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BATTLEGROUND NATIONAL CEMETERY

Battleground National Cemetery located at 6625 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. was established shortly after the Battle of Fort Stevens in the summer of 1864. The battle which lasted two days--July 11 through July 12, 1864, marked the defeat of General Jubal Early's Confederate campaign to launch an offensive action against the poorly defended Nation's Capital. Fort Stevens was also to gain notoriety as being the only military action in which the Commander in Chief (President Abraham Lincoln) came under direct fire from an enemy force. With a combined total casualty figure of over 900 killed or wounded during the conflict, 41 of these (Union) soldiers who fought and died bravely in Fort Steven's defense were interred in a specially created cemetery dedicated by Abraham Lincoln.

Battleground National Cemetery located one-half mile north of Fort Stevens is one acre in size and one of our Nation's smallest national cemeteries. The entrance to the Cemetery is flanked by two 6-pounder, smoothbore guns used during the Fort Stevens conflict. Also near the entrance are monuments to the States of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania commemorating those units which fought at Fort Stevens. Within the Cemetery grounds are a series of cast iron markers containing the words of a poem entitled "The Bivouac of the Dead" written by Theodore O'Hara in memory of those men who perished during the Mexican War. This poem as well as the bronze Gettysburg Address found on the side of the caretaker's lodge are reminiscent of many national cemeteries. The center of the Cemetery is marked by a central flagpole surrounded by 41 regulation marble headstones marking the remains of the honored dead of Fort Stevens. Behind these headstones and to the east stands a marble rostrum used to conduct yearly Memorial Day services. The four granite pillars are in memory of the four volunteer companies who fought at Fort Stevens.

ROLL OF HONOR

The following Union soldiers, killed in action July 11 and 12, 1864, at the Battle of Fort Stevens, Brightwood, D.C., are buried in Battleground Cemetery:

25th New York Cavalry
Sergeant Thomas B. Richardson
Sergeant Alfred C. Starbird
Elijah S. Hufletin

93rd Pennsylvania Infantry
John Ellis
George Garvin
H. McIntire
William Holtzman

May 1982

40th New York Infantry

Jeremiah Maloney
William Tray
E. C. Barrett
E. S. Bavett

43rd New York Infantry

John Davidson
Matthew J. DeGraff
G. W. Farrar

49th New York Infantry

Mark Stoneham
William H. Gillette
Corporal A. Matott

77th New York Infantry

Corporal William Ruhle
Andrew J. Downen
Andrew Manning

122nd New York Infantry

Alvarado Mowery
John Bently
Harvey P. B. Chandler
David L. Hogeblom
Alanson Mosier

61st Pennsylvania Infantry

John Kennedy
Lieut. William Laughlin
Andrew Ashborough
Philip Bowen

89th Pennsylvania Infantry

Sergeant George Marquet
Bernard Hoerle

139th Pennsylvania Infantry

Charles Scahouse
Frederick Walther
Sergeant John M. Richards

2nd Massachusetts Cavalry

John Dolan

37th Massachusetts Infantry

Patrick Lovett

7th Maine Infantry

John Pockett

1st Rhode Island Infantry

Corporal George W. Gorton

3rd Vermont Infantry

Russell L. Stevens

2nd United States Artillery

C. S. Christ

Major Edward R. Campbell, buried on March 12, 1936, at the age of 92 years was the last Union veteran eligible for interment here.

Battleground National Cemetery is administered by the Superintendent, National Park Service, Rock Creek Park, 5000 Glover Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015. The Cemetery grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk.