CONNECTICUT MONUMENT DEDICATION

Honoring the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers



at the Vicksburg National Military Park

CONNECTICUT MONUMENT The Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers

October 14, 2008 Grant's Canal, Vicksburg National Military Park

> The Dedication of the Connecticut Monument

in Memory of Service of The Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers

1862 Vicksburg Campaign

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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the Historian for the Vicksburg National Military Park, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, invited the Governor of the State of Connecticut to erect a monument honoring the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, the "Irish Regiment," in the Vicksburg National Military Park; and

WHEREAS, each of Connecticut's thirty regiments played an important role in the Union Army in the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, known as Connecticut's Irish Regiment due to its predominant makeup of soldiers born in Ireland, was mustered in at New Haven in September 1861. In December, the 845-man regiment arrived at Ship Island, Mississippi and was among the first Union troops to enter New Orleans after the city surrendered in April 1862; and

WHEREAS, two months later, the Ninth was part of the expeditionary force led by General Thomas Williams that steamed up the Mississippi River in the first Union campaign to capture Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, since the Union forces lacked sufficient numbers for an assault or siege of Vicksburg, the troops were put to work excavating Williams' Canal in an attempt to bypass Vicksburg and restore unfettered navigation of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Regiment arrived at De Soto Point, opposite Vicksburg, on June 25, 1862 and began clearing trees and digging. Supply problems, lack of drinking water and temperatures that reached above 100 degrees took a heavy toll, as malaria, dysentery and heatstroke spread throughout the command. With the river level dropping and troops incapacitated by heat and disease, the canal project was abandoned on July 24. Some 153 men of the Ninth Regiment died within a four-month period following their arrival at the canal; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth participated in the Battle of Baton Rouge in August and was then assigned to defenses in the New Orleans area and ultimately, 252 men of the Ninth died in active service to their country; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Ninth Regiment Monument Committee, authorized by the Governor of the State of Connecticut, has raised the funds necessary and commissioned a fitting monument to be dedicated on October 14, 2008 at the Vicksburg National Military Park; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut will present the Connecticut Ninth Regiment Monument to the United States Department of the Interior for permanent placement on the site of the action seen by the Ninth Regiment at Grant's Canal; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut thanks the members of the Connecticut Ninth Regiment Monument Committee, chaired by Robert Larkin, for their sustained effort in the commissioning of the monument, the Connecticut Military Department, Commission on Culture & Tourism, Knights of Columbus, AT&T, William and Alice Mortensen Foundation, Irish American Historical Society, Irish History Round Table, Civil War Round Table of South Central Connecticut and all constituents that supported this effort; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim October 14, 2008 as

NINTH REGIMENT CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEERS MONUMENT DEDICATION DAY in the State of Connecticut.

1. Jodi Jule Governor

MONUMENT PRESENTATION To the State of Connecticut

Some 16 years ago my youngest daughter and sister visited this park where our ancestor, Private John Marlow, of Company C, died on July 24th during the first assault on Vicksburg in 1862. They found no mention of him or the Ninth and no monument to the State of Connecticut. Unrelated to their visit, a United States Senate bill was passed which revised the timeline of the official Vicksburg campaign to include the Union army's effort in 1862 and Connecticut's Ninth. Land at this canal area was also added to the Vicksburg National Military Park to accommodate a Connecticut monument.

Nearly eight years ago we began our effort to place a memorial at the park. The concept grew from an early signpost to various designs including today's monument. With an invitation from the National Park, Governor Rell approved our committee efforts and soon after we signed a contract with Mathieu Memorial and Granite Works of Southington, CT. The final design was submitted for approval at a number of federal levels including the U. S. Department of Interior, Washington DC in May of 2007. Financial support from the Knights of Columbus, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, AT&T, the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation, CT House Speaker James Amann and numerous other individuals and organizations have allowed us to proceed with the monument construction and today's dedication.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who supported us. This includes the early support from the Irish American Historical Society, the Irish History Round Table and the South Central Connecticut Civil War Round Table, as well as the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other organizations. Interested Connecticut citizens, historians, descendants of soldiers of the Ninth and Civil War re-enactors should all be mentioned for their financial donations as well as their contributions of time and talent in so many ways.

