

President General's Project for 2011-2012

Please present this Project to your Chapter, so everyone knows about it!

The National Society, Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 is handling the Congress in 2012, which will be celebrating our organization's 100th Anniversary. We will be holding this upcoming Congress in Gettysburg. (The Congress will be June 8-9, 2012 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg [phone 717-339-0020]). I would like my first year's President General's Project to be a donation to the **Monument Preservation Fund** at Gettysburg, which provides maintenance and cleaning for the many monuments set up there by the Union states. If you would consider giving something to the President General's Project this year, it would be greatly appreciated. Chapter Treasurers can include something for the President General's Project when you send in the dues, as there is a place right on the Annual Membership Report Form to include such a donation. Members-At-Large may send donations directly to the Treasurer General, who is now Priscilla Fikes, 417 Kentucky Ave., Louisville, KY 40222-4709. Please consider giving something to this worthwhile project. Below and on the back are some of the amazing monuments there at Gettysburg that this year's project will help to maintain.



Monument to the First Minnesota Infantry, dedicated in 1897.



Statue to John Burns, a Gettysburg civilian who fought alongside Union troops on the first day of the battle.



The Pennsylvania Monument, dedicated in 1910, lists the names of every soldier who served in a Pennsylvania unit at Gettysburg.

Michigan provided over 86,000 men to the Union Army during the Civil War. Over 2,600 fought in the Battle of Gettysburg, organized into seven infantry and four cavalry regiments, an artillery battery and four companies of sharpshooters. Over 1,111 of these became casualties.



16th Michigan Infantry



3rd Michigan Infantry



Michigan Sharpshooters
(1st U. S. Sharpshooters, Companies C, I & K
2nd U.S. Sharpshooters, Company B)



Wolverine Brigade
(1st, 5th, 6th and 7th Michigan Cavalry)



9th Michigan Battery



4th Michigan Infantry



The Eternal Light Peace Memorial at Gettysburg was the result of a cooperative effort between veterans of both the North and the South. It was dedicated by Franklin D. Roosevelt July 3, 1938 on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.



The monument to the Eighth Illinois Cavalry is west of Gettysburg on Reynolds Avenue south of Chambersburg Pike (US 30). It was dedicated in 1891 by the State of Illinois.



The statue to General George G. Meade at Cemetery Ridge.



2nd Wisconsin Infantry Monument

Wisconsin sent 91,000 men to the Union Army during the Civil War.



6th Wisconsin Infantry Monument

Wisconsin was represented in the Battle of Gettysburg by six infantry regiments and a company of sharpshooters, over 2,100 men.



The monument to Major General Oliver Howard is southeast of Gettysburg on Cemetery Hill. The monument was erected to Major Howard and to the citizens of Maine who served their country in the Civil War.



Monument erected to the officers and soldiers of the State of New York who fell in the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3, 1863, many of whom are buried here. Official return of casualties in the New York commands: Killed: 82 officers, 912 enlisted men. Wounded: 306 officers, 3763 enlisted men. Captured or missing: 68 officers, 1685 enlisted men.



The 13th Massachusetts Infantry Monument is northwest of Gettysburg on Robinson Avenue. It was dedicated in 1885 by the State of Massachusetts. The monument features regimental color bearer Sergeant Roland G. Morris, who fell at this spot on July 1st, 1863. The 13th Massachusetts suffered heavily on the northern edge of Seminary Ridge.

Please help this worthwhile project with some donation – small or large. Our National Park Service is greatly under-funded at Civil War battlefield sites. With budget and manpower cuts, we could not even get a Ranger to give us a program for the 2012 Congress. We'd like to help in some way and this year's President General's Project can help keep these wonderful monuments and statues cleaned and maintained. Since we will be there at Gettysburg, it is fitting that we should do so. Thanks for helping!! NSDU President General, *Ellen Stortz*