



THE BUGLE CALL



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No. 1

Meet our National President:

National President Erin Mongelli joined the organization in 2015. She is an organizing member of the Illinois Bartlett Kelley Circle #135. She attended her first National Convention in 2016 and proceeded to hold her first National office in 2017. Erin then worked her way through the different National offices always trying to learn more about the organization, how to honor our ancestors, support our veterans, and educate the next generation. She has been appointed to a variety of committees including Membership, Ways and Means, and the Archival Committee. As part of the Archival Committee, she actively participated by transcribing and labeling scanned copies of memberships cards for Illinois and several other states.



Sister Erin has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters in Curriculum and Technology. She has been teaching for 25 years and currently holds several leadership and training positions at the school and district level. For the past 15 years she has led after school programs focusing on leadership, genealogy connected to the civil war, and robotics. Erin and her husband have 5 children, Jack, Kathryn, Kellyn, Kamryn, and Joseph, whom she adores dearly. She volunteers at her children's schools and assists with their Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops. She is currently a Den Chief for a Cub Scout Troop and merit badge counselor for American Heritage, Genealogy, Journalism, Reading, Scholarship, and Sustainability. In her free time, she enjoys researching family history and traveling

with her family to locations connected to her ancestors. Her research has not only led to the discovery of her Civil War Ancestors, but also direct lines to the War of 1812, the American Revolution, and the Mayflower.

Erin gained her membership in the LGAR through her great-great grandfather Philander W. Copeland who enlisted from Rockford, Illinois on the 27th of August 1861 as a Private of the 45th regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged January of 1864 and immediately reenlisted as a veteran with the rank of Principal Musician. Philander was an active member in the Byron L Carr Post #14 of Denver, Colorado. He participated in activities and parades until his 80s.

As National President, Erin Mongelli looks forward to connecting with Departments and Circles, learning firsthand from them about their activities and volunteer work. Together, she hopes we can learn how to promote patriotism, love of our Flag and of our Country while understanding the true principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.



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.

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Deadlines for Bugle Call Submissions:

January 15, 2025

April 15, 2025

September 15, 2025



Pets for Vets Info

Just a reminder that there is a PDF file on our website that contains materials that are ready to print off for you to create an information board for setting up at fairs and other events. All it takes is a foam board and some paper to go and set up at fairs, flea markets, and similar events to raise money and spread aware-

ness about this project. Please remember that Pets for Vets does NOT match service dogs, but they train companion dogs. While some of the pets that Pets for Vets has trained are taught to help with specific needs of the veterans, they are not considered official service dogs, but are there to provide therapy and companionship for the veterans.

Supporting such a great cause serves as a wonderful reminder of why we are here and the real reason for this organization. On behalf of the National Pets for Vets Committee, thank you to those that have donated thus far, and please continue to check your local areas for active chapters to get involved with!

Isaac Rice Memorial Day

The Corp. Isaac Rice, Circle 233, of Bedford, PA had a busy 2024 Memorial Day weekend. On Sunday, Sisters Connie Hurtt and Tess Shimer attended services in Schellsburg, PA. This event was hosted by The Schellsburg VFW Post 4440 and The Schellsburg & Old Log Church Historical Society. Connie is President of the historical society was one of the speakers for the event. The beautifully restored church dates back to 1806 and is a treasure in Bedford County.

On Monday, Sisters Tess Shimer, Sandra Millen, and Deb Miller marched in the Everett, PA Memorial Day parade. Over 100 flags were handed out to the children during the parade thanks to Tess. She personally purchased and glued our LGAR Circle name to each flag. The parade ended at the cemetery where the Everett G.A.R. building is located. The service included speeches, songs and prayers and each sister placed fresh flowers at the stone dedicated to the Civil War soldiers resting in unknown graves.



