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Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan Belknap, USN Commander-in-Chief October 15, 1947 to October 9, 1951

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the United States



Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan Belknap

Rear Admiral **Reginald Rowan Belknap** was born on June 26, 1871 in Malden, Massachusetts, the son of Rear Admiral **George Eugene Belknap** and **Frances Georgiana Prescott**. George Belknap was an Original Companion of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (insignia no.3313). Reginald followed his father's footsteps in becoming a rear admiral, as well as being elected a Hereditary Companion of the New York Commandery on November 17, 1937 (insignia no.19131).

He served as Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS from 1947-1951.

Reginald became a naval cadet on 5 Sept. 1887 and graduated from the United States Naval Academy on 5 June 1891 (BS by retroactive Act of Congress in 1937). He served on the USS Chicago, Squadron of Evolution and was commissioned ensign on 1 July 1893.

Reginald served on the USS Baltimore to Asiatic Station, with her marines in the USS Monocacy in Tientsin, USS Yorktown, Naval War College, USS Newport, flag secretary at the Naval Base at Key West May-Aug 1898 in the Spanish-American War and USS Badger with the Samoan High Commission.

He was promoted Lieutenant Junior Grade 3 March 1899, Lieutenant 2 July 1899, serving in the the Chinese Boxer Campaign, and the Philippine Insurrection, USS Ranger, flag secretary to the Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Station in Brooklyn, Bureau of the Navigation of the Navy Department 1902-04, battleship USS Maine, Lieutenant-Commander 8 July 1905, Navigator of the battleship USS Kearsarge and Executive Officer in 1906.

Reginald was Naval Attaché in Berlin 1907-10, Naval Attaché in Rome & Vienna 1908-09, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Navigation 1912-13, Observer in Germany Aug-Oct 1914, Served with Plans Section, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations 1917, and was the senior officer at the Santiago de Cuba

MOLLUS Celebrates Lincoln's Birthday in Washington, D.C. 11-12 February 2006

Join your fellow MOLLUS and DOLLUS members in Washington, DC for the annual celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 11-12. The warm hospitality of good friends will more than offset a cold winter's day in our nation's capitol.

The price is right at the **Channel Inn** with a special room rate of **\$115** a night. Make your reservations *before January 9* at **(800) 368-5668** to get this exceptional rate. Let the Channel Inn know that your MOLLUS confirmation number is **47856**. Reserve early, as a block of *only 20 rooms* has been set aside for our group. If you miss this opportunity at the Channel Inn, you can try the Holiday Inn Central at (800) 248-0016 or Lincoln Suites at (800) 424-2970.

The highlights is the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, February 12. The celebration begins at 11:15 a.m. with a musical prelude by the Military Service band. A number of dignitaries, along with hereditary and patriotic societies, will participate in the laying of memorial wreaths. The sponsoring organization for the Sunday ceremonies and lunch is the *Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee*, which is chaired by MOLLUS member **Peter Arrott Dixon**, former Commander of the Washington, DC Commandery.

Message from the Commander-in-Chief

Remarks at the 120th Congress of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

President Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg in 1863 and dedicated a new national cemetery. He pledged this country to “the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.” Seventeen months later Lincoln would be assassinated.

Samuel B. W. Mitchell, T. Elwood Zell and Peter D. Keyser would meet here in Philadelphia in 1865 to form the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, an organization that would be dedicated to continuing this task. One hundred and forty years later we meet here again in Philadelphia as the successors to those founders.

Why? Why do we continue this organization begun by our ancestors? They formed the Loyal Legion for fraternal purposes as well as to encourage the unity of the Republic. But why do we continue the task that President Lincoln and the founders of the Loyal Legion set out? There may be as many reasons as there are members, but I think there are three reasons that we share. The first is to honor our forefathers and their service to the Union. The second is to foster the equality and freedom for which they fought. The third is to affirm the importance of the unity of this nation.

If these are reasons why we devote ourselves to this organization, then we need to ask how to accomplish this task. We need to examine both how to engage new members as well as how to recruit them and how the Commander-in-Chief can assist both large and small commanderies. We need to know how the history of our Order can guide us into the future just as the lessons of unity from the Civil War provide guidance in a day and age of conflict, maybe no longer of northern



*Commander-in-Chief
Benjamin C. Frick*

versus southern states, but maybe of red states versus blue states.

