



# THE BUGLE CALL

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## Remembrance Day | Gettysburg, PA

This November, members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to participate in the annual Remembrance Day events—a weekend dedicated to honoring Union soldiers, commemorating Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and reflecting on the sacrifices that shaped our nation.

Our delegation began by paying respects at the Albert Woolson Monument, where National President Jan Stevenson and Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice President Deb Miller laid wreaths in solemn tribute. Members gathered for photos and fellowship before the Remembrance Day Parade, a cherished tradition that unites hereditary organizations and descendants in honoring their ancestors' service.

Throughout the weekend, LGAR members also attended a powerful ceremony at Lincoln Cemetery, final resting place of unknown African American soldiers who fought at Gettysburg but were denied burial in the National Cemetery. The cemetery is also home to many influential African American citizens from Gettysburg's history. The ceremony served as a poignant reminder of forgotten stories, ongoing preservation efforts, and the importance of recognizing all who served.

Many members took part in the Gettysburg National Cemetery Luminary, where thousands of candles are placed beside the graves of fallen Union soldiers. The soft glow across the fields—paired with recitations of the names of those buried there—created an unforgettable and deeply moving experience.



The day prior to Remembrance Day, members toured the battlefield while following the diary of George Metcalf of Valley City, Ohio, retracing his firsthand account of the Battle of Gettysburg. Members also paused at various monuments connected to their own ancestors, offering quiet moments of reflection and gratitude.

Together, the weekend captured the very heart of our mission: remembrance, education, and honoring those who preserved the Union. (pictures on page 4)



## AMERICA250: CELEBRATING THE SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL

The America250 Committee has kicked off the beginning of the celebrations with the announcement of new initiatives for our organization to strive for in the coming anniversary year! Be sure to check the website and social media for updates and news regarding this special time!

- America Gives:** Promotes the culture of service in America, encouraging charitable giving, public service, community volunteering, and military support.
- America Waves:** Encourages flag-related education and engagement, uniting Americans in the display and celebration of our national symbol—the Stars and Stripes.
- 250 Acts of Service:** A national initiative asking members to collectively complete 250 acts or hours of service to report to Congress in 2026.
- Time Capsule Project:** Will preserve LGAR history and perspectives for future generations in a national time capsule to be opened at a future milestone.
- Independence Day Ceremony:** Planning is underway for a meaningful and patriotic July 4, 2026, celebration to mark this historic event.
- National Headquarters & Museum Exhibit:** A special Civil War exhibit will honor the contributions of Union

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**BUGLE CALL SUBMISSION DEADLINES:**

September 15, 2025

April 15, 2026

Submissions should be sent  
via email to the Bugle Call

January 15, 2026

July 1, 2026

Editor

**NATIONAL PROJECT:  
PETS FOR VETS**

**HELP US HONOR THOSE WHO  
SERVED BY SUPPORTING PETS  
FOR VETS, LGAR'S NATIONAL  
PROJECT BENEFITING VETERANS  
AND RESCUED ANIMALS ALIKE.**



**AMERICA250: CELEBRATING  
THE SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL**

veterans to the American story as part of the broader national celebration.

- **Informative Flag Pamphlet:** Designed for youth and school outreach, these pamphlets teach flag history, etiquette, and meaning, fostering patriotism in the next generation.
- **Student Essay and Art Contest:** Launched to engage students nationwide in reflecting on what 250 years of American history means to them. The winner will receive a special invitation to our National ceremony on July 4, 2026.
- **America 250 Countdown Widget:** Now live on our website to generate excitement and awareness leading up to the celebration.

# GENERAL ORDERS

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## General Orders No. 2 2025-2026:

1. Please continue to read your ritual! I can not stress it enough. This little book is a wealth of information and provides us with the proper order of business and meeting set up.
2. Read your Constitution and Bylaws! This will better prepare you for understanding the rules and regulations of our organization. If there are any questions about either of the above orders, please contact myself or an National Officer.
3. Check on your members! This time of year can be lonely for those that are not able to get out of the house. Even if you don't meet this time of year, plan a telephone or internet meeting. This will allow everyone to still be part of the party without leaving the comfort and safety of their living room.
4. Report forms and Circle Packets will soon be arriving. Please review these forms carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the National officer that is responsible for this program within our organization. If you cannot reach them, contact me.
5. Continue to work for the betterment of our organization! Let's start out the new

year celebrating the birthday of our country. We have much to celebrate!