GENERAL ORDERS

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General Orders No. 1, 2024-2025:

1. To all the Sisters in attendance of the 138th National Encampment in Valley City, OH, thank you for making this a productive meeting. It was wonderful connecting with each of you. I thank the Sisters of the Margaret M Orr Circle #105 for an excellent National Encampment showcasing our new National Headquarters and Museum.
2. Congratulations to all the newly elected heads of the Allied Orders. I look forward to meeting you and working together over the next 12 months. I wish all of you a productive year.
3. This year's President's Project is to Educate, Ignite, and Sparkle. You will notice two new National Committees our Education Committee and our 250th Celebration Committee. Each of these committees will play a valuable role in our future.
4. The Education Committee's goal is to collaborate and share ideas of way to educate ourselves and youth. This collection will assist us in promoting patriotism, love of country, and respect of the flag. These resources could be used with scouting groups, classroom, and/or adults! If you have any resources that would help this collection grow, please share them!
5. The 250th Celebration Committee's goal is to prepare for the 250th Birthday of our amazing Country! Many communities have already begun to plan events and activities. This committee will be sharing ideas and resources so all our Departments and Circles can be actively involved in the celebration! I hope you are all ready to Sparkle!
6. Pets for Vets and Miss Sawyer's Kids with a Cause will continue to be National Projects. Please consider how your Department and Circle can take an active role in supporting these two projects.
7. Publicity is very important to the growth of our organization. I am asking Circles to send in photos of

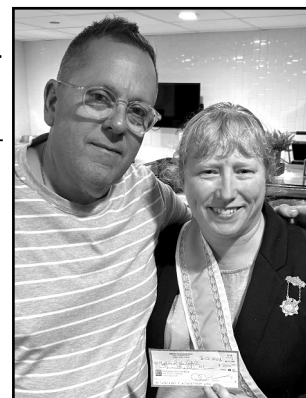
events and work you are doing to the Social Media Manager for our Facebook and Instagram pages. It is important to demonstrate the breadth of our membership by continually having new and meaningful postings. If you do not already follow our National Organization on these platforms, I highly recommend you do! Please help spread the word of the good work you are doing.

8. Veterans Day is November 11th. Start now to make your plans to watch a parade, lay a wreath, or simply thank a veteran.
9. Remembrance Day (Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address). November 19. Several sisters will be traveling to Gettysburg to participate in Remembrance Day events the weekend of November 15-17. This is open to all Sisters and we would love to have everyone attend. If you would like more information, please reach out.
10. Start making plans to be part of the Presidents Day Trivia fundraiser in February. Test your trivia skills in categories of history, pop culture, music, movies, etc. Since you get to play on a team, there are plenty of others to lean on for the answers. This is open to all, not just LGAR members. Reach out to friends, family, coworkers!
11. Any Department or Circle under National wishing me to visit should send me an email with your dates so I can make my schedule for the year. I hope to see as many of you as possible. Email is ekmong@gmail.com.
12. Email scam reminder: No one from LGAR will ever email you asking you to send a gift card or wire them money. Please delete suspicious email.

Travel Log:

This year will be filled with activity! Just a few days after becoming National President, I was invited to speak at a meeting of the Homer Glen American Legion Post 2011. This first speaking engagement allowed me to share our National Project Pets for Vets and other ways the LGAR supports veterans. At the conclusion of the meeting, I was presented with a \$1000 check to help in our project to help Pets for Vets connect veterans with companion animals.

September 28, I attended the 12th Annual Heritage Weekend. This three day gathering brings together various heritage groups to share their mission. During the LGAR time slot, I was able to share information about



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my National Project "Educate, Ignite, Sparkle" which looks to compile resources for members to use to teach children about our history and patriotism. I was also able to share update attendees on the National Museum. Our museum is another way for educate the community about the history of the LGAR and its important role after the end of the Civil War.

October 4-6 I am looking forward to attending the Central Region Allied Order Meeting in Jasper, Indiana. One interesting topic of discussion will be "Revolutionary vs Civil War: Why are These Organizations Growing while Others Suffer"

November 19th brings the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which in turn brings the annual Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, PA. I will be arriving on November 15 to attend several of the various events and ceremonies planned for this weekend. Please know that all sisters are invited to participate in the parade and other LGAR ceremony following. Several of us will be dressing 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.

