



Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

140th National Congress

October 3rd – 5th, 2025

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Friday October 3rd :

UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Major Octavius V. Catto Ceremony – South Side of City Hall
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Major Octavius V. Catto Lunch – The League House
 - Event is a separate fee - Please contact Commander Lamac at austin@austinwlamac.com if interested
- 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM: Executive Committee of the Board of Officers - CIC Suite
 - Loyal Legion Memorial Fund Trustees - CIC Suite
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Registration and Check-in at the Union League
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Cocktail Reception at the Philadelphia Club
- 8:00 PM: Dinner on your own

Saturday October 4th:

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration and Check-in at the Union League
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:
 - MOLLUS Business Meeting - Lincoln Memorial Room
 - DOLLUS Business Meeting - Sheridan Room
- 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch On your Own
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Historical Tour of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry Armory
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Cocktail Reception at the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry Armory
- 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Banquet and CIC Awards Presentation - First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry Armory
 - Keynote Lecturer: John Meko, President of the Union League's Founding Forward

Sunday October 5th:

- Post-Congress meetings as needed

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is: September 12, 2025

Attendee Information:

Name: _____ Commandery: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Guest(s): _____

Banquet Meal is Fillet of Beef. Please List Dietary Restrictions: _____

<u>Event Registration and Fees Per Person:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>#:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Annual Congress Registration:	\$95.00	_____	_____
Cocktail Reception at the Philadelphia Club:			
- Cocktails and Light Hors d'Oeuvres			
- Coat and Tie Required	\$80.00	_____	_____
Historical Tour of FTPCC Armory:	Free		
Cocktail Reception, Banquet and Awards	\$125.00	_____	_____
Ceremony: FTPCC Armory			
- Black or White Tie with Decorations			
Grand Total:			_____

Please make Checks payable to "PA-MOLLUS" and send to:
Austin W. Lamac - PA Commander
1415 South Collegeville Road,
Collegeville, PA 19426

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Accommodations:

Twenty rooms have been held until September 4, 2025 at the Inn of the Union League for October 3 - 5, 2025. The rate is \$285 for a standard room. Breakfast is available at the Union League for \$24 (to be charged to the room). Overnight parking is available at additional expense at the Union League lot on Samson Street or at nearby parking garages. The Front Desk is open 24/7 and can be reached at 215-587-5570. Refer to the MOLLUS Room Block.



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Submission Deadlines:

Submission deadlines are NO LATER THAN February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

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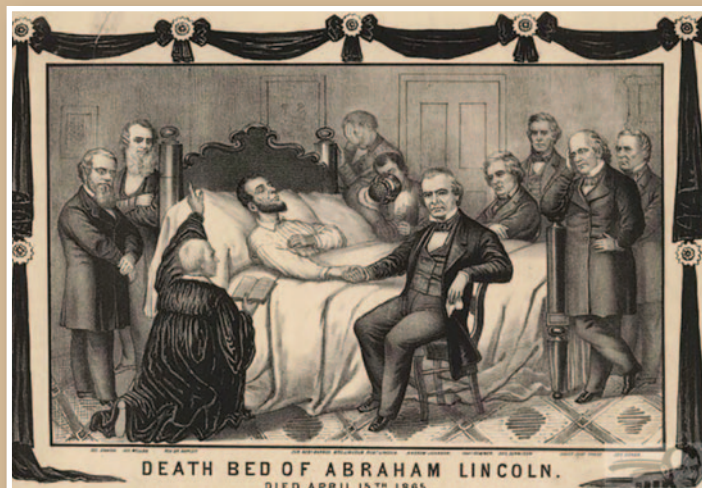
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69th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony





Loyal Legion Memorial Fund



Our giving year continues — and we're looking for your support! An envelope for your check is included in this issue, and a secure PayPal link is always available at our website. Your gift enables the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund (a Sec. 501(c)(3) charitable trust fund) to continue its philanthropic work— and there is a new initiative that the Memorial Fund is helping support with the aid of your gifts.

