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Sheriff's Office sets Memorial Day observation

Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced that the annual Dutchess County Sheriff's Office memorial service will be held at the Law Enforcement Center on Parker Ave in Poughkeepsie on Thursday May 25, at 10 a.m. Because of the logistics involved with the ceremony, on May 25 the Sheriff's Office lobby will be closed to the public until noon.

Members of both the Law

Enforcement and Corrections Divisions will be in full dress uniform for the ceremony, and local dignitaries will be recognized as well. During the ceremony fallen law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, former Sheriff's Office members who have passed away, and the brave men and women who keep our nation safe will all be honored.

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Upon her death, fellow students at Milwaukee-Downer College and her family members established the Elizabeth Richardson Prize, given to a woman student excelling in studio art. The prize is still given today.

The Reeds



Ollie Reed, Jr.

There is but one example of a father and son buried in the Normandy American Cemetery. The father and son buried side by side are Col. Ollie W. Reed and 1st Lt. Ollie W. Reed, Jr.

The younger Reed had followed his father's career path. His dad had served in World War I and was in the service throughout the young man's youth. It was no surprise when the son chose to attend West Point, where he graduated with honors in the class of 1942.

When the war in Europe was raging, Lieutenant Ollie Reed, Jr. was serving in the 363rd Infantry Regiment of the 91st Infantry Division in Italy. He entered combat with his unit on the 4th of July, 1944. He was killed only two days later, on July 6th of 1944 near Lajatico, Pisa Province, Tuscany Region, Italy. This was only a month after D-Day in France. Ollie Reed, Jr. was 25 years old. The elder Reed, Colonel Ollie William Reed, a career soldier, served in the 29th Infantry Division. They were known as "the Blue and Gray Division" because the personnel were from both the north and the south of the United States.

The 29th came ashore on Omaha Beach, during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Ollie Reed took command of the 175th Regiment on the 23rd of June, just two weeks after D-day. He was killed only a month later. It's not known if he had even yet heard of his son's death in Italy. Colonel Reed was 48 years old.

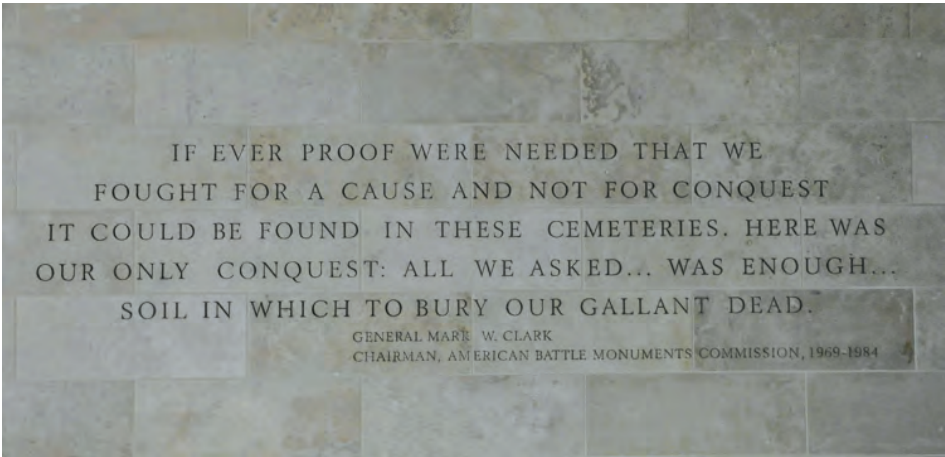
Col. Ollie William Reed was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. His son 1st Lt. Ollie W. Reed, Jr. was awarded the Purple Heart.

Their bodies were reunited at the end of the war at the request of the family.

The Roosevelt Brothers

Of the 45 sets of brothers buried in Normandy, the best known are likely Lt. Quentin Roosevelt and his older brother, General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Quentin Roosevelt is the only WW I casualty buried here. He was the youngest son of President Theodore Roosevelt and he went to the First World War as a pilot in the 95th Aero Squadron.



The words of General Mark Clark make clear the role the United States has always played when engaging in a European war. *Photo by Jim Donick*

He was shot down on Bastille Day, July 14th, 1918, at the commencement of the second battle of the Marne. Earlier, on July 10th, he had been credited with shooting down a German aircraft. The legendary WWI pilot, Eddie Rickenbacker, wrote of Quentin Roosevelt, "His bravery was so notorious that we all knew he would either achieve some great spectacular success or be killed in the attempt." The latter proved to be the case.

Lt. Quentin Roosevelt was just shy of his 21st birthday.

When Quentin Roosevelt went down he was quickly identified by the Germans, who buried him with full military honors in a small cemetery behind the lines - in Chamery, a hamlet of

Coulonges-en-Tardenois. He rested there until the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial was dedicated in 1956. As his brother, General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was to be buried there the family asked the United States Government to reunite their sons at the cemetery.

General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. is buried next to his younger brother. Ted Roosevelt was the only general to go ashore in the first wave on D-day. Eisenhower tried to convince the 56-year-old Roosevelt not to go but, ever a son of his illustrious father, Ted felt the need to be with his troops.