Much is made in the media these days of the Pledge of Allegiance and the change fifty years ago so it reads “one nation under God.” If your only source of information is newspapers or television, this change to the Pledge would seem to have sprung out of nowhere. As those of us with a connection to the Civil War know, President Lincoln dedicated us at Gettysburg to the great task remaining, “that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.” An understanding of our own history is invaluable to understanding our current world.

It is the duty of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to continue our ancestors’ commitments to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in ending slavery and ensuring the unity of our nation. We need to remind our fellow citizens that this nation, born in the 1700s, forged by fire in the 1800s, requires continual dedication in this new century to the great task of our predecessors.

I look forward to working with you during the next two years and providing resources to our commanderies to accomplish the task dedicated to us by President Lincoln and the founders of the Loyal Legion.

*Commander-in-Chief
Benjamin C. Frick*



MOLLUS Honored in New Worldwide Publication

MOLLUS has been included in Burke's Peerage and Gentry: World Orders of Knighthood and Merit, ISBN: 0-9711966-7-2, to be published in January 2006. The book is a compendium of the history and details of the extant Orders of Knighthood and Merit of the world. The Society of the Cincinnati and MOLLUS are the only organizations included from the America. For more details and information on reserving a copy we have added a link at the bottom of our National Website Index Site or you can go to: <http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/wkindex.asp>

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Welcome New Companions

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since August 2005. The Commander-in-Chief extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Jeffrey C. Burden, Chancellor-in-Chief

Companions	Insignia #	Commandery
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Hereditary Companions

Seward Russell Osborne, Jr	22419	Michigan
Keith Drew Ashley	22420	Ohio
James Lynn Veach	22421	Rhode Island
Bradley Alan Tilton	22422	Ohio
William Naylor McDonald	22423	Connecticut
Frederick Douglas Hardy	22424	Virginia

Associate Companions

Anthony J. Waskie, Jr.	A197	Pennsylvania
Dean Joseph Collins	A198	Wisconsin
Michael Alan Schwartz	A199	Pennsylvania
Jacob Morrison Atwood	A200	Massachusetts
Mitchell Grant Davenport	A201	Missouri
Alejandro Manuel De Quesada	A202	Missouri

Hereditary Membership Program

This continuous program is in effect each fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. Each Companion who recruits a minimum of three (3) new Hereditary Companions each fiscal year will be awarded a "Lincoln MOLLUS Certificate of Appreciation" along with a "Lincoln Membership Medal of Honor" presented by our Commander-in-Chief. These awards will be presented at our annual National Congress, the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C. and at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL. For those Companions physically unable to attend one of these events alternate arrangements can be made but we encourage everyone to try to attend at least one of these three major yearly events. Membership, new and current, is the lifeblood of our historic Military Order and will ensure that our noble Order will endure for countless generations to come.

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Insurrection in 1917. He was promoted Commander, U.S. Mine Squadron, North Sea 1918, had invented and patented collapsible anti-submarine net, and trained and commanded the US Marine Squadron laying 56,500 mines in the North Sea Jun-Oct 1918. He was Director of Strategy, Naval War College 1921-23 and at various times the Commanding Officer of the USS San Francisco, USS Delaware, USS Colorado, and Commander of the Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads.



Commander, U.S. Mine Squadron Reginald Rowan Belknap seated front center

Admiral **Henry Thomas Mayo** stated in 1925: "The Navy and our country owe to Captain Belknap a debt which can hardly be over-estimated; for it was the knowledge and experience acquired and the doctrine and methods established in the Mine Force under command of Commander Belknap that enabled the Navy to, first, fit out improvised by very efficient minelaying vessels and, second, to operate them under war conditions in a manner which brought commendation from all."

Reginald was a naval aide to President Theodore Roosevelt during his career, in which he was put in charge of the American organizations building dwellings for 16,000 homeless from the Messina earthquake. Also, he

served as Special Ambassador at the funeral of Edward VII in 1910. Admiral Belknap was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal for his services in World War I. He was promoted Rear Admiral by special act of Congress and retired as such on March 3, 1927.