We should also give special thanks to Kerry Sheldon, our centerpiece composite design artist who also designed this booklet, Stacy Mathieu who hand etched the impressive artwork in the monument centerpiece, Tom Callinan, our State Troubadour, and Park Historian Terry Winschel who provided support and guidance for a number of years. While it is impossible to give credit to all those that deserve it, an effort has been made to outline their roles in providing the monument in the body of this dedication booklet.

Our Irish regiment has never been forgotten in its home state although they, along with Connecticut, have long been unrepresented here on the banks of the Mississippi at one of our country's finest national parks. We are therefore honored to present this monument to our state giving Connecticut a rightful and fitting memorial here at the Vicksburg National Military Park.

Robert Lakin

Robert Larkin Chairman – Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers Monument Committee

INVITATION

From the National Park Service



United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service Vicksburg National Military Park 3201 Clay Street Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183



April 18, 2005

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor of Connecticut Executive Office of the Governor State Capitol 210 Capital Ave. Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

The National Park Service is pleased to support the initiative of the State of Connecticut to erect a monument honoring the gallant soldiers of the Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry on the grounds of Vicksburg National Military Park.

Section 6 of the park's enabling legislation, that was passed by Congress and signed by President William McKinley on February 21, 1899, provides "that it shall be lawful for any State that had troops engaged in the siege and defense of Vicksburg to enter upon the lands of the Vicksburg national military park for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of its troops engaged therein." As soldiers from twenty-eight states, North and South, participated in the Vicksburg campaign (March 29 – July 4, 1863), only those states were authorized to erect monuments and all have done so.

In 1990, however, subsequent legislation was passed that enabled the acquisition of the remaining vestige of Grant's Canal which is located across the Mississippi River from Vicksburg in Madison Parish, Louisiana (see enclosed map). The legislation also broadened the park's commemorative timeframe from just the period of the siege and defense of the city in 1863 to the Vicksburg campaigns of 1862-1863 and the history of Vicksburg under Union occupation during the Civil War through Reconstruction. Thus Connecticut and Vermont, which had troops involved in the Vicksburg campaign of 1862 and labored on the canal, are now authorized to erect monuments honoring their soldiers. Toward that end, a site at the park's Grant's Canal Unit has been set aside for placement of the Connecticut State Monument.

As only the States or its designee(s) are authorized to place monuments on the grounds of the national military park at Vicksburg, the initiative underway by Mr. Robert Larkin of Cheshire, Connecticut, must be approved by the State of Connecticut. This can be done either through a gubernatorial proclamation of by a measure of the state legislature appointing him or his group

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as the state's representative in this matter. Such a proclamation or measure is necessary before the National Park Service will entertain an application from Mr. Larkin for approval of the proposed design and text for the monument.

Once such a proclamation or measure is secured, Mr. Larkin may submit an application for approval to the superintendent, Vicksburg National Military Park. The application must include architectural drawings, list of materials, and the proposed text for inscription. Following park review, the package is forward to the Southeast Region Office, National Park Service for similar review, then finally sent to the director, National Park Service for final review and approval. The design and proposed text must be approved by the Director, National Park Service, before groundbreaking ceremonies are permitted The National Park Service will do all site preparation, provide the foundation for the monument, and, following acceptance of the monument, will be responsible in perpetuity for its maintenance.

It is important to note that the Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry was the only unit from Connecticut to participate in the Vicksburg campaigns of 1862-1863. Known historically as "the Irish Regiment," the unit proudly carried a state flag that bore a gold harp and the slogan "Erin Go Bragh." Thus, it would be appropriate to refer to the unit as "the Irish Regiment" on the monument and/or the design to include an etching of the regimental flag.

We look forward to working with you to secure a fitting tribute to the gallant soldiers from Connecticut whose service in the Vicksburg campaign reflected a selfless devotion to duty and dedication to ideals cherished by all Americans. Should you have any questions, please call me at 601-619-2908. Thank you.

