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# POTTER CO. VETERANS GRAVESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT

## REPORT FROM THE POTTER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

And so it begins! There is so much to report since our last update, including a demonstration project planned for Tuesday, April 18. Here's the latest news:



**--*Demonstration project Tuesday!*** Our committee will join the Sons of the American Legion from Potter Post 192 at the Lymansville Cemetery (county Mapleview property) at 6 pm Tuesday, April 18, to conduct a demonstration of the veterans grave marker restoration project. We've identified three markers of Civil War veterans, including this stone of Cassius C. Warren, who enlisted at age 15. All are welcome to attend tomorrow's gathering to observe how the markers are cleaned and perhaps lend a hand. Who knows -- maybe we can completely restore a marker or two?

**--*Liftoff May 13 at Eulalia Cemetery.*** In cooperation with the directors of the Eulalia Cemetery, the liftoff of the Potter County Veterans Gravestone Restoration Project has been scheduled for 9 am Saturday, May 13. After a brief kickoff ceremony at the cemetery chapel along Rt. 6 West in Coudersport, volunteers will fan out across the cemetery to clean the gravestones of designated military veterans. More details will be announced. Those interested in joining the work bee on May 3 should contact Eulalia Cemetery board president Steve Erway ([steven.erway@northwest.com](mailto:steven.erway@northwest.com)).

**--*So, where do we go from here?*** We've chosen the Eulalia Cemetery for our pilot project. After its launch, we will be reviewing what we've learned and developing a plan to engage with the caretakers of other cemeteries across Potter County and advance our mission. We've already heard from individuals interested in organizing or conducting the gravestone cleanup and ongoing maintenance in Austin, Genesee, Woodland (Hebron), Ulysses, Mills, North Bingham, Roulette, Keating Summit and Genesee. School officials at Oswayo Valley, Austin and Northern Potter have also stepped up to organize student educational and/or service projects around this project. Please bear in mind that this is just the start of a countywide project that will continue for many years. Suggestions for additions to the mailing list for these updates are welcome. This will be of great assistance as we assemble teams of volunteers for specific cemetery assignments or other projects. Those interested in receiving future updates, sharing suggestions, or volunteering in any capacity should contact Dawn Wooster at [dwooster@pottercountypa.net](mailto:dwooster@pottercountypa.net) or 814-274-8290, ext. 207.



**--*Watch for our website.*** Web developer Brad Zehr (Zehr.net Company) is committed to assisting us at a greatly reduced fee. We will be exploring steps to link this site to other online resources that have been established by area historical organizations and cemeteries. The site will appear as a link to the Veterans Affairs page on the county website, [pottercountypa.net](http://pottercountypa.net).