

May 9, 2019

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Joshua Chamberlain Camp No. 69, Dept. of Maine

NAME/TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Patriotic Instructor Liam Opie

ADDRESS: 73 Middle Ridge Road

CITY: Bridgton STATE: Maine ZIP CODE: 04009

PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: Liam Opie

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Ridge Cemetery

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Ridge Cemetery, Middle Ridge Road, Bridgton, Maine, 04009

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) On the four corners of Middle Ridge, Upper Ridge, Chadbourne Hill, and Highland Road

GPS N _____ W _____ City Bridgton State ME ZIP 04009

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ___ N

_____ EXISTING MONUMENT NEW MONUMENT _____ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ ----- AMOUNT RAISED \$ None thus far REQUESTED \$ 2000

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Chamberlain Camp

ADDRESS: 73 Middle Ridge Road

CITY: Bridgton State: Maine ZIP CODE: 04009

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____		Amount Approved \$ _____			
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

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MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: N/A WHO OWNS IT: N/A

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? I, Liam Opie, will be responsible for raising the money and giving what I receive to Mr. Dennis Gray, Camp Treasurer

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: Local business and donations.

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE: N/A AMOUNT: N/A

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)
Funds are needed to fund the construction, emplacement, and dedication of a 5ft tall, 8ft wide, monument with the names of the eight Union soldiers buried in the Cemetery. \$13,000 for total project broken down as follows: \$10,000 - Stone cost, \$1,440 - Installation cost, \$1,000 Inflation cost*, \$560 Ceremony Preparation Cost*

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? I, Liam Opie, met with the workers. Furthermore, the Camp approved.

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Mr. Bruce Collette of Collette Monuments, Lewiston, Maine. A family business in operation since 1946.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69 South Paris, Maine. Check will be mailed to

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT
Fundraising for gravestones for veterans completed. This was a \$2100 project completed in ~~one~~ two months. More fundraising shall continue for the monument.

1. Inflation cost is based on the average inflation each year on the amount of granite used for this project. I suspect this will continue into 2020 so I will fundraise this as well. ->Over

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The Inflation figure was suggested to me by Mr. Bruce Collette.

2. The "Ceremony Preparation Cost" of \$560 will be used to clean existing gravestones, the cemetery, and any other needs the Cemetery may require to host a large dedication.

Please write me if there are any other questions or concerns! A few new pamphlets and more information will be mailed to HQ soon. I just wanted to get this mailed out.

Sincerely,

Liam O'Neil

Donate Now!

We need your help to make this project bear fruits of success. The time to begin honoring these soldiers is now! **Please make checks out to:**

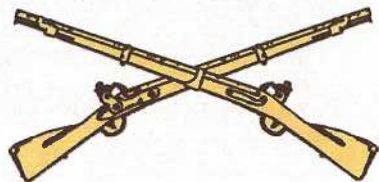
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69

Or simply write SUVCW

All donations, no matter how big or small, are greatly appreciated.

Please mail checks or cash to the address below.

Mr. Liam Opie
73 Middle Ridge Road
Bridgton, Maine 04009



REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69
Paris, Maine

Interested in joining a brotherhood dedicated to honoring our forefathers and their gallant memory? Please send inquiries or mail applications to:

Mr. Liam Opie
Patriotic Instructor, Joshua L.
Chamberlain Camp No. 69, SUVCW
73 Middle Ridge Road
Bridgton, Maine 04009
(207) 693-8100
opiegenealogist419@gmail.com

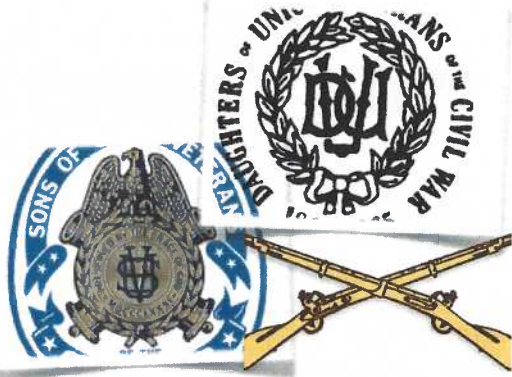
You There!



Help Support the Ridge Cemetery Union Soldiers Monument and Gravestones Project!

Carte de Visit of First Lieutenant John Mead, one of the eight veterans buried in the cemetery. Courtesy of Maine State Archives and the DigitalMaine Repository Website.





"Through this organization the declining days of the Union Veteran will be made pleasant, his record of service to his country reserved, his memory honored, patriotism promoted." ~Major Augustus P. Davis December 1881

What is the SUVCW?

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, we are the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic." - Mission statement of the SUVCW, as found on our website.

Our organization is made up of men and boys who are descended from Union soldiers, who were honorably discharged after service in the American Civil War. We are in need of members. If you are a woman who is descended from a Union Civil War veteran and want to further the cause of honoring our ancestors, consider joining the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War! Please contact Liam Opie. Information can be found on the donation side of this pamphlet to ask about joining or sending an application!

THE NEED FOR A MONUMENT AND NEW GRAVESTONES

The eight union veterans that lay in the Ridge Cemetery served and fought in many battles and campaigns that deserve our honor and respect. Now, they are at risk of facing another battle: Nature and Time. For years, the gravestones of the Ridge

Cemetery have faced deterioration due to Maine weather. This has caused fading and damage to the Union soldiers' markers. Because this cemetery is out of the way from town eyes, their graves and legacies have also been forgotten. Now, before any more damage occurs and forgotten memories continue, help Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, honor these men forever!

GRAVESTONES FOR THE MEN \$2100

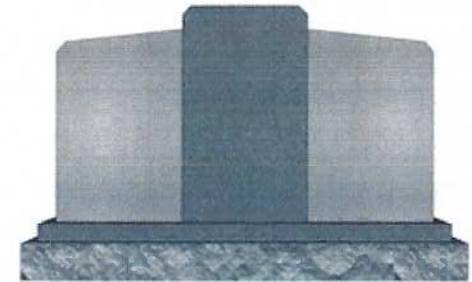
For years, the gravestones of the entire Ridge Cemetery have been facing damage because of weather. Chips, cracks, and fading are present on many of the gravestones. These stones are a piece of history and families paid a decent amount of money to have markers for their relatives. Working with Collette Monuments of Lewiston, we will be able to get the seven soldiers who need new stones a flat marker, next to their existing gravestones. This will cost \$300 a stone.



The grave of Landsman John B. Nelson, held only by a metal frame. The sunken gravestone of Private Eben C. Dodge.

A MONUMENT FOR THE MEN \$13,000

Eight union veterans lay in this cemetery. In addition to their graves, a monument shall be erected to truly stand the test of time. At 5ft tall and 8ft long, this will be the perfect monument in size and appearance to honor these veterans and the rustic cemetery. On the three panels, engravings of important symbols of these soldiers military service, such as the GAR star, enlistment eagle, eight stars, and crossed infantry muskets, shall appear. Their regiments will also appear by their names.



A DEDICATION:

What will come after the gravestones and monument? An honorable dedication of the stones and monument, of course! A dedication shall take place, where all of Lake Region's townspeople, those who love history and honoring American soldiers, are invited to attend. On the right is a picture of the spot in the cemetery, close to the four corners, where the monument shall be placed. It will be between the two trees on flat ground.

