



THE BUGLE CALL

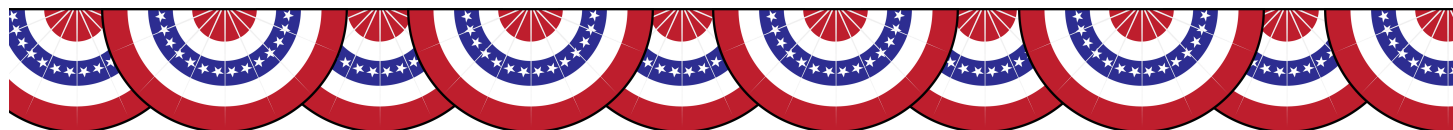


Series 2025-2026

Doylestown, OH

Spring 2025-2026

NO. 3



Dear LGAR Members,

In 2021, the Department of Pennsylvania Officers were asked to provide information regarding their activities and administration. The Department President was contacted first, followed by the remaining officers; no responses were received. As a result, the Department Charter was suspended. Subsequent review documented multiple violations of LGAR Bylaws, and the National Advisory Council voted to dishonorably discharge the Department Officers. The remaining members were then given the opportunity to determine their future and chose to continue as a Department, electing new officers who serve today.

Following their discharge, certain former officers began meeting independently and moved to establish a separate organization using the name and emblem of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. By 2022, this group was operating within Pennsylvania and has since presented itself publicly as LGAR in fundraising, events, and grant applications. Public records identify Constance Cole, Marion Lane, and Dorothy Wright as officers of this organization.

National leadership has made repeated efforts to notify Allied Orders; while some acknowledged this, many declined further involvement. Meanwhile, the legitimate Department of Pennsylvania has worked to restore stability and continue in the spirit of our foremothers.

I write not only in an official capacity, but as (cont from cover) a lifetime member with over 50 years of service, including Past National President and National Secretary. My commitment has always been to the preservation and integrity of this Order. Considerable effort has been devoted to documentation, legal counsel, and preserving accurate records. I am also compiling a comprehensive history of the Department of Pennsylvania, tracing its origins to 1884.

It is concerning that misinformation and personal

accusations have been circulated publicly, affecting both individuals and the integrity of the organization. We must remain grounded in truth and due diligence. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., nationalized in 1886 and federally chartered in 1959, remains one unified national organization. We respectfully ask that members clearly communicate that no separate group is authorized to use its name or emblem.

We encourage all members to remain informed, uphold our Bylaws, and exemplify Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, ensuring the integrity of our Order for generations to come. With respect in F.C.L., Elizabeth Rock, Past National President, LGAR, Inc.



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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September 15, 2025

April 15, 2026

January 15, 2026

July 1, 2026

Submissions should be sent
via email to the Bugle Call
Editor***NATIONAL PROJECT:
PETS FOR VETS*****HELP US HONOR THOSE WHO
SERVED BY SUPPORTING PETS
FOR VETS, LGAR'S NATIONAL
PROJECT BENEFITING VETERANS
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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. 3 2025-2026:

1. Pay your Per Capita! Forms from your circles are due to the National Secretary by May 15. There is a \$25 late fee if forms are not received by the due date,
2. Fill out your report forms! An effortless way to remember this is to hold a special meeting and fill out the forms together as a group. If you do not meet this month, please take the time to fill it out properly and get it to your circle secretary so she can send it to National.
3. Continue to send your articles to the Bugle Call.
4. Memorial Day is right around the corner. Please attend and participate in your community's services. If there are no services nearby, please attend one as close to you as possible.
5. Wear your membership badge and tell the world of who we are.
6. Check out our website! If you need a telephone number, address, or email address of one of the National officers, or you need any of the forms that are required. Previous issues of the Bugle Call.
7. Enjoy your Spring! It is a time of new birth and growth. We are growing. It is

slow, but a rose does not bloom overnight. Just like a garden needs water, fertilizer, and sun; to thrive, our organization needs its members to promote our good works to the outside community to grow.

8. Pray for the men and women serving in our military, Pray for those that we have lost defending our freedoms. Be grateful for the many blessings that God has given to us.

