

## California Commandery of the Military Order of Loyal Legion of United States



### **Officers of the California Commandery:**

Wayne J. Rogers, Commander  
Robert M. Fletcher II, Treasurer  
Kenneth R. Walker, Recorder  
Linn M. Malaznik, Vice-Commander  
Steven S. Magoffin, Chaplain  
Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr., Commander *Emeritus*

### **New members**

Transfer of John William Myers III from VA to CA  
Commandery 2/22/2012  
Timothy P. Reese, of Monterey, CA

### **Prospective Members**

Baylor Eldric Maggenti, Costa Mesa, CA  
Gordon Shaeffer, previously Arizona  
Todd Armstrong, San Francisco, CA  
Richard Stevenson, Tucson, AZ  
Daniel B. McLaughlin, San Diego, CA

An electronic membership application and  
instructions can be downloaded for your friends  
and relatives at:

<http://www.walika.com/mollus.htm>

**SUVCW National Encampment  
9-11 August 2012  
Los Angeles Airport Marriott**

*Please send us pictures and briefs on events that  
you have participated in this year. Also, your bio  
and/or ancestor's bio, so that we may all become  
better acquainted.*



*Ken Walker, left & Wayne Rogers, center  
Commander Wayne J. Rogers and Recorder  
Kenneth R. Walker at the **SAR Massing of the  
Colors for Geo. Washington**, Forest Lawn,  
Burbank, CA*

We made two Army ROTC presentations this year  
for the Medal of Merit Award for Academic  
Achievement and leadership at Idaho State  
University & Claremont-McKenna College, CA



*Cadet Michael D. Zebe receiving MOLLUS Award  
presented by CPT Jeff Grundhauser at Idaho State  
University*



Cadet Hannah E. Morgan receiving the MOLLUS Award of Merit, from Kenneth R. Walker, Recorder of the Commandery at Claremont-McKenna College

**FUTURE ROTC AWARDS;** This program is not currently in the budget and a procedure is being drafted for next year. If you have any ideas for implementation, please contact;

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PO Box 44, Lancaster, CA 93584  
E-mail;

**DUES are Due; \$25.** See page 5

### Winter 2012 Report to C-in-C MOLLUS

On January 28, 2012 the California Commandery met at Annandale Golf Club in Pasadena, California. The meeting was chaired by Commander Richard Breithaupt, Jr. Topics discussed included ways to recruit new members, expand the ROTC Award program & other activities in the coming year.

Linn Malaznik represented the Commandery at the 126TH National Congress at which the California Commandery was awarded the **Daugherty-Thompson Cup**, along with the Virginia Commandery, for the largest total increase in Hereditary Membership during 2010-2011.

Commander Breithaupt stated this award was a fitting capstone to his tenure as Commander, and an opportune time to pass the reins of leadership to a new team. By unanimous vote, the Commandery elected the following officers for the next term:

Commander: Wayne J. Rogers

Vice Commander: Linn M. Malaznik

Treasurer: Robert Malott Fletcher, II

Recorder: Kenneth R. Walker

Commander, *Emeritus* Mr. Breithaupt briefed the membership on the recent history of the Commandery. He was asked by the than Commandery-in-Chief to re-organize and led this historic but, at the time, inactive Commandery many years ago.

Traveling up and down the state, and at times holding dual meetings in both locations, the spark of interest was re-lit. Alliances with other hereditary societies, promotion and working directly with prospects, and prompt response and follow up to membership inquiries brought in many new members. From that spark the Commandery has grown by more than three-fold from the time it was re-activated, we won the Grant Trophy, Daugherty-Thompson Cup and other recognitions.

Partnering with the Sons of the Revolution, and its American Heritage Library and Museum (AHL&M), members purchased and donated books and literature to that library so that these materials would be available to assist prospective members and historians (even Hollywood script writers utilized them) as well as honor and memorialize the Civil War and the Loyal Legion's Original Companions.

