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News of PNP Passing

Leta Torrey served as our National President from 1996-97. Our previous National President, Irene Looker, sadly passed away in April of her term, and Leta stepped in to complete Irene's term presiding at the convention held in Columbus, Ohio. Leta was from MO and had many of her family members involved at the local level of LGAR, which remain today. She joined under her great grandfather John Potter and was a member of the Thomas G. Wade Circle #59 in Unionville, MO. She sold canvas bags either plain or with the G.A.R. emblem as well as G.A.R. stickers, and for her National President's project she sold raffle tickets for a handmade quilt and coin set. Her travels included FL, IO, KS, MN & her National Convention was held in Utica, NY. Personally, Leta enjoyed baking and taking her crafts and sewing pieces to the local farmer's market. She also served as the market manager. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years. Leta was also a member of The American Legion, and the Granddaughters of American Resolution, serving as their national president for 18 months starting in 1996 as well. She was also the Lincoln Township clerk for 16 years and worked at the election for over 30 years. She loved reading her Bible and Christian novels. She also enjoyed quilting by hand & had made a quilt for all of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many others. She was very good at making people happy, especially with a nice home cooked meal.



Remembrance Day

The event started at the Woolson Monument, our sisters in attendance listened to President Lincoln give the Gettysburg Address. National President Erin Mongelli attended and laid a wreath at the Albert Woolson Ceremony in Gettysburg. She was accompanied by Pennsylvania Members. She then marched in the Remembrance Day Parade with PA Members and Ohio members! Following the parade, National Secretary Deb Miller organized a service at the 8th Illinois monument where everyone laid flowers and participated in reading histories. Erin also carried her ancestors drum stick, a great way of keeping him with her for this special weekend!



California Fires

Our hearts are with those in California. As you may know, we have an LGAR Home for Female Veterans in L.A., and our National Board is checking in with them regularly to ensure their safety needs are met.

If you have been affected by this event, please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you every day, but we are a strong community and want to help in any way we can.



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April 15, 2025
September 15, 2025
January 15, 2026





MAL Zoom Call

In December Deb Miller, National Secretary visited her sister Linda in Florida. During her stay, she was able to arrange a lunch with some MAL members in Florida. Those present were Barbara Tyler, PNP and Barbara's daughter, Teryl; Sandra Simons; and Sandra Michaels. Joining us via Zoom was Lynne Bury, Elizabeth and Madeline Rock all PNPs; Janice Stevenson, National Treasurer, Tess Shimer, Rice Circle President and Sharee Solow, Rice Circle member. It was great to have the MALs participate and reminisce with us. Just a reminder that MALs are encouraged to participate in LGAR activities whenever the opportunity arises.

Historian Doug Ohman to Speak on Civil War at National Convention

Lookout Circle announces Minnesota historian and author, Doug Ohman, as keynote speaker for the LGAR National Convention at Historic Fort Snelling on August 8 from 6pm-9pm. Ohman will present "Saluting the Civil War – Minnesota's Role", a fascinating look at the immense impact Minnesota soldiers had on the outcome of the Civil War.

Known as a master storyteller and speaker, Ohman is recognized for his work with the Minnesota Historical Society, MN Legacy Arts Program, and the public television "Landmarks" series."

All LGAR members, family, and friends are welcome to register for the Keynote Speaker and Dinner using the registration form in this Bugle Call or call Gloria Garrett, Lookout Circle, at 404-226-3842.



Doug Ohman - speaker, historian, photographer, and author

Want to see your article in the Bugle Call?

Email any article and/or picture to National Bugle Call Editor

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We would love to hear from you.

GENERAL ORDERS

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General Orders No. 2, 2024-2025:

1. Do you have your LGAR Trivia Team organized for February 23, 2025? This exciting FUNdraising event is a great way to combine fellowship with philanthropy! The evening will feature general trivia rounds. Register your team early and invite friends, family, or community groups to join the fun while supporting veteran-focused projects!

