

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
AND THE  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES  
REGARDING THE  
ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) is to ensure that a ceremony recognizing and commemorating the life and deeds of Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America, takes place annually at the tomb of the late President in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

The annual ceremony shall be held on the Saturday closest to April 15, the date of Abraham Lincoln's death in 1865. Should the ceremony fall on Easter weekend, in that event, the committee shall move the observance to the weekend before or the weekend after.

The SUVCW and the MOLLUS shall each create a committee, composed of up to five (5) members of each Order. The two committees will be responsible for jointly planning, organizing, and otherwise making all arrangements needed to execute the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (Ceremony). The chair of the annual Ceremony shall vest with the SUVCW. The vice chair of the annual Ceremony shall vest with the MOLLUS.

The combined SUVCW and MOLLUS committees shall develop annually a proposed budget for the Ceremony. The budget shall be submitted to the SUVCW and MOLLUS prior to each Order's respective annual meeting.

The SUVCW and the MOLLUS shall each provide funding to the annual Ceremony. The amount of the funding provided by each Order for the Ceremony shall be determined by each Order's respective governing body.

The SUVCW shall serve as the fiduciary for the Ceremony with each Order depositing its annual contribution into a separate account set up by and held in trust by the SUVCW for expenses related to the annual Ceremony. Dispersal of funds from this account shall not be made without the authorization of the Chair or (in the absence of the Chair) the Vice Chair of the Ceremony. Unexpended funds in this account shall be carried over to the following year's ceremony. Should in any given year, additional funds be found to be required for the successful execution of the ceremony, the Chair

of the Ceremony, in conjunction with the Vice Chair of the Ceremony, shall petition each Order for one half of the needed funds for that year.

Within three months following the conclusion of the annual Ceremony, a simple financial report reconciling budgeted and actual expenses shall be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief of each Order.

In even numbered years, the SUVCW shall provide the Master of Ceremonies for activities at the Lincoln Tomb and the MOLLUS shall provide the Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon. In odd numbered years, the SUVCW shall provide the Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon and the MOLLUS shall provide the Master of Ceremonies for the activities at the Lincoln Tomb. It is preferable that the Master of Ceremonies be either a Past Commander-in-Chief or current Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be reviewed periodically by each Order and amendments made to it.

For the SUVCW

For the MOLLUS

Bruce D. Frail 15 April 2023  
Bruce D. Frail Date  
Commander-in-Chief

Robert Pollock 15 Apr 2023  
Robert Pollock Date  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

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Mick A. [Signature] 15 April 2023  
Date

Jane [Signature] 4-15-2023  
Date