



**Report of the Ohio Commandery
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
128th National Congress 2013**

1. The 2012 Fall meeting of the Ohio Commandery was held on September 22nd. Members attended the annual POW/MIA remembrance ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Seville, OH. A luncheon at the Rittman Diner followed with a business meeting and an outstanding presentation by Ohio Companion Tim Daley
2. Two Ohio Legion members, Gordon Bury and Robert Rock members traveled to Rhode Island for the National Congress of MOLLUS.
3. The Ohio Commandery was represented this past October at the Ohio Civil War Reenacting Leadership Conference with a membership table and display.
4. Ohio Legion Spring Meeting was held in Carrollton, OH with a visit to the home of the Fighting McCook's. We had a lovely afternoon visiting with MOLLUS members. The renovations and new displays at the house were worth the visit too. Our meeting coincided with the 150th anniversary of the bugle call "Taps" which was rendered with great emotion by our Commander, Keith Ashley.
5. This Spring the Ohio Commandery launched its new website and facebook page
6. PCiC Gordon Bury of the Zimmerman-Bury Octagon House of Marshallville, Ohio was one of 30 individuals from across the country who were honored and presented a special medallion and a citation from The Pennsylvania State Senate: The award reads, in part: Therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commended the 30 participants of the Gettysburg National Reenactments for their unique achievement to our country and to their fellow citizens, who have a better understanding of our American heritage and history due to their contributions.
7. The Commandery of the State of Ohio and Ohio Society of the DOLLUS, held their formal Annual Meeting at the home of General and President Rutherford B. Hayes. The Business meeting was held at the Hayes Presidential Library

This year is time for elections and the Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of proposed office.

Commander.....David M. (Doc) Loomis
Senior Vice Commander..... Peter J. Hritsko
Junior Vice Commander.....Michael A. Christian
Recorder/Treasurer.....Gordon R. Bury, PCinC
Chaplain.....Keith Ashley

It is further proposed that the appointed positions of **Assistant Recorder**...Robert E. Rock, and **Web Master**.....Doc Loomis be continued for the next two years.

8. Companions Gordon Bury, Robert Rock and Doc Loomis attended the September 28th dedication and unveiling of a magnificent memorial to US General William Starke Rosecrans in his hometown of Sunbury, OH. The Rosecrans statue is the second Civil War equestrian statue in Ohio; an equestrian statue in Somerset memorializes General Phil Sheridan.

The Commandery marched in the Military parade with other dignitaries, veterans and current military personnel along Cherry Street and on to the square where over 40 members of the Rosecrans family were seated to witness the unveiling. The Ohio Commandery was one of many donors who made this memorial possible.

9. Companions Tom Vince and Doc Loomis are working together on a documentary to celebrate the nation's second oldest observatory; the Loomis Observatory is located on the grounds of Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, OH. Built in 1838, the third to be erected in the United States..it is the second oldest now standing
10. Ohio Commandery Membership held steady at Eighty Five total members. Participating members make up a much smaller group. This year coming, the Commandery is redoubling its efforts in the areas of recruitment and reactivation.

Faithfully submitted,



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