



UPDATE NO. 2

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POTTER CO. VETERANS GRAVESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT



Potter County Veterans Affairs Director Bill Simpson (shown) and Commissioner Paul Heimel discussed the Veterans Gravestone Restoration Project with the Leadership Potter County class, which has agreed to offer technical assistance and strategic planning assistance.

There have been several recent developments to report, as a follow-up to Update No. 1 (Feb. 24, 2017).

--Andrew Lumish (the "Good Cemeterian") and Mike Wennin (historian/genealogist in Cameron County) have provided us with detailed instructions and related advice on gravestone cleaning techniques, to assure that the markers are not damaged in the cleaning/restoration process.

--Leadership of the Eulalia Cemetery along Rt. 6 in west Coudersport has committed to working with us. This is envisioned as our first (pilot) project.

--Bill Simpson has contacted a company that can provide the D2 Biological Solution at a wholesale cost with a discount, due to our affiliation with Andrew Lumish.

--We are eager to build the distribution list for these regular updates and other communications about this project. Currently listed are Andrew Lumish; Veterans Service Committee members Bill Simpson, Paul Heimel and Dawn Wooster; Commissioners Doug Morley and Susan Kefover; Donna Lehman and Steve Erway (Eulalia Cemetery Assn.); Kevin Roessner (Northern Potter School District); Katie Sasala (Austin Area School District); Lori Hansen (Keating Township); Lugene Heimel (Coudersport); Candi Hand (Port Allegany, Potter Co. Education Council); Kelly Clay (Cole Hospital); Barry Hayman (Ulysses); Will Hunt (Potter County Planning/GIS); and David Castano (Potter County Historical Society). The list will continue to grow and those interested in receiving future updates or volunteering in any capacity should contact Dawn Wooster at 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.