

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
REQUESTOR INFORMATION

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME:

Col. James E. Crowther Camp #89 Department of Pennsylvania

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON:

John B. Crider, PCC

ADDRESS:

2812 Elm Street

CITY Altoona STATE: Pa ZIP CODE: 16601 PHONE(S):

E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE:

John B. Crider SVC.
(LTC US Army (Retired))

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT: Morrisons Cove Gettysburg Monument

NAME, NUMBER & STREETADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER

LOCATION: Morrisons Cove Memorial Park 201 S. Walnut Street, Martinsburg,
Pa. 16662

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St):

Corner of S. Walnut Street and Woodlawn, Ave,

GPS N 40°18'32.33" W 78°19'15.83" City Martinsburg State Pa
ZIP 16662

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS

ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ___ N X

EXISTING MONUMENT _____

NEW MONUMENT X

LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ _____

AMOUNT RAISED \$ 5,000 (as of Oct 15, 2020)

REQUESTED \$ \$2,000

CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Doutt and Snyder General Contractors
Professional Builders and Masons

ADDRESS: 433 Tall Oaks Lane
CITY: Roaring Spring State: Pa ZIP CODE: 16673

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only

Grant Request # _____ Amount Approved \$ _____

Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Peter J. Hritsko	<i>Peter J. Hritsko</i>	11/23/2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Harry Wm Reineke IV	<i>Harry Wm Reineke IV</i>	11/23/2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Henry C. Duquette	<i>Henry C. Duquette</i>	11/25/2020

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment. CWM Form 62 – Oct 2015

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: New monument WHO OWNS IT:

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, 201 S. Walnut Street, Martinsburg, Pa 16662

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE:

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes
FROM WHERE: Being raised by community donors

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

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed) Please see the attached letter

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? New monument

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Douth and Snyder General Contractors,
Professional Builders and Masons
433 Tall Oaks Lane
Roaring Spring, Pa 16673

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Douth and Snyder General Contractors

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

Col. James Crowther Camp has been monitoring the progress of the Everett Marble and Granite Works who are preparing the marble slab, and Sun Precast Co of Beaver Springs who are preparing the base, back and top portions of the memorial.

At this time \$5,000 has been raised in the community. The \$2,000 grant from SUVCW will be used to pay the local contracting company of Douth and Snyder of Roaring Spring to put the pieces of the monument together at the Morrisons Cove Park. We are confident that the remaining need of \$800 will be reached soon.

While COVID-19 has slowed down the preparation of the work being done by the Everett Marble and Granite Works as well as of Sun Precast Co., we are informed that all should be delivered to Martinsburg by mid-November 2020.

Douth and Snyder are prepared to construct the monument as soon as all the pieces are on site.

A formal dedication ceremony will be done in Spring 2021. This is planned to be done on Memorial Day and the Crowther Camp #89 will be participating in the dedication as part of its own Memorial Day obligation.

This application for Memorial Grant was held by Col Crowther Camp #89 for six months to monitor that the plan did not fall apart during the COVID-19. It has held firm as explained above.

The Camp requested the attached letter from Mr. Randy Stoltz to better give an idea of the project and the community support for it. Mr. Stoltz is a past long-time Martinsburg borough manager, and is a local reenactor of events that happened in the Morrisons Cove during the Civil War. He recently authored an excellent study of all the Union veterans from the Cove who served in the Union Armies. The Camp hopes to be inducting Mr. Stoltz as a Son this winter.

Donald R. Wesner, 
Camp Commander
Col James E. Crowther Camp #89

Randy K. Stoltz
Martinsburg, Pa 16662

June 17, 2020

Brian C. Pierson, PDC
P.O. Box 3394
Shawnee, OK
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at the request of the Colonel James Crowther Camp #89, and the citizens of Morrisons Cove, Pa., for your consideration of awarding a grant. The proposed project described in this letter is for a "Memorial Marker" to be placed in honor of 73 Civil War veterans from the Morrisons Cove area of Blair and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. Our project is for a 73" high x 60" wide x 32" deep memorial with a 28" wide x 36" high x 2" thick piece of black polished marble engraved with 73 names along with the soldiers rank, regiment and company. My local stone company, Everett Mable and Granite Works has quoted me a finished and delivered price for the marble slab, and Sun Precast Co. Inc., Beaver Springs, Pa., will supply the base, back and top of the Memorial. The remainder of the Memorial will be completed with donations of professional local labor, material, money and existing Gettysburg stones. Three of these men died at Gettysburg and 10 were wounded, with J. Levi Roush being the first soldier from Blair County to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Please read about the uniqueness of our project in the following letter. Also enclosed please find a colored artist's rendering of the proposed memorial plus front and side view line drawings with dimensions. The total cost of the Memorial is estimated to be \$ 7,800.00 and we are requesting from you \$ 2,000.00 toward the project.

Morrisons Cove is a beautiful portion of land located in South-Central Pennsylvania between two magnificent mountain ranges which are part of the Allegheny Mountain Range and is considered to be one of the most fertile farm land regions in all of Pennsylvania stretching 28 miles long by 10-15 miles wide. Included in this area are the boroughs of Williamsburg, Martinsburg, Roaring Spring and Woodbury along with several small township villages of which men answered President Lincoln's call to service during the Civil War.

The new Memorial Marker is to be located in the lovely Morrisons Cove Memorial Park located in the center of Morrisons Cove in the Borough of Martinsburg which is the oldest continuously incorporated Borough in Blair County. The Park was chartered in 1922 and is unique in the fact that it is owned by the citizens of Morrisons Cove, is operated by a local board of directors from the municipalities and receives no state or federal funding. The Park is sustained by revenues from Park activities and donations from local organizations, companies and the general public. The main Park building, several picnic pavilions and modern "Acorn Cove" handicapped accessible playground are located in a large grove of virgin White Oak trees and features items from America's many wars. Items include a "chain link" forged from 1777 pig iron acquired from Valley Forge which connects two large battle ship anchors secured from the Philadelphia Naval Yard, a large "sandstone" from Fort Necessity stands near the anchors, also hundreds of feet of large "anchor chain" connecting 24 stone pillars which have a " 100 lb. cannon ball" on top of each one. 8 pillars with "connecting chain" from the cruiser U.S.S. Denver containing 109 links, each representing a Cove soldier who died in service and a tall stone pillar featuring a large "ships bell" from the destroyer U.S.S. James K. Paulding.

A ceremony dedicating this recreational Park in honor of the Soldiers and Sailors of Morrisons Cove was held on July 4, 1934 and was enhanced by the presence of the last 6 living Civil War Veterans who still resided in Morrisons Cove. Civil War veteran John Nicodemus was given the honor of raising the American flag up the "30' wooden flag pole" which was made from the mast of the WWI Destroyer U.S.S. Fanning. Mrs. Ella Rhodes, a Gold Star Mother whose son Walter Scott Rhodes was killed in WWI in 1919, unveiled a "Memorial Marker" during the ceremony. This "Memorial Marker" as it was called, was built in the center of the main entrance walkway to the Park with stone donated by the United States Government. These "stones" were obtained from the Gettysburg National Military Park as a tribute to the men and women from Morrisons Cove who served their country in the time of war and as a special honor to those who fought at the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, which is only 90 miles to our south-east. 1031 Morrisons Cove men participated in the Civil War seeing action in over 52 battles including 9 of the top 10 bloodiest battles plus some enduring and dying in Andersonville, Libby, Danville and Salisbury prisons with a total of 114 dying from all causes during the war.

The Park is a gathering place for folks from near and far including many of the seniors of Morrisons Cove. Featured in its main building is a modern library with an acclaimed genealogy department, large dining room, meeting rooms, a 10 lane bowling center, the only roller skating rink in Blair County, large outdoor public swimming pool, a little league field named in honor of Army Veteran Gary D. Frye with a brick drinking fountain donated in memory of Timothy E. Perry who lost his life in Vietnam. Also tennis and basketball courts, several large cattle barns to feature our dairy industry while supporting 4 H and other animal shows. There is a refurbished 1930 "band stand gazebo" where local groups entertain during summer activities, a separate kitchen facility where the fire company, Boosters, Rotary and others conduct fundraiser meals and events such as chicken barbeques. During its annual July 4th Week Celebration the Park sponsors the "Morrisons Cove Agricultural Parade." Featuring participants from a 30 mile radius this parade is touted as the "largest little town parade" which includes participation from the military, antique and modern farm equipment, fire companies, trucks, cars, marching bands, Shriners motor cycle and car corps, horses, municipal, county and state officials all throwing candy to the throng of 15,000 spectators lining the 1.5 mile parade route lasting for 2 hours.

In 1998 there was restoration work done on the main entrance to the Park fronting on Walnut Street which also included work to the 1934 Memorial Marker. Those skilled volunteer workers involved in the restoration were not aware of the significance of the Memorial Marker stone construction and all but the bottom row of Gettysburg Stone was removed. The individual stones were replaced with man-made molded cultural stone which are still on the Memorial Marker today.