Admiral Belknap was a member of other military societies, in addition to his MOLLUS membership, including the Officer Order of Leopold (Belgium), Officer Legion of Honor

(France), Executive Chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary, Commander of the New York Chapter, Military Order World War 1931-1935, Vice Commander-in-Chief 1933-1936 and Commander-in-Chief 1936-1937. He was Commander of the General Naval Order, U.S. 1932-1937, President of the Naval Academy Graduate Association of New York in 1934; member of the National Aerospace Association and Founders and Patriots of America.

Admiral Belknap was an Episcopalian and a warden of Trinity Episcopal Church in New York. He served on the board of managers of the Seaman's Church Institute in New York City and was Treasurer General at the Theological Seminar there from

1929-1950. He was manager of the Episcopalian General Convention in 1934; President of the American Church Union 1937 and delegate to the Episcopal General Convention 1937-1949. He was Chairman of the Army Day Committee in New York City from 1934-1946, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of Bundles for America, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Layman's National Committee 1945-1950, Trustee of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine 1941-1953 and Trustee of Leake and Watts Children's Home. Belknap was a member of a number of clubs, including yacht, Military-Naval, Century, church (New York), Army and Navy (Washington) and Union. He was Vice President of the Aerospace Club of New England.

Reginald married **Julia Pomeroy Averill** (b. 2 July 1875; d. 13 Apr. 1971 Saddle River, N. J.) on 3 Mar. 1900 had seven children. Reginald died on March 30, 1959 in Field Elders, Connecticut and is buried with his wife in Section 3, Site 1519-B of Arlington National Cemetery. His father is buried nearby. The rear of Reginald's stone is etched in memory of Robert Belknap Mack, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, who was lost at sea 24 Sept. 1957. He was RADM Reginald Belknap's grandson, son of RADM Andrew Robert Mack. Had Robert lived, he may have well have become a fourth generation RADM himself.

Sources:

- 1) *MOLLUS Records*
- 2) *Who's Who v.3 1951-1960, pp.63-64.*
- 3) *Arlington National Cemetery, Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan Belknap (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/rrbelknap.htm>)*

The 120th Congress and Annual Meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion in the City of Brotherly Love, October 14-16, 2005

Karl F. Schaeffer
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It is always a pleasure to return to Philadelphia, where I was born, raised, educated and married in my first twenty-seven years on mother earth. During this period, I was inducted into the United States Army at the Schuylkill Arsenal and served my two years, including a tour of 16 months in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division.

My "Philly Story" was capped off in 1994 at one of my SUVCW meetings in Alliance, Ohio, when the McClellan Camp Commander, Jason Hurd Moore, told me about MOLLUS. He informed me that this Military Order was founded by three Union Officers in Philadelphia, in honor of Abraham Lincoln after he was assassinated on April 15, 1865. I was told then to contact Gordon R. Bury and the rest of the story is still in motion.

facility at 4:00 p.m., which lasted an hour.

The historic Union League was founded in 1862 and has been a meeting place for MOLLUS for 140 years. This private institution is a patriotic society, formed to support our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, and his policies during the Civil War. The Union League is one of the oldest and most respected institutions in our country, with a vast collection of Civil War artifacts. It is located in the heart of downtown Philadelphia just two blocks south of William Penn's statue, standing atop Philadelphia's City Hall at Broad and Market Streets.

Reception at the Union League

Our traditional Friday night reception was held in the McMichael Room at the Union League. We had several tables of hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and other beverages that were ample in lieu of a formal dinner. Our Companions and the Dames thoroughly enjoyed conversations with old friends and getting to know new friends. Finally, it was time for all of us to retire to our rooms which were very elegant and pleasurable.



l to r Pennsylvania Commander Richard Dana Smith Sr., Pennsylvania Treasurer Francis T. Adams, III and our newly elected 56th Commander-in-Chief Benjamine Charles Frick manning the registration table at the Union League

Registration and Tour of the Union League

The arrival time for our 120th Congress at the Union League on Friday, October 14 was scheduled for mid-afternoon, with registration at the Samson Street lobby entrance. A Union League staff member gave us a private tour of the



Camille and PC-in-C Robert Bateman, Jr. Vice C-in-C Karl Schaeffer, National President Rosemary Schaeffer and PC-in-C Hammer



l to r Jack Kent Kane, Jeffrey C. Burden, W. Kintzing Post II



Past National Presidents of the Dames of the Loyal Legion Betsy Hammer and Yolanda Hartnett with National Recorder Nancy Kane



Commander-in-Chief Doug Niermeyer with PC-in-C Alex Hartnett at the Friday evening reception



Dames of the Loyal Legion are well represented at the Friday evening reception

Annual Meetings of Companions and Dames

Saturday morning, October 15 began with a sumptuous continental breakfast for all in the

Marble Room. Afterwards Mollus Companions met in the Lincoln Memorial Room. The Dames meeting started later.

Douglas Reed Niermeyer, our 55th Commander-in-Chief, called the 120th Annual Meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion to order at 8:00 a.m. A roll call of officers and commanderies was taken after the opening formalities. Commander-in-Chief Niermeyer called for various reports that time allowed. The meeting of Companions was then completed after Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Dr. Christopher Agnew, read the

necrology of our departed Companions.

Commander-in-Chief Niermeyer passed the MOLLUS gavel to newly elected 56th Commander-in-Chief, Benjamin Charles Frick of the Pennsylvania Commandery.



55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed



Niermeyer passes on the C-in-C's rosette to the 120th National Congress current and outgoing Commander-in-Chiefs in attendance: 1 to r Mayor Robert James Bateman (1999-2001), Rev. Fr. Robert Girard Carroon (1995-1997), Benjamin Charles Frick, Esq. (2005-2007), Lowell Varner Hammer (1989-1991), Douglas Reed Niermeyer (2003-2005).

Joint Luncheon - Saturday, October 15

Companions and Dames held a joint luncheon at the historic Philadelphia Club, located a few blocks from the Union League at 1301 Walnut Street. The founding of the Philadelphia Club dates back to the Civil War era. The food was delicious and the atmosphere was very spirited.

There was a tour of our Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Museum visitors were transported from the Philadelphia Club to and from the museum at 1805 Pine Street and then back to the Union League.

Dames Meeting

The Dames meeting started promptly at 9:30 a.m. with the following in attendance: Viola Bement, Beatrice Child, Betsy Hammer, Yolanda Hartnett, Nancy Kane, Mary Lee, Marion Martini, Rosemary Schaeffer, Nancy Seidlartz, Kathleen Watson, Vernonica Victor and guest Carol Sullivan. After a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the *Principals and Objects of the Order* were read, The minutes of the October 2004 meeting and Treasurer's report were read and approved. A memorial service (necrology) was performed at the conclusion of the meeting.



Dames of the Loyal Legion following their business meeting at the Union League

Reception and Dinner - Saturday Evening, October 15

Companions, Dames and guests assembled at 6:15 p.m. in the Fell Room at the Union League for a pre-dinner reception, after a busy and dashing day. Companions dressed formally with a black or white tie or in a military uniform with Orders and Decorations, and the Dames dressed smartly for this special occasion. We adjourned to the McMichael Room after the reception for our 7:15 p.m. dinner. The Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Dr. Christopher Mack Agnew, gave the invocation followed by



120th National Congress Attending Companions the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem. Glasses were

raised in our traditional toasts to the President of the United States, President Abraham Lincoln, our Loyal Legion, the Armed Forces and to the Dames of the Loyal Legion.



Standing 1 to r Marston Watson, Editor-in-Chief, Jack Kane Recorder-in-Chief. Seated 1 to r Carl Hollinger, Kathy Hollinger, Bev Hollinger, Robert Hollinger, Nancy Kane

Hereditary Membership Program Awards for 2004 and 2005

When dinner ended, the Commander-in-Chief recognized a number of dedicated Companions for their achievements. The following Companions were awarded the *Lincoln Membership Medal of Honor* and *Lincoln MOLLUS Certificate of Appreciation* for recruiting a minimum of three (3) or more new Hereditary Companions during fiscal year from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005:

2004 Honorees	
Joseph T. Coleman (PA)	4
Keith G. Harrison (MI)	4
Gordon R. Bury (OH)	3



55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niermeyer presents hereditary membership program awards to Joseph T. Coleman for 4 new hereditary companions in 2004 and 5 in 2005. Joseph also received the 2005 Hayes Cup award.

2005 Honorees	
Joseph T. Coleman (PA)	5
Keith G. Harrison (MI)	3
Jeffrey C. Burden (VA)	3
Douglas J. Richardson (VA)	3
Karl F. Schaeffer (OH)	3

Companions Gordon R. Bury (OH) and Douglas J. Richardson (VA) were unable to attend the Congress. Their awards have been forwarded to them.



