaths at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on February 12 and at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, IL on April 15 in full military uniform.

*A full tribute will follow in the next Journal*



## The complete guide to getting your miniature medals re-draped and mounted. By William F. Forbes, SVC PA Commandery

After several years of unpinning, organizing, re-pinning...aligning...unpinning, re-pinning...aligning...not quite right...unpinning...re-pinning...you get the point, and that's just for the black tie. Wait until you have to go through it all over again for that white tie affair. The length of the medals is not uniform, some are longer and have a wider ribbon drape than others, and it is a huge pain to remember the order in which they go according to founding date. The idea was to find a way to get them all to be the same length with ribbon drapes that can reliably hold the medal. The issue of organizing your miniature medals, military or society, in an easily transferrable form factor has been solved for less money than you would think.

### Getting your miniature medals for your respective societies:

Each society has its own resource to obtain the miniature medal representing that society. Contact your society board or council to determine how you can order it. Sometimes you can find ordering information on the respective society's websites. Below is an example of what some ribbon drapes can look like after 120 years of use.



### Getting the right ribbon drapes for your medals:



There are a couple of options of how to obtain your ribbon drapes for your miniature medals.

Military medals are available through any number of online stores. Societal medal drapes are available through (but not limited to) Andy Webster, [wickribbon@aol.com](mailto:wickribbon@aol.com), or Shawn Lavey at Hamilton Insignia, [slavey@hamiltonjewelers.com](mailto:slavey@hamiltonjewelers.com).

Please note: When requesting the ribbon drapes, you will need at least 6" of ribbon drape for each medal you are remounting.

### Organizing your medals to be shipped out:

Military medals have a definitive order defined by the branch of service and the DOD.

Society medals are to be mounted in the order of when the society was founded. An accurate list can be found on the Hereditary Society Community website at <http://www.hereditary.us>. The chronological list can be found at <http://www.hereditary.us/chrono.htm>.

After you figure out what the mounting order is, place them individually in numbered bags along with a 6"-8" cutting of the ribbon to be used on that medal. Place all of them into a padded envelope and send them away to your desired

mounting company. I used Medals of America, and here is the address.

Medals of America  
114 South Chase Blvd.  
Fountain Inn, SC 29644  
Attn: Jerry / Rusty



# The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States 132nd National Congress October 27-29, 2017 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The 132nd Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in Gettysburg, PA on Saturday, October 28th, 2017 for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Headquarters will be at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325. (717)339-0020

## PROGRAM

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th

4:00 to 6:00PM: Registration in the lobby of the Gettysburg Wyndham  
6:00 to 9:00PM: Dinner at area Brew Pub, or on your own  
9:00 PM: MOLLUS Suite for cocktails/camaraderie

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

6:30 to 8:30AM: Continental Breakfast Included  
8:30 to 12:00PM: MOLLUS National Congress Meeting  
8:30 to 12:00PM: DOLLUS National Congress Meeting  
12:00 to 1:00PM: Lunch on your own  
1:00 to 4:00PM: Tour of the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center with access to "behind the scenes" areas and MOLLUS artifacts stored at the Visitor Center. Transportation is on your own so you can determine the duration of tour, and visit the Park if desired.  
6:00 to 7:00PM: Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) at the Hotel  
7:00 to 9:30PM: Formal Banquet (White or Black tie or military uniform w/decorations). Guest speaker is:  
**Dr. Allen C. Guelzo**  
Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era  
Gettysburg College  
9:30 PM: MOLLUS Suite for cocktails/camaraderie

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th

6:30 to 8:30AM: Breakfast On Your Own  
9:00 to 11:00AM: Optional Battlefield Tour with guide  
12:00PM: Hotel check-out and departure

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

You must contact the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel for your reservations. You can reserve one night (Saturday) or two nights (Friday & Saturday). The cost is \$149.00, plus 11% tax per night. Contact them at 717-339-0020 and reference the MOLLUS event. Deadline for hotel reservations is September 26th (one month prior.) However, we would like your registration not later than September 1st.

### SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK (MOLLUS—PA) TO THE FOLLOWING:

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## 132nd MOLLUS NATIONAL CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

This year we have adopted a "Prix Fixe" model for the weekend. The registration cost is \$100 and includes registration, admission to the Visitor Center, Museum, Cyclorama, and the Banquet. The only optional event is the Sunday morning tour of the Military Park. Cost will be determined by the number interested. Please indicate if you are interested.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CIRCLE: T TO ACCEPT TEXT MSGS

REGISTRATION FEE: # IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Check payee is MOLLUS—PA)

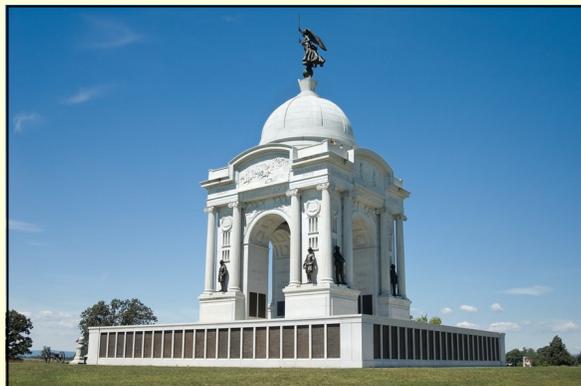
SELECT ONE ENTREE PER PERSON FOR THE BANQUET:

CHICKEN BREAST \_\_\_\_\_ FLAT IRON STEAK \_\_\_\_\_ SALMON \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_\_ IF INTERESTED IN OPTIONAL TOUR OF PARK ON SUNDAY MORNING

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After a number of discussions with Jerry and Rusty, they have given permission to be the POC for your mounting needs if you use Medals of America.

### **Mounting options:**

The mounting options are bound to how the current military mounts their miniature medals. The Department of the Navy lays them flat, side by side, in even rows. The Army uses a single bar with the drapes overlapping.

Your options are as follows:

Single Bar of medals (up to 10) overlapping on a single row.

Medals lying flat side-by-side. Number is evenly distributed across rows. (5-6 in a row is max)

### **Getting the goods:**

After a couple of weeks, your newly mounted medal rack will be sent to you. After receiving them, confirm that they are in the order requested. If you need to get them re-mounted due to awards or new membership, the ribbons that were used in the rack can be re-used, so you only need to have the ribbon for the new medals you need mounted.



As a point of order, when wearing your medals, society medals are worn below the military ones and they are to be kept on separate rows if you are wearing both at the same time.



MOLLUS Members in attendance at the SUVCW National Encampment, Lansing, Michigan 2017

# COMMANDERY NEWS

## Connecticut

On May 28th, Companions of the CT Commandery placed flags on the graves of Civil War veterans in Hartford's Cedar Hill Cemetery. We are carrying on the tradition started by Companion MG John Logan.



On July 16th, CT Companions held their annual meeting at the New England Civil War Museum in Rockville. We welcomed John Duchesneau, Commander of RI Commandery. Harry Colvocoresses, CT Commander, reminded Companions of the need to bring in younger members in order to continue our legacy and traditions. Commander Colvocoresses then gave a presentation on Rev. Joseph Hopkins Twichell, the close friend of Mark Twain.



Twichell performed Twain's wedding, baptisms and funerals. At the start of the Civil War, Twichell volunteered as a chaplain with the NY Excelsior Brigade, which was being raised by Congressman Daniel Sickles. Harry was amazed to discover the esteem that Twichell held for Sickles throughout the war; Twichell even participat-

*New England Civil War Museum Executive Director Matt Reardon being presented a donation to the Museum from the CT Commandery.*

ed in the amputation of Sickles leg. Twichell served for three years with the Excelsior Brigade. Twichell participated in most of the major battles in Virginia like the Peninsular Campaign, 2nd Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania, and the Wilderness.

CT Companion Peter Stevens will be presenting the ROTC medal to a cadet at the US Coast Guard Academy in September.

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## Ohio

On August 20, 2017, the Ohio Commandery joined the Champaign County Arts Council and presented a Civil War Band Concert in St. Paris Ohio. The concert was performed by the 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band which was conducted by Companion John F. Huffman. The outdoor concert was well attended, and more than 100 persons visited the MOLLUS and DOLLUS information table.

The combined concert and information event capped off a week of MOLLUS generated publicity in the local newspaper, and talks at the Lion's Club and Rotary Luncheon. All of this is a part of the Ohio Commandery's initiative to re-connect Ohioans with their Civil War Roots and to provide unique opportunities to keep the history of the Civil War and (our Order) relevant and important to our local communities.



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Pennsylvania

PA Commandery past Board Member David Scott captured these photos from the 2017 PA Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Annual Picnic held in July 2017 at the home of Paul and Sandy Lader in Wenhah, NJ. Set among houses from an era prior to the Civil War, the location was beautiful, Our hosts pulled out all



the stops from fully catering the event with an amazing spread to the festive decorations and layout. Over 30



guests attended including National and State Commandery Officers, Councilors, Companions, Friends, Family and Guests. It was a picture-perfect day and a grand time was had by all.



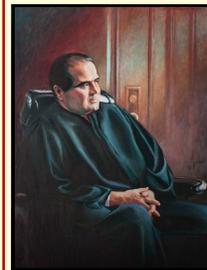
Wisconsin

Recently, Lt. Col. Thomas P. Curtis, Past Commander of the Wisconsin Commandery was honored to have his portrait of Justice Antonin Scalia accepted by the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C. for its permanent collection. Curtis painted the 48"x36" portrait in oils after

meeting with and working on studies of Scalia in his chambers at the Supreme Court building in 1993. Col. Curtis learned the skills of portraiture at an early age in the studio of his artist mother, the well-known Elizabeth Curtis. After receiving an AB degree from Harvard, he



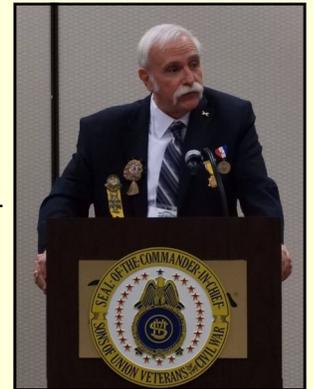
went on to round out his art education, studying drawing at the Corcoran School of Art and painting at Cardinal Stritch College. After 14 years as an editorial cartoonist for the Milwaukee Sentinel, he began his painting career and has had his own studio since 1984. He is also well known in the Midwest for his popular classes in art and art history.



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Virginia

Congratulations to Virginia Companion Mark Day, elected on August 12 as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the 2017-18 term. Mark, from Lynchburg, Virginia, took office at the SUVCW's National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

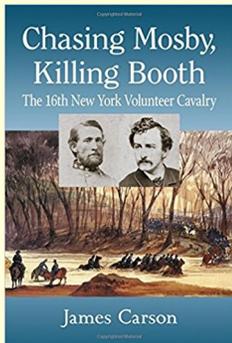


Past C-in-C Jeffrey Burden gave remarks at the annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 30 at Fort Harrison National Cemetery, near Richmond.

Companion James Carson's new book, *Chasing Mosby, Killing*

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**Booth**, appeared this spring. Using personal letters, diaries and memoirs as his foundation, James details the service of the 16th New York Infantry through the War, including its part in capturing John Wilkes Booth in April 1865. It's available through McFarland & Co., Inc, Publishers ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)).

