



## **Missouri Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Report for 2024-2025**

The Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States had our annual meeting on May 31, 2024 in Boonville, Missouri. Among other business, officers were elected, and two new members (one hereditary, one associate) were approved. One additional new hereditary member was gained in 2024 as well.

The Missouri Commandery was represented at both the MOLLUS National Congress in Petersburg, Virginia, and the Abraham Lincoln Death Day Remembrance Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Illinois.

The Commandery was also represented at a number of local Civil War-related events including the SUVVCW-organized U.S. Grant and General Sherman remembrance ceremonies at historic sites in St. Louis.

A meeting of the Commandery Officers was called on January 2, 2025, to set the Commandery's goals and agenda for the coming year. These goals include:

- Establish a Commandery presence on social media, and make it easier for prospective members to contact us.
- Continue our work on the 1903 Commandery member project—most of the burial places of those early members have been located. We will continue to work to find the remainder, and Phase 2 of this project will include ensuring that each member's grave is properly marked, obtaining government (VA) headstones when necessary.
- Participation in local Missouri events will continue, with a view toward expanding the Commandery's presence and visibility, while bringing attention to the principle of honoring our forefathers who served and fought in the Civil War.
- Commandery bylaws will be formalized and drawn up.
- Immediate past commander Sumner Hunnewell has identified McKinstry/Robertson Cemetery in De Soto, Missouri, as having multiple Civil War soldiers' graves with missing or damaged headstones. In the coming spring and summer weather, the Commandery will organize and attend to the task of repairing or replacing those markers.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daniel E. Jackson

Commander, Missouri Commandery, MOLLUS