

CONTROL# 2009-10-03

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**

(FORM CWM #62)
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: SGT James H. Harris Camp #38, Department of Maryland

(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: 38700 Alice Way

CITY: Clements

STATE: Maryland

ZIP CODE: 20624

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Duane Whitlock, Camp Commander

ADDRESS: 38700 Alice Way

CITY: Clements

STATE: Maryland

ZIP CODE: 20624

PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: USCT Memorial Monument

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) _____

Lancaster Park located in Lexington Park, Maryland

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: _____

Being built by Gary Casteel

WHO OWNS IT: _____

Once erected it will be owned by St. Mary's County in Southern Maryland

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: Not Yet FROM WHERE: Maryland State is proposing a matching grant to
be voted on in June session.

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: Personal & corporate donations,
Fund raising events from dinners, fairs, and other venues. See attached documentation.

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$1,000

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)
Funds need to erect a USCT Memorial Monument which also Honors two Medal of Honor Recipients. Conceptual drawing is attached.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____
The UCAC and Harris Camp #38 evaluated that this work needed to be done for historical & educational purposes.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____
Brother Gary Casteel will do the work and his information for qualification is attached.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: The USCT Memorial Monument Committee from the UCAC
(see attachment)

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST
2009 - 2010**

GRANT REQUEST # 2009-10-03

Project Name: USCT Memorial Monument

Camp; Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38, Dept. of Maryland

Monument Location; Lancaster Park located in Lexington Park, Maryland

Contact Person: Duane Whitlock, Camp Commander

Check Payable to: the USCT Memorial Monument Committee from the UCAC

Amount Requested: \$1,000.00

Memorials assessment report filed? Yes No Not needed

Signature of Memorials Officer _____ Kevin Tucker, PDC

Paid;

Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed, fax or email to Bob Petrovic, _____, Email; _____ who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.

Approved Denied Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC RMP

Perley E. Mellor, PDC

Tad D. Campbell, PDC TDC

Signature Robert M. Petrovic **Date** 4/3/10

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Signature [Signature] **Date** 5-12-2010

Comments:

SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST 2009 - 2010

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Signature of Memorials Officer _____ **Kevin Tucker, PDC**

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Approved Denied Tabled

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RMP

Perley E. Mellor, PDC

PEM

Tad D. Campbell, PDC

Signature *Robert M. Petrovic* Date *5/3/10*

Signature *Perley E. Mellor* Date *5/8/10*

Signature _____ Date _____

Comments:



United States Colored Troops (USCT)

Memorial Monument Committee

P.O. Box 1457

Lexington Park, Maryland 20653

Dear Community Leader:

The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) Monument Committee has initiated an historical project to educate the citizenry and preserve local, state and national history by erecting a memorial monument to honor United States Colored Troops. It will recognize Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and all Union soldiers and sailors from St. Mary's County who served during the Civil War. UCAC is working in partnership with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Together we will bring the lives of these American heroes to the attention of the public, so that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

UCAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is *to increase understanding of and to foster African American contributions to the history and development of St. Mary's County*. History tells us that during the Civil War over 600 slaves were recruited as USCT to fight with the Union to end slavery in the United States. This history is a vital part of our local heritage. This project will create a legacy which will serve to educate the community and preserve our history for future generations.

We are proud that St. Mary's County produced two USCT recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Pvt. William H. Barnes and Sgt. James H. Harris. These sons of St. Mary's County were awarded the Medal of Honor for their gallantry in the Battle of Chaffin's Farm also known as the Battle of New Market Heights (Sept. 1864) in Varina, Henrico County, Virginia.

The cost of erecting a monument to honor Civil War Medal of Honor recipients from St. Mary's County, and all Union soldiers and sailors from the county is estimated at approximately \$200,000. The site for the monument is John G. Lancaster Park in Lexington Park, Maryland. It is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated during September, 2010. This will serve as a kick off for the Civil War's Sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary to be celebrated in 2011.



