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MEET ELIZABETH ROCK OUR NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Sister Elizabeth Bury Rock joined the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic as a Jr Member of the Robert Burns Brown Circle in Ohio at the age of 5. Her first national convention in 1977 she served as page for National President Betty Koch, and served on the floor doing floor work throughout the 1980's. In 2002 she formed the Elizabeth Thorn Circle in PA while residing in Gettysburg, and then finally transferred to the Margaret M. Orr Circle #105 in Ohio when it formed. She has served in all Circle Offices, and several Ohio Department offices.

Since returning to National LGAR meetings in 2004, there are so many things she has assisted with. From creating 20 years of Journals that were not done for Congress, to beginning the Archival database, helping to secure our museum headquarters, retyping of the Ritual and the By-Laws, Facebook and website initial creations, getting the mailing list up to date, creating our brochure, securing the proper Secretary/Treasurer Bond, seeking museum insurance, sewing membership badges, working to get our badge dies back, continually assists the National Registrars with genealogy inquiries, and the list goes on. She has traveled many, many times at her expense on behalf of our organization, from the re-dedication of our Julia Ward Howe plaque at the Willard Hotel in DC to a funeral procession of an actual Civil War Veteran in the middle of Iowa. On the National level she has served as Historian, Registrar, Assistant Secretary, and Secretary for a decade, as well as Treasurer. In the 5 years prior to assisting the Treasurer or serving as Treasurer the organization was floundering and suffered a \$16,000 loss over that 5 years. Once assisting with the creation of a realistic budget and adherence there to, she helped to manage income and expenses to produce \$6,200 in profit for the organization, increasing income by nearly \$40,000 over the same time frame. In the last 17 years she has only missed one National Convention due to the disability of her husband.

Elizabeth has several Civil War Veterans from both

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Remembrance Day Schedule: Saturday, November 21, 2020

With the traditional Remembrance Day activities cancelled, the Ladies of the G.A.R. will host a series of memorials on the battlefield beginning at 11:00. Each stop will include a brief history of the day, the location, and the unit/person we are paying tribute to. It is estimated that each stop will take around 20 minutes. Join us for one or join us for all locations.

First Day Remembrances

- 6th NY Cav Memorial Svc on Buford Ave across the Rd from the Peace light
- Drive down Seminary Ridge to Robert E. Lee Memorial for Southern Svc

Second Day Remembrances

- 4th MI Inf Memorial Svc in Wheatfield off of Wheatfield Rd
- 29th OH Inf Memorial Svc on Culps Hill near Spangler's Spring on Slocum Ave
- 75th OH Inf Memorial Svc on the bottom back side of East Cemetery Hill, Old Brickyard Lane

Third Day Remembrances

- Drive Steinwehr to Hancock Ave to the High Water Mark
- 7th MI Inf Memorial Svc near copse of trees

Post Battle Remembrances

- Albert Woolson Monument for G.A.R. Memorial Service 300 yards from copse of trees on Hancock Ave
- Park beyond the Woolson Monument in parking lot. Cross the street into Gettysburg National Cemetery.
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address given at the Soldier's National Monument
- Walk thru cemetery to Baltimore Ave. to Evergreen Cemetery entrance on Baltimore Ave
- Elizabeth Thorn Monument in Evergreen Cemetery for L.G.A.R. Memorial Svc



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Deadlines for Bugle Call Submissions:

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January 15, 2021

April 15, 2021

<http://suvcw.org/LGAR/Home.html>

Find Membership Applications, all required forms for the year and the National Brochure to download and print. If you have something that you would like to have on the website (a project, correction, article, meeting dates etc.) please let the webmaster know.

Reminder:

Per Capita is due May 15, 2021

A \$25 Late Fee will be charged after the 15th and billed to your Dept. or Circle under National.

All Departments & Circles under National Secretaries receive yearly Report Blanks in January. All copies are on the website news & events page if you should need more.

