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Commander-in-Chief's Message

On April 13 the Commandery-in-Chief, in partnership with the Sons of Union Veterans, continued its tradition of commemorating President Abraham Lincoln at the 68th Lincoln Tomb Observance at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. Companion Kevin Martin (DC) served as Master of Ceremonies. Reflections were offered by Companion Peter Hritsko Jr. (MI) and me. Peter and Kevin were present primarily in their capacities as the top two officers of the SUV. SVCinC Paul Davis (MI) and Chancellor-in-Chief Linn Malaznik (CA) were members of the SVR processional Color Guard. I had the privilege to lay a wreath jointly with DOLLUS National President Jan Davis. The Missouri Commandery also laid a wreath. Other MOLLUS and DOLLUS members were in attendance including past CinC James Simmons.

Last year CinC Robert Pollock renewed our ongoing commitment to cohost this event with the SUV via an updated Memorandum of Understanding. Thus, it is important that as many companions as possible support it with their attendance. The tomb observance is held annually on the Saturday closest to April 15, the date of Abraham Lincoln's death in 1865. It is followed by a luncheon with a speaker. This year's speaker was author Gene E. Salecker, a leading authority on the Sultana Disaster of 1865. I can appreciate that Springfield is a great distance from many, but you will be well rewarded for your visit, especially if attending for the first time.

As we turned the calendar from April to May, some may not be aware that in 1958 a joint resolution of Congress designated May 1st as Loyalty Day, requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually on this date inviting the American people to reaffirm their loyalty to the country. Each proclamation is different in tone. The 1970 proclamation in particular bears sharing with you. It reads:

The full meaning of ordinary words is often discovered only when we know their origin. The word "loyal" has its origins in the Latin word for "legal." Ultimately, to be loyal means not only to be faithful to a person or a cause or a nation, but to be lawful as well. We demonstrate loyalty to our nation, then, not only when we show our love for its ideals, but when we also show respect for its laws. Without those laws, our ideals cannot be reached; without those ideals, our laws are mechanical and lifeless. True loyalty to our country means working together toward justice under the law.

Respect for the rule of law was so important to the Original Companions that it is enshrined in the Order's principles and motto. Without it our free institutions cannot survive. In accepting the offer of membership, all companions have chosen to assist in carrying out the objects of the Order, including enforcing unqualified allegiance to our government (laws) while simultaneously protecting the rights and liberties of American citizenship (ideals). This starts by being ready and able to explain how loyalty saved the Union when it was on the verge of collapse and how loyalty continues to guarantee the future liberty and prosperity of our nation. As individuals and commanderies let us consider ways in which we can expand our message of true loyalty to a nation that needs our voice now perhaps more than ever before.





A MESSAGE FROM THE JOURNAL EDITOR



The JOURNAL welcomes submissions from MOLLUS Companions and DOLLUS Dames. Please make your submissions as original and relevant manuscripts to MOLLUS and DOLLUS Members. Re-printed manuscripts authored by non-MOLLUS or DOLLUS members that have been published previously in other places should be avoided for publication in the JOURNAL. Submissions should be single spaced on an 8 1/2 in x 11 page or two pages combined. Three page submissions are not encouraged due to the availability of JOURNAL space. Manuscripts: Suggested type Font is 12 point Times Roman.

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Thank you for your cooperation and article submissions.
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2024 Lincoln Death Day Services - Springfield, IL



Jan Davis DOLLUS President and Michael Bates MOLLUS CIC presented a wreath at the Lincoln Death Day Services in Springfield, Illinois.



Combined Group of Wreath Presenters.



MOLLUS/DOLLUS National Color Guard: L-R Commander Paul Davis SVCIC MOLLUS (MI), MOLLUS Companion Dick Denney (MI), Ed Dowd, National Color Bearer (MI), MOLLUS National Color Bearer Linn Malznik (CA), SUVCW National Flag Bearer, DOLLUS National Color Bearer, Chuck Worley



MOLLUS CIC Michael Bates and DOLLUS President Jan Davis escorted for wreath presentation.