Under Authority of the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC)
and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38
Chairpersons: Mrs. Idolia Shubrooks and Dr. Janice Walthour



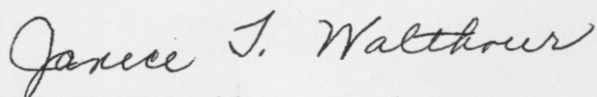
We need you to join us as we bridge the gap in St. Mary's County's history by officially recognizing all Union soldiers and sailors from St. Mary's County who served in the Civil War. As we approach the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, we believe that the significance of this historical monument will attract tourists from across the state and nation. We plan to aggressively market the project for maximum media exposure. With your help we can make a difference in the lives of so many by bringing to life this long forgotten piece of history.

The UCAC and the SUVCW extend to you a most prestigious opportunity and invitation to play a very significant role in helping to erect this United States Colored Troops Memorial Monument. Again, it will honor Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from St. Mary's County and all Union soldiers and sailors from St. Mary's County who served during the Civil War. We are asking your help in sponsoring this project by donating money.

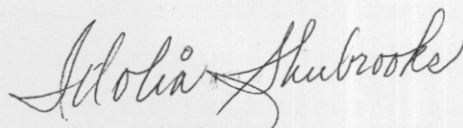
Please read the donor/sponsorship opportunities on the attached applications and select the level at which you are able to give. UCAC is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and your donations will be tax deductible.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. Any monetary support you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Every dollar helps. We look forward to hearing from you and how you wish to help us touch the lives of many as we move forward to recognize the past, inspire our youth and educate our entire community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Janice T. Walthour, Co-Chairperson



Mrs. Idolia Shubrooks, Co-Chairperson

**For additional information about the monument and fundraising,
visit our website at www.ucaconline.org.**

**Telephone Contact: Janice Walthour- [REDACTED]
or Idolia Shubrooks [REDACTED]
e-mail: info@ucaconline.org**

Goal is \$200,000 for memorial to troops

Friday, June 19, 2009

The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions in partnership with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War has embarked on a campaign to raise funding, awareness, and educate the community about the contributions of colored troops during the Civil War. We thank all who helped us by buying or selling coupons for the Belk Charity Day event held on May 2. This was the kickoff fundraiser for a memorial monument to United States Colored Troops to be erected here in St. Mary's County.

This monument will be a tribute to all of the brave servicemen from St. Mary's County Maryland who served the Union during the Civil War. It will display special honors to two United States Colored Troops, Sgt. James H. Harris and Pvt. William H. Barnes, who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for their bravery and valor. Barnes fought in the Battle of Chaffin's Farm, Va. and Harris fought in the Battle of New Market Heights, Va.

Our goal is to raise \$200,000 in cash contributions, grants and in-kind donations to complete the monument by Sept. 29, 2010, to mark the 146th anniversary date of the historic battles where Barnes and Harris earned their Medal of Honor.

For more information about fundraising events contact the United States Colored Troops Memorial Committee at P.O. Box 1457 Lexington Park, MD 20653 or telephone 301-862-9635, 301-862-2296 or 301-863-2150. To make contributions or pledges contact us online at ucaconline.org.

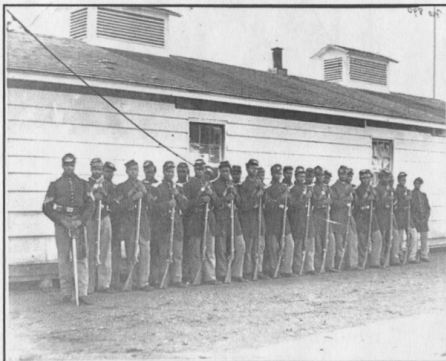
The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are relying on the generosity of the all citizens who can help us by donating funds to build this historic monument which has local, state and national significance as the United States begins the 150th year (sesquicentennial) commemoration of the Civil War. Thank you for your willingness to help.

