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Legacy Member Breaks Record as Youngest National President:

Madeline Rock of the Margaret M. Orr Circle #105 of Ohio was elected for the high office of National President at the 137th National Convention in Aurora, IL. Having served in most Circle Offices, and a few Department Offices before the Department folded, she has served at the National level of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. as National Secretary for 3 consecutive years, as Sr. Vice Pro-tem for multiple years, Editor of the Bugle Call for 4 terms, and held appointed responsibilities such as social media manager, LBNCC liaison for 2 terms, and presented our organization with our National Project "Pets for Vets" along with the designs and items for fundraising purposes for this project over the course of 6 years. Madeline has been an active lifetime member so far, with 3 Past National Presidents in her immediate family, as well as a great aunt and great grandmother. She holds the title for the Youngest National President having served the LGAR, with her grandmother, Lynne Bury, holding the title until now (served as NP at age 39). Madeline has donated 39 hours for the creation of our Sandusky,



Ohio Museum Room, and has given many hours each year to the benefit of our organization in this capacity. Additionally for 5 years Madeline assisted with the National Archives Project by working on the scanning at the Cleveland Public Digital Library.

Madeline joined the Ladies of the G.A.R. under her great uncle Martin P. Durkee, who served in the 29th OVI from Geauga County Ohio. She has several Civil War ancestors and has been able to visit where many of them served on various battlefields across the country.

Outside of LGAR, she serves on the nonprofit board for her family's nationally historic landmark, the Zimmerman-Bury Octagon House Association, and volunteers many hours to this property. She owns her own apothecary business, and works in an administrative position at her local fitness center. Her volunteer work has included yearly hours at her local community and preservation center, and gives time to the United States Army Brotherhood of Tankers nonprofit, assisting in fundraising for their Helping Hand Fund. Madeline has been raised in Civil War reenacting and living history activities in

general, which have spawned a love of history for America. She will continue to remain active with her home LGAR Circle, and intends to work closely with Miss Sawyer's "Kids with a Cause" nonprofit, as well as "Pets for Vets" projects and our new National Headquarters Museum in the coming year.

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Memorial day parade Frank Daggett Circle #105

This parade and old-fashioned picnic started in 1885 with the formation of the Frank Daggett Post 35 G.A.R. It has been held every year, without interruption, since.

In 2023 the parade down main street and services were, as always, conducted at the Ripley Cemetery by the LGAR and other veterans organizations. The Ladies rode in the annual parade to the cemetery. When they arrived they laid a wreath at the Ripley monument to the brave troops of the war of the Rebellion. The Chaplain read a prayer. Approximately 300 people attended this service. This monument was erected in 1909 with efforts of the Women's Relief Corp. In 2009 the Ladies of the Grand Army Department of Minnesota raised funds to refurbish the monument. After the ceremony a picnic

was held at the Litchfield Opera House by the Meeker County Historical Society and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Frank Daggett Circle #105 baked 36 pies and served at the annual picnic. Donations were gathered that paid for all the food. 230 tickets were sold and a profit of just over \$3,000 was realized. This is a fund raiser for the Meeker County Historical Society who cares for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall.



The Ladies also decorate the graves of the 96 Civil War veterans buried at Ripley Cemetery. The G.A.R. was instrumental in starting this Cemetery Association with the guarantee that all veterans regardless of economic status, faith or race would be buried with a marker. This is still carried on by the City of Litchfield. Flowers are maintained throughout the year at the statue.



Shirley Dines Dept of PA President, Tess Shimer, and PNP Beth Null.

Pennsylvania on Friday, June 23, for a joint memorial service and luncheon with the Allied Orders. Sisters

PNP Beth Null's visit to the gravesite of her great grand uncle John F Teats, 4th Minnesota Infantry, Company I. He died at the battle of Allatoona Pass October 5, 1864 and is buried at Marietta National Cemetery in Georgia.



