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MOLLUS NOTES

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Left to Right: Lee Stone (DC), Bob Lynch (PA), Paul Lader (PA), Eri Rojo (DC), Gary Grove (PA), Kevin Martin (DC), Matt Dupee (PA), Adam Flint (PA), Chuck Wentz (PA), Jim Simmons (TX), Linn Malaznik (CA), Joe Coleman (PA), Bill White (PA) and David Scott (PA)

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS REMEMBRANCE DAY

The weather couldn't have been better as Saturday, November 19 saw the PA Commandery well represented (although more Companions are always welcome to participate) in the 60th Annual Remembrance Day Observance and Parade commemorating the delivery of the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863.

The parade was preceded by observances at the monuments to the Union Regulars, MG George G. Meade, and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Dupee participated in wreath laying ceremonies at both the Meade and GAR monuments.

—Joseph T. Coleman

LINCOLN BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Cost:
\$60 per person

When:
Monday, February 13th
12:00 Noon

Where:
The Union League
of Philadelphia

Lunch will be followed by the Lincoln Day Parade
Celebration and the laying of wreaths at Independence Hall.

Reservations for the MOLLUS tables and credit card payments
may be made by registering online at:

www.loyallegionpa.org

Photo: David Scott

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MOLLUS COLLECTION

All MOLLUS companions have free access to the MOLLUS archives now under the care and upkeep of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia through the Heritage Center of the Union League.

Access to your ancestor's original MOLLUS membership application or other files such as the minutes of past meetings is available at the Heritage Center. A 'finding aid' for this collection is on the Heritage Center's Web Site.

Steps to view the "finding aid":

- 1: Go to www.ulheritagecenter.org
- 2: Move cursor to "Research and Exhibits"
- 3: Click on "Archives and Art Catalog"
- 4: Enter "MOLLUS" into the "Search Box"



Some cases, such as a request for an application, can be handled on line. In other cases, you may have to visit the Heritage Center.

For questions or requests you may contact the Abraham Lincoln Foundation Archivist and Collection Manager:

Theresa Altieri
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- Robert D. Lynch

CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

MOLLUS Companion and governing board member, Dr. Andy Waskie, was one of four featured speakers of the day-long symposium at Camden County College sponsored by the Old Baldy Civil War Roundtable of Philadelphia.



The title of his talk was "Philadelphia: Arsenal of the Union." Philadelphia had played a significant role in the American Civil War, earning this title. The City's manufacturing base and heavy industries produced weapons, ordnance, locomotives, and rails as well as uniforms, blankets, leather products and other military supplies. It served the war effort well.

Andy has written four books on the Civil War Era history, and is presently working on two more. He is well recognized throughout the region for his research and publications in this area. His work has been concentrated on Pennsylvania related subjects.

There were over 65 participants who enjoyed the presentations related to the topic. The GAR Museum & Library was represented at the Old Baldy CWRT symposium. Rich Jankowski as president of Old Baldy was the symposium facilitator. Dr. Andy Waskie was one of the featured speakers. His topic also touched on New Jersey connections to Philadelphia.

NEW COMPANION INITIATIVE

The PA Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion has launched a New Member initiative to ask our current Companions to propose their brothers, sons, grandsons, nephews and friends who have an interest in the History of the Civil War for Membership.



The MOLLUS hereditary application, which can be used to propose a family member, is an easy way to apply using your application information to fill the lineage requirements to the qualified ancestor.

The MOLLUS Associate application is used for friends who do not have the ancestral qualifications to join, but would be great additions to our ranks.

Our current active membership is mostly comprised of adult gentlemen, but ranges in age from our junior members to our near centenarians being the most seasoned of our Companions. A few of you have been members for more than 50 years and

one Companion is in his 75th year of membership. This is to remind you that you are never too old, or too young, to join.

The Commandery has recently formed a committee tasked with helping the Board better understand how to recruit and engage these future Companions. There will be a number of meet and greet opportunities in the near future to introduce these prospective candidates to other members of MOLLUS and to give them

more information about what it is we do as a group.

Every hereditary groups' continuation depends on the next generation to fill the ranks to remain strong. MOLLUS is no different. Help the Commandery continue to thrive by proposing those close to you.

Please let us know if you would like to propose a new member and we will walk you through the application process.