Sincerely Terrence J. Winsche Historian



Recruiting for Connecticut's Irish regiment in the Civil War – the Ninth Connecticut Volunteers – began in August 1861. On Sept. 3, Gov. William A. Buckingham appointed a New Haven Irish-American, Thomas W. Cahill, to command the unit. The next day New Haven's Emmet Guards enlisted en masse in the new regiment. The guards were one of six Irish militia companies that had been summarily dismissed from state service in 1855 by a nativist administration on the grounds that their patriotism was suspect.

A large number of Irish recruits and marching organizations from throughout the state quickly followed suit and joined the outfit as it trained at City Point in New Haven in September and October 1861. Their ranks were supplemented by those from other ethnic backgrounds in Connecticut and later in the war, as death and illness took its toll, by volunteers and reassigned soldiers, particularly in the New Orleans area.

NEW ORLEANS CAMPAIGN

On Nov. 4, the 865 men of the Ninth left by train for Lowell, Mass., to join a New England brigade being assembled by Gen. Benjamin Butler of Massachusetts for a campaign against New Orleans. The brigade sailed from Boston on Nov. 26 and arrived on Dec. 4 at Ship Island off the coast of Mississippi fifty miles east of New Orleans.

In early April 1862, the Ninth got its baptism of fire and its first casualties in an attack against a Confederate encampment at Pass Christian on the Mississippi coast. The Connecticut troops routed the Third Mississippi Regiment and captured its battle flag.

Later that month, the Ninth was one of the first regiments to enter New Orleans after the city fell to a Navy bombardment commanded by Flag Officer David Farragut.

The Ninth did occupation duty on Lafayette Square in New Orleans and at Camp Parapet seven miles north of the city until June 1862 when it was ferried 200 miles up the Mississippi River in the first attempt to capture the strategically located town of Vicksburg.

FIRST CAMPAIGN AGAINST VICKSBURG

Lacking sufficient troops to assault the city, Gen. Thomas Williams put his troops to work digging a canal to divert the river so as to allow Union ships to bypass the guns of Vicksburg. Of the 252 fatalities suffered by the Ninth during the war, 150 of them were in a four-month period beginning with the canal project. Because of the heavy death toll from diseases contracted in the swamps along the river, the dig was abandoned after just a month.

The Ninth was ferried back down river, and on Aug. 5, 1862, fought in the Battle of Baton Rouge. In that engagement, a rebel army of 3,000 was turned back when it attempted to dislodge Union troops from the Louisiana capital. Gen. Williams was killed in the battle and Col. Cahill of the Ninth, the senior officer on the field, took command. During the remainder of 1862 and 1863, the headquarters of the Ninth was in New Orleans, but the companies were spread out on the outskirts of the city. Two companies guarded the Mexican-Gulf Railroad and the mouth of the river. One was at Algiers across the river from New Orleans. Three were stationed north of the city at Pass Manchac. The troops skirmished with Confederate units and fought off water moccasins, rattlesnakes, lizards, flies and mosquitoes in the swamps.

Shenandoah Valley Campaign

In April 1864, the Ninth arrived back in New Haven for its first regimental furlough in two and a half years. In July, the regiment briefly joined the Army of the

James in Virginia, but was then ordered to the Shenandoah Valley. On Aug. 18, 1864, the Ninth reported to Gen. Phil Sheridan at Leesburg just as he was organizing a three-battle campaign - Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek - that finally ended Confederate control of the valley. Between Fisher's Hill on Sept. 21 and Cedar Creek

on Oct. 19, the Ninth's enlistment expired and the reduced number of officers and men who remained were organized into the Ninth Battalion comprising four companies commanded by Lt. Col. John G. Healy.

At Cedar Creek, the Union forces were caught by surprise and driven from their camps, thus setting the stage for Sheridan's dramatic ride back from a meeting in Washington to rally his men. Accounts from the battle indicate the Ninth advanced at the forefront as Sheridan mounted a late afternoon assault that carried the day.

In January 1865, the Ninth was ordered to Savannah, Ga., where it was engaged in



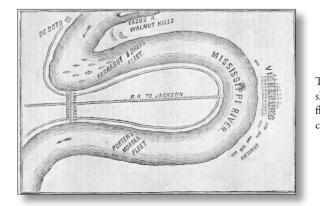
occupation duty after dispersing a force of guerrillas at Dawfuski Island. The regiment finished its service at Hilton Head, S.C. and embarked on Aug. 3, 1865 for New Haven where the men were mustered out.