7. Continue to send your circle/department news to our Social Media/Bugle Call Editor. Her contact information is on our website or in front of this publication.
8. I want to remind you about an item on the membership application. Did you know that you are to "investigate" your applicant? Now what does that mean? This is a small way to get to know your prospective member. It is not a criminal investigation. It is to make sure that her intentions are just in joining our organization. It can be a telephone call, a quick stop for coffee, or a little get together at a member's house with other applicants. It is also a great way to go over the application to make sure that it is filled out with the correct information. Sometimes the form can be confusing. Since I work in the Museum (and as MAL Coordinator) I read hundreds of applications and eligibility cards. These forms are part of the history of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. The HQ caretakers use these forms to look up various information about our foremothers. We get several information requests each year. Let's make the proper application process a goal for 2026 and beyond.

As we say hello to 2026, I wish you all the best for a wonderful and prosperous new year!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Janice Stevenson, National President

## Travel Log

After a quiet start to the year, October and November were busy months. In mid-October, I traveled to South Korea to visit my son, Chip, and members of his Field Artillery unit, meeting my daughter-in-law, Tabbitha, in Colorado Springs before continuing overseas. While there, I had the opportunity to distribute LGAR Challenge Coins and visit another Army installation, where I was fortunate to witness an impromptu U.S. Thunderbirds air show.

In November, I attended the annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day ceremonies, which remain one of my favorite events. I was honored to represent our organization at the Woolson Monument, with the assistance of dedicated veterans who continue to support our efforts. Our family also visited ancestral unit monuments and participated in Lincoln Cemetery services honoring members of the U.S. Colored Troops.

As the holidays approached, museum activities slowed due to severe weather. Looking ahead, I have several visits planned with subordinate circles and departments. Members interested in a visit are encouraged to contact me. Upcoming travels include Washington, D.C., and Springfield.



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Janice Stevenson  
National President,  
LGAR

## Holiday Service Spotlight

Lookout Circle has delivered 45 Christmas cards to the Montevideo MN State Veterans home as well as 180 cards to the Texas State Veterans home in Temple, Texas.

This is an easy project for a circle to complete. Buy clearance cards in January, remembering no glitter, and cards can be signed all year.

## YELLOW ROSE TRIBUTE Fundraiser

Honor your Civil War ancestor with a meaningful tribute on the Gettysburg Battlefield

Through our Gettysburg Yellow Rose Campaign, a yellow rose will be placed on the battlefield where your ancestor's unit fought during Remembrance Day Weekend in November.

Each tribute includes a brief written dedication read aloud, and a photograph of the rose placement will be provided to you.

\$10 per Rose

Proceeds support the Ladies of the G. A. R. National Museum and HQ

Order online now through November 1, 2026

Register at [www.lgarnational.org](http://www.lgarnational.org)

*A simple rose. A lasting remembrance. A legacy honored.*



## William Boone Keith Circle 80th WWII End of War Commemoration

Dr. Linda Miller, of William Boone Keith Circle #3 in Las Vegas, Nevada, coordinated the 80<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the End of World War II at the Atomic Museum on September 2, 2025. The event was sponsored by the Atomic Museum, where Dr. Miller is on the Board of Trustees, and Valley of Fire NSDAR, where Dr. Miller is the Commemorative Events Chair. The events on September 2, 2025, included an introduction by Dr. Linda Miller a historical perspective of the ongoing impact of World War II on southern Nevada by Mark Hall-Patton, a docent tour of the exhibit, Manhattan Project Challenges and Consequences and the Official Live Stream Commemoration Ceremony Hosted by the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

After the ceremony, a remembrance of the late Circle President Shirley Dunphy was held in the History Walk where Circle members Dr. Miller and Barbara Yooungman dedicated a brick remembering the times she had been at the museum. Other Circle members attending included Suzanne West Ybarra, Julia Fontenot and Tina Bates.