During the landings, on Utah Beach, Roosevelt not only took control of his own troops, sending them forward to

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Above: A haunting display at the cemetery reminds onlookers how most of the soldiers had been quickly buried during the hostilities. Even then, though, there was a certain dignity given to their heroism. Opposite page: Elizabeth Richardson rests under this simple cross among all of the other heroes in the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Photos by Jim Donick



Quentin Roosevelt



Ted Roosevelt

secure the area, but he stayed on the beach and directed activity there under heavy fire. For this action he was later awarded the Medal of Honor, America’s highest military award.

General Omar Bradley, thought of as the “soldier’s soldier,” was once asked about the bravest thing he had ever witnessed in his career. “That’s easy,” he replied. “It was Ted Roosevelt on Utah Beach.”

Ted Roosevelt died of a heart attack just over a month after D-Day on July 12th, 1944. He was 56 years old.

The Unknowns

The 307 unknown soldiers are buried here under either a Latin Cross or a Star of David. The choice of headstone is simply dictated by the percentages of casualties that would require one or the other. On the headstone is the simple inscription: “Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God.” Modern DNA techniques have offered the hope that some of them may yet be identified. At least one already has been.

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See this week’s paper for Memorial Day events taking place in the region.

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Memorial flags to fly at 4th Field of Honor in Hyde Park May 27-29

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Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hyde Park Education Foundation.

The Hyde Park Field of Honor® opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m. (Rain date is Sunday, May 28) There will be live, local enter-

tainment on the Main Stage, and a kids’ tent for activities, crafts and games on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m., FDR High School Music alumni will perform a concert on the Main Stage.

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Pleasant Valley ceremony recalls role of Dutchess County in Civil War

by Jim Donick

In preparation for Memorial Day, Pleasant Valley residents and representatives of Dutchess County, including County Historian Will Tatum and his staff member Georgia Heering, recently gathered in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery to honor the grave of a civil war veteran, Private Edward Horton, by placing a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) symbol with flag on his grave.

The ceremony was conducted by members of the 150th Regiment Society, who are Civil War re-enactors maintain-



ing the memory of the Dutchess County Regiment. The men were in Civil War uniforms of the period. They presented the traditional GAR memorial ceremony.

Memorial Day observances have their origin in the period right after the American Civil War. That conflict was the first in our history to mobilize such a large percentage of our population. The massive number of men and women involved came from every city, town, and village in the United States, both in the north and in the south.

Those men and women finished the war either as veterans or as casualties. In neither case were they ever to be forgotten.

Rising from the ashes of that great war was an organization dedicated to the memory of the casualties and to supporting the veterans who returned home. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), as it was called, became the first national veterans organization in the United States. It was later superseded by both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) among others.

The GAR became among the first organized advocacy groups in American politics, supporting voting rights for black veterans, promoting patriotic education, helping to make Memorial Day a national holiday, lobbying Congress to establish regular veterans' pensions, and supporting political candidates. Its peak membership, at 410,000, was in 1890.

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Georgia Heering (center) of the County Historian's Office had just laid flowers on the grave of Private Edward Horton, a Civil War soldier who is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Behind her are (from left) Former State Sen. Sue Serino, Pete Bedrossian, Mike Peets, Michael Bussa, Tim Gordon, Brian Hold, Mark Russell, and Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor John DelVecchio. Left: A close-up of Private Horton's grave, which has finally received its Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) memorial symbol. *Photos by Jim Donick*



Some of the men of the 150th never came home. Thankfully, most of them did.



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The members of the 50th Regiment re-enactors stand behind the recently decorated head stone of Private Edward Horton. Below: The Lieutenant of the group, Peter Bedrossian, reads for the group's GAR memorial service. *Photos by Jim Donick*



The [GAR] also worked at healing the wounds of the Civil War and bringing their former foes back into a constructive membership in American society.



This celebration of Memorial Day as a national holiday can be credited to the GAR's efforts.

One of the first orders issued by General John A. Logan as Commander in Chief of the GAR put Memorial Day on the calendar nationally.

In his General Order No. 11, dated May 5, 1868, first GAR Commander-in-Chief General John A. Logan declared May 30 to be Memorial Day (also referred to for many years as “Decoration Day”), calling upon the GAR membership to make the May 30 observance an annual occurrence. Although not the first time war graves had been decorated, Logan’s order effectively established “Memorial Day” as the day upon which Americans now pay tribute to all their war casualties, missing-in-action, and deceased veterans. For many years General Logan’s Order, as it was called, was often read aloud at community Memorial Day Ceremonies along with Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

The organization also worked at healing the wounds of the Civil War and bringing their former foes back into a constructive membership in American society.

A high point of this activity took place in 1913 at the reunion for the 50th anniversary of the Battle at Gettysburg. President Woodrow Wilson's July 4

reunion address summarized the spirit: "We have found one another again as brothers and comrades in arms, enemies no longer, generous friends rather, our battles long past, the quarrel forgotten - except that we shall not forget the splendid valor."

The last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, one Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at 109 years of age. He was the sole officially listed survivor of the approximately three million men who had served in the armed forces of the Union.

While the grave of Private Edward Horton was the center of the ceremony, the intent was to honor the memory of all of the civil war veterans of Pleasant Valley and of the county.

In opening remarks, a local resident commented:

“Thank you for joining us here today to remember a son of Pleasant Valley, Private Edward Horton, of the 150th NY Infantry, the Dutchess County Regiment. In a broader sense I think we are also honoring all of the young men of Dutchess County who went with him.

"In 1862, when they enlisted, the United States was engaged in an existential struggle. At Gettysburg, Mr. Lincoln noted that the United States was 'a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are cre-

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