The Memorial Fund is pleased to announce it will assist Loyal Legion members with the cost of marking the unmarked graves of Original Companions. That effort is already un-derway, and members of the following Commanderies are awaiting delivery of markers from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the following Original Companions:

Tennessee Commandery:

LT COL William T. Hunter (00353), 32nd Illinois Infantry
Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee

BVT LT COL James Albert Swain (00273), U.S. Volunteers
Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee

CPT Haynes Hudson Emmons (00355), 1st Missouri Volunteer Engineers
Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee

Indiana Commandery:

1 LT John G. Shryer (13237), 97th Indiana Infantry
Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana

Virginia Commandery:

ACT VOL LT Warrington D. Roath (11663), U.S. Navy
Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, North Carolina

The list of identified but unmarked Original Companion graves is growing. For information on how to join in this effort, and how the Memorial Fund can assist, please contact Regis-trar-in-Chief Jeff Lilly at jeffdillily@gmail.com.

— The Trustees of the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund



Welcome New Members

HEREDITARY COMPANIONS

Frank William Woodward, 22956, TN

2LT George R. Campbell, Co.F 8th Regt. Tennessee Vol. Cavalry

Trent Douglas Johnson, 22957, TN,

CAPT Lewis Crook's Co.I 51st Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Martin George Mundorf, 22958, IA,

1LT William McKendree Bryant Field & Staff 34th Reg. Iowa Vol. Infantry

Kevin Peter Bur, 22959, TN

CAPT Peter Lennon Co. B/D 5th Reg. MI Vol. Inf.

John Woodford Adams, 22960, RI

1LT RQM 10th Regt. Minnesota Vol. Inf.

Joseph May Davis III, 22961, RI

Act. Ensign Timothy Delano USS Roebuck

Avery Seaman Jr., 22962, RI

CPT/Acting Ensign

Scott Michael Fasnacht, 22963, PA

1LT Charles Fasnacht, CMOH COA 99th PA

Lawrence Lowell Dorr, 22964, MA

1LT Robert Barnhill Dorr

Graham Truxtun Bright, 22965, MA

Asst. Surgeon

Roger Haydock Hallowell IV, 22966, MA

COL MA Norwood Penrose 55th Massachusetts VI

Penrose Hallowell, 22967, MA

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David Tyler Crum, 22968, MA

CAPT William Bradshaws Company

Tyler Jordan Crum, 22969, MA

CAPT William Bradshaws Company

Dallas Joseph Crum, 22970, MA

CAPT William Bradshaws Company

Harvey Clarke Hutchinson, 22971, VA

22971 CW4

Seth Vincent Barker, 22972, WI

1LT Samuel Sidenbender

Scott Richard Cross, 22973, WI

2LT Howard Wearren, CO.A

John Peters Daily, 22974, TN

1LT James Monroe

Benjamin Alan Gott, 22975, CT

David Bruce Thayer, 22976, PA

2LT James Harvey Thayer CO. E

ASSOCIATES COMPANIONS

A384 Ronald Marvin DeVore, LTC RET, CA

A385 Hughston Edward Bumheimer, TN

A386 Craig Taylor Brown, CPT RET CA

A387 Nikolin Toroveci, PA

A388 William Adams, IN



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COMMANDERY ACTIVITIES



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Meko (Council), Gary Grove (Council Emeritus) and Andy
Waskie (Council Emeritus).*



Pennsylvania MOLLUS group photo of all companions.

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*Edward T. Banks Headstone Service by Iowa
Commandery.*



*Commander Burkett presenting ROTC Medal to Cadet Benjamin
L. Kiesow.*



*Left To Right: Michael Friedel, Martin Mundorf, Doug Frazer,
Mike Rowley, David Burkett and Robin Johnson.*

Charles W. Watkins, 8198 MI

By Adam Gaines, 2470 MI

Charles W Watkins was born in East Salem, New York on March 5, 1844 to Henry and Zina (Hahns) Watkins. When he was 11 years old, his father passed away. This left his mother caring for 3 children on her own. The following year Zina brought her kids to a farm in Allegan County. For the next two years, Watkins worked on the farm in the summer and went school in the winter. At 15 years of age, he went out on his own. He worked at various places earning between \$7-8 a month. In 1862, he was working in Grand Rapids at the National Hotel.