2. Consider reaching out to sisters that have not recently attended meetings. See if Zoom could be a possible way to help them reconnect. If you are a MAL and are interested in joining a Circle Zoom to connect with other sisters, please reach out and we will connect you with one of our Circles that currently uses Zoom. I would love to see more MAL sisters connecting on Zoom like our Florida sisters!

3. Reporting Forms will soon be distributed. Begin tallying your hours and ensure your Circle/Department reports its activities. This year, we will recognize outstanding Circles for excellence in Membership Growth, Patriotic Teaching, Community Service, Aid to Veterans, Military Support, Pets for Vets, and Miss Sawyer's 'Kids with a Cause.' Your efforts make a difference—let's celebrate them!

4. Circles and Departments, if you encounter challenges with Reporting Forms, don't hesitate to contact me or the National Secretary. We're here to assist you and ensure all of your valuable work is accurately reported to Congress. Together, we can showcase the tremendous impact of LGAR!

5. Help support our National LGAR Museum by

checking out its Amazon Wish List for day-to-day and archival needs. Your contributions, whether individual or from your Circle, will preserve our history and strengthen our mission. Consider 'adopting' the Museum for a month with a \$125 donation. Let's keep our museum thriving for generations to come!

6. Save the date! This year's National Convention will be held August 7–9 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Registration forms will be available soon. Minnesota hosts are planning wonderful activities, and we encourage you to register early and send delegates from your Circle or Department. Don't miss this opportunity for camaraderie and inspiring events!

Travels:

In early October I was able to attend the Central Region Allied Order Annual Convention in Jasper Indiana. Early Saturday morning we traveled to the Lincoln's Boyhood National Memorial. Junior members Addison Mae O'Dell and Kamryn and Joseph Mongelli were able to attend this outing. They learned several new facts about President Lincoln and cannot wait to reconnect at a future Junior Meeting. This outing was followed by a forum "Membership growth challenges and strategies for the 21st century," Allied Order members shared strategies to potentially help all our organizations continue to grow. One of our biggest pushes will be to find ways to increase memberships while connecting to all age groups. Increasing membership to include both younger and older members requires strategies that appeal to diverse age groups while fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. I am hoping that we can find ways to focus on what motivates younger generation -social impacts, networking, and engaging experiences. At the same time, we need to highlight opportunities for mentorship with our older members, supporting them in leadership roles, and helping them stay connected.

In November I traveled to Gettysburg, PA for Remembrance Day Weekend. Remembrance Day is an annual event commemorating the anniversary of President Abra-



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ham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered on November 19, 1863. It was wonderful to see sisters from Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania coming together for this weekend. Saturday, 11:00 am, we gathered at the Woolson Monument, along with other Allied Order. We listened to President Lincoln recite the Gettysburg Address, followed by the laying of wreaths. While some of us attended the event, our Ohio sisters were delivering donations to the American Battlefield Trust. The parade through Gettysburg was a moving experience. While I have been involved in other parades, this one filled my heart as I followed our National LGAR Flag, carrying my 2nd Great Grandfather's Civil War drumsticks. After the parade, our Pennsylvania Sisters planned a ceremony at the 8th Illinois Monument honoring the Boys from Illinois. Our day ended with some sister volunteering at the Luminaries and reading names. In the evening Sister Deb Miller and I attended the Civil War Ball. While watching the dancing was fun, I truly enjoyed seeing all the amazing dresses! There are so many sisters who helped in the planning of this weekend, but my biggest thanks goes to our National Secretary Deb Miller. I cannot thank her enough for getting me everywhere I needed to be and giving me the "Get in the RED Van" personal tour! Next year the Parade is scheduled for Saturday November 15, 2025. If you plan on attending, please look into booking your rooms as soon as possible, hotels fill up very quickly!