Idolia Shubrooks, Janice T. Walthour

The writers are co-chairpersons of the United States Colored Troops Memorial Committee.

What Is The Cost?

The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$200,000. For information about fundraisers and other public events, visit our website, www.ucaconline.org.



When Will The Monument Be Completed?

It is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated during September, 2010. This coincides with the historic Battle of Chaffin's Farm also known as the Battle of New Market Heights (Sept. 1864) in Varina, Henrico County, Virginia.

It will serve as a kick off for the Civil War's Sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary to be celebrated in 2011.

How Can I Donate?

Your tax deductible donation can be made by visiting our website at www.ucaconline.org

Make checks payable to:
USCT Memorial Monument Fund

mail to:

**USCT MEMORIAL
MONUMENT COMMITTEE**
45488 Brawny Street
Great Mills, MD 20634
or use

PayPal

Contact:

Janice T. Walthour 301-862-2296
Idolia Shubrooks 301-863-2150
Nat Scroogins: info@ucaconline.org



UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS MEMORIAL MONUMENT



A Community Education Project
sponsored by

The Unified Committee
for
Afro-American Contributions



and



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38

What Is The Goal Of The United States Colored Troops (USCT) Project?

Documenting St. Mary's County History

The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), in partnership with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) have formed the USCT Memorial Monument Committee to erect a monument in honor of United States Colored Troops who fought for freedom during the Civil War. It will honor Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and all Union soldiers and sailors from St. Mary's County who served during the Civil War.

St. Mary's County USCT Congressional Medal Of Honor Recipients



Sgt. James H. Harris



Pvt. William H. Barnes

Why Is It Important?

The United States Colored Troops were regiments of the United States Army and Navy during the Civil War that were composed of African American soldiers and sailors. Many of the men who served as USCT were slaves prior to volunteering for the Union Army. In St. Mary's County during the 1800s there were more than 6,500 slaves and over 600 were recruited as USCT.

Recruiting stations were set up at various places by the Union. This action was taken despite the complaints of plantation owners who depended on slave labor for local agricultural needs.

The history of USCT is a vital part of our local heritage. This project will create a legacy which will serve to educate the community and preserve our history for future generations.

St. Mary's County produced two USCT Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Pvt. William H. Barnes and Sgt. James H. Harris. Both men were cited for their gallantry in the Battle of Chaffin's Farm, Virginia, also known as New Market Heights. This battle was fought September 29-30 in 1864.

Who Will Build The Monument?

GARY CASTEEL



Watch Mr. Casteel work on the monument visit www.garycasteel.com

Nationally recognized sculptor Gary Casteel will build the monument. Mr. Casteel's work is highly regarded and may be seen in collections of the National Park Service, state and local governments, corporations and private enterprises.

Where Will It Be Located?

The site for the monument has been donated by the county and will be John G. Lancaster Park in Lexington Park, Maryland.

United States Colored Troops Memorial Monument Sponsorship Program

Level 1 (Bronze) \$2,500 - \$4,999 sponsor will receive a 1/2 page color ad in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication of the USCT Memorial Monument, a bronze plated recognition plaque and recognition at the dedication ceremony.

Level 2 (Silver) \$5,000 - \$9,999 sponsor will receive a full page color ad in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication of the USCT Memorial Monument, a silver plated recognition plaque and recognition at the dedication ceremony.

Level 3 (Gold) \$10,000- \$24,999 sponsor will have his or her name or the organization's name inscribed on one of two pedestals being erected to honor Sgt. James H. Harris and Pvt. William H. Barnes, USCT Medal of Honor recipients. The sponsor will receive a full page color ad in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication ceremony, a gold plated recognition plaque and recognition at the dedication ceremony.

Congressional Level - (Mega Sponsor) \$25,000 and above will have his or her name or the organization's name inscribed on the granite pedestal supporting the life size bronze statue of the gallant USCT with musket. The sponsor will receive a full page color ad in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication ceremony, a platinum plated recognition plaque and recognition at the dedication ceremony.