The History of the Ninth Regiment C. V. by Thomas Hamilton Murray, was scanned and digitized by Kathleen LaPierre for the Arnold Bernhard Library, Quinnipiac University in partnership with the Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society, in February 2007. The book was originally published by The Price, Lee & Adkins Co., New Haven, Conn., in 1903.

CONNECTICUT PLAZA



Harper's Weekly newspapers, published during the Civil War, give a unique perspective on the important people and events of the times. The illustrations below were printed in the July 26, 1862 issue.



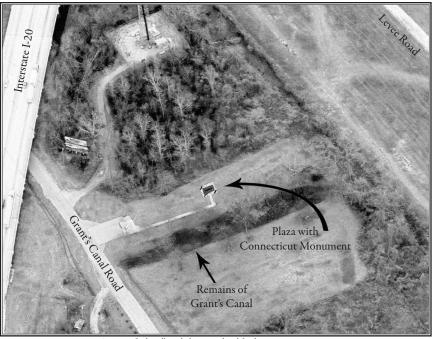
The illustration to the left shows the positions of the fleets above and below the city of Vicksburg.

The illustration to the right shows the Union soldiers cutting a canal across the isthmus.



A concrete plaza has been provided by the National Park Service as a gift to the Connecticut Monument at the canal area. Poured with two shades of colorized concrete, the plaza is approximately 19' by 21'. The shape of Connecticut is inset into the center of the plaza and has been poured in a charcoal gray color so that the image of Connecticut clearly stands out. It is visible not only at ground level, but also from an aerial perspective that can be seen from Internet satellite images (such as Google Earth and MSN Virtual Earth), making Connecticut a first at the National Park.

Levee Road, shown in the upper right corner of the photograph, is situated directly on top of the actual levee that existed in 1862. Today, the road is used primarily for service access.



Position of sidewalk and plaza simulated for demonstrative purposes.

MONUMENT CHARACTERISTICS

The Vicksburg memorial to Connecticut is approximately 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. It consists of a base, a centerpiece and two wings. In total, the monument and benches weigh nearly 16,000 pounds.

BASE: Made of Melrose Jet Black granite, the base is 10 inches high and 10 feet long. On the ground, it measures 1 foot, 6 inches from front to back, tapering to 1 foot, 4 inches at its top. It has all polished surfaces with a beveled face and pencil round edges. The inscription "Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers" is sand-carved and gold-leafed onto the face of the bevel.

CENTERPIECE: Made of Melrose Jet Black granite, the centerpiece is 8 feet, 10 inches tall, 1 foot from front to back. It is 3 feet wide at the base and tapers to 2 feet, 6 inches at the top. Hand-etched into the front face of the centerpiece are images of the regimental flag, faces of six representative soldiers of the regiment and a scene depicting soldiers digging at the canal. Etched into the back of the centerpiece are images of the Connecticut state seal, another six soldiers and a depiction of soldiers working at the canal site.

WINGS: Made of Royal Emerald Green granite, wings on the left and the right of the centerpiece measure 3 feet wide, 4 feet 6 inches high and 10 inches from front to back. Each wing has a recessed bronze plaque on which is text briefly describing the history of the regiment. Both plaques are pictured on the following page with the left plaque shown above the right plaque.

BENCHES: Two benches, placed on each side of the monument, are made of polished Melrose Jet Black granite. The seat section measures 4'0" wide, 1'2" deep and 4" in height.

The support section measures 3'8" wide, 8" deep and 1'2" in height. The seat and support sections were sand-blasted with the inscription, "Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers" (weight each: 967 pounds).

CENTERPIECE ARTWORK: With the exception of the Connecticut state seal, all of the centerpiece artwork was created by Kerry Sheldon using image manipulation software. Most of the portraits were restored and many required extensive editing to place the men in historically accurate military clothing. Numerous images were combined for the bottom composite panels to create scenes reflective of the various duties and hardships of the men as they served. The source images were taken at local Civil War re-enactments, the actual Vicksburg site, while others were posed and photographed to supply necessary details.