Outgoing 55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niermeyer presents the hereditary membership program award for 2005 to Chancellor-in-Chief Jeffrey C. Burden for 3 new hereditary companions.



Outgoing 55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niermeyer presents hereditary membership program awards for 2005 to Senior Vice Commander-in Chief Karl F. Schaeffer for recruiting 3 new hereditary companions.

2005 Hayes Cup Award

Joseph T. Coleman (PA) - 5 new family members

2005 Grant Cup Award

Rhode Island Commandery



Outgoing 55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niermeyer presents the 2005 Grant Cup award to Rhode Island Commander Gregg Anthony Mierka

2005 Daugherty/Thompson Award

(Commandery with largest total increase in new Hereditary membership)
Pennsylvania Commandery



Outgoing 55th Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niermeyer presents the 2005 Daugherty/Thomson award to Pennsylvania Commander Richard Dana Smith, Sr.

After the Saturday evening formal reception, dinner, toasts, various awards, change of command and our 56th Commander-in-Chief Benjamin Charles Frick's remarks, all present were pleased to hear guest speaker Roger Arthur. His presentation on *Abraham Lincoln's Legacy* was researched from many documents and Lincoln biographies which answered a major question, "Why is Abraham Lincoln America's Greatest President?" Mr. Arthur's presentation brought to close a very productive 120th National Congress in the City of Brotherly Love, where the MOLLUS mystique began 140 years ago.



Roger Arthur speaking on Lincoln's Legacy

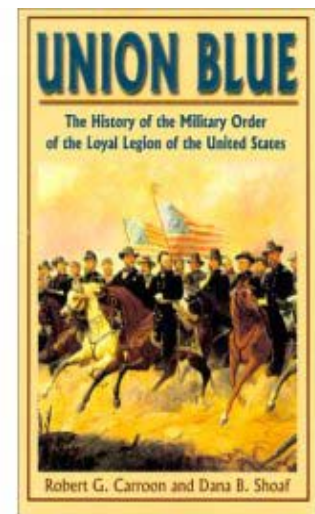
A continental breakfast was provided at the Union League for the Companions and Dames who did not have to make a early Sunday morning departure. Past National President of the Dames, Viola Bement, hosted a noon time buffet lunch at her Rosemont home for out-of-town

Companions and Dames, as she has done for many years when the Annual Meeting is held in Philadelphia. Our sincere thanks are extended to the 120th National Congress Committee and the Pennsylvania Commandery, as well as Companions, Dames and our friends at the Union League in Philadelphia:

- Chairman: Richard D. Smith, Sr.
Members: F. Tee Adams, III
Peter W. Baker, Esq.
Viola B. Bement
Beatrice Child
Benjamin C. Frick, Esq.
Joseph B. Siedlarz, III, Esq.
Nancy E. Siedlarz
Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr.
Theodore E. Wiederseim, III

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by Robert Girard Carroon

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Please make checks out to The Memorial Fund of MOLLUS.

COMMANDERY NEWS

Grapevine Monument Dedication in Kentucky

By Timothy Howard Downey, Commander

The Kentucky Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) held a monument dedication service on Sunday, September 18, at the Grapevine Christian Church in Mercer County, Kentucky.

The service was for over twenty officers and men who served in the Federal army. The men served in the 9th and 11th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry regiments, the 4th and 19th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry regiments and the Mercer County State Guards. A section of unknown casualties from the battle of Perryville, fought in a neighboring county in October of 1862, was also recognized. A special "In Memory Of" monument for these men has been ordered. Descendants of the servicemen were invited to attend and many did so, including the granddaughter of one of the troopers. The service was held in conjunction with the 175th anniversary of the church.

The men honored were: Private Thomas H. Adkison, Private James Curry Britton, Private Eleven M. Brown, Private Hiram J. Cunningham, Private James A. Davenport, Major John Ray Duncan, First Lieutenant Cincinnatus N. Hendren, Saddler John S. Hendren, Corporal Starling B. Hendren, Corporal John Holeman, Private James Armstead Johnson, Private John Lambert,

Private Samuel Lambert, Private David M. Phillips, Sergeant Flavious Poulter, Private Elijah E. Reed, Private Elijah L. Reed, Private William T. Reed, Musicain Edward W. Rose, Corporal William Sims, Sergeant William Warner, Private Solomon J. Yates. It is of interest to note that the First Lieutenant, a Sergeant, two Corporals, the Saddler and eight Privates of I Company of the 9th KY Cavalry are buried in the cemetery.

