



# THE BUGLE CALL



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## New Headquarters & Museum Grand Opening

On January 27, 2024 our new Headquarters & Museum launched a soft grand opening for the community of Valley City & Liverpool Township in rural Medina County, Ohio. A brief history of our organization and who we are was shared with attendees as well as celebratory cake & punch. National President Madeline Rock was then bestowed the honor of the official ribbon cutting as guests were able to enter our new museum room for the first time. Located on the 2nd floor of this historic building, the new LGAR Museum promises something for everyone. Our most treasured item is of course our archives collection, and before too long our electronic database will be available for anyone to see if they had a relative as a member in the LGAR or learn who their Civil War ancestor is. Since the room is 4 times larger than our last museum space, much of the collection is now able to be shared with the public, to fully tell our story. One corner of the room will feature a rotating display on something Civil War related. At the moment this corner features another prestigious Civil War organization & collection. The meeting room area is set up with original G.A.R. stations and is ready to teach about our historic floor work traditions. There is a designated location in which to drop your donation items into our "Pets for Vets" box, or your baked goods or Christmas stockings for Miss Sawyer's "Kids with a



"Cause" nonprofit that sends boxes to our currently deployed military. Our supplies that we sell as an organization is featured in one display case, and those rare items such as printing dies, seals, photographs, charters & flags can be found throughout the room. The LGAR Headquarters & Museum will sponsor 2 upcoming fundraisers, an Irish Murder Mystery Dinner on March 16th, and a Mother's Day Tea with 1860's Fashion Show on May 12th. The Headquarters Committee will host a summer children's program for a few weeks, and will participate in the town's "Frog Jumping Contest" which is a fun, family event. The official Grand Opening for this new space will take place at the beginning of our National Convention to be held beginning August 8th, 2024.



See page 7 for more details

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**Deadlines for Bugle Call Submissions:**

**April 15, 2024**  
**September 15, 2024**  
**January 15, 2025**

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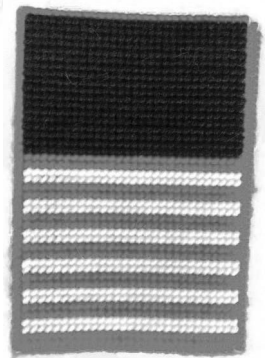
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GENERAL ORDERS



Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc National Headquarters 68 W Marion St., Doylestown, Ohio 44230 National President Madeline Rock



General Orders No. 2, 2023-2024

- 1. Do you have your LGAR Trivia Team organized yet for February 18th? Let's make this a worthwhile fundraiser once again!
2. All members please take the time to total up your hours of community service, veteran/military aid, and patriotic teachings throughout the year and report these hours to your Circle!
3. It's time to donate! Donate to our Pets for Vets Fund, our Memorial Fund, and New Museum Fund! This June I'll be visiting Pets for Vets HQ in North Carolina and will be sure to share with you their home base.
4. Now is the time to start planning for our National Convention at our new Headquarters and Museum. Reserve your hotel room and get yourself registered. This is such a special year as we celebrate the Grand Opening of our new National HQ and Museum, and we want you involved!
5. Gather Christmas stockings and baked goods for our current Active-Duty Military serving overseas. Ship items to me by Jun 1st in time for me to deliver these items to Michigan to help Miss Sawyer's "Kids with a Cause."
6. Not able to travel to visit our new HQ and Museum but want to help and support? There are so many supplies needed, from archival tissue and boxes to printer ink, children's summer program projects with patriotic themes, desk supplies, etc. We also always need donations and gift cards!
7. Membership. If your Circle is small and struggling, DO NOT turn prospective members away—send them to M.A.L! We are growing, members are trying to form new circles in NC, ME, and UT. Please communicate with the National Secretary or Assistant Secretary for assistance.
8. Support our National Headquarters and Museum while also representing our organization with our new T-Shirt! Available by order now on our website store page, please order by May 15th to ensure you get one and also support!

9. Lastly, if you find that you still don't understand the reporting process, please reach out to me or the National Secretary/Assistant Secretary with any questions. Ensuring that we do this properly saves valuable time and the hours all get reported to Congress.

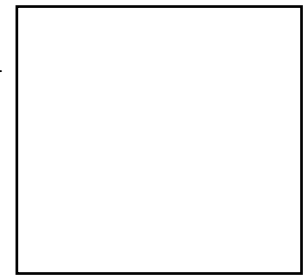
Travels:

Since our last issue, I am excited to share a few important travels. At the end of September, I traveled to Ludington, Michigan with Marine Corps Veteran Brandon Ervin to drop off stockings, baked goods, and cards to Miss Sawyer Hendrickson of Miss Sawyer's Kids with a cause for her Christmas Stocking Project. She usually sends over 10,000 stockings to our service members that don't get to come home for Christmas, and I am so proud to say we assisted with this project! Sawyer and her mom Heather were great hosts and showed us around their adorable small town.

