

**The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
New York Commandery  
Annual Meeting - 12 May 2014**

The Annual Meeting of the New York Commandery of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States was called to order by Commander Gerald F. Fisher at 8:15 PM at the 3 West Club, 3 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, in New York City. Mr. Fisher thanked those in attendance who included members Messrs. McCarter, Bateman, Post, Sedacca, Styple, Tedeschi, Tift, Weddle and Wells; prospective members McCarrick and Manger; and guests RADM and Mrs. Callo, Rosner, & CAPT Stoy, RN. After an excellent dinner, reports were made for the Recorder, Registrar, Treasurer, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander which were well received. Mr. Peter S. Wells was congratulated on his election as a Hereditary Member, having previously been an Associate Member. The report of the Nominating Committee chaired by Mr. William Parry was presented and the slate of officers so presented was unanimously elected:

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Gerald F. Fisher, Esq.</b>
<b>Sr. Vice Commander</b>	<b>COL Paul A. Schneider, AUS(ret)</b>
<b>Jr. Vice Commander</b>	<b>LTJG Ryan B. Weddle, USNR</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Thomas L. Tedeschi, Esq.</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>COL Paul A. Schneider, AUS (ret)</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Craig H. Weaver, Esq.</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>LTJG Ryan B. Weddle, USNR</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>Mr. Thomas M. McCarter, III (PCinC)</b> <b>COL Robert J. Bateman, NYSG (PCinC)</b> <b>COL Donald L. Twiss, VCASNY</b> <b>Mr. Russell W. Twiss</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Mr. Peter S. Wells</b>
<b>Physician</b>	<b>Ernesto Ego-Aguirre, M.D.</b>

Brief comments were made by Commander-in-Chief Post and by former Commander-in-Chief McCarter. Commander Fisher noted that our monthly meetings held at the 3 West Club had been generally well attended with many administrative items dealt with at the meetings. Commander Fisher commented on the Commandery's revamped website prepared by LT Weddle, on the Commandery's support of the Grant Monument Association, and the ROTC program at Princeton University where the annual awards to two cadets were presented by Col. Schneider. He also reported that along with LT Weddle, he completed the transfer of Commandery memorabilia from a warehouse in Queens NY to his premises where it will be sorted and distributed over the coming months. LT Weddle, on behalf of the Commandery on the occasion of his ascension to National Commander in Chief, presented a replica Civil War Union Officer's cap to Commander-in-Chief Post in memory of his ancestor, Gen. Philippe de Trobriand.

RADM Joseph F. Callo spoke about "The Civil War at Sea: How the Navy came of age in the War between the States." RADM Callo discussed the many technological changes to naval equipment which took place during the war, from the use of submarines to iron hulled ships. He also pointed out the role the Navy played in blockading Southern ports and moving troops into position for landing in various battles.

There being no further business, upon motion made by Mr. McCarter and seconded by Mr. Post, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Thomas L. Tedeschi, Recorder

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COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.



On behalf of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) you are cordially invited to our annual dinner to take place;

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, 6:00 pm

We will meet at The 3 West Club, 3 West 51st Street, New York City. Cocktails will begin at 6:00pm in the Pub on floor 2M, followed by dinner at 7:00pm in the Lincoln Room on the third floor.

Our speaker will be noted naval historian Rear-Admiral Joseph Callo, USNR (ret) who will speak on **“The Civil War at Sea: How the Navy came of age in the War Between the States.”** Please see the attached flyer.

This is the most important meeting of the year and your presence promises to make the evening especially enjoyable. Ladies and guests are welcome. Kindly return the coupon below at your earliest convenience so that we can plan an excellent meal accompanied by fine wines.

Gerald F. Fisher, Esq.  
Commander

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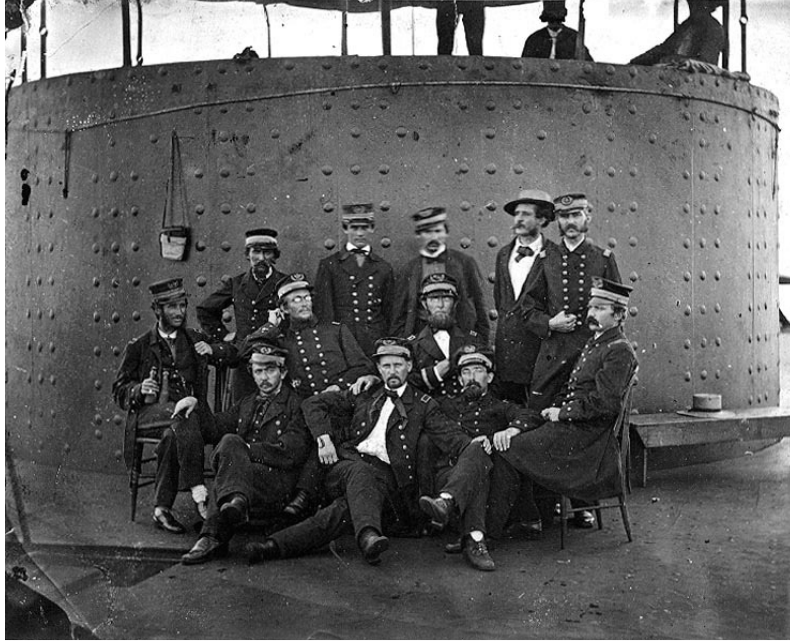
Enclosed is my check payable to MOLLUS, NY COMMANDERY, in the amount of \$125 per person for \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.