On Aug 29, 1862, Watkins enlisted in Co. B, 6th Michigan Cavalry at Grand Rapids as a Private. He saw his first battle at the Battle of Brandy Station. Private Watkins went Missing in Action at Hanover on June 30th, 1863. Somehow, he made it back to his unit. He continued to serve with the 6th until May 25, 1864, when he was transferred to Co. D, 10th Michigan Cavalry and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. While serving with the 10th, 2nd Lt. Watkins took part in Stoneman's Raid of 1865. This was the last cavalry raid of the Civil War. He was brevetted a Captain on March 13, 1865 for "Gallantry in action at Abbott's Creek, N.C., and for meritorious conduct during the whole of the raid of General Stoneman in the Spring of 1865."



After Stoneman's Raid, it did service in various places in Tennessee. Watkins' service seemed to have been noticed as on June 16, 1865, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant of the regiment. He stayed in Tennessee until he was mustered out at Memphis on November 11, 1865. At some point after the war, he married a Mary J Gray. Unfortunately, this marriage had no children.

He was successful in business and active in politics after settling in Allegan County. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives on November 4, 1870 representing Allegan County as a Republican. During his first term, he served on the Military Affairs Committee. He was re-elected, and resigned at some point. During his second term, he served on the Supplies and Expenditures, as well as the Insurance Committees. After his service in the Michigan Legislature, he returned back to his business interests. Apparently, wanting to be reunited with his fellow veterans, Watkins joined the Custer Post No. 5 of the GAR in Grand Rapids. In 1887, he would serve as Commander of the Post.

In 1882, President Arthur appointed Watkins, Collector of Internal Revenue for the district he was living in. He served in this capacity until 1885 when he voluntarily resigned due to a change in politics putting the Democrats in power. In 1890, he wanted to be reunited with his fellow officer veterans, and applied for membership in the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS. He was elected a Companion of the First Class on November 6, 1890 and was assigned Insignia No. 8198. He regularly attended the meetings and banquets of the Commandery. In 1890, Watkins ran for Congress. He was unfortunately defeated. He also ran for Mayor of Grand Rapids, but was again defeated. In 1899, President McKinley appointed him a member of the Insular Commission that visited Puerto Rico. In a way, this is not surprising. A good part of McKinley's Administration consisted of MOLLUS Companions. In Watkins' business life, he was a founder and vice-president of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade, which is now the Chamber of Commerce. He was also one of the organizers and directors of the Commercial Savings Bank.



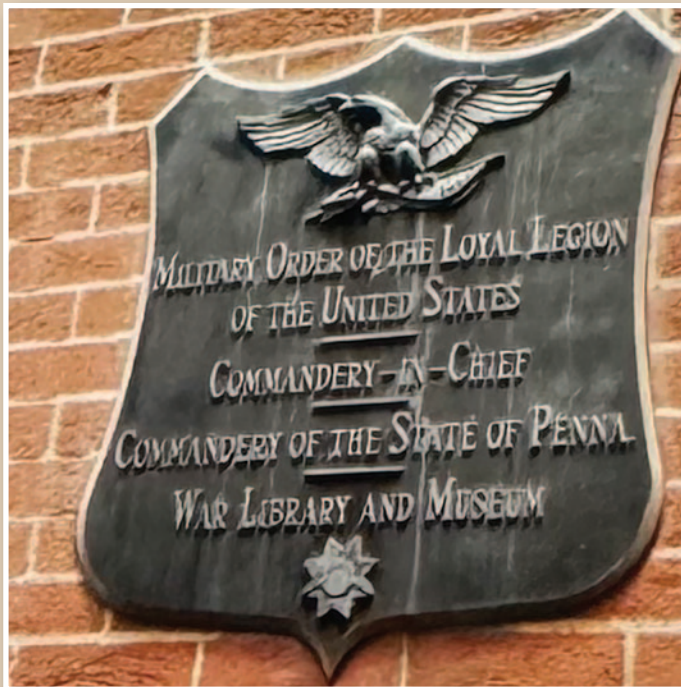
On March 19, 1906, while aboard the SS Tagus, Capt) Watkins died of heart failure on a cruise to the West Indies. He was buried at sea with Masonic Rites. A memorial stone was placed for him at Hooker Cemetery in Wayland, Michigan.