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General Orders No. 1, 2023-2024

1. **Membership:** A big focus this year needs to be on gaining members. Reach out to those in your local area to gain not only membership for our organization but a community of individuals all working toward common goals.
2. **Pets for Vets:** The nonprofit organization Pets for Vets will continue to be our National Project. This organization matches shelter animals with veterans in need. Even if they do not have a local chapter near you, you can still do things like gather dog supplies or fundraise!
3. **Miss Sawyer's Kids with a Cause:** Miss Sawyer is a 14 year old girl who started her nonprofit at age 7 to support Veterans and Active Duty Military. She is the youngest person in the history of our country to earn an individual Gold President's Volunteer Service Award at the age of 7, and she is an Honorary member of every branch of our Armed Forces and I have also been pinned everything from a Private to Honorary Colonel in our US Air Force to Command Sergeant Major in The Old Guard to Sergeant Major in the Marines Corps. One of her biggest projects is Sawyer's Stockings where she sends over 5,000 stockings to our troops overseas. You can donate items for this great project to the National Secretary.
4. **Committee Assistance:** We have so many committees this year to "get the job done." Please visit our National Roster Page and seek out a committee that you could assist with. We need your help and support to continue our success.
5. **Veteran's Day:** Be sure to prioritize Veteran's Day on November 11th and become active in your community in the name of LGAR!
6. **Patriotism:** Remember that patriotism is at the heart of our organization, be sure to fly your flags properly and proudly!

7. **Work in the name of our Organization:** You may belong to other nonprofits but how much do you do in the name of LGAR? Please make this a priority at some point this year. Create a press release, share on our social media, and help us gain new members! Try to do things specifically to benefit our order instead of "piggybacking" LGAR on an event or project for another nonprofit. Be proud of our order and wear your LGAR badge proudly when completing projects.

8. **New LGAR Headquarters & Museum Room:** To celebrate and support our new and improved location, we are in need of the following items:

- step stool
- cleaning supplies
- desk supplies
- archival materials
- fundraising
- gift cards

Travel Log

I am looking forward to a busy and prosperous year! I am so thankful to say that it started off with a wonderful \$1,000 check from Sue Smith with the Margaret M Orr Circle #105 in Ohio for Pets for Vets. I plan to travel to North Carolina to the Pets for Vets Headquarters to hand this donation over to them personally. This is such a meaningful organization that I am proud to support!

My first month as National President has been focused heavily on prepping for and participating in our LGAR Headquarter & Museum move. We have so many great things and it's an incredible opportunity to get to be so hands on with this task. My first official task as National President was the great honor of handing over a check for the first year's rent. On August 21st, I presented a check to the Liverpool Township Trustees and signed the lease for our building along with Historian and PNP Lynne Bury and Treasurer Jan Stevenson. The small town of Valley City, Ohio is such a joyous and welcoming community and our building is the

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*Norma Smith presents check to
National President Madeline Rock*



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historic Town Hall from 1834.

I am looking forward to my next planned trip to Ludington, Michigan at the end of September to visit Miss Sawyer and her mom and to drop off boxes of items for her "Sawyer's Stockings" project in which she sends over 5,000 stockings to our troops overseas. Miss Sawyer is such a fun little lady and I am very much looking forward to seeing her again and visiting her town.

November 19th brings the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which in turn brings the annual Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, PA. This place is meaningful for all of American History but especially close to my heart as I lived there as a child and have visited very frequently since then. I wish to invite any member that would like to participate in the parade and/or our own LGAR ceremony following. Spouses are also welcome, but we do ask that you dress in 1860s attire. If this is something you are interested in or planning on, please reach out to the National Secretary and let her know.