Supplies can be ordered from the National Treasurer

Please make checks payable to "National Organization, LGAR"

The current National Brochure is currently available for the cost of shipping, contact the Treasurer today for a price quote! Please distribute them to your local libraries, historical societies, American Legion Halls, and anyplace you can think of to gain new members. Be sure to put your name and contact info on the back of the brochure. *You can also download the National Brochure from our Website & print for yourself.*

NEW BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

\$50 PLUS \$6 SHIPPING MADE PAYABLE TO

"LGAR NATIONAL ORG" & MAILED TO THE TREASURER.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2021

NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO BE HELD AGAIN IN LITCHFIELD, MN

AUGUST 5-7, 2020

If you are in need of assistance at this time due to the covid-19 pandemic, please reach out to our National Secretary and share what is needed. Our organization is willing to assist you, whether you need a face mask, meals or groceries delivered, or just visiting on the phone to have someone to talk to. We will match our closest members to your location and assist you if we can.

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General Orders No. 1, 2020

1. Please be mindful and respectful of each other. If we are more thoughtful of each other then our accomplishments will flourish. Forget self in serving, as this is the only way that we may arrive at a satisfactory solution to problems.
2. Be sure to take a look at our updated website, complete with a roster of new committees. Some of the newest committees include going back to have Press Correspondents, Military Correspondents, enlarged Ways and Means Committee, among others. Please support their endeavors as they reach out to each Department in the coming year for assistance.
3. Membership Applications: Remember that we went back to the long form of applications. Far too few used the correct application last year, and this year the wrong application will be sent back as rejected. Please be sure to see that the National Registrar receives a copy of the application for the archive files, and that the National Secretary receives a copy for the purpose of adding the new member to the mailing list.
4. Membership badges: Do you have a membership badge and wear it proudly to ceremonies and events? This is the best way to promote our Order.
5. We all realize we are living in times that demand our services. We must be alive and alert to the questions that are of vital importance to our country. Occupying so large a space in the public eye as does this order, its patriotic endeavors are promotive of every community, where its aims and objects are being tested. It is gratifying to the general public to have such an organization with women engaged in teaching good citizenship, teaching flag etiquette and upholding great principles which must be founded firmly in these days of social unrest.
6. Help maintain LGAR as the LGAR and please do not try to make it like your other organizations that you may belong to. The general trend of our Order shows earnest and persistent purposes on the part of our

membership and the best efforts are being put forth by these patriotic women in up building an exemplary and useful organization. We hold a membership with a body of women banded together for the mutual relief, preservation of principles and the protection of the interests of our country. Any attempt to divert this organization from the fulfillment of these sacred obligations or to embrace other features altogether from the original design, will result in weakness. Let us keep within our own sphere, enlarging it as the needs and times demand, but holding close to our own field of labor of love.

7. Do you reside in a state where there is no Circle or Department and are a member at large? Consider forming a new Circle with 10 ladies. Whenever there is an opportunity for the organization of a new Circle may each Sister do her duty to complete the process in the proper order.
8. As our holiday season draws near with its message of goodwill and cheer, let us remember our Veterans who need our care, and let us bring to them the messages of our love and appreciation. I ask that you all start gathering and saving protein powder packets and turn them into me as I travel across the country. These will go to our military currently deployed overseas.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Elizabeth Rock

Travels... *Although my year has gotten started with cancellation after cancellation due to the covid virus, I do intend to try to travel to every state where we have a Department or Circle under National, to visit with you and have a cup of tea. Our family has refurbished a vintage travel trailer that we have decked out in a patriotic theme, just for my travels. Hopefully our little "victory wagon" will be able to travel across the states soon. In the meantime, I began my travels with a trip up to the WWII Museum in Conneaut, Oh for a little living history. Our LGAR members spent the weekend recreating a Red Cross Sewing Room, sewing for the GI's and creating a patriotic quilt to use for fundraising this year. My first official visit was with my sisters in the Margaret M. Orr Circle as they held their fall meeting in a local park. In October several of our National Officers will meet me in IN for the Central Region Alliance Meeting. In November I will participate with my local members for Veterans Day services, and travel to Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, even though official activities are cancelled. Please join us for our LGAR Memorials as we lay flowers at 9 different monuments across the battlefield.*

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For so many of us, LGAR is a family affair. We joined LGAR to honor family members who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Time passes, but their service and sacrifice does not. Thanks to our efforts, they are not forgotten, and we understand our role in passing this responsibility to future generations. We have experienced the satisfaction of working together with family members on important LGAR initiatives.