Tear off and return portion below:

Sponsorship Program

(UCAC 501 (c) (3) Tax Deductible Organization)

Name/Organization _____

Telephone No. _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

Sponsor: Level 1 \$ _____ Level 2 \$ _____ Level 3 \$ _____

Congressional Level (Mega Sponsor) \$ _____

**Make checks payable to: USCT Memorial Monument Fund -Mail to: USCT
MEMORIAL MONUMENT COMMITTEE 45488 Brawny St. Great Mills, MD 20634
Telephone Contact: Janice Walthour 301-862-2296 or Idolia Shubrooks 301-863-2150 e-mail:
Nathaniel Scroggins, info@ucaconline.org**

All sponsor donations are due on or before November 30, 2009

United States Colored Troops Memorial Monument Donor Program

Level 1 (Bronze) \$125.00-\$249.00 donor will receive the historic bronze challenge collectable coin which shows a replica of the USCT monument on one side and on the other side there is a replica of the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH) plus the names of Sgt. James H. Harris and Pvt. William H. Barnes, USCT recipients of the medal. Your name will also be listed as a bronze patron in the dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication of the USCT Memorial Monument in September of 2010.

Level 2 (Silver) \$250.00 – \$499.00 donor will receive the historic bronze challenge collectable coin and the silver challenge coin. Each coin shows a replica of the USCT monument on one side and on the other side there is a replica of the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH) plus the names of Sgt. James H. Harris and Pvt. William H. Barnes, recipients of the medal. Your name will also be listed as a silver patron in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication of the USCT Memorial Monument in September of 2010.

Level 3 (Gold) \$500.00 - \$2,499.00 donor will receive our historic bronze challenge collectable coin, the silver challenge coin and the gold challenge coin. Each coin shows a replica of the USCT monument on one side and on the other side there is a replica of the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH) plus the names of Sgt. James H. Harris and Pvt. William H. Barnes, recipients of the medal. Your name will also be listed as a gold patron in our dedication souvenir program book to be distributed at the dedication of the USCT Memorial Monument in September of 2010.

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**USCT MEMORIAL MONUMENT
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT**

Amount _____
 Cash Check

Date: _____

Keep this stub for your records

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT**

501c3 Sponsors

*The Unified Committee for Afro-American
Contributions (UCAC)

*The Sons of Veterans of the Civil War (SUVC)
Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38

MEMORIAL MONUMENT CONTRIBUTION

Your generous tax-deductible contribution will be used to erect a Memorial Monument to the United States Colored Troops and all Union servicemen from St. Mary's County who fought valiantly in the Civil War. This important historic monument will be a legacy to our community.

Fundraising Goal - \$200,000.00 Project Completion Date: September 2010
Monument Project Location - Lexington Park, Maryland

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

_____ E-mail Address: _____

Checks payable to:
USCT Memorial Monument Fund

Cash

Mail to:
P.O. Box 1457
Lexington Park, Maryland 20653

Visit www.ucaonline.org for PayPal and additional contribution options

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*The Sons of Veterans of the Civil War (SUVC) Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38

Remembering the troops

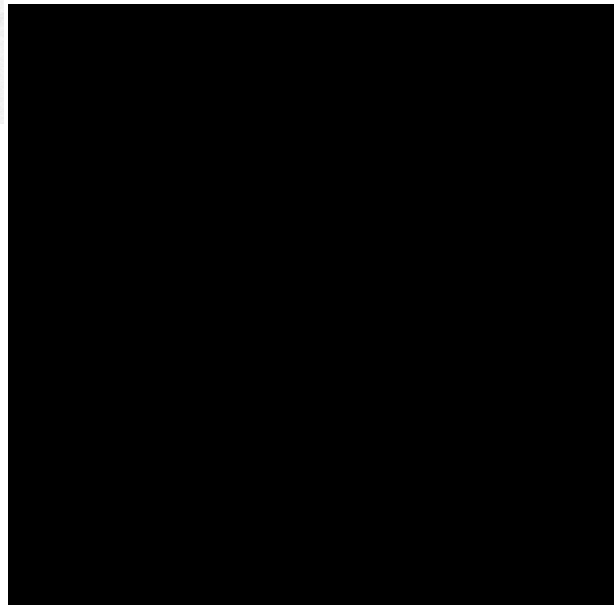
Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Janice Walthour of the Unified Committee on Afro-American Contributions of St. Mary's County announces at the Juneteenth celebration at Freedom Park the building of a new "nationally recognized monument" for U.S. Colored Troops to be completed in September 2010 with the assistance of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38, including member Duane Whitlock, right. The UCAC is collecting donations for the monument.