December was filled with Circle and MAL Holiday Zoom Gatherings. It was wonderful connecting with so many members! I believe this is the wonderful power of Zoom! While I love being able to visit Circles in person, the zoom option provides the opportunity for sisters to connect no matter what the distance may be! December 13th, I attended the Isaac Rice Circle Christmas Gath-



ering. December 28th I was invited to a Florida MAL Gathering organized by National Secretary Deb Miller. December 29th, I attended the Lookout Circle Holiday/New Year Gathering. Each of these Zoom Meetings allowed us to connect, learn about why we are part of LGAR, and discuss current activities we are involved with. Being from Northern Illinois, I know that weather can impact one's ability to attend meetings. Providing a Zoom option for in-person meetings is a great way to help sisters stay connected and give them a voice! If you are interested in learning more about options like this, please reach out. I know that our National Secretary or I would be willing to help you get started.

Upcoming travels:

- Feb 12 – Washington DC – Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 23 – 5th Annual President's Day Trivia - Zoom
- March 29-30 – Indiana – Arsinoe Martin Circle – tribute to Mother Angela and the Sisters of Holy Cross
- March 22 – WWI Allied Order Event – Kenosha Civil War Museum – author Ron Kirkwood
- April 12 – Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – Springfield IL
- May 26 – Washington DC – Memorial Day
- June 6-8 – Department of California – LGAR Home

Supply Information

Supplies are to be purchased from the National Treasurer. Please order general items like charms, tumblers, membership badges, etc from the SHOP tab on our website or from <https://lgarsupply.company.site>. With the leadership changes, it may take additional time to process orders and checks/money orders. Supplies are all at museum and it may take more time to get it out. If something is needed immediately, please contact the National Treasurer. Her contact information is on the Roster page of the National Website.



Schedule of Events 139th Annual National **Encampment** Aug 7-9, 2025

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at Historic Fort Snelling, St Paul Minnesota

Thursday, August 7

2pm-3pm	Budget Committee	HQ Hotel conference room
3pm-5pm	Advisory Council	HQ Hotel conference room
6pm-9pm	Registration and Reception	HQ Hotel conference room
10am-9pm	Self-guided Mall Walks	Mall of America
10am-4pm	Guided 60 min Tour Ft Snelling	Ft Snelling Visitors Center

Friday, August 8

8am-9am	Room Set up	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
8:45-9am	Registration and Coffee	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
9-9:15am	Opening	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
9:15-9:30am	Floral Drill	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
9:30-10am	Initiation/Installation	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
10am-12:15pm	Business Session Reports	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
12:15-1pm	In-Meeting Room Lunch	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
1pm-3pm	Business Session	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
3-3:30pm	Installation of Officers	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
3:30-4pm	Room clean up	Ft Snelling Visitors Center
6pm-9pm	Keynote Speaker Dinner	Ft Snelling Visitors Center

Saturday, August 9

9am-10am	Final Advisory Council Meeting	HQ Hotel conference room
11-11:30am	Memorial Service	Ft Snelling Chapel
10am-9pm	Self-guided Mall Walks	Mall of America
10am-4pm	Guided 60 min Tour Ft Snelling	Ft Snelling Visitors Center

(Last tour starts at 3pm)

LGAR HQ Hotel

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queen rooms with free breakfast, wifi,
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Sign up for Lookout Shuttle SUV at
registration or text Shuttle Hotline at
404-226-3842

Alternate Hotel

If you will have a car and seek a lower
hotel rate, the Fairfield Inn & Suites,
1330 Northland Dr, Mendota Heights,
MN is an option. 651-454-1978.

Notes: The schedule is an estimate and may be adjusted based on business needs. For those driving, **visitor parking at Ft Snelling** is \$6 every entry. Remote parking is free, (3/4 mile walk or register for Shuttle SUV pick up). Participants are requested to wear **red, white, and/or blue**. All venues feature updated accessibility.

2025 LGAR National Convention Registration Form

Mail this form with check or money order for \$15.00 payable to
National Organization, LGAR to Debra Miller, LGAR National
Secretary, 108 Loghouse Lane, Manns Choice, PA 15550 by July
1.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT & CIRCLE: _____

Your registration will be confirmed by email. If you registered
and can't attend, your packet will be sent after the meeting with
meeting minutes.