The Grapevine dedication project was begun by the late **Dave Adkinson**, the founding Treasurer and Recorder of the Commandery, and carried on by his widow, **Mrs. Kandie P. Adkinson**, who located the graves and obtained the soldier's pension records. Also, she accessed Mercer County historian **Jim Miller's** "Obituary CD's" to verify military service. The monuments were obtained by Commander **Timothy Downey** from the Veteran's Administration and were placed in the cemetery by the San-Wil Monument Company of Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

The service was attended by over 100 spectators. Downey gave the opening remarks and read the Roll of Honor of the soldiers. The pastor of the church, Brother **Claude Waldridge**, spoke as well as the local state legislators and county officials. The rifle salute was given by A Company, 1st Capital Guards Regiment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. A cannon salute by Kentucky SUCVW Brother **Tracy Lucas** and crew of his piece followed.

The congregation of the church and family members were very appreciative of the Commandery's efforts. The Lexington, Kentucky ABC affiliate TV station reported the service on both of that evening's broadcasts.

District of Columbia Commandery

The Annual Meeting of the District of Columbia Commandery was held on December 2, 2005 at the Channel Inn in Washington, DC. Members of the Dames of the Loyal Legion as well as spouses and guests joined the Companions for a reception and luncheon. Commander **Jerry Zillion** presided over the Annual Meeting, which followed the luncheon. The slate of officers for the new 2006-2008 term was announced and the following members were elected: **George Eulas Walton** (Commander), **John Dickinson Moore** (Senior Vice

Commander), **Col. Eric Armando Rojo** (Junior Vice Commander), John Dickinson Moore (Recorder), **Ralph Reese Miller** (Treasurer) and Lt. Col. **Charles Sherman Loucks** (Registrar). Proposed plans for the upcoming Lincoln Birthday events in February 2006 were discussed and details regarding these activities appear elsewhere in this issue.

The DC Commandery was honored by having Past Chancellor-in-Chief and Past Commander **Peter Arrott Dixon** awarded the rank of Chevalier, *Ordre National du Merit*; by the President of France. This award was presented



at a reception held at the French Ambassador's residence in Washington, DC on May 31, 2005. Officiating at this ceremony was the French Ambassador **Jean David Levite** and General **Jean-Pierre Kelche**, Grand Chancellor, Legion of Honor. Also honored at this ceremony was General **Michael Mosley**, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

Massachusetts Commandery

The fall meeting of the Massachusetts Commandery was held on November 5, 2005 at the Wellesley College Club. The members who attended were Companions **Warren Wells**, **Bradford Blaser**, **John Taft**, **Bayard Lincoln**, **Frederick Stevens**, **John Abbott**, **Frederic Lincoln** and **David Whittemore**. The guests present were Mrs. Blaser; Jacob Atwood and the speaker David Smith. Companion Stevens reported on the 120th National

Congress of MOLLUS that was held in Philadelphia on October 14-16, 2005. The Commandery has 60 members, with one new member added (**Arthur Chatfield**) and one deceased (**Otis Oakman**) during the year.

Our guest speaker, **David Smith**, is president of the Civil War Round Table of Boston. He spoke on the history of the development of our Constitution and its relationship to the problems which were resolved at great cost during the Civil War.

Companion **Frederic Lincoln** spoke on the project to repair a Civil War soldier statue in Brockton. A motion to donate \$1,000 in support of the project was adopted. The Board of Officers voted to accept **Jacob Atwood** as an Associate Member.

Virginia Commandery

Virginia Companion **James Hill Lyon**, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, is now in Iraq as a civilian employee supervising construction of the Baghdad Police College. He arrived in November and has been hard at work despite impediments such as suicide bombers (one alert so far) and the hijacking of 13 transformers bound for his site (negotiations are underway). Jim says, "My job site is semi-secure. I was the only person willing to venture to this place... I enjoy my work immensely and I feel that in some small way I am contributing to making this a better place... Most of my professionals are Shia and all the workers are. They are outside the insurgency and are victimized more than we are by al-Qaeda." Companion Lyon's son is currently in Afghanistan as a staff sergeant with an Army airborne unit.