Several Circles have reached out for visits, I am looking forward to connecting with all of you either in person or on Zoom. If you have not reached out yet please do!

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Erin Mongelli

National President, LGAR



Convention 2024

It's National Convention time here at our Headquarters & Museum in Valley City, Ohio. We welcomed Sisters from PA, MN, TX, IL, OR & OH!

Thursday held the National Officers advisory counsel meeting as well as the headquarters Wine and Cheese Reception, museum tours, and Valley City walking tour! Our amazing tour guides showed us the old and the new of this small town. During this tour we learned that our headquarters building was not only a high school in 1898, but it was also used as a dance hall, general store, movie theater, held politically rallies, lecture hall, and was used as a jail for a short time.

Meeting day was a success! Floral drill raised \$115 to be given to the Miss Sawyer "Kids For A Cause". Patriotic Instructor led the Patriotic Lesson the role of music in the Civil War, and in particular the message behind Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's Civil War poem, Christmas Bells. Congratulations to our new National Officers, National President Erin Mongelli, and Past National President Madeline Rock!

Our National Banquet was a successful fundraiser for our organization and a wonderful night! Over \$900 was raised for the HQ and Museum. Thank you to our Host Committee from the Orr Circle in OH, and to all of our special guests, and especially to our speaker Bryan Bowman of the Serving Area Military, Veterans, and Widows - SAM Center! Other greetings from Nancy Jane Greenwalt, Ramona Greenwalt, Jan Graham, all PNPs of Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veteran, Robert Rock, OH Commander of MOLLUS, Ted Prose, President of Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Brian Ferron of the Medina County Historical Society, Rod Knight of the Liverpool Twp Historical Society, Kathy Kraus and Linda Lucas of the York Historical Society, Ret. 1st Sgt. Ed Zackery, Director of the Medina Co VSC.

A big thank you to everyone who came!

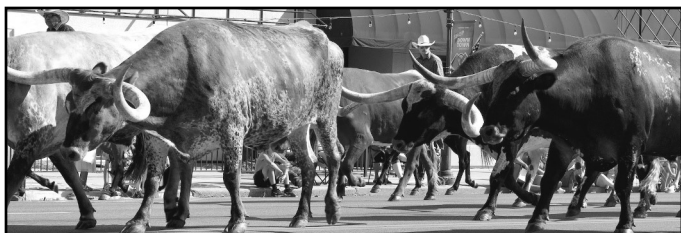


LGAR Poetry Books back IN STOCK!

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!



Oklahoma Members

My daughter Katelyn and I are your only Oklahoma members of the LGAR. We travelled to Enid Oklahoma today to celebrate the Cherokee Strip Land Run Anniversary celebration. My great great grandfather Civil War Veteran and GAR member Thomas Goyen was a private with the Iowa 3rd Co. L Cavalry through out the Civil War.



After the war, Thomas Goyen was a member of the GAR in Iowa, then Kansas and finally in Oklahoma after staking a claim in Woodward County, Oklahoma with the opening of the Cherokee Strip in Indian territory.

In his and two other great grandfather's remembrance, we celebrated the day by attending a wonderful parade followed by visiting the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center. And lastly, before returning home to Oklahoma City, we went to the Enid Cemetery where there are approximately 80 civil war veterans buried. There is a monument there that was erected by the LGAR Irvin McDowell Circle #18 in 1917 dedicated "To the Unknown Dead".

The monument did have some mold and algae growth and needed a good spray down and scrub. As we are easily distracted by old cemeteries, we carry a D2 cleaning kit. A quick trip to the store for bottled water and we were ready to get started. It was pretty hot being in the 90's but otherwise with just one scraped knuckle, we accomplished our task. We are hoping to get back later this fall to finish our work with a filler, sealer and check the results of the D2 cleaning.