ETCHING: The finished images were hand etched onto the centerpiece by Stacy Mathieu of Mathieu Memorials using a diamond tipped etching tool. The etching began in early March, 2008 and was completed in early August, 2008. www.mathieumemorials.com



Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers

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> Two bronze plaques, one in each monument wing, gives a short history of the regiment in the Vicksburg area.

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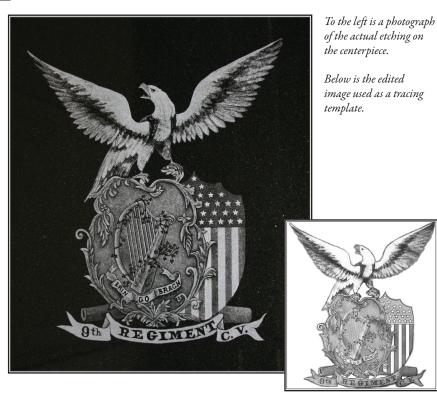
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CONTRACTED SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

- Mathieu Memorials and Granite Works, Southington, CT, agents for:
- Royal Melrose, a division of Cold Spring Granite Co., Cold Spring, MN
- Installation provided by Brookhaven Monument Co., Brookhaven, MS

NINTH REGIMENT SEAL FRONT OF MONUMENT, TOP

CONNECTICUT STATE SEAL Back of Monument, Top



THE IRISH REGIMENT SEAL

The Ninth Regiment Seal consists of a bald eagle with outstretched wings resting atop a field that is composed of two shield elements.

The front element, the Irish shield, is an ornate crest of golden leaves surrounding a green field, having a harp, (the national symbol of Ireland), with shamrocks weaving around the harp and through the strings, and a white banner with the words, "ERIN GO BRAGH" (Ireland Forever) beneath. The Irish shield, positioned in the foreground, is protecting the Union shield, which is comprised of white stars on a blue background above vertical red and white stripes. Crossing behind both shield elements are two opposing cannons facing outwards. The gold banner beneath the entire seal, cleft at each end, bears the text, "9th REGIMENT C. V."

The original flag bearing the regimental seal is currently located in the Hall of Flags at the State Capitol Building in Hartford, Connecticut.



To the left is a photograph of the actual etching on the centerpiece.

Below is the image provided by to State of Connecticut to be used as a tracing template.



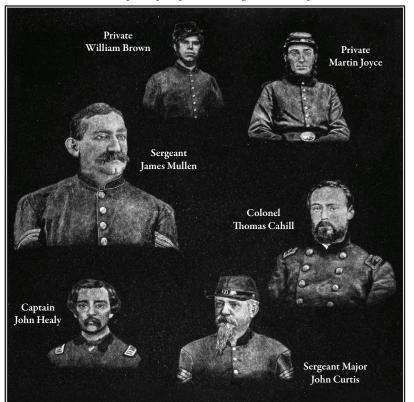
THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS

On March 24, 1931, the General Assembly adopted a design for the official Arms of the State, which it ordered drawn and filed with the Secretary of the State.

The official description of the Arms calls for: A shield of rococo design of white field, having in the center three grape vines, supported and bearing fruit. Below the shield shall be a white streamer, cleft at each end, bordered with two fine lines, and upon the streamer shall be in solid letters of medium bold Gothic the motto: "QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET" (He Who Transplanted Still Sustains)

PORTRAITS Front of Monument, Middle

Below is a photo of the portrait etchings on the centerpiece.





The front and back middle sections of the monument are portraits of some of the men in the Ninth Regiment, arranged so that the viewer will see his or her face reflected in the mirrorlike polished black granite, in the midst of the soldiers' images.

The names are included in this booklet for historical reference, but are not actually engraved onto the centerpiece.

Above are the restored composite portraits used as tracing templates for the etching process.

PORTRAITS Back of Monument, Middle

To the right are the restored composite portraits used as tracing templates for the etching process.

Care was taken to choose portraits to represent a variety of ranks, as the monument is dedicated to all of the men serving in the Ninth Regiment, regardless of their rank.

The decision not to engrave the portrait names on the monument was to further emphasize that these men are representing the entire regiment.





Above is a photo of the portrait etchings on the centerpiece.