Anson Tyler Hemingway, Insignia 11435

by Clay Hoffman, Insignia 22727



Lieutenant Anson Tyler Hemingway

Born in Plymouth, Connecticut on August 26, 1844, Lieutenant Anson Tyler Hemingway was an Original Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The paternal grandfather of author Ernest Hemingway, he enlisted as a private in Company D of the 72nd Illinois Infantry on July 28, 1862, and served with the regiment at several engagements, including the Siege of Vicksburg (May 17 to July 4, 1863).

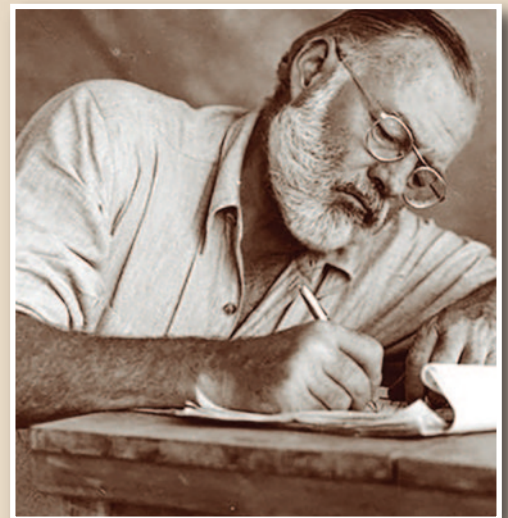
After mustering out of the service, he later joined the 70th U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) as a 1st Lieutenant. Organized at Natchez, Mississippi, in 1864, the 70th was one of 175 USCT regiments that were formed in response to the demand of Union Army commanders for more fighting units. Approximately 20% of USCT soldiers lost their lives due to the War—a rate about 35% higher than that of white Union troops—and many served with distinction, including 16 who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. The USCT was the forerunner to the Buffalo Soldiers who served in the American Indian Wars.

On April 9, 1866, Anson Hemingway entered in his diary: “Got home from the Army today”. Desiring a life of service to God, he sought and accepted the secretaryship of the Chicago YMCA, and soon began a lasting friendship with Dwight Lyman Moody, who would become one of America’s leading Christian evangelists. Like his friend Moody, he believed that hard work was the foundation of moral order.

After marrying Adelaide Edmonds, a Botany graduate of Wheaton College, Anson Hemingway needed to increase his income and resigned from his position at the YMCA and opened a real estate office on Chicago’s La Salle Street. The business prospered enough to enable him to build a spacious home in Oak Park, Illinois, where he and Adelaide would raise their family. Each of their six children would attend Oberlin College, including Dr. Clarence Edmonds Hemingway, who became a prominent Oak Park physician.

On October 1, 1896, Dr. Hemingway married Grace Hall, whose own father was a Union army veteran. Ernest Hall had enlisted in the 1st Iowa Cavalry at the beginning of the war, and less than a year later, he was mustered out after a Confederate Minnie ball became permanently lodged in his left thigh, making him unable to ride a horse.

The oldest son of Dr. Clarence Hemingway and Grace Hall was Ernest Miller Hemingway, born in 1899, who became one of the most influential authors of the 20th century and the recipient of the 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature. Many of his works are classics of American literature, including *A Farewell to Arms*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, *The Sun Also Rises*, and *The Old Man and the Sea*. *



Ernest Hemingway

Source: Black Soldiers in the U.S. Military During the Civil War. National Archives.

Hero of Gettysburg, Bvt. MG Henry A. Morrow, Insignia 00646 NE

By James O. Carson, Insignia 22454 VA

Born on July 10, 1829 in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia, and apparently orphaned at an early age, Henry Andrew Morrow was educated at the Rittenhouse Academy in Washington, DC. Appointed a Senate Page, he came to the attention of Michigan Senator Lewis Cass (1845-1948).

With the outbreak of the Mexican War, Henry, only 16 years old, enlisted as a private in Watson's Regiment of the D.C. and Maryland Volunteers and participated in the Monterey and Tampico campaigns. When he was discharged at Tampico, Mexico in May 1847, he returned to Washington DC, and on Senator Cass's advice moved to Detroit, Michigan to study law. He was admitted to the Michigan bar and, with the backing of Senator Cass, became City Recorder in 1857 and was elected the first judge of the newly established Recorder's Court.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Judge Morrow, now married – to the former Isabella Graves, daughter of Michigan's Secretary of State – and in private practice in Detroit, volunteered to raise a regiment and was appointed Colonel of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry on August 15, 1862.