- William F. Forbes

2017 National Congress Update Meade Birthday Celebration

The PA Commandery will be hosting the next National Congress of MOLLUS. It will be held at the The Wyndham Gettysburg, in Gettysburg, PA from Friday October 27 through Sunday October 29. This is an excellent opportunity to bring yourself and your family to the site of so many historic events. We will have a fun-filled itinerary that includes a rare "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Gettysburg visitor center and a guided battlefield tour run by professional historians.

We are very excited to announce that our keynote speaker for this event is **Dr. James McPherson**. James M. "Jim" McPherson is an American Civil War historian, and is the George Henry Davis '86 Professor Emeritus of United States History at Princeton University. He received the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*. He will be our keynote speaker during the Saturday night banquet.

The formal registration form for this event will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you and your families at this wonderful event.



Tentative Schedule for National Congress:

Friday:

5:00pm – 7:00pm	Check-in begins 5pm-7pm
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Gathering at local Brew Pub
9:00pm – 12:00pm	Hospitality Room at hotel

Saturday:

6:30am – 8:30am	Continental Breakfast
8:30am – 12:00pm	National Congress 8:30-12:00
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Gettysburg Visitor Center Tour
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Cocktail Hour Banquet (Cash Bar)
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Banquet (Cash Bar)
10:00pm – 12:00pm	Hospitality Room at hotel

Sunday:

6:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast (on your own)
9:00am – 1:00pm	Battlefield Tour (\$ TBD)

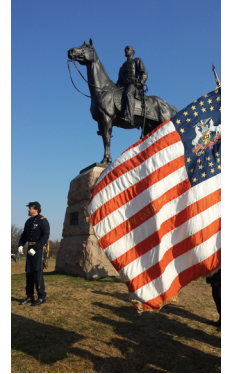
On Saturday December 31, 2016, several PA Commandery members attended the annual observance of MG George G. Meade's 201st birthday at Laurel Hill cemetery in Philadelphia. General Meade was inducted into MOLLUS as an original Companion posthumously in 2016. Companion Paul Lader stood as an honor guard from the 114th PA, Meade's personal guards. Past Commander Joe Coleman assisting in the wreath laying along with Recorder Gary Grove and Chancellor Ellis Adams. Pictured in the photo below are: (left to right) are Ellis Adams, Gary Grove, Paul Lader and Joe Coleman. (Photo by Kathy Coleman)



The Daugherty Cup Award

The Daugherty-Thompson Cup which is awarded annually at the National Congress to the Commandery with the largest number of new Hereditary Companions for the period October 1st to September 30th. 2016 marks the 21st time since 1971 that the Pennsylvania Commandery has received this award.





MOLLUS MOMENTS



GALLERY



Photos courtesy of David Scott

ROTC MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

I'm pleased to report that the PA-Commandery of MOLLUS is planning to award 16 Medals of Merit to worthy cadets and midshipmen from the following programs:

Academic Institution	Unit Designation	Presenter
Carnegie Mellon University	NROTC Steel City Unit	tbd
Drexel University	Task Force Dragon	tbd
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Warrior Company	tbd
Lehigh University	Lehigh Valley Steel Battalion	Ellis Adams
Penn State Programs		
Penn State Air Force ROTC	AFROTC - Detachment 720	Alice Schmidt
Penn State Army ROTC	Nittany Lion Battalion	Alice Schmidt
Penn State Navy ROTC		Alice Schmidt
Philadelphia Naval Consortium		
U Penn		??? Brad Mills ???
Villanova University		??? Brad Mills ???
Shippensburg University	Red Raider Battalion	Dr. Gary Grove
St. Joseph's University	AFROTC - Detachment 750	tbd
Temple University	Red Diamond Battalion	Dr. Andy Waskie
University of Delaware / Lincoln University	Blue Hen Battalion	??? Robert Van Gulick ???
University of Scranton	Royal Warriors	tbd
Valley Forge Military College	Continental Line Battalion	tbd
Weidner University / West Chester University	Dauntless	tbd

As you can see we have many programs that are lacking presenters. I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to serve in this capacity. I know from my experiences at SHIP, how rewarding it is to meet with these exceptional young men and women who in their future service are willing to place themselves in harm's way to secure the many freedoms we currently enjoy.

