

## NGEF to Help Honor Unique Civil War Battle

The National Guard Education Foundation (NGEF) and NGAUS plan to help the National Park Service this month commemorate the only battle in U.S. history in which a sitting president was present and under enemy fire.

The Civil War Battle of Battle of Fort Stevens occurred July 1864, just a hundred yards from what is today the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

It was fought primarily with Guard/militia troops. NGEF and NGAUS, who want to reaffirm the Guard's historic role, will lay wreaths to honor all those who died in battle.

Battle participants include units from eight states and the District of Columbia:

**Maine:** 7th Infantry

**Massachusetts:** 2nd Cavalry  
**New York:** 43rd Infantry, 49th Infantry, 77th Infantry, 122nd Infantry, 139th Infantry and 25th Cavalry  
**Ohio:** 150th Infantry, 151st Infantry and 1st Light Artillery  
**Pennsylvania:** 61st Infantry,  
**Rhode Island:** 1st Cavalry  
**Vermont:** 3rd Infantry  
**District of Columbia:** D.C. Quartermaster Corps  
**Virginia:** 2nd Corps

More than 900 soldiers on both sides were killed or wounded during the battle. Forty-one Union soldiers who died in Fort Steven's defense are interred in small, close-by national cemetery dedicated by Abraham Lincoln.

## Wounded Soldiers Visit National Guard Memorial

Over the past several months, Educational Foundation (NGEF) and NGAUS staff have visited wounded Guardsmen at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Last month, they hosted some Walter Reed patients and family members at the National Guard Memorial.

"When I called to arrange a visit for June, my contact asked me if some of the Guardsmen could come to our building," said Rich Arnold, NGAUS public affairs specialist. "We gladly obliged."

The highlight of the day was a tour of the National Guard Memorial Museum given by Jason Hall, NGEF director.

In addition, Guardsmen from Alabama, Arizona, Minnesota and New Jersey toured the rest of the memorial.

Their day began with a greeting from retired Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Koper, NGAUS president, followed by a luncheon with NGAUS staff in the Hall of States.

## Mustering in 2005

The following individuals recently added their names to NGEF's Guard Muster registry: Col. Valentine J. Blefiglio (Texas), Spc. Brian Clemens (Indiana), Chief Warrant Officer 4 Allen Hetzell (Delaware), Capt. Ronald Howard (Georgia), Spc. William A. Jefferies (Indiana), Col. James N. Pritzker (Illinois), Col. Charles D. Sikes (Georgia), Spc. Anthony R. Wagner (Indiana) and Col. Robert E. Watson (New Jersey). Please visit the Guard Muster at [www.ngef.org](http://www.ngef.org).

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 One Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

### Guard Members (past or present)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

State Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Address (leave blank if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Guard Units \_\_\_\_\_

Guard Duties Performed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if given in honor/memory of)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

You can also enroll on line at [www.ngef.org](http://www.ngef.org)

A register of Guard men  
 and women—past and present.