Travel Log:

Greetings! I can't believe that Spring is finally here! Seems like it was just yesterday that I attended the Lincoln Birthday Ceremony in Washington, DC. It was a windy day, with limited parking as always! But I am grateful that my husband, Jody, Madeline Rock, and Brandon Ervin were there to make me look good and assist with our flag and make sure I got up the ramp in one piece! The small quartet from the US Army band played such beautiful music. It was an honor to place our wreath at the foot of the magnificent statue of the Great Emancipator. I also visited the Library of Congress to see about getting our proceedings into storage there

I attended several meetings of the Department of PA via Zoom. I am continuing to monitor the unsanctioned department activities. More details will follow concerning this issue. If anyone has any questions concerning the illegal use of our name and images, please contact me.

I was unable to attend the Lincoln's Death Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Thank you, PNP Erin Mongeilli, for representing our organization. I look forward to seeing the photos and hearing about the event.

Memorial Day will soon be here. I plan on attending the events at Arlington National Cemetery. More details to come.

I hope to be invited to more events within our organization. I enjoy meeting and seeing everyone. Thank you and hope to see everyone at National Convention in Bedford, PA.

LGAR member Linda Nassie's new book! She applied for membership in the LGAR with Henry Dixon. Henry was her 3rd great grandfather. She wrote the book so that his story and the story of other Dixons and their connection to American history would not be forgotten.

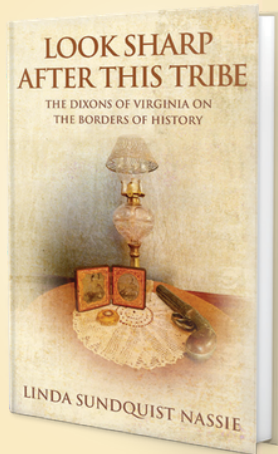
LOOK SHARP AFTER THIS TRIBE

The Dixons of Virginia on the Borders of History

AN EARLY AMERICAN FAMILY BIOGRAPHY IN TWO VOLUMES

Look Sharp After This Tribe is a remarkable story of a truly unusual family set against the backdrop of the developing American nation. Mariner Edward Dixon, the first of the Dixons to arrive in the Virginia colony, came to Port Royal, Virginia, in 1745, and built a family heritage that set into motion a gentry life for his family and descendants for generations to come. Built first through land ownership and agricultural development, the Dixons established prosperous lives, blending with many of the First Families of Virginia. But by the Civil War, the lives of the Dixons, as well as the entire nation, changed forever. On November 6, 1860, Edward Dixon's great grandson, Henry, rode his horse from his farm to the local polling place and with a room full of fellow voters orally cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln, becoming the only man in Fauquier County to vote for the future President. The bold and controversial act quickly changed the course of Henry's life and that of his family forevermore. Now in the public arena, Dixon acts of heroism, bravery and devotion to commitments, brilliance and ground-breaking talent, espionage, mental instability and insanity, debauchery and criminal activity, all played out in the public arena and became the subject of countless conversations and opinions across the country. This "tribe" of family members left their mark on American history, both positively and negatively. This is their story, the Dixons of Virginia on the Borders of History.

Look Sharp After This Tribe AVAILABLE AT AMAZON.COM AND BARNES & NOBLE.COM Category: Biography; ISBN Hardcover: 978-1-966799-90-0; ISBN Paperback: 13-978-1-966799-89-4; Contact: P.O. Box 1231, Magalia, CA 95954; linda.nassie@gmail.com



Dr. Sundquist Nassie learned at a very young age that her compelling family stories were a part of the fabric of America's story. It was a belief that she hoped her students learned about their own heritage in her classroom in the nearly 40 years that she taught American history and English to her high school and junior high school students and the Boy Scouts with whom she mentored. From her family arriving at Jamestown in 1607 to modern days, it's the stories that have made American history the personal adventure that it has been. It is also a wonderful lesson that such stories are there for each of us to discover and to connect us to the greatest civilization that has ever existed. —Pro Patria Semper

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William Boone Keith Circle #3 Spreading Valentine's Day Cheer By Suzanne West-Ybarra

The ladies of the William Boone Keith Circle #3 have been busy sharing kindness and compassion in our community this Valentine's season.