Assigned to the battle-tested (Antietam), Iron Brigade, Colonel Morrow and his men got their first taste of war at the Battle of Fredericksburg (December 1862) and Chancellorsville (May 1863). However, it was at the Battle of Gettysburg that the 24th Michigan “proved their mettle with the rest of the men who wore the black Hardee hats.”

On July 1st, along with the 2nd and 7th Wisconsin and the 19th Indiana, Colonel Morrow's troops fought off Confederate General James Archer's brigade along Willoughby's Run and in Herbst Woods. In his own report of the battle, dated February 22, 1864, Colonel Morrow wrote of the overwhelming odds the Union Army defenders faced:

“The enemy advanced in two lines of battle, their right extending beyond and overlapping our left. ... Their advance was not checked, and they came on with rapid strides, yelling like demons. ... We had inflicted severe loss on the enemy, but their numbers were so overwhelming and our own losses had been so great that we were unable to maintain our position, and were forced back, step by step, contesting every foot of ground, to the barricade. I was wounded (grazing shot to the scalp) just before reaching the barricade, west of the seminary building, and left the field. “

Colonel Morrow quickly recovered from his wound, but the regiment suffered 79 killed, including eight officers, and 237 wounded. He would be wounded again at the Wilderness on February 6, 1864 and was breveted to Brigadier General in August 1864 “for gallant and distinguished service during the present campaign before Richmond, Va.” During the Petersburg campaign, he was again wounded “severely in the side” at Dabney's Mills (also known as the Battle of Hatcher's Run). In March 1865 he was breveted to Major General of Volunteers “for distinguished and conspicuous gallantry, and for good conduct before Petersburg, Va.”

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Brevet General Morrow was mustered out of the volunteer service on July 19, 1865, returned to Detroit, and was appointed Collector of the Port. A year later, however, the call to duty rang clear and he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 36th U.S. Infantry on January 17, 1867. By now, he and Isabella had three sons ages four months to 5 years. Three months later, he was breveted to full Colonel for his “gallant and meritorious service” in the Battle of Hatcher’s Run.

For the next five years, Lt. Col Morrow commanded infantry troops in the Dakota Territory, Utah, and Wyoming. In March 1869, he was transferred to the 13th U.S. Infantry and assumed command of Fort Buford, Dakota Territory. A year later, the regiment was transferred to the Department of the Platte and was on “frontier duty” until 1879. In the fall of 1874, however, he relocated to New Orleans where, as of November he was “commanding troops at Commercial House.” Until 1879, he remained in the South commanding posts in New Orleans and Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1877, he was sent to Scranton, Pennsylvania in command of U.S. troops there during the “Great Railroad Strike.”

In June 1879, Morrow was appointed Colonel of the 21st U.S. Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. According to the 1880 Federal Census, Isabella and their six children did not go with him and were living with her father in Niles, Michigan. In 1884, the 21st Infantry redeployed to Fort Sidney, Nebraska, and Colonel Morrow was in the field frequently with his troops. In March 1889, however, he was granted a month’s leave of absence for medical disability and was treated at the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, until he returned to his regiment in August. He returned to the Hot Springs hospital in December 1890 and died there on January 31, 1891 “of a protracted illness from asthma and liver trouble, complicated with dropsy” (edema often caused by congestive heart failure). He is buried in the Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles, Michigan.

Three of General Morrow’s five sons followed in their father’s footsteps with commendable Army careers. Henry M. Morrow (1864-1936) retired as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps. William M. Morrow (1866-1944) served with the “Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry” in 1911, was the first commander of the newly formed 5th Division in 1917, retired as a Colonel in the Infantry in 1930, and was breveted to Brigadier General in June 1940. Frank J. Morrow (1873-1951) enlisted in the 16th Infantry in 1892 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1894. He graduated from the Army Staff College (1916), taught at the General Staff College, and retired as a Colonel in April 1931. Their youngest brother, Malcom McKean Morrow (1878-1956), also served during World War I and was discharged as a Captain, Army Quartermaster Corps, in May of 1919. *



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Dames of the Loyal Legion



Dames,

During the last month I attended and represented our DOLLUS organization at the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois with MOLLUS Commander in Chief Michael Bates. I also represented our organization at the Stephenson Monument Ceremony in Petersburg, Illinois. What an honor it is to acknowledge the sacrifices our ancestors and all veterans have made to secure our freedoms we have today.

