



THE LEGACY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 140TH NEW YORK VOLUNTEER INFANTRY



Mission statement: This Corporation has been formed for the purpose of promoting charitable and educational aspects of the American Civil War; to teach the historical significance through activities, programs, and living history demonstrations; to authentically portray both Union soldiers from the 140th NYVI and Northern civilians - their life, clothing, equipment, actions, and battles; and to encourage family participation and the friendship of all who hold the same interest.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

140th NY membership,

We are yet again at the end of the reenacting season. It was a busy year for me, having done just about every event on our schedule. While our numbers were low throughout the year, I made more wonderful memories with many of you and am truly grateful for all of you who have come out and supported the unit.

It has been interesting the past couple of years with our low numbers in regards to how our organization has run. We no longer have a full executive board and no longer have enough soldiers to hold NCO elections. There is even been question as to whether or not the unit will survive. Rest assured, as long as my heart beats, the 140th NY will be represented and our history shared with whomever will listen! It has been an honor serving you all and if you are willing to have me, I will continue to serve next year.

I wish you all good health and look forward to seeing all of you again when we can share our passion for the civil war with each other and the public.

Until then, I remain your obedient servant,

Michael O'Connor

CIVILIAN COORDINATOR

I am willing to run for Civilian Coordinator for the next year if no one else is interested. I will likely need another surgery on my foot which will make me less than useless so I would really like to find someone else to do it.

Cathy Curley

From Susan Berardi: I am running for Treasurer for 2025, but not for Secretary again. I hope someone will run for that position. I have a new personal email address which is srdb7092@gmail.com. I encourage you to attend the November meeting. If we are to keep the 140th afloat, we need members to participate, as officers, by attending events, and by attending meetings.

From Ruth Williams: If no-one else is willing to take the Vice President/ Membership Coordinator's position, I will continue to serve in the position in 2025.

Please contact me if you would like to run for or nominate someone for a corporate board position.

Next Meeting
Nov. 3, 2024
2 PM

To be held at
Susan Berardi's complex
in Greece
at
1175 Orchard View Dr.,
Rochester NY 14612

THIS ISSUE

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The meeting minutes and financial information are being posted on the unit's website. This information is not included in the legacy

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140th President is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 140th President's Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 3, 2024 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81949640362?pwd=ys33Btlq6IdQcAdYjaoE8VAS1Rnjjy.1>

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The Battle of Cedar Creek October 19, 2024

In the fall of 1864, in the Shenandoah Valley, Maj. Gen. Jubal A. Early had been unsuccessful in slowing Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan since the recent Union victories at Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Tom's Brook. By mid-October, Early was determined to strike Sheridan's army in their camps along the east bank of Cedar Creek. Early executed a surprise attack early on October 19 and drove three Union corps from the field. As Early paused to reorganize, Sheridan arrived after a dramatic ride from Winchester in time to rally his troops and launch a crushing counterattack, from which Early's forces could not recover.

Sheridan's victory at Cedar Creek extinguished any hope of further Confederate offensives in the Valley, and was one of the Union victories in late 1864 that helped ensure President Abraham Lincoln's reelection that November.

During the Battle of Cedar Creek, civilians in the Shenandoah Valley, particularly those living near the battlefield, likely experienced significant disruption and fear as Confederate forces under Jubal Early initially achieved a surprising victory, plundering Union camps and causing panic among the local population before ultimately being driven back by the Union counterattack led by General Philip Sheridan; this sudden shift in the battle likely led to further anxiety and uncertainty for civilians in the area.