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## POTTER CO. VETERANS GRAVESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT

### REPORT FROM THE POTTER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Our project is taking off! We're continuing to channel the widespread support and enthusiasm into a work plan. Here are some of the latest developments:

--**We continue to confer with managers of the Eulalia Cemetery** along Rt. 6 in west Coudersport, which has been chosen for our liftoff/pilot project. Our contacts are president Steve Erway and secretary/treasurer Donna Lehman, who are a pleasure to work with and fully committed to the project. Details continue to be pieced together for a public launch of our program, possibly during the Memorial Day Weekend.



--**Andrew Lumish, the “good cemeterian” from Florida** who has been widely publicized across the nation, has been a godsend to us. Through our connection with Andrew, we were able to reach terms with a wholesaler and have acquired our initial supplies of the recommended cleaning agent (D2 Biological Solution) at a reduced fee. We're making arrangements to purchase other cleaning supplies from local vendors. The Potter County Commissioners approved the initial purchases through the Emma Jane Vassell Fund started in 2011.

--**Brad Zehr (Zehr.net Company)**, who contracts to provide and maintain the county's website ([pottercountypa.net](http://pottercountypa.net)), has agreed to work with us in creating a website dedicated to the Potter County Veterans Gravestone Restoration Project. We're trying to determine how best to integrate our new site with local historical societies and genealogy websites.

--**Potter County Veterans Affairs Director Bill Simpson** has been busy sharing details of our project. He spoke last weekend at the anniversary dinner of American Legion Post 192 in Coudersport. Bill also plans to address the Coudersport Rotary Club and the Oswayo Valley Historical Society in the near future. He can be reached at 814-274-8290, extension 210, or [wsimpson@pottercountypa.net](mailto:wsimpson@pottercountypa.net).

--**Among recent additions to our list of volunteers** is Beth Sigafoes, representing the Hill Cemetery in Roulette. We remain eager to build the distribution list for these regular updates and other communications about this project. Suggestions for additions to the list 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.

There is a wealth of material available on Andrew Lumish online (using search term Good Cemeterian is helpful; and checking out the Facebook page of that title). The 3.5-minute CBS Sunday Morning segment that is available through YouTube is an especially effective piece. People like Andrew Lumish are a rare breed and it is an honor to have him take a personal interest in our efforts.