COMPOSITE SCENE Front of Monument, Bottom

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The men were ordered to hand-dig the canal under blazing summer conditions. Many perished from heat exhaustion and disease while even more became incapacitated. Below, soldiers of the Ninth attend to a fallen comrade.





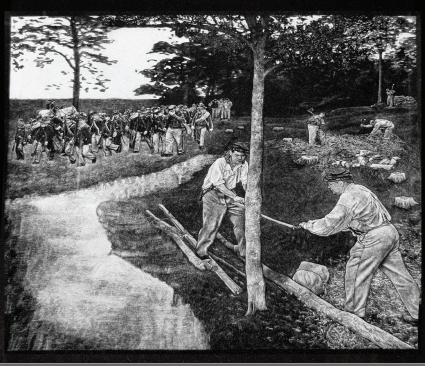
Above is a photo of the centerpiece etching.

To the left is the composite image used as a tracing template for the centerpiece etching.

At the start of each day, the men were ordered to march in uniform while wearing full packs, despite the severe climate conditions. The land where the canal was to be dug was heavily wooded and had to be cleared of brush and forestation before the canal digging could begin. Having only hand tools at their disposal, the men cleared the area by sheer physical labor. To the right is the composite image used as a tracing template for the centerpiece etching.



Below is a photograph of the centerpiece etching.



Various stages of the brush and forest clearing process are pictured in both composite panels, along with the regiment marching in full military regalia. Some of the men are showing signs of being affected by their physical and environmental conditions.

The Men who Served

The following roster was taken from "History of the Ninth Regiment C. V." by Thomas Hamilton Murray and represents all soldiers who served in the Ninth from 1861 - 1865. The omission of Company J is intentional, as no company was assigned to this letter.

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The embroidered kepi badge that is shown above was worn by officers on the front of their kepis.



The enlisted version was made of stamped brass and was positioned on top of the soldier's kepi.

Headquarters Officers, Field & Staff

Col Thomas W. Cahill Lt-Col Richard Fitzgibbons Major Frederick Frye

ADJUTANTS Alfred G. Hall Henry Kattenstroth

QUARTERMASTERS William W. Harral Nathan I. Bennett Thomas Corbin Thomas FitzGibbon

SURGEON Charles A. Gallagher

ASSISTANT SURGEONS George W. Avery Jairus F. Lines Ira C. Winsor Rollin McNeil

CHAPLAINS Daniel Mullen Leo Rizzo

SERGEANT-MAJORS Patrick T. Claffee John C. Curtis Michael Mullins Thomas L. Wilson John Bolger

Q. M.-SERGEANTS Nathan I. Bennett Henry C. Wright Robert Kerr John Gillis

COM-SERGEANTS James Lawler Frederick Smedel William Starkey HOSPITAL STEWARDS Garry T. Scott August Ruhl

PRIN. MUSICIANS Henry S. Chandler Oliver B. Allen John Healy

BAND LEADER Christian Streit

MUSICIANS Allen, Edward Allen, Oliver B. Andle, Charles Boos, Frederick Buell, William A. Burwell, David C. Chandler, Henry S. Coxall, Henry E. Dadman, George W. Gehrig, Theodore Green, Alvin C. Hall, Charles E. Hallauer, Lewis St. V. Harvey, William E. Hausmann, Charles Kelsey, Evelyn Keyes, Henry F. Pfaunekuchen, Fred'k Popp, Bruno Pratt, Eugene H. Simon, William Streit, Simon Waldner, Joseph Willmarth, John N.

Company A

PRIVATES (CONT.)

Graham, James

Hagerty, John

Harrington, Jerry

Hayes, Edward

Hickey, Patrick

Hogerty, John

Horan, Michael

Jackson, Robert

Hall, Jesse

CAPTAINS John Duffy Michael A. Williams

1st Lieutenants John Cogan Michael Kennedy

2D LIEUTENANTS Farrell H. Gallagher Lewis H. Goodman Thomas Connors

1st Sergeants Thomas Starkey William Gleeson

Sergeants Callahan, Patrick Coote, Charles Comiskey, Nicholas Degnan, John Haves, Michael Gahagan, Joseph Maloney, Walter Scully, William Shanley, Thomas Starkey, William

