

# **The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**



***Serving Veterans Since 1881***

# WHO ARE WE?

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. is a Congressionally Chartered non-profit organization, and is the oldest women's hereditary organization in the United States.

The original objectives of the organization included promotion of patriotism and loyalty to the Union, and participation in community service, especially for the aid of our Veterans and their dependents.

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES ARE STILL THE SAME, WITH GREAT EMPHASIS ON PROMOTION OF PATRIOTISM, EDUCATION, AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORY.



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# What We Do:

- **Volunteer for Veterans at Local VA Hospitals, Veterans' Homes, etc**
- **Visit Veterans, record their stories, provide them with help**
- **Gather and send supplies to Active Duty Servicemembers**
- **Community Involvement and Support**
- **Attend and organize events relating to the military and veterans**
- **Monument and Battlefield Preservation**
- **Fundraising for Memorial and Dedication Ceremonies**
- **Support Nonprofit Organization Pets for Vets**
- **Promote Patriotism and American Education**





## BEHIND THE UNITED STATES' OLDEST WOMEN'S HEREDITARY SOCIETY

**The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is a national non-profit organization deeply rooted in history.**


After the Civil War in 1866, the Union Veterans organized the first Veteran's organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. As these Veterans grew older, many women's groups formed to aid comrades, widows and orphans. In 1881 an organization called The Loyal Ladies League was established as an auxiliary to the G.A.R. By 1886 these ladies nationalized changing their name to The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

1910 found the LGAR having active membership in 29 states with over 60,000 members. The original objectives of the organization were many; including volunteer hours and dollars to community activities involving Veteran's homes, hospitals, and the care of the elderly.

- **Raised money to build veterans homes for veterans and their families**
- **Bought ambulances during WWII**
- **Raised funds for veterans needs during wars like seeing eye dogs, radios for hospitals, etc**
- **Donated blood plasma during WWI and WWII**
- **Cemetery Cleanup/Various Community Projects**

**And so much more!**

**The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was Chartered by Congress of the United States and remain dedicated to their mission today.**





# **Our current National Project is**

## **Pets for Vets®**

A National Nonprofit Organization dedicated to providing a second chance for shelter dogs by rescuing, training, and matching them with American Veterans who need a companion pet.



# **LGAR Museum and Headquarters**

**The LGAR National Museum room contains the organizations National Archives and extensive collection of our one of a kind items that detail our involvement with veteran care and patriotic work since 1881.**

**We strive to not only maintain this collection but to also grow and educate others about our patriotic work.**

**Located in Valley City, Ohio**



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# HOW TO JOIN LGAR

Due to the deep history of the organization, there are eligibility requirements.

All female blood relatives, ten (10) years of age or over, of honorably discharged Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the Civil War, 1861 to 1865, also ex-army nurses of that War, are eligible for membership.



**DUES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CIRCLE (OR LOCAL GROUP) IN WHICH YOU ARE JOINING. APPLICATION PAPERWORK ACCOMPANYING YOUR DUES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CIRCLE SECRETARY. A DEPARTMENT OR CIRCLE UNDER NATIONAL CAN BE FOUND ON THE "ROSTER" PAGE.**



If no one is in your state, you can join under a circle or department in a different state, or you can choose to be a Member-at-Large









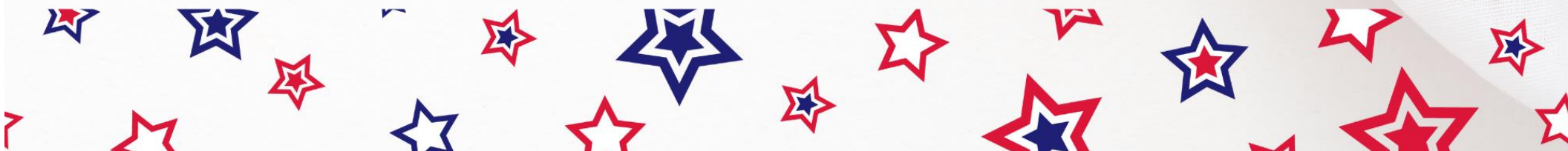
# DONATE

**Thank you for considering making a donation to our  
Congressionally Chartered Nonprofit Organization!**

**Your contribution directly impacts veterans, children,  
various communities, and American History!**

**Donations can be made payable to LGAR National Organization  
and sent to the National Secretary (found on the roster page of our website)**

\*\*\*The Ladies of the GAR Inc. is a 501(c)(1) organization.  
Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law\*\*\*





## **NEW LGAR HISTORY BOOK**

### **“GUARD THE FLAG”**

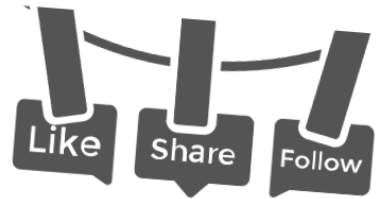
**Currently being written by our National Historian and Senior Most Past National President, Lynne Bury.**

**A published history has not been done since the 1920s. It will detail a bio of all Past National Presidents, our Departments, a complete history on projects we've completed which include: monument and bench placement, battlefield preservation, creation of Veteran Homes, passing of bills through Congress for Veteran care, political influence of keeping patriotic lessons alive.**

**It will detail the structure of our organization, what we are about, and will highlight our future as an organization in a modern world.**



# CONNECT



*with us*



**[LGARnational.org](http://LGARnational.org)**



**[LadiesOfTheGrandArmyOfTheRepublicNational](https://www.facebook.com/LadiesOfTheGrandArmyOfTheRepublicNational)**



**[@ladiesoftheGAR](https://www.instagram.com/@ladiesoftheGAR)**

**[LGARnational.org/roster](http://LGARnational.org/roster) has all updated officers  
listed with phone numbers and emails**

# ***How To Help***



**Join us! Your membership keeps us going.!**



**Fundraise/donate. This ensures our missions' success!**



**Gather supplies to donate for military boxes/Pets for  
Vets!**



**Become active in your local Circle or start your own!**