-Gary L. Grove



MOLLUS COMPANION JOINS GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION

The Gettysburg Foundation announces the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors. Joining the Board of Directors are William E. Aldrich, Jon C. Sirlin and A.J. Kazimi. "All three of our newest Board members bring talent, expertise and energy to the Board of Directors. We are very fortunate to have them join our Board as we continue to strengthen our partnership with the National Park Service and our commitment to our mission, to the community and to the memory of those who fought and died in the Battle of Gettysburg," states Robert A. Kinsley, Chairman of the Board.

Jon C. Sirlin is the Managing Partner of Sirlin, Lesser, & Benson, P.C. Prior to creating Sirlin, Lesser, & Benson in 1981, he was General Partner at Wasserstrom, Chucas, Sirlin, & Bloom, as well as Fell, Spalding, Goff, & Rubin. He is a member of



the Board of Governors of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Independence National Park, Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery (Chairman), Abraham Lincoln Foundation at the Union League of Philadelphia (Development Committee Chair and Chair of Founders Circle) and Walnut Street Theatre.

Mr. Sirlin is passionate about Civil War history, is an avid re-enactor, and keeps his horse boarded in Chambersburg for events at Gettysburg and elsewhere. While re-enacting, he is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Volunteers and serves as Chief of Staff to General Tony Daniels. He is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S.. Mr. Sirlin is also an avid collector of art, antique French furniture and clocks.

DOLLUS CORNER



Dear DAMES,

The National Society Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States had a very successful Congress during October in Pensacola, FL. At the meeting I was elected your National President. It will be an honor for me to serve as your President and I thank everyone for their support and well wishes.

I hope that you can join me at our meeting in Washington, DC during the weekend celebration of President Lincoln's birthday, coming up in February. MOLLUS has a great tour planned for us to join in, along with the evening banquet and birthday celebration. Please consider joining us for the weekend.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with your questions, comments or concerns at SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com

Warm Regards,

Ellen M. Higgins, NP

Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States



Pennsylvania Commandery

Board of Officers:

Commander:	Matthew D. Dupee, Esq
Senior Vice Commander:	Brian W. Maloney
Junior Vice Commander	William F. Forbes
Recorder:	Gary L. Grove, Ph.D.
Treasurer:	Robert D. Lynch, Ph.D.
Registrar:	Paul J. Lader, Esq.
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Chaplain:	Fr. Michael McClane
Surgeon:	Dr. Peter Kane, MD
Judge Advocate:	Vacant

Gentlemen of the Council:

Charles W. Lentz, Ed.D	R. Bradford Mills
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Past Commanders:

Joseph T. Coleman, Ed.D.	Theodore E. Wiederseim, III
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NOTE: Individuals interested in being considered to serve on the board of officers should contact Joseph T. Coleman

New Members Elected:

Peter Bruemmer (A)	Clinton Christian (A)
Bruce Form (A)	Oliver St. Clair Franklin (Hon)
David R. Kane (H)(L)	Peter J. Kane (H)(L)
Thomas B. Kane (H)(L)	Fr. Michael McClane (A)(tsfer)
Gary Otto (H)	Phil Price (H)
Henry Reichner (H)	Arthur Shearman (H)
Robert Warman (H)	

Junior Members Elected:

Rowan Carter (H)(L)	Quinn De Coursey (H)(L)
Evan B. Kane (H)(L)	Paul T. Kane (H)(L)

(H) - Hereditary Member
(A) - Associate Member
(L) - Life Member
(Hon) - Honorary Member

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Died</u>
William J. Suppes, Jr.	20278	1953	3/28/2016

Calendar of Events

** denotes a Family Event*

2017

- 11 February** Mid-Winter MOLLUS Meeting
Location
Alexandria, Virginia
- 12 February*** National Services
Lincoln Memorial
Washington, DC
- 13 February*** Lincoln Birthday Luncheon
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA
- 25 February*** Octavious Catto Wreath Laying
6th and Lombard Streets - 10:00AM
Philadelphia, PA
Lunch to follow at 12:30 at Union League
Contact Dr. Waskie- awaskie@temple.edu

2017

- 1 March** "Spotlight" preview of CWMP Collection
By invitation only
Gettysburg Museum
Gettysburg, PA
- 8 March** Spring Board Meeting
Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA
- TBD April** MOLLUS Prospective member luncheon
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA
- TBD July*** MOLLUS Picnic
Lader Estate
Wenonah, NJ

Please consult the MOLLUS website www.loyallegionpa.org for current details

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