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Photo # NH 575 Officers by the turret of USS Monitor, 1862



(U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command)

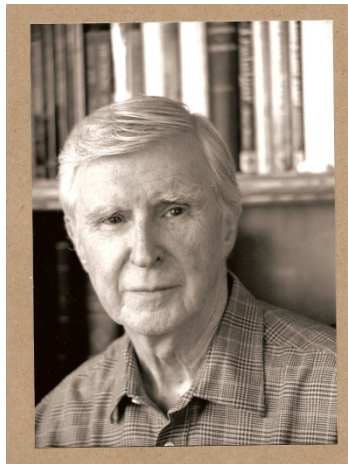
## **“The Civil War at Sea: How the Navy came of age in the War Between the States”**

**RADM Joseph F. Callo, USNR (ret)**

The naval component of the Civil War is a unique chapter of U.S. maritime power that needs to be told. Unfortunately, it’s also an aspect of the War Between the States that’s often overlooked by writers, commentators, and even historians. The Civil War on water also is an important historical bridge, connecting the United States’ stunning advance as a major maritime nation during the War of 1812 and the sweeping sea power concepts personified by Admiral A.T. Mahan and President Teddy Roosevelt at the end of the nineteenth century.

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Rear Admiral Joseph F. Callo was commissioned from the Yale University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. He served two years of sea duty in the U.S. Navy’s Atlantic Amphibious Forces and was qualified as a surface warfare officer. Upon returning to civilian life, he commanded three reserve public affairs units and carried out reserve assignments with a variety of U.S. Navy commands, including: the Pre-Commissioning Detail of USS *Saratoga*, Sixth Fleet, Pacific Fleet, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Naval War College, Submarine Group Two, Chief of Naval Reserve, Chief of Information, the Oceanographer of the Navy and others. Rear Admiral Callo is the author of five books on naval subjects and his latest book, *The Sea Was Always There*, is a memoir about what he has learned from the sea.. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, he was an advertising executive and an award winning national television producer and writer. Rear Admiral Callo was also an adjunct professor at St. John’s University in New York City, where he taught courses in writing for mass media. For more info visit: <http://www.josephcallo.com/>

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**Notice of Annual Meeting  
Slate of Officers for 2014/2015**

Dated: April 12, 2014

The annual Meeting & Dinner of the New York Commandery will be held on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the 'Squadron A Club', located at 3 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, New York City.

Mr. William Parry, Chairman of the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of Office located for 2014-2015:

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New York Commandery Website: <http://www.LoyalLegionNY.org>

National MOLLUS Website: <http://www.suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

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***History of the Loyal Legion;***

On 15 April 1865, as word of President Abraham Lincoln's death spread throughout the country, three Union Army officer friends met in Philadelphia to discuss the tragic news. Rumors from Washington of a conspiracy to destroy the Federal government by assassination of its leaders prompted the three officers to form an organization that could help thwart future threats to the national government.

A mass meeting of Philadelphia veterans was held on 20 April 1865 to pledge renewed allegiance to the Union and to plan for participation in the funeral arrangements for the President. The Philadelphia officers, who served as an honor guard for President Lincoln's funeral cortege, met again after the funeral was over to establish a permanent organization of officers and former officers patterned after the Society of Cincinnati established after the Revolutionary War. The name they chose, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), first appeared in a notice calling a meeting on 31 May 1865 at Independence Hall.

Since its inception, the MOLLUS membership has included nearly 12,000 Civil War officers. At its zenith, MOLLUS counted practically every prominent officer among its ranks. Among them were Generals Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman; Lt. Generals Philip H. Sheridan, George Armstrong Custer, Nelson A. Miles and John M. Schofield; Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, George B. McClellan, Rutherford B. Hayes, David McMurtie Gregg and Grenville M. Dodge; Admiral David G. Farragut; Rear Admirals Bancroft Gherardi and George W. Melville. In addition to Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes, Original Companions Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley served as Presidents of the United States.

With the eventual aging of the Original Companions, membership within the MOLLUS was changed to provide for Hereditary Companions; descendants of eligible officers. There are currently four categories of membership: Hereditary, Junior, Associate and Honorary. Many Original Companions of MOLLUS were also members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Similarly, many Hereditary Companions of MOLLUS are currently also members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the legal heir to the GAR. Membership information may be obtained by going to our interactive Membership Information Request form.

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