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### Commander-in-Chief's Message

Welcome to the June edition of the Loyal Legion Historical Journal. As we enter the summer season Cathy and I wish you the best.

Our ancestors originally founded MOLLUS in order to be ready to subdue an overthrow of the United States Government. As that threat passed the original Companions of the Loyal Legion saw their task to be recording and telling the true story of the Rebellion. This they accomplished through the War Papers of each Commandery which were read at their periodic state meetings and published for the public. They also supported military education and the preparation of Officers for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Today our duty to the original Companions is to continue their work, tell their stories, and support the Officer training programs around the country. To each Companion and Dame, I ask of you, how are you supporting this mission?

The MOLLUS ROTC program operates at the Commandery level at the discretion of the Commandery Commander. This Spring I have had the honor of presenting two ROTC awards, one on behalf of the Ohio Commandery to the Army ROTC unit at Ohio State and one on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to the oldest continuous Army ROTC unit in the United States – at the University of Dayton, which is where my maternal Grandfather attended his training in 1917.

I suggest that all State Commanderies consider adopting some ROTC programs in your state institutions of higher learning.

Lastly, keep an eye out for a Constant Contact email with information on our upcoming National Congress which will be held on October 13-15, 2023 in Gettysburg, PA.



Loyally — Rob ✱



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2LT John P. Huffman, Co.I 67th Ohio Vol. Inf.

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## ROTC Awards / MOLLUS Events

Eight Army ROTC cadets, representing six battalions in three states, received the Medal of Merit from the Virginia Commandery this year. **Brandon Broussard**, Hampden Sydney College, and **Nicholas Lewis**, University of Richmond are members of the “Spider Battalion” at the University of Richmond.

**Kelly Cruz**, Mary Baldwin University, a member of the Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership.

**Ethan Pulket** and **Sebastian Isasi** of the “Revolutionary Guard Battalion”, comprised of students from Christopher Newport University and the College of William & Mary.

**Tyler Mullins**, at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and **John Cathey**, at East Tennessee State University.

**Allie Hollis** at Appalachian State University.

Companions Robert Krasche, Robert Crum, John S. Moore, Michael McGurk and Jeffrey Burden participated in presenting the awards this year.



*Kelly Cruz*



*Ethan Pulket*



*Sebastian Isasi*



*Tyler Mullins*



Cadet Joseph Rauch from Norwich University received the ROTC Award Of Merit from the Connecticut Commandery. Pictured on the left is Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, Brigadier General William McCollough; center is Past CT Commandery Commander and current Council-in-Chief member Harold L. Colvocoresses, and on the right, Cadet Rauch. Norwich University The Military College of Vermont, is a private military academy in Northfield, Vermont. It is the oldest private and senior military college in the United States and was founded on August 6,1819 in Norwich, Vermont.

The Michigan Commandery Awarded 4 ROTC Awards to the Wolverine Battalion: Recipients are: Army: Cadet John Dillon, Air Force: Cadet Cole Whidden, NAVY: MIDN Kevin Gu and MIDN Marine Corps Option to Jackson Dell the first Marine Option MIDN to receive the ROTC Award at the University Of Michigan.







*MIDN Kevin Gu, University Of Michigan.*



*Lincoln Tomb Wreath Presenters*



*Kim Heltemes and Vince Barker, MOLLUS, Wisconsin Commandery in attendance for Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies*



*Companions Wisconsin MOLLUS Commandery L to R Thomas Curtis, Alan Hembel, Commander Murry "Chip" Bedford, Dean Collins and Kim Heltemes.*



*MC Lincoln Tomb Paul Davis, MOLLUS*



*Lincoln Tomb and Stephenson Honor Guard*

## Dames of the Loyal Legion



What a great honor it was to represent our organization at the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois and to work cooperatively with MOLLUS in laying a wreath. I thank all of you for allowing me this honor. I would like to make you aware of the scholarship the Dames support.

### The Helen Soden Brady Memorial Scholarship

DOLLUS members with children in college can apply yearly.

1. Only a DOLLUS member can nominate a person (female or male) to receive this scholarship. The applicant must state the relationship of the applicant to the DOLLUS member.
2. Each nomination letter must include the name, address and age of the applicant.
3. 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 activities and or awards received in school, and also the applicant's Grade Point Average.
5. List any participation in community service and any work experience.
6. The letter of recommendation by a DOLLUS member is to be sent to the Chairperson of the Helen Soden Brady Memorial Scholarship Fund and must be received by July 1st in any given year. The award(s) will be divided among those candidates recommended.

For additional information contact the Chairperson Monie Upham on our National website [dollus.org](http://dollus.org). Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our National Meeting in October.

Loyally, Jan Davis, National President DOLLUS ✱



*Jan Davis placing wreath at Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, Petersburg, Illinois.*



*Lincoln Tomb Services Springfield, Illinois (L To R) Cathy Harris, Rosemary Martin, DOLLUS National Color Bearer Chuck Worley, Jan Davis*



*DAMES Sheri O'Connell, Laurie Moore and Anne Schaeffer Cleaning the Monument for Captain William McKendree Cronise. Co.H, Sharpsburg Rifles (L To R)*



*Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, DUVCW (R To L) Mary Ellen Fryer, Jan Davis, DOLLUS President, Norma Fiedler PNP DUVCW, Linda Holzhausen, and DUVCW New Member.*



## William Christie Johnson Insignia 6887

by Adam Gaines National Historian, Insignia 22470



William Christie Johnson was born March 19, 1842 or 1843 to John Sutton and Susannah (Sheldon) Johnson on the family farm near Bantam, Ohio. In September of 1861, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, but was forced to withdraw a year later due to illness.

Hearing his country's call, Johnson enlisted as a Private in the 89th Ohio Infantry on August 7, 1862 and was mustered into Company F, on August 22, 1862. While with the 89th, he served in Kentucky in September of 1862, to the resist Kirby Smith's threatened invasion of Cincinnati. From there, he and his regiment were ordered to Kanawha Valley in what is now West Virginia to serve at Gauley Bridge and Fayetteville. After that, the regiment was ordered back to Tennessee, serving at Nashville during the winter of 1862-1863 and at Carthage during the spring of 1863. After his service there, he was ordered to a convalescent camp at Gallatin, TN, where he was detailed as acting hospital steward with the United States Colored Troops. In September of 1864, he rejoined his unit. His work as a hospital steward with the USCT must have caught the attention of some influential people, as on Nov. 14, 1864, he was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the 42nd United States Colored Troops. For

whatever reason, he was mustered into Co. A of that regiment until May 10, 1865. On June 12, 1865, 2nd Lt. Johnson requested 20 days leave with a 10 day extension to deal with some personal business. He was approved for a 20-day leave. He returned to his regiment where it was serving garrison duty at Chattanooga, TN. The regiment was serving at Huntsville, Alabama, when Johnson requested another 20 days leave to attend to business that required his urgent attention. The request was granted and after his leave, he returned to his regiment, serving in Huntsville until he was mustered out on January 31, 1866.

He appears to have found love not long after his discharge, as he married Eliza A LITTLE on May 10, 1866. This union was blessed with 3 children, Eugene, Walter, and Bessie. After the war, he settled in Union City, Indiana, where he became a druggist in 1867. He worked as a druggist until 1873. From 1873 to 1878, he worked as a bank cashier in Portland, Indiana. After this, Johnson moved back to Ohio, and in 1881, along with his brother, George and William Leeper, they founded Johnson & Leeper Hardware Company, where he became the manager.

Apparently wanting to be reunited with his brother officers of the Union military, on March 6, 1889, former 2nd Lt. Johnson was elected a Companion of the First Class in the Ohio Commandery and was assigned Insignia No. 6887.

He retired from being the manager of Johnson & Leeper Hardware Company in 1898.

He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He joined the Jones Post No. 401, Department of Ohio. He served as Commander of that Post, two times. He helped plan and run the 1898 GAR National Encampment in Cincinnati, Ohio. In recognition for his service, Johnson was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the GAR. Unfortunately, on February 5, 1899, Commander-in-Chief James A Sexton passed away and William C Johnson became acting Commander-in-Chief. Unfortunately, due to disagreements within the Council of Administration prevented him from being made permanent Commander-in-Chief. At the 1899 National Encampment, being unable to seek to a full term as Commander-in-Chief, because he had been acting Commander-in-Chief, he was elected full Commander-in-Chief and was retired with the highest honors at the end of the Encampment.

He continued giving back to the community, as in 1900, he was elected a member and Vice President of the Board of Public Service of Cincinnati for one term. He also served as an assistant Postmaster of Cincinnati, serving from 1906 to 1915. He became active in the Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS, as he was elected to the Commandery Council for the 1905-1906 term.

Unfortunately, Companion Johnson died at 11:40 am on April 27, 1917 at the Avondale Apartments in Cincinnati, of heart trouble. He was buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. \*

## Sailor Home From The Sea

By Doug Slauson Insignia 22372

On March 25, 2023, Doug Slauson, Commander of MOLLUS Iowa Commandery, and Mike Rowley, a companion of the Wisconsin Commandery, along with members of various hereditary Orders gathered in Monticello, Iowa to honor Seaman First Class Donald Stott. Seaman Stott died in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Seaman Stott was on the USS Oklahoma when it capsized. Through DNA testing, Seaman Stott's remains were identified and returned from the Punch Bowl Cemetery to his family for reburial in Monticello. Seaman Stott was just 19 when he perished.