CORPORALS Bennett, Patrick Colbert, Thomas DeForge, Francis Eaton, William H. Gleeson, Dennis Hagerty, Patrick Hope, James Keenan, Martin Kennedy, Joseph Loudon, George Lynch, Charles McKeon, John Muldoon, John Mullen, Daniel Robinson, James W. B. Shanley, John

MUSICIANS Doty, William H. Flanigan, Patrick Kearne, Michael McGuire, Thomas WAGONER Lynch, Bernard PRIVATES Abbott, John Bohan, Patrick Bohan, Paul Boyle, Charles Brown, John

Jackson, Samuel S. Kain, Michael Keegan, James Kline, Frederick Lane, Patrick Larkins, Patrick Burns, John, 2d Lee, Henry E. Butler, Joel L. Legrand, John Callahan, James Leonard, John Campbell, Patrick Lvnch, Francis Carey, Thomas Lvnch, Michael Carthy, Lawrence Lvnch, Thomas Clark, Robert Maguire, John Cody, James Mahoney, Patrick Colbert, Morris Malonev, Michael Connell, Henry Malov, John Conner, James, 1st McDonald, James Conner, James, 2d McDonald, Terence Cooper, George McGrath, Thomas Corcoran, Peter McNulty, Robert Coyle, John McQuade, Bartholo'w Cullen, Patrick McQuillan, Richard Davis, Thomas Meredith, John Devlin, Peter Murphy, Thomas Dillon, John Nagle, Garrett Donohue, John Nickodemas, Nich. Dorherty, Robert Noonan, Malachi Dovle, Thomas O'Berne, John Driscoll, John O'Brien, John, 1st Dunn, John O'Brien, John, 2d Ellis, Thomas Pryor, Thomas Ennis, Matthew Raferty, Michael Fitzgerald, William Reynolds, Garrett Foley, James Reynolds, Patrick Foley, Michael Richmond, John W. Ford, John Riley, John, 1st Freil, John Gilhooly, John

PRIVATES (CONT.) Riley, John, 2d Rodgers, Henry Rosengrave, John Rourke, Thomas Sheridan, Kearn Thompson, Wm. J. Trusler, Ephraim Walch, John Whelan, John Winters, Charles Wrinn, Martin

Privates **1st Lieutenants**

COMPANY B

Lawrence O'Brien John Carroll

CAPTAIN

Patrick Garvey

2D LIEUTENANTS Daniel Carroll John McCusker William O'Keefe

1st Sergeants Malachi Hackett Jeremiah McGrath

SERGEANTS Boucher, John Carney, John Duffey, John Lynch, James McDonnell, Richard O'Brien, Michael

CORPORALS Brannon, Farrell Burke, John Butler, James Carey, James Cunningham, John Early, James Milligan, John McCluckie, John Morrissey, James Reynolds, Michael Rhatigan, Edward Rilev, Edward Streit, Simon

MUSICIANS Cassidy, John Dillon, Edward Healy, John

Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Joseph Barker, Josiah Bohen, Patrick Jr. Boyle, William Burke, Martin Burke, Patrick Cain, Bartholomew Cain, Patrick Carey, William W. Carlin, Andrew Carroll, John Casheen, William Castello, James Colwell, Thomas Craig, Patrick Crevy, James Cummins, Thomas Dawson, John Day, Patrick Donohue, James Doran, James Dunn, Thomas Dunn, Patrick L. Durning, Stephen Fahy, John Farrell, Thomas Ferris, John Fitzpatrick, Martin Frawley, John Glassett, James Gorman, Michael Green, Patrick Grogan, Michael Harrington, Joseph Harvey, Thomas Havden, James Hazlett, John Healey, Michael Hoey, Francis Hoey, George Hughes, Michael Hughes, Patrick Joyce, Martin