**Now is the time for all of us to consider our legacy.
Have you asked the women in your family to join LGAR?**

Please think of a close family member or even a distant relative who has passion for our critically important mission. We keep the memory alive and honor the service of the past by supporting today's veterans.

Here are some suggestions for engaging family members in a discussion:

- ❖ Share your experiences
- ❖ Explain the options of joining a circle or becoming a national member at large
- ❖ Call our Membership at Large Chair Jan Stevenson directly at 330-806-3650 or email ladymarian1938@hotmail.com for more information about families and LGAR
- ❖ Learn more and print a membership form from the LGAR website at <http://suvvcw.org/LGAR/Membership.html>

What will your legacy be?



LGAR Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Junior Circle

This contest is to recognize young artists and encourage patriotism in our youth.

Who: All children age 5-14 are encouraged to participate. Membership in LGAR is not required.

What: All entries must be an original work created by the child.

All entries must illustrate the theme of Patriotism.

All entries must include the words "Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic"

When: All entries must be received by January 1, 2021

Mail To: Erin Mongelli 1209 Oneida St. Joliet, IL 60435
ekmong@gmail.com

Name of child: _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

This is an original art piece created by the above named child, in signing below, I grant permission to the LGAR to Reproduce my entry if chosen as the contest winner.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

This year begins the push for "Every Member Get A Member." Please do your part in growing our Membership, and be sure to use the new Membership Application as shown on page 6.

The Membership & Marketing Committee this year will begin a series of Public Service Announcement Videos. If you would like to be a part of this, please reach out to Secretary Madeline Rock. If your Circle has great photos of work you have been doing, please share those to be included in the videos.

LGAR Poetry Books back IN STOCK!

In years gone by, many of our Sisters waxed poetic when sending or presenting reports and communications to the national organization. Fortunately for us many of these were printed in our old Journals, and not only serve to illustrate the talents of many of our members, but also their heartfelt devotion to the Veterans and our organization. These historic verses have now been gathered into a commemorative book in their honor for \$10 plus \$2 shipping (payable to "LGAR History Fund". 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.

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What's New at HQ

Our Museum HQ is closed until March 2021. Please contact the National Historian for your visitation needs prior to traveling to the Museum.

What About those Archives

We are so close to being done!!! There is one more trip to make to the Cleveland Public Library for the scanning of our Archives. Members from across the country are diligently working to get each scanned membership card changed to the members name...and even husbands and friends of members are assisting! It looks like this project will be completed before we enter 2021. All assistants are asked to keep track of their hours working on this project, and will be awarded a recognition certificate at next years National Convention. Thank you for assisting with this worthy project and lasting legacy.

Kathy Twigg at 407-312-2909 & Beth Rock OctagonLR@aol.com

QUARTERS FOR HEADQUARTERS

PLEASE COLLECT QUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAKE YOUR DONATIONS PAYABLE TO "LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION" WITH QUARTERS FOR HEADQUARTERS IN THE MEMO LINE. MAIL THIS DONATION TO OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY
MADELINE ROCK AT 68 W. MARION ST. DOYLESTOWN, OH 44230
DONATIONS WILL SERVE OUR HEADQUARTERS IN A MYRIAD OF WAYS. MUCH WORK HAS BEGUN TO PRESERVE OUR ARTIFACTS AND WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME. WE ALSO ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE OUR ROOM INSURED YEARLY FOR OUR CONTENTS. DO YOUR PART AND ASSIST WITH OUR HEADQUARTERS MUSEUM ROOM.

From 1920 to 2020...

In 1920 we had 55,194 members and 732 Circles.

Our Treasury had \$3,806.88

We gave \$22,999.55 to the Grand Army of the Republic

We gave \$1,048.10 to the Red Cross and War Fund

We gave \$12,933.34 to a Homes Fund

We used 107,870 flags in burials

On August 18, 1920, Congress ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, which guaranteed the right to vote to all US citizens regardless of sex. The Nineteenth Amendment represented a major victory and a turning point in the women's rights movement.

National Raises \$250 for LGAR Memorial Home in CA...