Navy pall bearers carried his casket to the burial site at the Oakwood Cemetery in Monticello, Iowa accompanied by Honor Guards. A gun salute was performed. The contingent of the hereditary Orders stood at a distance to honor the fallen sailor. Many attendees were delighted at the display of respect and patriotism. \*

*Pictured Left to Right: Matt Schwalm, Doug Slauson, Mike Rowley, Dave Nation, Randy Lyon, and Larry Hoelscher, all members of the Sons of the American Revolution.*



*USS Oklahoma*

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save (The Navy Hymn)

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.





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**AGENDA OF EVENTS**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

- 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM: Executive Committee of the Board of Officers - CIC Suite
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Registration and Check-In at the Wyndham Hotel
- 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM: LLMF Trustee Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tour and Reception at the Gettysburg Visitors Center and Museum

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration and Check-in at the Wyndham Hotel
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Business Meetings
  - MOLLUS Business Meeting - Salon A
  - DOLLUS Business Meeting - Salon B
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch on your own
- 1:30 PM Meet for Tour of Gettysburg in front of Wyndham Hotel
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tour of Gettysburg
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cocktail Reception at the Wyndham Hotel - Salon A and B
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Banquet and CIC Awards Presentation - Salon A and B
  - Keynote Lecture - Christopher Gwinn, Chief NPS Park Ranger, Gettysburg



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31, 2023**

**Attendee Information**

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Tour of Gettysburg	\$20.00	_____	_____
Cocktail Reception:	Cash Bar	_____	_____
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**Registration Deadline is August 31, 2023**

**Accommodations:**

A limited number of rooms have been held until September 11, 2023 at a rate of \$168.00 for a standard room. The rate includes complimentary breakfast which begins at 8:00 AM, use of the fitness center and complimentary internet. Overnight parking is available at no expense. The Front Desk is open 24/7 and can be reached at 717-339-0020. Refer to the MOLLUS Room Block for reservations.





## Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### FRIDAY NIGHT TOUR AND RECEPTION AT GETTYSBURG VISITORS CENTER AND MUSEUM

The Pennsylvania Commandery is pleased to offer National Congress attendees a unique opportunity for private access to the Gettysburg Visitor's Center and Museum on Friday night, October 13. The admission fee will include a reception, with passed hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, access to the museum, viewing of the movie, and admission to the cyclorama.

The Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War, featuring items from one of the largest collections of Civil War relics in the world, will be available for private viewing during the reception. With 22,000 square feet of exhibit space, the museum features relics of the Battle of Gettysburg and personalities who served in the Civil War, inter-active exhibits, and multi-media presentations that cover the conflict from beginning to end as well as describe the Battle of Gettysburg and its terrible aftermath.

Attendees will also have exclusive access to the other features of the museum including:

Viewing of the 20 minute film, "A New Birth of Freedom", narrated by award winning actor Morgan Freeman, about the Battle of Gettysburg. The film will orient you to the battle and Gettysburg's place in the American Civil War; and the Cyclorama Painting by French artist Paul Philippoteaux, who took brush to canvas and created the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting. He spent months on the battlefield researching the battle with veterans, a battlefield guide and a photographer.

It took Philippoteaux and a team of assistants more than a year to complete the painting. The result is a breathtaking canvas that measures 377 feet in circumference and 42 feet high. Longer than a football field and as tall as a four-story structure, the Gettysburg Cyclorama oil painting, along with light and sound effects, immerses visitors in the fury of Pickett's Charge during the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

### SATURDAY TOUR OF THE HISTORIC GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD

On Saturday, the Pennsylvania Commandery will provide an optional tour of the historic Gettysburg Battlefield for those interested. The tour will be conducted by one of the Gettysburg Foundation certified guides who will provide a two hour tour of the highlights of the battlefield and the history of the town and the events which unfolded in the Battle of Gettysburg. This is a not to be missed event and the guide will bring to life the events of the days of this pivotal battle of the Civil War. **You will want to register in advance as seats for this program will be limited.**

### BANQUET AND SPEAKER

Saturday evening will culminate in the annual banquet which will allow us to come together in fellowship and to recognize our commanderies for their accomplishments over the past year. This promises to be a wonderful event. We will also hear from Mr. Christopher Gwinn, Chief NPS Ranger, Gettysburg about updates to the park and new developments in this historic national site. Mr. Gwinn is an engaging speaker with incredible knowledge which will make him a valuable addition to our banquet. He has served as an interpretive park ranger in Gettysburg since 2012. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College and has served the park in a variety of capacities. He holds a Masters Degree in Public History and has served in interpretive and education positions in a variety of parks before settling in Gettysburg including Antietam National Battlefield, Boston National Historical Park, the National Mall and Memorial Parks. He will be a wonderful capstone for the weekend.





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