After adopting Willow Haven Healthcare & Rehabilitation facility here in Las Vegas last Christmas, the Circle continued their outreach by bringing Valentine's Day cheer to both residents and staff. The ladies gathered at the facility to distribute thoughtfully prepared goodie bags filled with candy, heart-shaped Ding Dongs, Chap Stick, lotion, and a Valentine card for each resident and staff member personally signed by our members. The response was truly heartwarming. Many of the residents have no family nearby, and they were overjoyed to receive these small tokens of care and remembrance. Smiles, gratitude, and heartfelt thanks filled the room as the ladies spent time sharing in the spirit of the holiday.

Through simple acts of kindness, the William Boone Keith Circle No. 3 continues to honor the legacy of service and compassion that defines our organization—reminding us all that even the smallest gestures can make a meaningful difference.



General John A. Logan's General Order 11 (Memorial Day Order)

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to lend its friendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use efforts to make this order effective. By order of JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief

The Frank Daggett Circle presented Col. Berube with a gift basket upon his retirement after 40 years of dedicated service to the United States.

On February 11, 2026 the Frank Daggett Circle 105 served a Hot Dish on a Cold Day to veterans and the public at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Litchfield Minnesota. Veterans ate free. Approximately 100 people were served beef and chicken stew, breads, desserts and beverages. This is an annual event honoring veterans.



Honoring Our Traditions at National Convention

As we prepare for our National Conventions, it is important to remind all members that several long-standing traditions of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic remain in effect and have not been voted away. These customs are an important part of our Order and deserve to be learned, respected, and carried out.

When the National President gives her report, it is the duty of the Sr Vice to stand during the reading. At the conclusion, the Sr Vice should call for a motion to accept the report, followed by a second, and conduct the vote in proper form. Additionally, it is the customary duty of the Sr Vice to gather a love gift for the National President, traditionally monetary, to assist with expenses incurred during her year of service. It is also customary that a corsage or bouquet of flowers be placed at the National President's podium station.

Members are also reminded of proper decorum and dress. Membership badges are to be worn over the heart at all times, and National Officer sashes are worn over the right shoulder. Those attending convention should learn the handshake and password prior to the meeting, and members should not leave the room without first proceeding to the altar to salute. Please remember to silence cell phones, refrain from wearing hats in the meeting room, and bring your Ritual and Bylaws with you.

By observing these traditions, we honor those who came before us and preserve the dignity and order of our beloved LGAR.

A Valentine's Tribute of Remembrance and Honor William Boone Keith Circle #3, Las Vegas, Nevada By Suzanne West-Ybarra

The William Boone Keith Circle #3 continues its proud tradition of honoring the legacy of Union soldiers through hands-on service and remembrance.

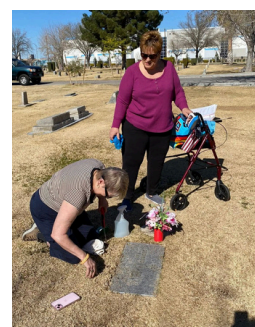
Our Circle, named in honor of a Union soldier laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery here in Las Vegas, is deeply committed to preserving the memory of those who

served during the Civil War. As part of our ongoing efforts, members care for and maintain the graves of Civil War soldiers buried at Woodlawn, ensuring these historic resting places are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

This past Valentine's Day, several dedicated members of our Circle gathered for a special act of remembrance. In a gesture of gratitude and affection, they carefully cleaned and decorated the graves of ten Civil War soldiers. In addition, the group honored two veterans of the Spanish-American War, placing beautiful floral arrangements at their gravesites as well.

This heartfelt tribute reflects not only our mission to preserve history, but also our commitment to ensuring that no veteran is forgotten. Through simple yet meaningful acts like these, we keep alive the spirit of service, sacrifice, and patriotism that defines our organization.

William Boone Keith Circle #3 remains steadfast in its purpose—honoring the past while inspiring future generations to remember and respect those who served our nation.