Submitted by  
Linda Miller



## Remembrance Day | Gettysburg, PA

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## Limited Edition America 250 x LGAR Commemorative Coins

AVAILABLE NOW- JUST \$10 EACH!

HONOR AMERICA'S 250TH AND SUPPORT THE LGAR HQ  
AND MUSEUM WITH THIS BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED  
COLLECTOR'S COIN.

BULK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CIRCLES AND DEPARTMENTS  
(MIN ORDER OF 12) PERFECT FOR FUNDRAISING!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY!  
[LGARSUPPLY.COMPANY.SITE](http://LGARSUPPLY.COMPANY.SITE)



## Lincoln Birthday Celebration | Washington D.C.

Join the National President in Washington D.C. for the annual Lincoln Birthday Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial!

February 11, 6:00 pm MOLLUS Banquet, Sheraton Suites Hotel, Old Town Alexandria, VA

February 12 - 10:30 am Lincoln Memorial Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC

Hotel: Sheraton Suites, Old Town Alexandria, VA

SAVE THE DATE

Please join the LBNCC  
Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee  
Commemorating the  
277th Anniversary of  
President Abraham Lincoln's Birth

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 10:30 am

The Lincoln Memorial  
Washington, D.C.

## President's Day Trivia

REGISTER NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN  
OUR ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DAY  
TRIVIA FUNDRAISER!

7PM EST  
FEBRUARY 15TH  
VISIT [LGARtrivia6.eventbrite.com](https://LGARtrivia6.eventbrite.com)  
TO REGISTER



6<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Day Trivia Party  
February 15, 2026 7pm EST / 4pm PST

Sponsored by  
**LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

### To Participate

Register on Eventbrite  
At [LGARtrivia6.eventbrite.com](https://LGARtrivia6.eventbrite.com)  
Suggested donation \$10 per person

- Designate team name to play with a team  
let us place you on a team
- A Zoom link will be emailed to you

Trivia Party proceeds go to the LGAR veterans projects including Pets for Vets.

## William Boone Keith Circle #3 Brings Christmas Cheer to a healthcare facility.

By Suzanne West-Ybarra and Tina Bates

On December 18, 2025, members of Circle #3 visited El Jen Healthcare Facility in Las Vegas, Nevada, to deliver Christmas gifts to residents, including warm clothing and seasonal items. The Activity Director, Kathleen, and staff warmly welcomed the group and shared information about the facility, which serves long-term care, rehabilitation, memory care, and veteran residents. Circle #3 plans to return in February to assist residents with Valentine activities and deliver cards and treats to those unable to participate.



 <p><b>Schedule of Events 140th Annual National Encampment August 7-9, 2026</b> <b>Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at Kinton's Knob, Bedford, Pennsylvania</b></p>																																																								
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## FROM OUR MEDIA RELATIONS CHAIR:

As we continue to strengthen our presence and share the mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic with the world, the way we present ourselves—both in person and online—matters more than ever.

We are currently rebranding and working toward a cohesive design suite across our social media, the Bugle Call, our website, and other outreach efforts.

To help us achieve this goal, please follow these guidelines when submitting photos and information:

1. **High-Quality Photos** – Images should be clear, well-lit, and ideally sent via email in their original size.
2. **LGAR-Related Content Only** – Please send photos from LGAR events or from events where you officially represented LGAR.
3. **Professional Captions** – Include a brief, well-written caption for each photo that explains the event, identifies individuals when possible, and maintains a professional tone.
4. **Professional Appearance** – When representing LGAR, remember that our audience extends worldwide.

Your cooperation ensures that every post, article, and publication reflects the dignity, history, and mission of LGAR. Together, we can maintain an image that is both admirable and professional, while inspiring others to join our cause.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us tell the story of LGAR with pride.