### Past Commander-in-Chief Scott Wallace Stucky

became Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on 1 August. Stucky, a member of the District of Columbia Commandery, served as Commander-in-Chief from 1993 to 1995. His MOLLUS ancestor is his great-great-uncle, Captain Robert Ross Wallace (1835-1918) of Company C, 9th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery.

The Court exercises world-wide appellate jurisdiction over courts-martial arising in all of the United States armed forces. Appeals are normally heard in the first instance by one of four service courts of criminal appeals—Army, Air Force, Navy/Marine, or Coast Guard. The Court of Appeals then may exercise discretionary jurisdiction in taking appeals from these courts. The Court consists of five judges, appointed by the President with Senate advice and consent, for 15-year terms. It convenes in a historic courthouse on Judiciary Square in Washington, built in 1908-10 and originally occupied by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Chief Judge Stucky is a graduate of Wichita State University and Harvard Law School. Prior to his appointment, he served as General Counsel of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and as legislative counsel to the U.S. Air Force. He was appointed to the Court by President George W. Bush in 2006. He is married to Jean Seibert Stucky, who is Assistant General Counsel for Labor and Pension Law at the U.S. Department of Energy. The Stuckys have two children.

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Miles Holderman. Nelson was born in Nebraska in 1885, but grew to manhood amidst the fruit tree groves of Orange County. He enlisted as a Private in the California National Guard in 1916, served on the Mexican border, and was Captain of his company by the time the U.S. entered World War I. His unit arrived in France in mid-1918 and was inserted as replacements for Company "K", 307th Regiment, 77th Infantry Division. Nelson was considered a "soldier's soldier" who quickly earned the respect of the men of his new company.

The great Meuse-Argonne offensive jumped on 26 September 1918, moving south through the Argonne Forest in northern France, towards Sedan. It was intended to be the final offensive push that toppled the German government and ended the War. In fact, the commanding American general issued a "no retreat" order:

"It is a favorite trick of the Boche to... [call] out 'retire' or 'fall back'... If in action any such command is heard, officers and men may be sure that it is given by the enemy.... Whoever gives such a command is a traitor...and it is the duty of any officer or man...who hears such an order to shoot the offender on the spot."

With those orders in mind, Nelson's company went into action on October 3, trying to support troops under the command of **Major Charles Whittlesey**. Whittlesey had earlier that day broken through the German lines with elements of two different battalions. No units near him had had such suc-



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Another in a continuing series...

# Trustees' Corner

*The Trustees of the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund have a special kind of duty — what the law calls a “fiduciary” duty. The term derives from the Latin fiducia, meaning “trust”. Generally speaking, it is a duty of good faith and best efforts owed by an entity or person(s), to another entity or person(s).*

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## WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Summer 2017 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief James Simmons extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

### Hereditary Member Recruitment

New membership represents the future of our Order. In recognition of that fact, the Commander-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.

### HEREDITARY COMPANIONS:

<i>Insignia</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Commandery</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Unit</i>
22705	Mark Gerard Langenderfer	Pennsylvania	Joseph Langenderfer	1LT	37th OH
22706	Kevin Scott Mowrey	California	Isaiah Mowrey	2LT	163rd OH
22707	Robert Calder Holmes IV	Pennsylvania	Alexander W. Givin	1LT/Bvt CPT	114th PA
22708	Edward Givin Holmes	Pennsylvania	Alexander W. Givin	1LT/Bvt CPT	114th PA
22709	Darryl Brent Waltz Jr.	Indiana	Jesse C. Speak	2LT	7th KY