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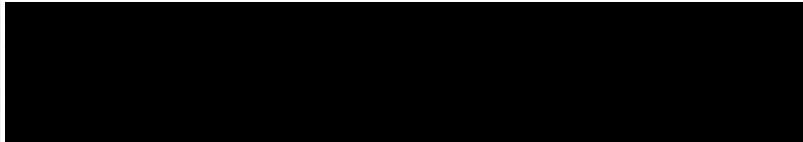
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UCAC Honors 'Unsung Heroes': Colored Troops Monument Moves Forward

LEXINGTON PARK - 1/25/2010

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By Carrie Griffin Munn



The [Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions](#) held its annual meeting and hosted an MLK Remembrance Program Saturday, Jan. 23. Citizens interested in the progress of the UCAC's U.S. Colored Troops Memorial at Lancaster Park got a glimpse of the centerpiece soldier when sculptor [Gary Casteel](#) revealed his work.

UCAC Citizenship of the Year Award Recipient Idiola Shubrooks was delighted to see a portion of the finished project and told the crowd the completion of the memorial would be, "a great day in history for St. Mary's County."

Casteel shared his inspiration and dedication to the memorial, adding his thoughts on the true-to-life colored troop he will create, calling him, "a true hero that experienced life before and after slavery." The sculptor told [TheBAYNET.com](#) he was proud to be commissioned for the project and said, "Not only will it endow the Black community with a sense of pride for their collective civil war heritage but will also encourage them to continue to search out those important pieces of the past that makes them what they are today, prominent members of a strong, vibrant culture that contributes to the overall experience of St. Mary's County, Md."

Active fundraising to collect the estimated \$200,000 for the project's completion is on-going and the committee hopes the monument will be erected in the fall of 2010. UCAC President Nathaniel Scroggins acknowledged the county's contribution "for the place to put it," an in-kind donation of park space.

SMC Commissioner President Jack Russell accepted and urged continued dedication, saying, "When we can wrap our arms around an issue, great things can get done."

Scroggins recognized the dedication and many volunteer work hours of project supporters like Merideth Taylor, who created a documentary on the integration of Great Mills high School, and Bob Lewis, who was instrumental in collecting oral histories, now available at public libraries and College of Southern Maryland.

Vice President and son of UCAC's founder, Mike Brown, said that last year's [Juneteenth Celebration](#) was the most successful ever and indicated volunteers are needed for the 2010 event, June 21.

As part of the Committee's Remembrance Program for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the theme of 'unsung heroes,' attendees were treated to a performance by FREED, Female Re-enactors of Distinction. The women, dressed in civil war period costume, shared historical tales of females affected by slavery and war.

For more information on the UCAC's upcoming events and fundraisers or to make a contribution to the U.S. Colored Troops Memorial, click [here](#).

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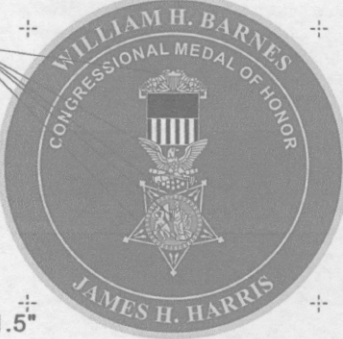
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