More than 200 titles are now available, including the 70-volume set of monographs and short personal sketches published by Broadfoot; numerous Journals, Proceedings, Annual Reports, and publications of various State Commanderies; many state rosters and Adjutant's General Reports; as well as the 30-volume *Official Records (GPO)*; 70-volume, *War of the Rebellion compilation (GPO)*; and a run of *Sons of Confederate Veterans Magazine* (Vols 1-40, 1893-1930, and 1995-date).

The Commandery partnered with the California State Archives to undertake the microfilming of the extensive Commandery records and Loyal Legion material housed at the California State Library. The California Commandery was founded in 1871 with eight charter members. These materials were deposited by the Commandery in the State Library decades ago, before it became defunct.

Dating from the Commandery's founding, through the 1920s, these records include minutes of

meetings, information about new members elected, photos and biographies of deceased members, information about the election of Commandery officers, financial reports, debates, meeting circulars, etc. These historic records will undoubtedly add to the understanding of our Commandery's history and preserve the memory of its Original Companions and those who served to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

Included is the original founding document, Circular No. 2, memorializing the formation of the Commandery. This project was completed in 2008.

More than 5,200 pages of minutes, records and publications of the California Commandery were both microfilmed and digitized, ensuring their preservation.

This project met two important objectives: preserving deteriorating original documents and records for future generations, and making the material more readily available by having a complete digitized set deposited at the AHL&M, located in Southern California, for ease in access and as an additional preservation step. Having the Commandery's collection at two locations, this significant historical material will be readily accessible in both northern and southern California.

The members resolved to confer upon Companion Richard Breithaupt, Jr. the title of Commander *Emeritus* in recognition of his leadership and legacy to the Commandery, and the Loyal Legion at large.

The Commandery's tax return was timely filed and the Treasurer-in-Chief notified.

**Necrology;** Since the Annual Report filed in September, 2011, the following Companions has passed away:

Jerry A. Baker 21962 10 January 2012  
Jay M. Balfour 21588 31 October 2011

**MOLLUS and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Puebla, Mexico on *Cinco de Mayo***

(next column)



*Vice Commander Linn Malaznik of the CA Commandery of MOLLUS with our National Colors*

The Superb reception by the people of Puebla, Mexico was extraordinary. As Linn Malaznik Vice-Commander of the CA Commandery of MOLLUS paraded our National Colors through Puebla on *Cinco De Mayo* who would have thought there would be horrendous cheers. With President Lincoln (Michael Krebs) in the lead, all were inspired by the many banners carried by the young ladies in front of our small band of US Soldiers to honor the historical relationship between Benito Juarez and President Lincoln. There were literally hundreds of thousands of people and to see our flag parading down the streets of Puebla was an amazing sight. In front of us was a large steel printing press pushed by about (10) parade entrants that cycled the US Constitution and the Gettysburg Address with two mortars on each side blasting out confetti. Behind us was a large full size locomotive and train that simulated the historical time of 1862 with whistle blowing and choo choo blasting. Before the parade we were treated to a fantastic concert the evening before with *Presidente* Felipe Calderon in the old main church in town. The orchestra was conducted by the world renowned Alondra De La Parra who was absolutely beautiful. When they played the 1812 overture the church bells rang at the end to fanatical cheers of jubilation. The entire concert was broadcast outside to all and when the final encore was played an exuberant crowd applauded for many minutes. We were totally wined and dined to the hilt with an added treat of each of us being honored by the mayor of Puebla Eduardo Rivera Perez with the Distinguished Visitors citation. In all, I have never been so humbled, revered, and accepted by entity I have encountered in my life. The reception was unbelievable. With Past Commander in Chief Keith Harrison commanding the Unit to Commander in Chief Jeff Burden handling interaction all were treated with great honor and respect. This has

been truly a once in a lifetime experience. *Respectfully Submitted by Companion Will Tisch, of the SUVCW & CA Commandery, MOLLUS*

Ed. Note: It is likely this was the first official visit by an American hereditary society to Puebla, Mexico since 1997, when the Aztec Club of 1847 was there on its Sesquicentennial Tour. Detail about that tour, at the invitation of the President of Mexico, can be seen here: <http://www.aztecclub.com/rendezvous.htm> and photos of the portion of the visit to Puebla here: <http://www.aztecclub.com/rendez6.htm>

The California Commandery won the **Daugherty-Thompson Cup**, along with the Virginia Commandery, for recording the largest numerical increase in membership. The Award was received by Linn Malaznik, Vice Commander, on behalf of the Commandery.