As we look forward, I hope to see many of you at our 2024 Congress in Virginia. Please keep in mind that this is an election year for the Dames and that I will be appointing a 3 member committee to submit a slate of officers for the term 2024 - 2026. It is my hope that many of you that are willing to serve will step up to the positions needed to help our organization run smoothly. Please check the latest Journal to get all the information needed to register for this Congress. Many activities are being planned. Looking forward to our meeting and sharing activities with you in October. *

Loyally,

Jan Davis, National President

Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States





2024 Annual Congress October 11-12



The Virginia Commandery will be pleased to welcome Companions, Dames and friends to the Old Dominion for the 2024 Annual Meetings of the Loyal Legion and Dames of the Loyal Legion.

Pamplin Historical Park occupies much of the hallowed ground from the battle of April 2, 1865 that secured Richmond and will provide the setting for the annual meetings of Companions and Dames, as well as the site of the Saturday afternoon tour and the banquet that night. This premier Civil War destination maintains both interpretive exhibits and a well-maintained trail system, all of which will be open for Companions and Dames to explore.



At 4:40 a.m. on April 2, 1865, fourteen thousand Union soldiers moved forward in the chilly gloom toward Confederate fortifications six miles southwest of Petersburg in Dinwiddie County. Less than an hour later, the American flag flew over the Confederate lines following one of the most consequential battles of the entire Civil War, which led directly to the evacuation of both Petersburg and Richmond. One week later, Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House.

The headquarters hotel is the **Holiday Inn Express/Dinwiddie**, located on historic Boydton Plank Road less than a mile from the Park's entrance. Please see the Registration page for details on reserving a room in the Loyal Legion block. There is much more to explore in and around Petersburg and nearby Richmond — feel free to come early and stay late!

2024 Annual Congress Registration Form

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MOLLUS In The Movies

By Paul Davis, Michigan Commandery, Insignia 22554

There have been several books written about Benjamin Grierson and the real Horse Soldiers. In 1959, John Ford also produced a Civil War themed movie called the "Horse Soldiers".

The gist of the movie was the April 17th through May 2nd 1863 Union Cavalry raid from LaGrange south through the heart of Mississippi for the purposes of diverting attention of Grant's intention to cross the river below Vicksburg to begin a land campaign. The raiders were also charged with destroying the Confederate railroads.

There were a number of original MOLLUS Companions involved in the raid. The officer assigned to lead the incursion into the south was Benjamin Grierson MOLLUS Companion (Insignia 05364 MO).

Grierson's immediate supervisor was Brigadier General William Souy Smith (MOLLUS Insignia 08295 IL) Smith was Grierson's Division Commander. Stephen A. Hurlburt was the XVI Corps Commander and was in charge of Grierson's preparations. BG USV BVT MG Edward Hatch (MOLLUS Insignia 02700 DC), BG Samuel Woodward (MOLLUS Insignia 01472 MO), and Steven A. Forbes (MOLLUS Insignia 12381 IL).

In the movie John Wayne (as Colonel Marlow) portrayed the part of Raid Commander, Benjamin Grierson. There were several actors in the movie who also played the roles of actual participants including U.S. Grant (MOLLUS Insignia 2006 NY) and William T. Sherman (MOLLUS Insignia 4567 OH). *

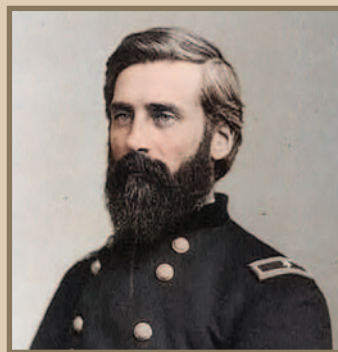
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