2025 LGAR Keynote Speaker Dinner Registration Form

Mail this form with \$40/person check or money order payable
to Lookout Circle to Cleo Bonham, 4727 White Oak Ct, Eagan
MN 55122 by July 1.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

NAMES OF GUESTS: _____



National Convention Venue to be Historic Fort Snelling Minnesota

Lookout Circle announces the newly renovated Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota as the venue for the LGAR National Convention August 8 from 8:45am-3:30pm followed by the keynote speaker and dinner from 6:00pm–9:00pm. The state of the art meeting rooms are in the newly renovated barracks building, now including a museum, gift shop, and modern accessibility features.

Set amid powerful scenery on Dakota homeland at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, Fort Snelling began construction in 1820. During the Civil War, Minnesota Governor Alexander Ramsey commissioned Fort Snelling for organization and training. Nearly 25,000 soldiers passed through Fort Snelling between 1861–1865. The First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment was the first unit recruited at Fort Snelling.

Today the Minnesota Historical Society offers walking and golf cart tours, walking paths along sweeping vistas, and exhibits bringing the storied history of Fort Snelling to life.

On adjacent grounds, the Fort Snelling Chapel will be the venue for the National Convention Memorial Service August 9, 11:00am-11:30am. For those staying the weekend, the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation holds a non-denominational Christian worship service every Sunday at 11:00am open to the public. The chapel motto is “Where the Veteran is Remembered.”

All LGAR members, family, and friends are welcome to register for the National Convention using the registration form in this Bugle Call. Tours of the Fort and grounds as well as access to nearby Mall of America are available for those not attending the members-only sessions. All are welcome without registration to the Memorial Service.



Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

Enrich your National Convention Experience in Minnesota

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul offer many fun and interesting things to do and see. Here are some thoughts on the places you might want to visit.



1. Experience the sites and shopping of downtown Minneapolis via the convenience of the light rail. Minneapolis Visitor Center information packets will be available at convention registration. Or visit the Minneapolis and St Paul Visitors Guides online at www.minneapolis.org/visitor-guide and <https://www.visitsaintpaul.com>.

2. Check out Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Experience the largest National cemetery in Minnesota. More information at www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftsnelling.asp.

3. Lakewood Cemetery has a large area dedicated to Civil War veterans. It has a large GAR statue and an LGAR urn. It has other famous graves such as Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Franklin Mars (inventor of the Milky Way bar), and Tiny Tim. Details at www.lakewoodcemetery.org.

4. Explore the many parks and lakes. Minnehaha Falls is just a mile from Fort Snelling. This park has a statue of Hiawatha from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem. Park information at www.minneapolis.org/parks-destinations/parks-lakes/Minnehaha_regional_park.

5. The Mall of America is a world renowned attraction. Stop by for shopping and restaurants, plus check out the amusement park inside the mall. You have to see it to believe it.

6. The GAR Hall at the Meeker Museum in Litchfield is 1.5 hour drive from the airport, but offers a well curated museum, and a rich look into the past. If you are interested in a tour of this historic hall, please email us and we will help make arrangements. Our email is lookoutcirclemnlgar@gmail.com. Museum details are at <https://www.meekercomuseum.org>.



7. Special Interests:

- The Minnesota Vikings play at US Bank Stadium in Downtown Minneapolis and often have a game the second weekend in August. Check for schedules and tickets at 612-33-VIKES.

- The Minnesota Twins play the Kansas City Royals at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis August 9-10. Details at <https://www.mlb.com/twins/ballpark>.

- The world famous Broadway-quality Guthrie Theater presents Cabaret in August 2025 with matinees and evening shows. Tickets at 612-377-2224.

- The popular Chanhassen Dinner Theater presents the lively musical Grease in August 2025 with matinees and evening shows. Tickets at 952-934-1525.

- The outdoor sculpture garden at the internationally acclaimed Walker Art Center for Contemporary Art is free to the public, open from 6am to midnight daily.

- Updates for the irreverent and hilarious Dudley Riggs Improv Theater, feeder to Saturday Night Live, are at <https://hennepinarts.org/venues/dudley-riggs-theatre>.

These are just a few of the many things to do. Lookout Circle is happy to share other ideas or help research an activity if there is something of special interest to you.