The Department of CA was chartered in 1885 and immediately threw themselves into the aid of Veterans, especially those in the hospitals and home established for their care. It was soon obvious that tearing these men away from family and home was not an ideal care situation. With this in mind the Department sought property to build a facility for Veterans and their wives in 1904. Land adjoining the established Sawtelle Soldier's Home in Los Angeles, CA was purchased and the cornerstone for the first cottage was laid March 8, 1905. Four room cottages were built as various Circles raised the funds to sponsor these and by 1934 there were ten cottages (some double) and an Assembly Hall on the grounds. By 1918 many Veterans had passed into history, so the eligibility requirements changed to membership in the LGAR. In 1925 efforts to sell the now very valuable frontage on Wilshire Blvd. led to the removal of the cottages to the rear of the property away from the busy road. In 1949 the current 12 unit building was dedicated. Since 1992 the home residences have been required to be LGAR members, age 55 or over, or a needy widow or female blood kin of WWI or WWII Veterans. Roses planted in the Rose garden represent the members that have resided there.

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sides of her family, and joined under her 4th great uncle Martin Durkee who served in the 29th OVI from Geauga County, Ohio. She is the first National President to have both her mother and mother-in-law as Past National Presidents. And like many before her, has her daughter as her National Secretary. She serves on the nonprofit board of her family's Nationally Registered Historic Landmark, and is the store keeper for the nonprofit organization U.S. Army Brotherhood of Tankers. Elizabeth has been a seamstress and in business with her mother for 28 years now, providing historic clothing to the 19th century living history enthusiast.

She enters upon the duties of National President fully realizing the magnitude and significance of the responsibilities of this distinguished office and with a keen desire for higher ideals and ambitions which she hopes to see realized for our beloved Order. Her motto this year will be Fraternal—tea, Charitable—tea & Loyal—tea, as she hopes to be able to travel and visit with all Departments and Circles under National to share a cup of tea together, just as has been traditionally expected of a National President. The campaign "Every Member Get a Member" will begin as well as a new "Worthy Donor Recipient Committee." As she makes her way across the country visiting, she asks that members gather protein powder packets so that a large shipment can go to those currently serving in our military deployed over seas.

Our National Officers this year begin a "Worthy Donor Recipient" project. Each National Officer is submitting a nonprofit organization that could benefit from a little donation assistance. Officers will then vote on the top 5 organizations, and the donation will be made in person by one of our National Officers. This yields an in person donation opportunity, as well as public awareness thru a press release on our organization. Recipients will be listed on our social media platforms and in the Bugle Call.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National Organization hold their first online National Convention!!

Due to the coronavirus shut down of many states, and our congressional requirement of meeting once a year for yearly reports, the L.G.A.R. hosted a national zoom meetings over August 7th & 8th. National President Judy Baron met with her Advisory Council and preparations were made for the open membership meeting. Reports were all emailed to those that registered, and business was conducted via zoom to ensure all necessary financials, budget, and business was handled. Registered members gave a boost to the registration, and an online zoom option may be considered as an added feature for future conventions.

What you need to know:

- Our published history of the L.G.A.R. continues to be worked on and the committee members are each tasked with jobs.
- Mini Charms were approved and will be ordered and up for sale in this coming year.
- Everyone helping with the Archive Project will receive a certificate of appreciation at the end of the year.
- Our Floral Drill donations were made once again to the California LGAR Memorial Home.

Jr Circle News:

Did you know we still offer Jr Membership? Reach out to our Jr Supervisor to get your Jr initiated. Each Jr will receive patriotic projects and history lessons throughout the year. We want your Jr to become an active member of our Order.

Erin Mongelli, Jr Supervisor
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CHECK OUT OUR NEW "SHOP" PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR WAYS AND MEANS OR PETS FOR VETS SUPPORT. ITEMS WILL BE ADDED CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO KEEP CHECKING BACK!

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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:

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Donors Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Department of: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

CURRENT SUPPLIES IN STOCK

Supply List 2020-21

Application Blanks	.10
Membership Badges	50.00
Rituals	3.00
Constitution & By-laws	9.00
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
Officer Dangles to hang from Badge	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

Membership Certificates to honor members with long time membership are now created on the Circle level. A template has been provided for you as a document to download from the website on the "News/Events" page.