Wisconsin Commandery

The Wisconsin Commandery held its annual meeting again in the beautiful Women's Club in downtown Milwaukee on December 2, 2005. After an elegant luncheon and a short business meeting, Commander **Thomas P. Curtis** introduced the speaker of the afternoon, **Tom Staats**, who gave a fascinating talk

Necrology

In Honor and in Memory of our Fellow Companions

"Lest We Forget"

Insignia No.	Companions	Commandery
21558	David Wise Charles, Jr.	Pennsylvania
21698	Richard Hawley Cutting	Pennsylvania
21984	Lt. Col. Joseph Derwood Early	Kentucky
22205	Richard Owen Giebler	Missouri
21880	Christopher Allen Hammer	Washington, DC
19525	Richard Alan Harris	Pennsylvania
21546	Thomas L. W. Johnson	Wisconsin
21486	John Jerome Fraser McFadden	Pennsylvania
20469	John D. McNamara	Florida/New England
20911	Craig W. Muckle, Jr.	Massachusetts
20812	Cdr. Otis Briggs Oakman, Jr.	Massachusetts
22176	Brian C. Pohanka (honorary)	Connecticut
21839	Lt. Col. Clifford H. Pohl, Jr.	Ohio
20116	Col. Robert Morris Reese	Texas/ Pennsylvania
20691	Jonathan Emanuel Stein	Pennsylvania
21044	Dr. Jonathan Lavery Stolz	Pennsylvania
19902	Powell S. Thomas	Pennsylvania
21578	John Harris (Jack) Thompson, Jr.	Wisconsin
21961	George Tully Vaughan II	Pennsylvania
21188	Nathan J. Winslow	Maryland
A034	Horace Gard Wolf - Associate	Pennsylvania

In Honor and in Memory of DOLLUS Members

Insignia No.	Member	Society
1592	Mrs. Roy M. Abel (Bonnie)	Member-at-Large
1605	Mrs. Harry G. Aumock (Eleanor)	Pennsylvania
1548	Mrs. Stiles D. Brumbaugh (Evelyn)	Member-at-Large
1725	Mrs. Charles G. Holle (Anne)	Washington, DC
1412	Mrs. Helen Leale Harper, Jr.	New York
1601	Mrs. William A. Smith (Barbara)	Pennsylvania
1704	Mrs. Boyce McBrier Tope (Lois)	Washington, DC
1578	Mrs. Philip M. Watrous (Dorothy)	Pennsylvania
1562	Mrs. Julius L. Weiss (Dorothy)	Member-at-Large/Illinois
1619	Mrs. William W. Wister (Jane)	Pennsylvania

Remembering "MOLLUS" In Your Will

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider including a memorial gift in your 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.

on the uniforms and arms of the Union Army. Mr. Staats is a reenactor of Civil War battles and has a wide range of the uniforms and equipment found in the North at that time. It was most

instructive to look at, hear about and be able to touch actual items used by the Federal forces in the 1861-1865 periods.

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Lincoln Birthday Activities/Lunch

**Saturday, 11 February 2006 – Channel Inn
650 Water Street SW, Washington, DC**

10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
11:30 Social (cash bar)
Noon Lunch
MOLLUS/DOLLUS Members & Guests
1:00 p.m. MOLLUS/DOLLUS Business Meeting
(Channel Inn)

Cost: \$22/person
Program: MOLLUS

Lincoln Birthday Dinner

**Saturday, 11 February 2006 – Army & Navy Club
Farragut Square, 901 17th Street, NW Washington, DC**

7:00 p.m. Reception (cash bar)
8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
(U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard)
8:15 p.m. Formal Dinner (with wine for toasts)

Place: Army and Navy Club
2nd Floor Ballroom
(valet parking \$6)

Program: Companion Thomas L. Vince
Historian, Writer and Civil War Speaker
Topic: *Lincoln and John Brown*

Attire: Black/White tie or uniform with
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Evening wear for ladies
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11:15 a.m. Arrive at Lincoln Memorial
11:45 a.m. Lincoln Ceremonies begin
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Program: Honoring President Abraham Lincoln

Music prelude by a military service band
Joint services color and honor guard
(3rd Regiment, Old Guard)

Gettysburg Address

General Michael Moseley, USAF Chief of Staff
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