### **History of the California Commandery**

The Commandery of the State of California was founded in 1871 with eight charter members. By 1915, it had on its rolls 21 Major Generals, 144 Brigadier Generals, 11 of whom were Brevet Major Generals; and 34 other officers who were Brevet Brigadier Generals; or, 204 who had earned the right to be addressed as General; 54 Admirals and one Commodore. Of these 204 Generals, 357 received Brevets, 20 won Medals of Honor and two received the "Thanks of Congress". The Commandery has had 95 members, not in the grade of General, who received one or more Brevets, and 21 of them also won the Medal of Honor. These 41 Medals of Honor generally meant something beyond ordinary bravery in the line of duty. It was noted once that the combined membership of the twenty-one Commanderies of the Order was less than four times that who had been members of the California Commandery.

Interestingly, the Commandery had the only member who rose from the enlisted ranks to Rear Admiral. It was one of our members who said at the moment of victory at Santiago: "Don't cheer, men, while those poor fellows are dying". It was another of our companions who stood the *Oregon* on its 15,000 mile voyage from the Pacific to the Atlantic, arriving in time to render heroic service when the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cerveras was destroyed; and it was two other companions of our order who commanded on that historic day. Compliments of Richard Breithaupt, Jr, CA Commandery Commander, *Emeritus*



Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr. (left); Wayne J. Rogers (third from left) Kenneth R. Walker (2<sup>nd</sup> from right); Stephen S. Magoffin (right) Linn M. Malaznik (third from right); Robert M. Albert (2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

Peter Malaznik (guest, in the center) at Annual 2012 Meeting (28 January 2012) at the Annandale Golf Club, Pasadena, California.

We have had our annual meetings in conjunction with the Sons of the Revolution, CA Society because it enhances inter-society relationships with another established society. The California Commandery's annual dues are \$24, and of that we remit to the C-in-C \$12 per member annually, except National Life Members. The fiscal year for membership purposes is April 30, and we complete our Annual Assessment Form in the fall based on membership as of that date and remit the \$12 per person. We collect dues in the summer. We have approximately 45 members; and approximately \$5,660.78 in our account, per Robert Fletcher, our Commandery Treasurer.

The annual IRS Group Exemption Report and the 2012 MOLLUS Assessment Letter and Report Form to the Commanderies are in the process of being prepared by Lee Allan Tryon, Treasurer-in-Chief, MOLLUS.

### **Independence Day June 30, 2012**

Commander Wayne Rogers marched in Menifee Independence Parade with an Abraham Lincoln re-enactor.

### **Lineage Presentation July 9, 2012**

Commander Wayne Rogers was on a lineage society panel at the Civic Center in Temecula, California

**SUVCW: Dept of CA & Pacific:** Several CA Commandery members attended the encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo in March 2012

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## **Request for 2012-13 Annual Membership DUES: \$25**

Please make out check to **MOLLUS/CA & mail your \$25 check by August 30<sup>th</sup> to;**



**Wayne J. Rogers, Commander  
28482 Scenic Bay Cove  
Menifee, California 92585-3307**

Please include your name, current address, e-mail & phone number with your check.

### **US Marine Corps Honors SSG Allan K. Walker Late Son of a Commandery Member**

SSG Allan K. Walker (USMC) was honored in May, 2012 at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, San Diego, CA at a dedication ceremony of the new sports medicine facility. SSG Walker, a member of the Sons of the Revolution & Sons of the American Revolution, was a drill instructor for Bravo Co, First Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment from 2001-04. SSG Walker was KIA by enemy fire on 06 April 2004, Ramadhi, Iraq.

Attending were his mother, Nancy, Sister Lara, Patricia, step-mother & father Kenneth, a companion of the Commandery. A bronze plaque, "Walker Hall" was installed at the front of this two story building. This is a fitting honor for all drill instructor brothers and US Marines.

