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Cumberland County to Honor Forgotten Fallen Civil War Soldiers

Carlisle, PA – Marking the 150th anniversary of the Cumberland County Soldiers’ Monument, in Carlisle, the Cumberland County Commissioners unanimously voted to accept a donation from the Cumberland County Historical Society to add five veterans’ names who were not recognized when the monument was constructed.

“Marking this Thursday, August 19, 2021, the 150th anniversary of the creation of the monument, we find it fitting that we take action to add the names of the Cumberland County veterans not included when the monument was created in 1871,” said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. “The Civil War soldiers have been verified by the historical society and we are working to ensure their names are added to the monument.”

The Cumberland County Historical Society and local history author, Randy Watts, provided the information on the veterans from the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment who died while fighting in the Civil War. The soldiers missing all served with the 54th Massachusetts Regiment which was a federally mustered regiment.

“When the monument was originally built in the nineteenth century, it was paid for with donations from Cumberland County residents,” said Carmen James, vice president, Cumberland County Historical Society Board. “And today we will donate \$1,500 so that these soldiers can be recognized.”

Cumberland County’s Facilities Management Department will manage the project. The department maintains the Veterans Memorial Courtyard located on the corner of High and Hanover Streets, next to the historic courthouse in Carlisle. This includes the restoration of the monuments, including the cleaning of the Soldier’s Monument in 2019.

Editors’ Note:

Five soldiers are known to be missing and verification for a sixth soldier is nearly completed. Soldiers to be included:

- Henry King, Carlisle. Killed in action; James Island, SC, July 16, 1863.
- Augustus Lewis, Shippensburg. Killed in action; Fort Wagner, SC, July 18, 1863.

- Stewart W. Woods, Carlisle. Wounded and captured, July 16, 1863, James Island, SC; died in prison, March 15, 1865.
- Alfred (Alford) Whiting, Carlisle. Wounded and captured July 18, 1863, Fort Wagner, SC; died in Alexandria, VA, June 26, 1865.
- Edward Parks, Carlisle. Died of disease; Morris Island, SC, October 3, 1863.

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