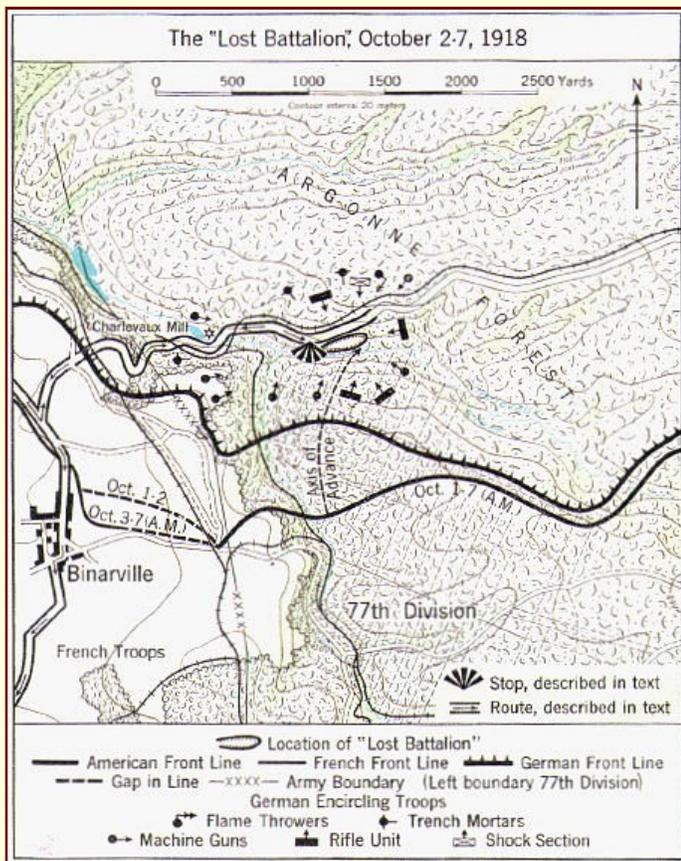
### ASSOCIATE COMPANIONS:

<i>Insignia</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Commandery</i>
A305	Jason Clem Brown	Indiana
A306	Marcus Antonium Policarpo	Pennsylvania
A307	Andrew Roy Mills	Michigan

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cess, and he was soon cut off and surrounded. Several attempts were made to reach his troops, but only one succeeded — the one led by Captain Holderman and 96 other men of Company K. Together, they were popularly (but not quite correctly) identified as the “Lost Battalion”.

Nelson was assigned the right flank of the force, with seven companies of infantry and two machine gun platoons. His men came under near-constant German rifle and artillery fire, punctuated by direct assaults, Nelson was wounded on October 4, but continued to encourage and direct the actions of his men, despite great pain. He was wounded again on October 5, but continued as before, even exposing himself to enemy fire supervising wounded men. On the 6th, he rushed through shell and machine gun fire to carry, back to safety, two wounded men from



outside the lines.

On the 7th, he and one other man armed themselves with pistols and hand grenades and beat back an in-

filtrating German force, killing or capturing most of them. Throughout that night, in pain and almost unable to stand, he directed the defense of the right flank against flame throwers during a desperate final German attempt to envelop and defeat the Americans.

The line held, and forces pushed through the next day to re-link the American forces and relieve the “Lost Battalion”. He personally led his men out of their position before allowing himself to be treated by doctors.

Major Whittlesey, who received the Medal of Honor in 1921 for his actions in the battle, recommended Nelson for the same distinction.

*Captain Holderman commanded a company of a battalion which was cut off and surrounded by the enemy. He was wounded on 4, 5 and 7 October, but through out the entire period, suffering great pain and subjected to fire of every character, he continued personally to lead and encourage the officers and men under his command with unflinching courage and with distinguished success. On 6 October, in a wounded condition, he rushed through enemy machine-gun and shell fire and carried two wounded men to a position of safety.*

Nelson stayed in the National Guard after the War. From 1926 until his death in 1953, he was commandant of the Veterans Home of California, in Yountville, near San Francisco. There he introduced reforms, streamlined the bureaucracy, and improved the buildings and grounds — and occasionally helped his veterans by exploiting his standing as one of America’s most decorated soldiers.

The words on his simple soldier's grave, in San Francisco’s Golden Gate National Cemetery, glint with gold as befits a Medal of Honor recipient. They give no hint this was an Iowa soldier’s son, who had written his own epic tale.



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