Kelley, James

Lawler, James

PRIVATES (CONT.) Lucy, Dennis Lynch, John 1st Lynch, John 2d Lynch, Patrick Mack, John Mackey, Nicholas Magee, Michael Mahon, Thomas Martin, John McCaffrey, James McCarty, Richard McCormick, Thomas McCormick, Nicholas McKay, John L. Merceir, Alexander Minahan, Thomas Molloy, Michael Moon, William Moore, William J. Morrissey, James Mulvey, Charles Mulvey, John Murphy, John Murray, Bernard Quinn, Luke Revnolds, Michael, 2d Roach, Thomas Robinson, John Russell, David Ryan, Daniel Ryan, John 1st Sweetman, John Walsh, John 2d Walsh, Peter Waldron, Thomas Whelan, James Woods, Patrick

Company C

CAPTAINS Michael McCarten John G. Healy

1ST LIEUTENANTS Patrick T. Claffee Addis E. Payne David C. Warner

2D LIEUTENANTS John Shaw Henry McKenna Patrick Ingoldsby James Lawler

1ST SERGEANTS Dennis Gately Bryan Donohue Richard Lilley

SERGEANTS Donnelly, Peter Doyle, William Glynn, Dennis Mullen, James T. Murphy, Jeremiah Sullivan, Daniel

CORPORALS Bohan, Patrick Brennan, Henry Brennan, Patrick Brown, James Connerty, Patrick Corcoran, Patrick Dovle, Hugh Flynn, Andrew Garvey, Edward B. Gilhuly, Michael Keegan, Edward Kelley, Hugh Lvnn, Edward McCormick, Thomas McMurray, Patrick O'Connor, George Ryan, James Thompson, William

CORPORALS (CONT.) Wier, Patrick

MUSICIANS Brean, Charles Lawler, James McCarten, Bartholo'w

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As Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, I commend the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers Monument Committee for their commitment to honoring the contribution of Connecticut's Civil War regiments with an artistic memorial that serves as a lasting tribute. Connecticut artist Stacy Mathieu hand etched the portraits of officers and enlisted men that look directly at the viewer- inviting them into their world of dirt, heat, sweat, and death.

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One of the original group of men was James T. Mullen. A successful businessman in New Haven, he designed the Knights of Columbus emblem, fashioned the Order's ceremonials and became their first Supreme Knight. Twenty years earlier he served as a sergeant in Company C of the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers opposite Vicksburg.



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Kerry Sheldon -- Composite Design Artist Centerpiece artwork design, Booklet design

As owner/operator of Casual Clicks, a digital image manipulation business in Durham, CT, Kerry restored a Sibley family portrait depicting a post-Civil War Thomas Cahill. This restoration would become her introduction to the Monument Committee. Her initial involvement simply was to restore a few portraits. When it became evident that many of the portraits were not reflective of the men's Vicksburg service, her role expanded to include the creation of historically accurate images and then to the design of the centerpiece artwork. This artwork was used as the template for the etching on both sides of the monument's granite centerpiece.

Kerry prepared all of the images that were etched onto the centerpiece, with the exception of the Connecticut State Seal. In a process which spanned over two years of image experimentation and development, details from hundreds of source images were digitally extracted, restored, manipulated and merged, with the ultimate goal of creating composite artwork intended to



honor Connecticut's Ninth Volunteer Infantry Regiment and to represent Connecticut in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

Kerry also created the design and layout of this dedication booklet, as well as several pages spotlighting the monument development on her web site, www.CasualClicks.com. The finished composite images that were used for the etching templates are shown in the monument description pages of this booklet.

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> Tom Callinan -- Norwich, CT -- Monument Historian & Connecticut's first "Official State Troubadour" (1991)

Tom, who has been researching a possible connection to Corporal Peter Callinan of the Ninth's G Co., is a former Connecticut junior high school teacher, turned full-time creative and performing artist as well as co-owner of Crackerbarrel Entertainments. More on Tom at www. crackerbarrel-ents.com/Callinan/bio.htm

In 1999, Tom's song "Connecticut's 9th" blended his new lyrics with the melody of "The Men Of The West", a mid-19th Century ballad known to Civil War soldiers. That led to his involvement with the monument committee; and that, in turn, resulted in his 2005 composition, "Williams Canal".

Tom, a resident of Norwich, CT, served as the consultant for historical accuracy of the uniforms (rank, insignia, etc.) for all of the men pictured on the monument. He also was instrumental in developing the embroidered fundraising shirts, etc. emblazoned with the Ninth's regimental colors and made available through The House of Henson.



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