Going Back In Time: Revisiting 1805 Pine Street

By Joe Coleman

While 1805 Pine Street served for over 100 years as the headquarters of MOLLUS and the home of the Civil War Library renamed the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia (CWMP) the doors closed for good in 2008. Many MOLLUS members visited the priceless collection of artifacts and memorabilia collected by our Founders following the Civil War that occupied every nook and. Cranny in the building, basement to attic. When the doors closed, the artifacts, both two and three dimensional found their wat to the League of Philadelphia and the Gettysburg Museum for the care and protection they deserve. Thanks to the work of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, hundreds of photographs of the contents of 1805 Pine Street are online at the CWMP website. Take a walk down memory lane by visiting:

<https://civilwarmuseumphila.org/visit-the-old-museum>



James Harvey Kidd, 3749 MI

By Paul Davis, 22554 MI



James Harvey Kidd 1840-1913 was a Colonel and Brigadier General of the 6th Michigan Cavalry. He was born on February 14, 1840 in Ionia, Michigan and attended elementary school there. In 1858, he enrolled in the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Two years later he entered the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan where the state's elite young males prepared themselves for professional careers. The Confederate Bombardment of Fort Sumpter led to a dramatic change of plans. James became a Lieutenant in the Tappan Guard.

At the end of June in 1862, Kidd decided to leave the University. He could have been appointed a Lieutenant in the 21st Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Instead he waited until August 28, 1862 when Congressman Francis W. Kellogg offered Kidd a rank of Captain and command of Company E, 6th Michigan Cavalry. Kidd's right to wear Captain's bars depended on his recruiting a Company of Cavalry by September 16, 1862. Kidd recruited and enlisted 79 men, enough to secure his commission. The 6th Michigan Cavalry was then mustered into Federal service at Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 11, 1862 as Company E with Kidd commissioned as Captain. The 6th was then Brigaded with the 5th and 7th Cavalry. Custer is said to have stated in his official report that Kidd leading the 6th Michigan was the most commendable valor.

On June 27th, 1863 in response to General Robert E. Lee's second invasion of the North, the Michigan Cavalry Brigade was transferred to the Army of the Potomac adding to its ranks with the 1st Michigan Cavalry and Battery M 2nd US Artillery. Custer is said to have stated in one of his official reports that Kidd leading the 6th Michigan was the most commendable valor. Custer is said to have made the Michigan Cavalry Brigade the pride of this Country and the terror of its foes.

Inspired by Custer's leadership the Michigan Brigade followed Custer to victory after victory including: Gettysburg, Falling Waters, Culpeper Court House, Brandy Station, Yellow Tavern, Trevilian Station, Hawes Shop, Crooked Run and Winchester. In 1864 Kidd suffered a gunshot in the right foot at Falling Waters. After his convalescence, he returned to the 6th Cavalry. Kidd was wounded again at the 3rd Battle of Winchester on September 19th. In June of 1864, Kidd is on a 14 day raid when he learns that he has been commissioned a Colonel. A petition being signed by his men and a letter of support by General Custer are among those petitions of support.