Thank you! In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
PNP Madeline Rock

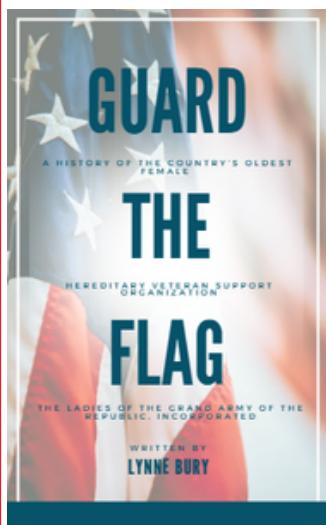
## WORD FROM HEADQUARTERS

The LGAR National Museum has recently taken down its Civil War exhibit as we begin an exciting transition toward America 250 programming. Our

upcoming focus will feature a special display highlighting the history of the American Flag, tracing its evolution and the symbolism behind its stars and stripes.

In addition, the local Museum Committee will present programs in the area titled "The Star-Spangled Banner" with at least three committee members participating. This presentation will explore the creation of our National Anthem and the meaning behind its powerful words, offering historical insight and patriotic reflection.

The LGAR Museum is open to the public on the last Sunday of each month and by appointment. We invite members and guests alike to visit, learn and celebrate our shared American heritage.



**Coming Soon – Guard the Flag**  
 We are excited to announce the upcoming release of Guard the Flag, a newly published history of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. This important work preserves and shares our story, honoring the women who have carried forward the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for generations. Stay tuned for details and updates on the progress of this project!

## NEW MEMBER SUPPLY KIT

Show your pride in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic with our New Member Kit—complete with Ritual, Bylaws, an exclusive LGAR charm, and a bumper sticker to share your support everywhere you go. All this, with insured shipping, for just \$42.

### ★ New! LGAR Badge ★

Add to your collection with our beautiful LGAR badge—a symbol of honor and sisterhood—available now for \$50 plus \$9.25 shipping.



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HOLD OVER CODE TO  
OPEN A LINK TO  
VIDEOS



AMERICA 250 X LGAR INFO

Want to see your article in the Bugle Call? Email articles and/or photos to the National Bugle Call Editor, PNP

Madeline Rock  
madeline.rock@aol.com

SCAM/PHISHING INFORMATION

WE NEED  
YOUR EMAIL

The Fall the Spring issues will be the ONLY MAILED issues. The Winter issue, plus a bonus, will now be emailed to members. Please make sure that National has a good email for you!



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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 1 month, and in return get a shoutout 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

### 2026 HOSTING BID

The Isaac Rice Circle of Pennsylvania has made the formal bid to host the 2026 National Convention in Bedford, Pennsylvania. We are excited to gather in this historic community for another memorable year of fellowship and business. It was also voted to adjust the schedule of the National Convention to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday rather than the previous Thursday-Saturday format. This change will take effect in 2026, with next year's convention dates set for August 7-9, 2026.

## William Boone Keith Circle #3 Collects over 300 Retired American Flags

By Suzanne West-Ybarra and Tina Bates

On December 19, 2025, Ladies from Circle #3, Suzanne, Julia and Tina drove to the Veteran Cemetery in Boulder City to drop off over 300 flags that were collected from the flag bin the Circle placed at the Veterans Hospital located in North Las Vegas.



The flag bin provides a much needed and greatly appreciated service for collecting retired flags. We anticipate we will collect more flags in 2026.

### 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 Beth Null  
20208 St Highway 71W  
Spicewood, TX 78669  
bethnull@mindspring.com

Donors Name:

Address:

City and State: Zip:

Department of:

In Honor or Memory of:

* Supplies *	
Bumper Sticker	\$1
Vintage Sticker	\$1
LGAR Sticker	2 for \$1
Membership Cards	10 for \$1
Decals	\$3
Magnets	\$5
Rituals	\$15
Patriotic Face Mask	\$3
Ode Cards	\$3
Warrant Books	\$2
Receipt Books	\$2
LGAR Tumbler Cup	\$12
Flag Keychain	\$1
Pets for Vets Dog Tag	\$5
Charms	\$5
Membership Badge	\$50
LGAR Enamaled Pin	\$10
LGAR Notepad	\$5
Patriotic Bandana	4 for \$1
LGAR Eligibility Cards	10 for \$1
LGAR Transfer Cards	10 for \$1
LGAR Hon. Discharge	10 for \$1
LGAR Good Standing	4 for \$1
LGAR Poetry Books	\$10
LGAR Charm Earrings	\$8
LGAR Museum T-Shirt	\$25
Bylaws	\$12