



# 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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**----- NEWS -----**

The election meeting was held November 11, 2023. Congratulations to our new and returning officers:

President: Susan Berardi  
Vice President: Ruth Williams  
Military Commander: Mike O'Connor  
Civilian Coordinator: Cathy Curley  
Member-at-Large: Karen Lech  
Military Ranks will be assigned at events

We are still looking for nominations for the following positions: Secretary & Treasurer

**Possible 2024 Events**  
St. Patrick's Day parade  
Rochester NY Saturday  
March 16 12:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day parade  
Buffalo NY, Sunday March 17 2:30 p.m.

A Step Into the Past Living Historical Timeline Event;  
Holley Fireman's Park May 10-11

46<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom Festival, Newfane NY  
Sunday May 19

**Waterloo Memorial Day Parade and Weekend May 25-26; paid event**

**Ft. Ontario Civil War Encampment sponsored by the 140<sup>th</sup> July 19-21;**

**West Sparta Old Fashioned Days July 27, paid event**

Angelica NY Civil War Weekend September 20-22, 2024 put on by the 136<sup>th</sup> NY

45<sup>th</sup> Apple Harvest Festival, Newfane NY, Sunday Sept. 29

**160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek, VA October 18-20, 2024**  
Reenactor Registration opens Jan 1 at [www.ccbf.us](http://www.ccbf.us)

**March Meeting  
Kick off party-choose events for 2024  
Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 p.m.**

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## Battle of Cedar Creek

In the fall of 1864, in the Shenandoah Valley, Maj. Gen. Jubal A. Early had been unsuccessful in slowing Maj. Gen. Phil 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.

For the Civilians: Karen Lech and Susan Berardi toured the plantation below when we went to Cedar Creek in 2015 and highly recommend it.

# WELCOME TO BELLE GROVE F

Belle Grove is located in the northern Shenandoah Valley near Middletown, Virginia. It was the home Major Isaac Hite and his wife Nelly Madison Hite, sister of President James Madison. Major Hite, grandson of Shenandoah Valley Pioneer Jost Hite, used enslaved labor to expand his original 483 acres to a prosperous 7500 acre plantation, growing wheat, raising livestock, and operating a large distillery and several mills. The Manor House, completed in 1797, was the centerpiece of the property and is open for touring today.