I am honored and excited to have been elected as National President and I look forward to a very busy year full of great success and hard work!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Madeline Rock

LGAR Announces New Headquarters Museum

Our new National Headquarters & Museum will now be housed in the historic 1834 Liverpool Town Hall in downtown Valley City, Ohio. Originally called Liverpool Township, this township is the oldest continuously inhabited township in Medina County, Ohio & is about 20 miles south of Cleveland. Liverpool Township was the first permanent settlement in Medina County. In 1795 township property owner Daniel Coit was part of the Connecticut Land Company, which had bought the Connecticut Western Reserve for about 40 cents an acre. The Western Reserve was land set aside by the Continental Congress for payment of Revolutionary War Soldiers in lieu of wages.

Edward Heath also a native of Connecticut, first surveyed Liverpool Township. At this time the Township was wilderness abounding with wild beasts including bears, wolves, deer and otters. The Village of Liverpool Center (now Valley City) was laid out in 1834 by Abraham Freese, a surveyor. Twenty-five lots were originally laid out, but increased to Fifty-seven by 1854. Many businesses flourished in Liverpool. There were sawmills, blacksmiths, dry goods, saloons, foundries, gristmills, cloth manufacturing, tanneries, a tin shop, a gun shop, and numerous cheese factories. It is said that there was more manufacturing done here than in Medina which is the county seat.

Our Headquarters Museum is located in the original Town Hall for Liverpool, which has also served as the first high school with a class of 5 graduates. Liverpool School was opened around 1900 and was used until December of 2003. Remaining as Liverpool Township, the town is now Valley City, known for being "The Frog Jump Capital of Ohio." Since 1962, it has held an annual contest patterned after Mark Twain's story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." Progress and a belief in the future seem to have been bywords for Valley City's ancestors. From the changes now in place since the 1950's, it would seem this philosophy has been carried down together with a love for community and old-fashioned values as Liverpool Township continues to grow beyond its population of 5,750. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. look forward to serving it's members with a quality museum that shares our history as well as being relevant to our projects of today. Plan your visit in 2024 when the museum opens, and make sure to register early for our next National Convention held here.



LGAR Poetry Books back IN STOCK!

These historic verses have now been gathered into a commemorative book in their honor for \$10 plus \$2 shipping

Please contact Historian Lynne Bury to order your copy today. The sale of these books helps assist our publishing of the history of our Organization. 10095 Wadsworth Rd. Marshallville, OH 44645 330-855-4251 Pmt is to be made payable to "LGAR Historian's Fund"

NEW PUBLISHED HISTORY OF THE LADIES OF THE G.A.R. COMING SOON!

William Boone Keith Circle #3 Historic Memorial Day Service at Woodlawn Cemetery

By Dr. Linda Miller

The historically established May 30 Memorial Day was conducted by several genealogical groups in honor of two Civil War soldiers buried at the cemetery. The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War with Commander Kurt Dunphy presiding, and William Boone Keith Circle #3 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic President Shirley Dunphy presiding, conducted their annual Memorial Day Celebration on May 30 at 12 PM.

Dr. Linda Miller, a Daughters of the Union Veterans member from Elizabeth Benton Fremont Tent #79 and William Boone Keith Circle #3 member, portrayed Helen J. Stewart, who in 1914 along with other prominent ladies in Las Vegas, persuaded the railroad to donate ten acres of land for a city cemetery. She described in Helen's words how the cemetery would be decorated.

In this historic ceremony which has been celebrated for decades, each group presented wreaths to honor the two Civil War Soldiers William Boone Keith (LGAR Circle #3 namesake), Union Soldier and Joseph Moore Graham, Confederate Soldier, who lie side by side.

A few years after the Civil War ended, the men moved to Las Vegas, leaving their families behind and became good friends. When Graham died, Keith purchased a plot for both himself and Graham. Keith had Graham's wife's (Julia) remains sent to Las Vegas to be buried next to her husband. The two veterans from opposite sides of the conflict share a common tombstone. It is believed to be the only grave in the country with a Confederate and Union soldier laying side by side.

