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Monument to Connecticut Civil War dead unveiled at state Armory

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Civil War Monument Unveiled in Hartford, Headed to Vicksburg

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) _ The centerpiece of a new monument honoring the "forgotten" 9th Connecticut Volunteers Civil War regiment will soon be shipped to the National Military Park in Vicksburg, Miss.

History buffs, descendants of the soldiers and others have been raising money and advocating for the monument for the past eight years.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell and other Connecticut officials unveiled the two-ton, black granite centerpiece on Wednesday at the state armory in Hartford. It is set to be installed at Vicksburg on Oct. 14.

The 9th, known as Connecticut's Irish Regiment, left New Haven in 1861 for Mississippi. The regiment lost 252 men during the Civil War, including 150 at Vicksburg during a canal project plagued by malaria, dysentery and heat stroke.

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