Much of the fall was spent taking many trips to Valley City, Ohio to set up, organize, and move things to the new Headquarters and Museum Room. This is a huge project and I am so thankful for everyone that has assisted and put in many hours to get everything moved and unpacked and put on display. We are so excited to share it with you all!

For Veteran's Day this past November, I started off with laying flowers at Western Reserve National Cemetery in a few different personal locations, including the G.A.R. Memorial. I then spent the evening at MAPS Air Museum for their Veterans Day Event. Their newest aircraft, the C-130H Hercules "Spirit of Mansfield" was dedicated and the 179th Airlift Wing/164th Airlift Squadron from the Ohio Mansfield-Lahm Air National Guard Base were honored. It was a great night surrounded by and appreciating our veterans!

Later in November, I traveled to Gettysburg, PA for Remembrance Day. I laid a wreath at the Albert Woolson Monument, hand delivered our donation to the American Battlefield Trust, participated in the parade where we received a wonderful voiceover on their livestream, and participated in multiple ceremonies/laid many flowers with members at the Irish Brigade Monument and 11th PA monument to remember dogs and other animals lost during the battle. On the 19th, the actual anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, I attended the 160th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The keynote speaker was Susan Eisenhower, the Gettysburg Address was given by Emmy Nominated Actor Graham Sibley, words from Harold Holzer, words from the



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Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park and a tribute performance to Marian Anderson was given by two-time Grammy winning opera singer J'Nai Bridges. I am also proud to say that my home Orr Circle from Ohio offered honored membership to Susan Eisenhower, Dwight D. Eisenhower's granddaughter.

A few weeks later I traveled to Detroit, Michigan to represent our organization at the Michigan Governor's Service Awards, a night of wonderful stories of people and organizations, along with Miss Sawyer winning Youth Volunteer of the Year!



In December, I participated in Valley City, Ohio's "Christmas in the Valley" parade & activities, and passed out flyers for their Community Grand Opening! We decorated the truck with flags and had many Orr Circle members participating in this day.



I am looking forward to everything to come in the New Year, our Community Grand Opening, Lincoln's Birthday in D.C. and many more travels and projects benefiting our organization and those we support. I have had a wonderful first few months as your National President and am excited to see all of our growth in the coming year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Madeline Rock, National President, LGAR

### Remembrance and Dedication Day in Gettysburg

Various Civil War living history groups and organizations marched down Middle and Baltimore Streets in this year's 67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade. The LGAR was represented by Nat'l President Madeline Rock, Nat'l Treasurer Jan Stevenson, Nat'l Secretary/PNP Elizabeth Rock, Nat'l Historian/PNP Lynne Bury, and members from the Isaac Rice Circle in PA and Dept of PA Officers!



Nat'l President Madeline Rock laid a wreath at the Albert Woolson Memorial. This wreath laying ceremony commemorates the last living union soldier of the Civil War. Born in 1850, Woolson enlisted as a Drummer boy. He lived to be 106, passing in 1956.

Dedication Day refers to November 19, 1863, the day the Soldiers National Cemetery or now called Gettysburg National Cemetery was dedicated by Abraham Lincoln, as well as the day he gave the Gettysburg Address. The dedication day ceremony was held at the Majestic Theater at Gettysburg College. The speakers included Susan Eisenhower, Harold Holzer, the Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The Gettysburg Address was given by Emmy Nominated Actor Graham Sibley. The ceremony concluded with a tribute performance to Marian Anderson was given by two-time Grammy winning opera singer J'Nai Bridges.

This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the Candle Luminary at the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Volunteers light the graves of the 3,512 Civil War soldiers' with luminaries. This event allows us to remember and honor these soldiers as their names are read throughout.



### HAVE YOUR PAID YOUR 2024 DUES?

Support our missions such as Pets for Vets, Veteran Care & teaching patriotism to the children of our country, or help out our new Headquarters/Museum or our Memorial Fund with an added donation.





### Isaac Rice Circle 233 Holiday Gift Giving

Sung to the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas by the residents at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home.

*On the twelfth day of Christmas, Rice Circle gave to me..*

- 12 Shampoo, Conditioner and Body Washes
  - 11 Tubes of Toothpaste
  - 10 Toothbrushes
  - 9 Word Search Books
  - 8 Packs of Pencils
  - 7 Packs of Batteries
  - 6 Packs of Socks
  - 5 Packs of Flushable Wipes
  - 4 Packs of Socks
  - 3 Packs of Combs
  - 2 Packs of Cards
- And a big THANK YOU for serving our country!

Ladies you should all be proud that you helped to give personal items to the veterans and spouses at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. You have no idea how many need an extra pair of socks or run out of toothpaste. Many don't have families to supply them with those things. As a staff member, it's so helpful to be able to run to the supply closet and find a new, clean pair of socks for them. After what they've sacrificed for us, they certainly deserve this and much more.