5th Annual President's Day Online Trivia Party
February 23rd 7 pm EST / 4 pm PST

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To participate:

- Register on Eventbrite at [LGARTrivia5.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lgart-trivia-5-tickets-702522221070?aff=ebdshare)
- 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



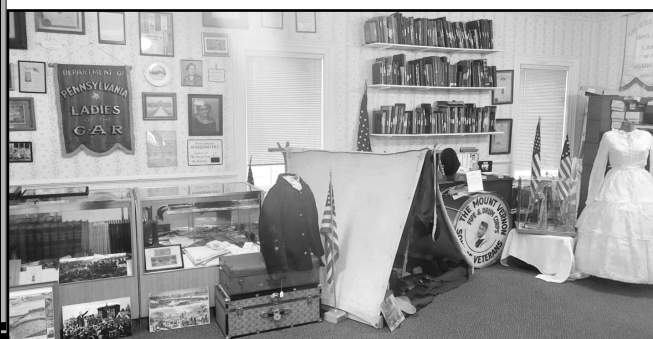
Trivia Questions range from many assorted topics from books, music, movies, actors and from history. Trivia Party proceeds go the LGAR Veterans projects including Pets for Vets, Inc. The mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is to teach patriotism and preserve the history of our ancestry.

New Museum Display at Headquarters

Our National Headquarters & Museum is getting ready to launch it's 2025 special display on the Civil War "Beyond the Battlefield, Civil War life at home." This well curated display presents various perspectives, including those of soldiers, civilians, enslaved people and offers a nuanced understanding of the war. Being up close and personal to all items in this display allows all to engage with the artifacts, the stories and the perspectives of each individual to foster a deeper understanding of this era in our American history.



This display is shared through a special private collection owned by our National Historian Lynne Bury. Some of the featured items include an original cage (hoop) for a child, beautiful silk bodice worn by an average lady, original musical instruments, a large bass drum played by the Mt. Vernon Fife & Drum Corps (an Ohio band that played at the last funeral of both Union and Confederate soldiers to die) & 2 Union Soldier's Civil War diaries. This small display even has a 2 man tent for soldiers, and shows the personal space, clothing & accessories that an average private would have on hand during the Civil War. The other portion of the 2025 display features the Underground Railroad thru Quilt messages. Visitors can learn what each popular quilt square meant and how it guided them to the North. Our museum this year will play host to both adult and school aged children, and will involve a little Civil War Living History both at the museum and at public events, along with some multimedia presentations & educational programs. Special Events & Hours to be announced and will be shared on our social media and website.



Junior Circle



The LGAR Juniors are showing their appreciation for veterans in heartfelt ways, from delivering treats to fostering connections with local communities. Here's how their actions are making an impact! In October, Kamryn Mongelli visited the Homer Glen American Legion. She thanked the veterans in attendance for their service and brought them snacks. When they heard about her ongoing service project to donate Girl Scout Cookies to veterans at a Monthly Veterans Breakfast, they made a generous donation of \$500. For the past several years Kamryn has collected cookie donations during Girl School Cookie season. Each March, Kamryn personally delivers the cookies to veterans, spreading joy and appreciation. She collects between 100-150 boxes! If you know of a girl scout, you can donate cookies to deployed servicemen using the Gift of Caring option when ordering cookies. Or buy a few boxes and take them to an American Legion or VFW.

In December, Kennley Poole-Crites and Kamryn Mongelli visited the Lockport American Legion. In a joint project with the Founders Crossing Chapter NSDAR, the girls thanked veterans and brought them snacks for their monthly meeting.

Juniors who would like to share what they have been doing to make a difference in their community can email ek-mong@gmail.com. Did you participate in a service project? Did you attend a patriotic event? Did you visit a National Park or Monument and learn something new? We cannot wait to hear more about what our Junior membership is doing!

Our Junior Circle currently has 12 members. We would like to welcome Christopher James White, our newest member! Are you making a difference in your community? Join our Juniors in creating a better tomorrow! Please contact Registrar Kamryn Mongelli at ekmong@gmail.com if you would like to join!



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