In F, C, and L,
Sandy and Katelyn
Flores



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial Day Ceremony

We are proud as an organization to have the honor and privilege to participate in the solemn wreath laying on Memorial Day to remember those that gave their lives for their country. National President Madeline Rock, Marine Corps Veteran Brandon Ervin at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Pets for Vets Donation

National President Madeline Rock met with Ann Black, Past President, Board of Directors Pets for Vets and Jean Jackson, who handles Donations Acknowledgements, in Wilmington, N.C.! Congrats to our membership, we were able to hand



over a nice check and 2 tubs of supplies! Thank you to everyone for making such great donations to this cause, we are so proud to work with Pets for Vets and support what they do!

Valley City Frog Jump

A successful July day at the Valley City Frog Jump festival! The HQ Committee, National President Madeline Rock, and Ohio Members set up a tent with items available for donation, had a Jail and Bail, and if kids stopped to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, they got a Flag and a prize! It was a great day of fundraising and connecting with the community that our new HQ and Museum is a part of!



Christmas In July for Miss Sawyer's "Kids With A Cause"

We received several boxes of Christmas stockings and cards for this year's Sawyer's Stockings Project along with some fresh baked goodies for care packages from our friends at the LGAR!



Member Engagement:

34% of our members participated in annual memorials that pertained to Lincoln's birth or death, Washington's birth, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg or a special program with Flag participation. 5 Circles under National and 1 Department have reported working on multiple historical preservation projects in our name or have given historic programs & promoted our Order. We are proud to remember our history as an organization by remembering our history as a country!



Pets for Vets Letter presented at National Conv.

Dear Ladies of the G.A.R., Inc.

You are a bridge builder! Many brave troops return home with scars—both seen and unseen—that makes it difficult to transition back to civilian life. At the same time, millions of wonderful animals wait in shelters for a forever home. Pet for Vets, Inc. is the bridge that brings them together.

Your donation is a concrete way to show your support for Veterans who could benefit from having a custom trained working animal, at no cost to the Veteran. Each Veteran-pet matches with veterinary and medical care. Currently, your donation makes a difference by enabling us to continue to work with and provide additional support to our Veterans during Covid-19.

Thank you for your donation of \$863.35 received by Pets for Vets on June 6, 2024 for your 2022-2023 term. Your support does make a difference. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Thank you for your generous donations. It was a pleasure to meet Made-line Rock in Wilmington and accept two checks. Thank you for the \$1843.61 for your 2023-2024 term. We are so appreciative of the two bins for pet supplies that you gave us and assure you that they will be used to aid many pets.

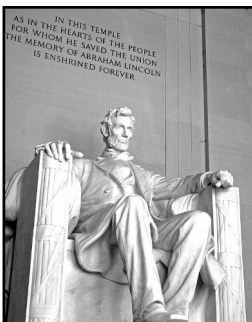
With kind regards,

Jean Jackson

5th Annual President's Day Online Trivia Party
February 23rd 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.

Word from Headquarters



Your National Headquarters & Museum Committee was happy to have our members visit during the National Convention in Valley City, Ohio. This allowed for an opportunity for any member to learn about the organization's collection and how things are being stored as well as presented. Over the course of the last year many items have been donated to our museum that make hosting events such as this very easy with a fully stocked kitchen of supplies and misc. items. After post convention clean up, the museum welcomed the Medina County Leadership Group, a local non-profit of networking leaders. Visitors learned of our organizational history and how it tied in to northeast Ohio. This was accomplished with our committee speaking about 3 different eras: how groups organized post Civil War from the US Sanitary Commission involvement to 1881, our founding & thriving years 1880's to 1940, & our involvement from 1940 to present. Several guests were interested in membership, and it's thru presentations such as this that allows for our organization to become familiar in the region with a positive plea for membership and involvement.

Up next for the Headquarters & Museum Committee will be participation in a Veterans Resource Fair to be held at the MAPS Air Museum, an aviation museum run by the Military Aviation Preservation Society. The committee will return to this museum for a Veterans Day banquet in November, followed by hosting a Christmas Party at our Museum in December.

As a member of LGAR, how can you help? You or your Circle can sponsor a month's rent! By sending a donation of \$125 to National, this ensures that our museum remains in good financial security. We have also started an Amazon Wish List, that you and your Circle members can shop from and send items that we are needing. Please see the link below for this.