James Harvey Kidd, was a MOLLUS Michigan Companion, Insignia 3749. He was laid to rest in the family plot, Section 4, Lot 130 in the Highland Cemetery in Ionia, Michigan.



Charles Grymes McCawley, 8224 PA

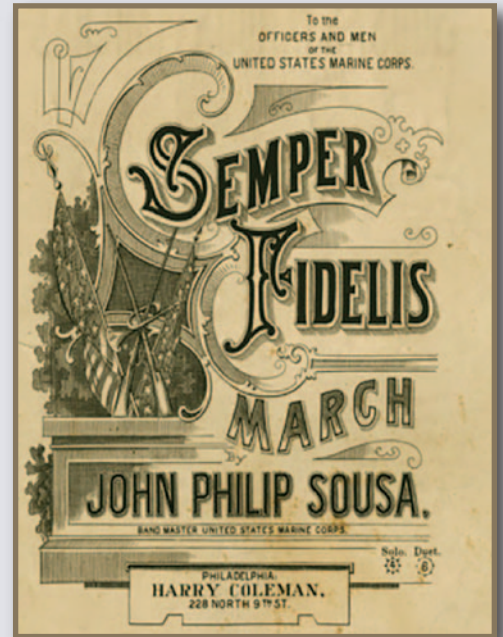
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WHY DO MARINES SAY SEMPER FI

Charles Grymes McCawley, 8224 PA (January 29, 1827 – October 13, 1891) was the eighth commandant of the Marine Corps and served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps during the Mexican–American War and the American Civil War. Semper fidelis (Latin pronunciation: [ˈsemper fiˈdeːlis]) is a Latin phrase that means “always faithful” or “always loyal” (Fidelis or Fidelity). It is the motto of the United States Marine Corps, usually shortened to Semper Fi. The phrase originated with the Roman Legionnaires who were always faithful to Rome. To them, Semper Fidelis meant “Always Faithful” even if it cost their lives.

Latin for “Always Faithful,” Semper Fidelis is the motto of every Marine—an eternal and collective commitment to the success of our battles, the progress of our Nation, and the steadfast loyalty to the fellow Marines we fight alongside. Established in 1883, this motto distinguishes the bond developed and shared between Marines. It goes beyond words that are spoken, as it is a warriorhood that is lived. McCawley, 8th Commandant of the Marine Corps is attributed for using the phrase for Marines.

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McCawley Biography

Born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, McCawley was appointed a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on March 3, 1847 by President James K. Polk. He took part in the Battle of Chapultepec and the capture of Mexico City during the Mexican–American War. (It is this battle which is commemorated in the Marine Hymn’s words, “From the Halls of Montezuma ...”)

He was brevetted first lieutenant September 13, 1847, for gallantry in those actions. After the war he commanded the guard of the frigates USS Cumberland and USS Independence in the Mediterranean from 1849 to 1852. He then served at the Philadelphia Navy Yard until 1854. He received promotion to first lieutenant on January 2, 1855 and, after various services afloat and ashore, became captain on July 26, 1861.

In the Civil War, he aided in the capture of Port Royal, South Carolina, November 7, 1861, and led a detachment of 200 marines to reoccupy the Norfolk Navy Yard, May 1862. He subsequently commanded Marine detachments during operations in Charleston Harbor against Forts Wagner, Gregg, and Sumter. For gallant and meritorious conduct during the boat attack on Fort Sumter, September 8, 1863, he was brevetted to the rank of major and received a full promotion to that rank on June 10, 1864.

After the war, he became a First Class Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and was promoted to lieutenant colonel on December 5, 1867.

On November 1, 1876, he was appointed colonel commandant, the highest post in the Marine Corps, and served in that position until he retired on January 29, 1891. In 1883, Colonel McCawley chose Semper Fidelis, Latin for ‘Always Faithful’, as the official Marine Corps motto.

He was a member of the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the Revolution. In 1890 he became a Veteran Member of the Aztec Club of 1847.

Colonel McCawley died at Philadelphia on October 13, 1891.





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