The ceremony was also dedicated to the memory of Em and Len Becker. In 1997, Em, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Elizabeth Benton Fremont Tent #79 and her husband Len, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp #12, placed a monument between the graves of the two Civil War Soldiers. They were caretakers of the monument until their death a few years ago. Their young relatives attended this ceremony.



National Encampment Patriotic Lesson: Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic, for which it stands,—one nation, indivisible—with liberty and justice for all."

This was the original Pledge of Allegiance written by Francis Bellamy in 1892. He was a minister from New York and worked for The Youth's Companion, a Boston based magazine.

Bellamy's "Pledge of Allegiance" was part of The Youth's Companion's National Public-School Celebration of Columbus Day, a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus arriving in the Americas. James B. Upham, a marketer for the magazine, conceived a campaign to instill American nationalism in students and to encourage children to raise flags above their schools. He and Bellamy had arranged for Congress and President Benjamin Harrison to announce a proclamation making the public school flag ceremony the center of the Columbus Day celebrations. This arrangement was formalized when President Harrison issued Presidential Proclamation 335.

The Pledge was first used in public schools on October 12, 1882, during the Columbus Day observances coinciding with the opening of the World's Columbian Expedition, also known as the Chicago World's Fair. It was to be quick and to the point. Bellamy designed it to be recited in 15 seconds and accompanied by a non-military style hand salute.

By the 1920s, the first National Flag Conference, the American Legion, and the Daughters of the American Revolution recommended changes to the pledge intended to clarify its meaning when recited by immigrants. Since the pledge as then written didn't mention the flag of any specific country, those organizations expressed concern that the immigrants might feel they are pledging allegiance to their native country rather than the U.S.

In 1923, the "my" was dropped and the phrase "the Flag" was added, resulting in "I pledge allegiance to the Flag and the Republic, for which it stands — one nation, indivisible—with liberty and justice for all." A year later, the National Flag Conference added "of America," to completely clarify the issue. Congress officially recognized the Pledge for the first time, on June 22, 1942, in the following form:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Another amendment to the Pledge wouldn't come until the 1950s. This Cold War era left many Americans wanting to distinguish the United States from the state atheism promoted by Marxist-Leninist countries. That led to the support for the words "under God" to be added to the Pledge of Allegiance.

While the Daughters of the Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution used the words "under God" before their meetings, it wasn't until the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution urging that the change be made universal in 1952. They sent copies of the resolution to the President and began petitioning Congress to add the phrase. U.S. Representative Louis C. Rabaut, a Democrat from Michigan, was persuaded by the petition, and introduced legislation to add the phrase to the pledge.

Before February 1954, no endeavor to get the pledge officially amended had succeeded. That was until on Sunday morning, when President Eisenhower heard a sermon from Reverend George Docharty based on the Gettysburg Address entitled "A New Birth of Freedom." Eisenhower urged Congress to amend the Pledge, citing Lincoln's words "under God" as defining words that set the US apart from other nations.

The phrase was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954 by a Joint Resolution of Congress amending § 4 of the Flag Code enacted in 1942. Which now reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all."



Livermore Circle #66

The sisters of the Livermore Circle #66 are presenting patriotic window displays in downtown Norton, KS on Hwy 283 or State Street for a month or longer. The other months are shared with the Daughters of the American Revolution. This circle is working to increase awareness of our beloved organization. These sisters are attending area celebrations, such as the Lebanon Bash in Lebanon, KS to help recruit new sisters. This small circle has introduced and inducted two new sisters this year.



3rd Annual President's Day Online Trivia Party
February 18th, 7 pm EST/4 pm PST
Sponsored by
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

To participate:

- Register on Eventbrite at **LGARTriviaParty.Eventbrite.com**
- Suggested donation of \$10 per person
- Designate team name to play with a team of 3-5 or let us place you on a team
- A Zoom link to join will be emailed to you



Trivia Questions range from many assorted topics from books, music, movies, actors and from history. Trivia Party proceeds go the LGAR Veterans projects including Pets for Vets, Inc. The mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is to teach patriotism and preserve the history of our ancestry.