We hope that you will make an effort to visit our museum in the coming months. Please always arrange for a private tour to ensure that the museum is open that day. Looking forward to your visit, Elizabeth Rock, Headquarters & Museum Chair

*National Headquarters Amazon
Wish List*

MOTIONS PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- Floral drill money, \$115, to be given to Miss Sawyer's "Kids For A Cause"
- Lookout Circle will host annual encampment in 2025.
- Isaac Rice Circle will host in 2026.

Want to see your article in the Bugle Call? Email any article and/or picture to National Bugle Call Editor Autumn Marthey

autumn.marthey@gmail.com



Adopt the Museum!

Wondering what you can do to support our Headquarters?

Your Circle or Department can now "Adopt the Museum" for a month to assist with rental costs!

Send in \$125 to cover one month, and in return get a shout out on our Social Media/Bugle Call!

You can send in the history of your Circle or projects you have, or adopt "in memory of"!

Checks and info can be sent to the National Secretary

Junior Circle

LGAR Juniors Addison Mae O'Dell and Joseph and Kamryn Mongelli visited Lincoln's Boyhood National Memorial during the Allied



Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Association 84th Meeting. A fun filled morning of learning about the childhood of our 16th President! Went home with a Lincoln Lego set and the Gettysburg Address!

Our Junior Circle currently has 11 members. We continue to look for new members. We have a Google Form that we sent via email, Facebook, and Twitter in search of other prospective members. Members have worked on asking friends if they would like to join in Junior Circle activities to increase interest. We do have a couple members that are about to age out, and we would love to find more members interested in taking leadership roles.

A message from our Social Media Committee

Everyone be sure when sending things in to be posted that you are adhering to the following guidelines to ensure that our social media retains a cohesive and fresh aesthetic.

1. High quality images, nothing blurry.
2. Posts that pertain to your involvement in the LGAR. We do not need to be posting about other organizations and what events they are putting on, only that you attended and represented LGAR, and if you went to something but represented a different org, it should not be put on our page.
3. Professionally written and properly spell checked captions
4. Ensure that you are representing our organization in a professional manner in your appearance, with worldwide followers we want to ensure that the image of our organization is admirable and professional.

Hurricane Relief

We want to help! To our members and communities impacted by hurricane Helene, please reach out to PNP/HQ committee member Madeline Rock at madelineline.rock@aol.com for assistance with fundraisers, specific items, etc.

Hosting bid of 2025:

Lookout Circle made the formal bid that they will host the 2025 National Convention at Fort Snelling. Dept President Cleo Bonham will be point of contact & Chairman of Arrangements. Meetings will be at the Fort in new building next to it. Speaker has been booked for Friday night dinner. Memorial Service Saturday morning at Fort Snelling Chapel. No hotel chosen. August 7th-8th-9th.

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Permanent Fund

Contributions to the Permanent Fund may be made in the amount of \$10 or more to honor any living person or in memory of deceased member or Veterans. Please include the full name of the person being honored and any titles. For a Veteran, give state, Military Company and Regiment. Make checks payable to The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. and mail along with your contribution form to:

PNP Lynne Bury**10095 Wadsworth Rd. Marshallville, OH 44645****330-855-4251****zboctagonhouse@aol.com**

Donors Name: _____

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CURRENT SUPPLIES IN STOCK**Supply List 2024-25**

Application Blanks	.10
Membership Badges	50.00
Rituals	3.00
Constitution & By-laws	12.00
Receipt Books	1.50
Warrant Books	1.75
Membership Cards	.10
Honorable Discharge Cards	.10
Transfer Cards	.10
Charter Application	25.00
Charter Replacement	25.00
Organization Pamphlets	24 for \$6 Postage
Music & Words from Ode Card	1.50
LGAR Sticker	.50
NEW CHARMS	5.00
Past Convention Ribbons & Medals	Make a donation to Ways & Means
Pets for Vets Dog Tags	Make \$5 donation for Pets for Vets Fund
Pets for Vets Tumblers	12.00
Pets for Vets Magnets	5.00
Pets for Vets Decals	3.00
Yearly Proceedings Printed	15.00