Now the actual item count is not what the songs reads, but it sure sounds festive, doesn't it?

Here's what we actually purchased:

- 10 bottles of shampoo/conditioner
- 10 bottles of body wash
- 10 tubes of toothpaste
- 16 tooth brushes
- 8 packs of batteries
- 8 puzzle / word search books
- 10 packs flushable wipes
- 24 pencils
- 32 hair ties



### Corp. Isaac Rice Circle 233 Spreading the Word

Our Sisters of Bedford, PA attended the Akersville Fall Festival in Fulton County, PA in October.

Tables were set up with LGAR information including Sister Tess Shimer's Pets for Vets display. Lots of American flags were distributed, history books and patriotic items were given out to the children. Our Civil War A-frame tent was set up for the kids to explore. Sister Deb Miller gave a talk about the local, Company D boys of the 101<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania. It was an excellent outreach to the community about our organization.



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### \* Tis the Season with the LGAR

#### \* Dep't of PA Holiday Tradition

\* Dep't of PA's tribute to veterans in PA, a decade old tradition that our present day Dep't of PA Pres Shirley inspired in 2013. Our tree is displayed within a mile long drive through Christmas Light Up Celebration near Pittsburgh International Airport.



#### \* PNP Beth Null Spreading Cheer

\* PNP Beth Null delivered 170 signed Christmas cards to the VA home in Temple Texas over the holiday season. The activity director Karen Tucker was very excited to receive them and said they would hand them out at their next party. Sister Beth enlisted the help of her fellow adult Sunday School members helped to write the messages to the veterans.



#### \* Christmas at Headquarters

\* Our National Headquarters and Museum Committee and National President Madeline Rock participated in Valley City, Ohio's "Christmas in the Valley" parade & activities, and passed out flyers for their Community Grand Opening!



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**Want to see your article in the Bugle Call?**  
**Email any article and/or picture to National Bugle Call Editor Autumn Marthey**  
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**We would love to hear from you.**

**Schedule of Events 138th Annual National Encampment August 8-10, 2024**

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the National LGAR Headquarters & Museum in Valley City, Ohio**

TIME	DATE & EVENTS	PLACE	Comfort Suites
<b><u>Thursday, August 8th</u></b>			1464 Town Center Blvd Brunswick, OH 44212 8-7-24 to 8-11-24 Room Rate Average \$129/night Secure your room now! Call 330-558-9961 Room Block in "LGAR" Rates: Wed-Thurs \$128 Fri-Sat \$140 <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/UP59A2">https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/UP59A2</a> Located 6 miles from the center of Valley City, all on the same main street State Route 303 Complimentary Hot Breakfast & Indoor Pool Hotel located 16 miles from CLE Hopkins Airport Walk to food/groceries
2:00-3:00 PM	Budget Committee Review	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
3:00-5:00 PM	Advisory Council	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
7:00-7:30 PM	Town Waling Tour	HQ & Museum	
7:30-9:00 PM	Official Grand Opening Reception	HQ & Museum	
7:30-9:00 PM	Registration	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
<b><u>Friday, August 9th</u></b>			
8:30-9:00 AM	Coffee & Registration	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
9:00-9:15 AM	Opening	HQ & Museum	
9:15-9:30 AM	Floral Drill	HQ & Museum	
9:30-10:30 AM	Initiation/Institution	HQ & Museum	
10:30-12:00 PM	Business Session-Reports	HQ & Museum	
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch	On Your Own	
1:30-4:00 PM	Business Session	HQ & Museum	
1:30-4:00 PM	Family-Spouse Touring	Local stops via carpool	
4:00-4:30 PM	Installation of Officers	HQ & Museum	
6:00-9:00 PM	Banquet Fundraiser	HQ & Museum, 1st floor	
<b><u>Saturday, August 10th</u></b>			
9:00-10:30 AM	Final Advisory Council Meeting	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
11:00-11:30 AM	Memorial Service	HQ & Museum, 2nd floor	
1:00-6:00 PM	Touring Day	Medina County Stops Carpool	

Please be aware that if we progress with items in a timely manner, the starting times will get moved up. This is the order in which we will follow things, but the exact times could change. Please be sure to look at the website for the National President's password, and look in your Ritual to figure out this coded password. All officers are to wear long white for the Memorial Service. All members please wear Red, White or Blue for business sessions. All members attending please be sure to have yourself listed on your Circle or Department Credentials form.

**2024 LGAR NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

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Complete with check or money order (no cash) for \$15.00, made out to **"National Organization, LGAR" by July 1st** and mail to:  
 Elizabeth Rock, National Secretary, LGAR  
 68 W. Marion St. Doylestown, OH 44230  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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