STAFF SERGEANT ALLAN K. WALKER	WALKER HALL BACKGROUND
 <p>Staff Sergeant Allan K. Walker was born to Kenneth and Nancy Walker in Gardena, California on April 9, 1975. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November 1994. Upon completion of Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Ca he attended the School of Infantry-West at Camp Pendleton, receiving training for the Military Occupational Specialty Anti-Tank Assaultman.</p> <p>His initial operating forces assignment was Weapons Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Twentynine Palms, Ca, where he served as a dragon assistant-gunner, and was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. In September 1998, he was promoted to Corporal and subsequently assigned as a team leader. In July 1999, he was promoted to sergeant, and assigned as squad leader and section leader. While later serving as platoon sergeant, he requested and received orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Class 1-01.</p> <p>After successful completion of Drill Instructor School in May, 2001, he joined Bravo Company, First Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment. Over the ensuing 27 months, Staff Sergeant Walker successfully completed nine consecutive training cycles, serving as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor. He transformed over 460 civilians into United States Marines. In October 2003, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant.</p> <p>In January 2004, Staff Sergeant Walker returned to the Infantry for assignment with 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Ca. He reported to Echo Company for duties as Platoon Sergeant. In February 2004 the battalion deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq in support of combat operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom II. On April 6, 2004, in the vicinity of Ramadhi, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Walker was killed in action by enemy fire.</p> <p>On August 12, 2011, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos, granted permission to name the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Sports Medicine Facility Staff Sergeant Allan K. Walker Hall.</p>	<p>Walker Hall is the first stand-alone Marine Corps funded sports medicine facility, and dedicated to the prevention, assessment, and rehabilitation of injuries related to recruit training. The 33,476 square foot, two story facility, will serve as a sports medicine hub for the Depot. It will house the Marine Corps Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention Program as well as the Navy's Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Team Center. It will include two sports medicine physicians, orthopedic trained physician's assistants, and ten certified athletic trainers. In addition to its expert staff, Walker Hall possesses a state-of-the-art diagnostic ultrasound machine, as well as a cutting-edge rehabilitation gym equipped with anti-gravity treadmills and a dedicated therapy pool.</p> <p>LEED or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is an internationally recognized mark of excellence that provides a framework for architects to identify and implement practical and measurable green building design, construction and operations. LEED was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council in 2000. The rating and certification requires independent third-party verification that a building was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in clean and efficient energy, water savings, and recycled building materials. To reach a rating of "Platinum"-the highest rating and highest distinction available to green buildings-is an impressive accomplishment that reflects the entire project team's hard work. Walker Hall uses green-building standards such as a roof with solar panels, energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems, water efficient landscaping that reduces water use, a comprehensive recycling program, locally-sourced building materials, and maximization of natural light in workspaces. The LEED Platinum rating is a point of great pride for MCRD and the whole city of San Diego as a demonstration of our commitment to clean energy and environmental sustainability.</p> 

**Reminder: The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, AKA MOLLUS** or simply as the **Loyal Legion** was founded April 15, 1865 by Union officers, as a result of the assassination of President Lincoln, and is carried

on by descendants of eligible officers very similar to the Society of Cincinnati.

For acquaintances or friends who are interested in MOLLUS refer them to:

<http://suvchw.org/mollus/mollus.htm> and/or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military\\_Order\\_of\\_the\\_Loyal\\_Legion\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_Order_of_the_Loyal_Legion_of_the_United_States)

For MOLLUS membership information, see

<http://suvchw.org/mollus/mbrfrm.htm> and/or our CA website: <http://www.walika.com/mollus.htm>

Announcement(s):

**2012 National Congress will be October 18-20, 2012 in Warwick, Rhode Island**

**For the agenda and hotel information, see:**

<http://suvchw.org/mollus/oldsave/Congress2012.pdf>

*For the special 150th Sesquicentennial National MOLLUS meeting, you may bring your historical or current contribution for the display to the Banquet Room prior to the start of the program at 7:15 p.m.) for inclusion in the presentation for guests review. This display will be given to National MOLLUS for their archive collection*

**REMEMBER:**

*The Boys in Blue & ALL Veterans*