2023 LGAR National Encampment

Meeting day commenced with opening statements and readings from the ritual. Guest speaker, Sons of the Union National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski He wished the sisters of the LGAR well and passed on words of wisdom. Gifted National President Beth Null a beautiful prayer shawl. Gifts for National President Beth Null presented by the Isaac Rice Circle #233 as well as the Department of Pennsylvania & Margaret M Orr Circle. Department of Pennsylvania President Shirley Dines gifted a knot and tie quilt to Sister Beth Null. This quilt was entered into the Butler County fair where it won a blue ribbon for the beautiful construction. This year's Floral Drill collected donations amounting to \$203 which will be given to the LGAR Home in California.

A new sister was initiated on meeting day! Stephanie Astle is a pediatric ICU charge nurse at Texas Children's hospital. She has joined under her great great grand uncle, Captain Bela Turner Clark. Sister Stephanie has joined Lookout Circle.

The installation of officers led our meeting to a close. As Sister Madeline Rock was taking her presidential oath, her mother PNP Elizabeth Rock, and grandmothers PNP Lynne Bury and PNP Judy Rock swore her in and presented her with her sash, badge, and a handmade gavel. Sisters Gloria Garrett and Nicole Schenz switched positions! Gloria took the reins as National Patriotic Instructor and Nicole took over as National Chaplain.



MOTIONS PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The LGAR will be changing banks which host national funds from PNC to Chase Bank due to recent changes with the PNC online banking.

The membership form has a line about not being sued which will be taken out as it is not legally binding.

On the membership form the word "lineal" will be switched with the word "hereditary."

Margaret M. Orr Circle will host annual encampment in 2024.

Lookout Circle will host in 2025.

The balance of 2018 HQ Museum Liability Fund of \$289.08 will be sent to the GTCPS for Headquarters Storage.

The New Headquarters location was accepted at the cost of \$125 per month for rent which would cover utilities.

Security will be added to our website in the form of obtaining the HTTPS status.

2023 National Encampment Memorial Service

A buffet dinner was served as a precursor to the memorial service at the historic GAR Hall presided over by National Chaplin Gloria Garrett. This beautiful ceremony included hymns, readings from the ritual, and the tradition of placing the flowers. White roses were placed for each departed sister including Esther Hegg, Jean Reiter, and Barbara Summers. Yellow roses were placed for each departed PNP including Shirley Wool and Jennie Vertrees. A red rose was placed for the GAR and a blue rose was placed in memory of all veterans.

A big thank you to Erin Mongelli and the host committee for planning and arranging such a wonderful event. It is so important to keep this tradition alive and so powerful to be able to see the impact we can make together!



Isaac Rice Circle #233 Veterans Birthday Cards

"How to destress? Sit and write birthday cards to the veterans at the Hollidaysburg home, that's how.", says Isaac Rice Circle member Tess Shimer. For the last year, the Pennsylvania Circle 233 members have individually sent birthday cards to the veterans at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home (HVH). Unfortunately, many veterans may feel forgotten on their birthday, but they're NOT forgotten by the LGAR. Deb Miller finds that thrift shops and churches are very generous with donating birthday cards. She delivers them monthly to the veterans home so there is little or not cost in this project if you live in the area. Circle members who do not live in the area are willing to sign the cards and mail them to the HVH. It's a simple way to put a smile on the face of a veteran. God bless our veterans!



A visit to DUV Headquarters

Dr. Linda Miller, member of DUV Elizabeth Benton Fremont Tent #79 from Las Vega and LGAR William Boone Keith Circle #3 visited DUV Headquarters on August 17. She was attending a Sturgeon family reunion in Springfield which focused on Thomas Sturgeon Jr. being a neighbor of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather in Louisville, Kentucky during the American Revolution. They were entertained by a Mary Todd Lincoln interpreter, Pam Brown.



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