Sister Bridget DeLuca, MAL, of Spencerport, NY cleaned the gravestone of the patriot, Ephraim Colby (1747-1823). The patriot is buried in the Colby Cemetery in Ogden, NY where he settled in 1804. He originally lived in New Hampshire and served during the Revolutionary War. He was a part of the Bunker Hill campaign. His descendants are still living on the land that he settled. There will be a Patriot Remembrance Ceremony in the cemetery in May and Sister Bridget plans to attend.

Sisters Tess Shimer and Deb Miller, Pennsylvania Rice Circle, attended the Bedford County 250th Anniversary Kick-off. Bedford Co. has many events planned, including an August parade with Rice Circle members.



Schedule of Events 140th Annual National Encampment August 7-9, 2026

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at Kinton's Knob, Bedford, Pennsylvania

Friday, August 7

2pm – 3 pm	Budget Committee Meeting	Kinton's Knob
3pm – 5pm	Advisory Council Meeting	Kinton's Knob
6pm – 9pm	Registration and Reception	Kinton's Knob
10am – 2pm	Tour	Flight 93 National Memorial

Saturday, August 8

8am – 9am	Room Setup	Kinton's Knob
8:45am – 9am	Registration and Coffee	Kinton's Knob
9am – 9:15 am	Opening	Kinton's Knob
9:15 – 9:30am	Floral Drill	Kinton's Knob
9:30 – 10am	Initiation/Installation	Kinton's Knob
10am – 12:15am	Business Session	Kinton's Knob
12:15 – 1pm	In-Meeting Room Lunch	Kinton's Knob
1pm – 3pm	Business Session	Kinton's Knob
3 – 3:30pm	Installation of Officers	Kinton's Knob
3:30 – 4:pm	Room Cleanup	Kinton's Knob
6pm – 9pm	Keynote Speaker Dinner	Kinton's Knob

Sunday, August 9

9am-10am	Advisory Council Meeting	Kinton's Knob
11am-11:30am	Memorial Service	Old Log Church, Schellsburg
12pm-3pm	Tour	Flight 93 National Memorial

LGAR HQ HOTEL

Hampton Inn
4235 Business Route 220,
Bedford, PA
814-624-0101
\$169.00 per night + \$18.59
Tax
Ladies of the G.A.R. for Block

Shuttle and Parking

For those driving, visitor parking at hotels, Kinton's Knob and Old Log Church is free.

Alternative Hotel

Quality Inn
4407 Business Route 220,
Bedford, PA
(814) 623-5188

Notes: The schedule is an estimate and may be adjusted based on business needs. **Participants are requested to wear red, white and/or blue business attire.**

2026 LGAR National Convention Registration Form

Mail this form with \$15/personal check or money order payable to Ladies of the G.A.R. Inc, to Debra Miller, LGAR National Secretary, 108 Loghouse Lane, Manns Choice, PA 15550 by July 1.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

DEPARTMENT & CIRCLE: _____

Attending Tour: ____Friday ____Saturday

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.

2026 LGAR Keynote Speaker Dinner Registration Form

Mail this form with \$40/personal check or money order payable to LGAR Rice Circle to Sue Llewellyn, 150 Long View Rd, Bedford, PA 15522 by July 1.

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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
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BOOKLET ANNOUNCEMENT



History of the Pennsylvania Department of LGAR

This publication preserves the legacy of
our Pennsylvania Department.
All proceeds will support legal efforts to
safeguard the integrity of our
organization.

Available by contacting Elizabeth Rock
OctagonLR@aol.com or Deb Miller
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NEW CONVENTION DATES

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.

Be thinking about your own bid to host
Convention!



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

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
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Doylestown, OH 44230

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

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Address:

City and State:

Zip:

Department of:

In Honor or Memory of:



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LGAR Sticker	2 for \$1
Membership Cards	10 for \$1
Decals	\$3
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LGAR Tumbler Cup	\$12
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Pets for Vets Dog Tag	\$5
Charms	\$5
Membership Badge	\$50
LGAR Enameled 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
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