Years ago I contacted the men who worked on the restoration project and they were able to retrieve 6 of the Gettysburg stones that were not broken during their removal. The men had miraculously saved these stone behind their shop merely because of their unique difference from the other stone pillars and not knowing the stones origin. As shown on the colored artist rendering, two of the stones which will be located at the bottom front face of the new Memorial measure 9" x 6" x 20" long and the four stones that measure 6" x 6" x 18" long will stand vertically on the face. These gray stone will create a featured frame around the beautiful black polished marble with the engraved names of the 73 men who were at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Our hope is that this small tribute to these men will help keep the memory of them alive and that future generation will appreciate the sacrifice of all our military men and women. Thank you for considering our request and please respond with your comments.

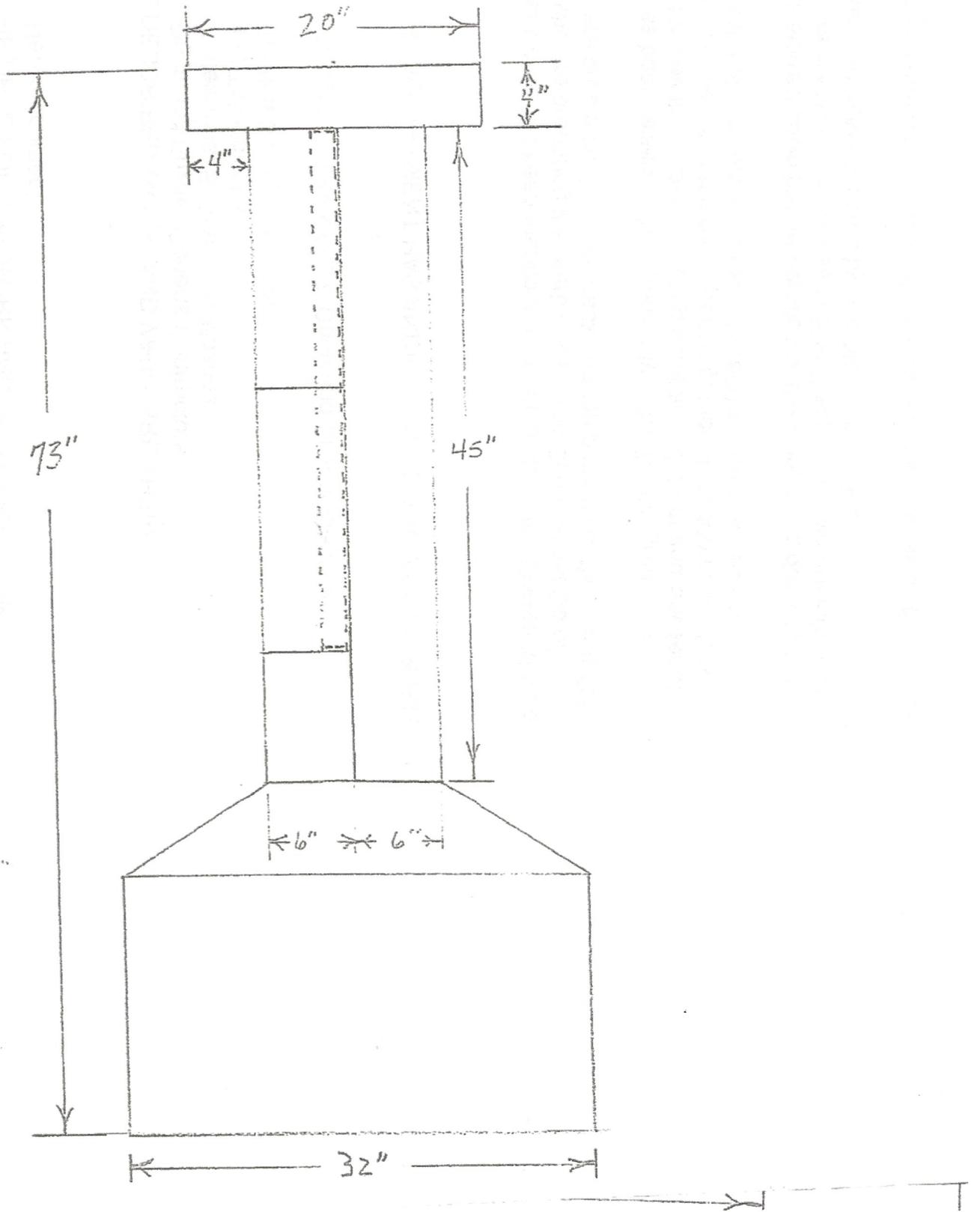
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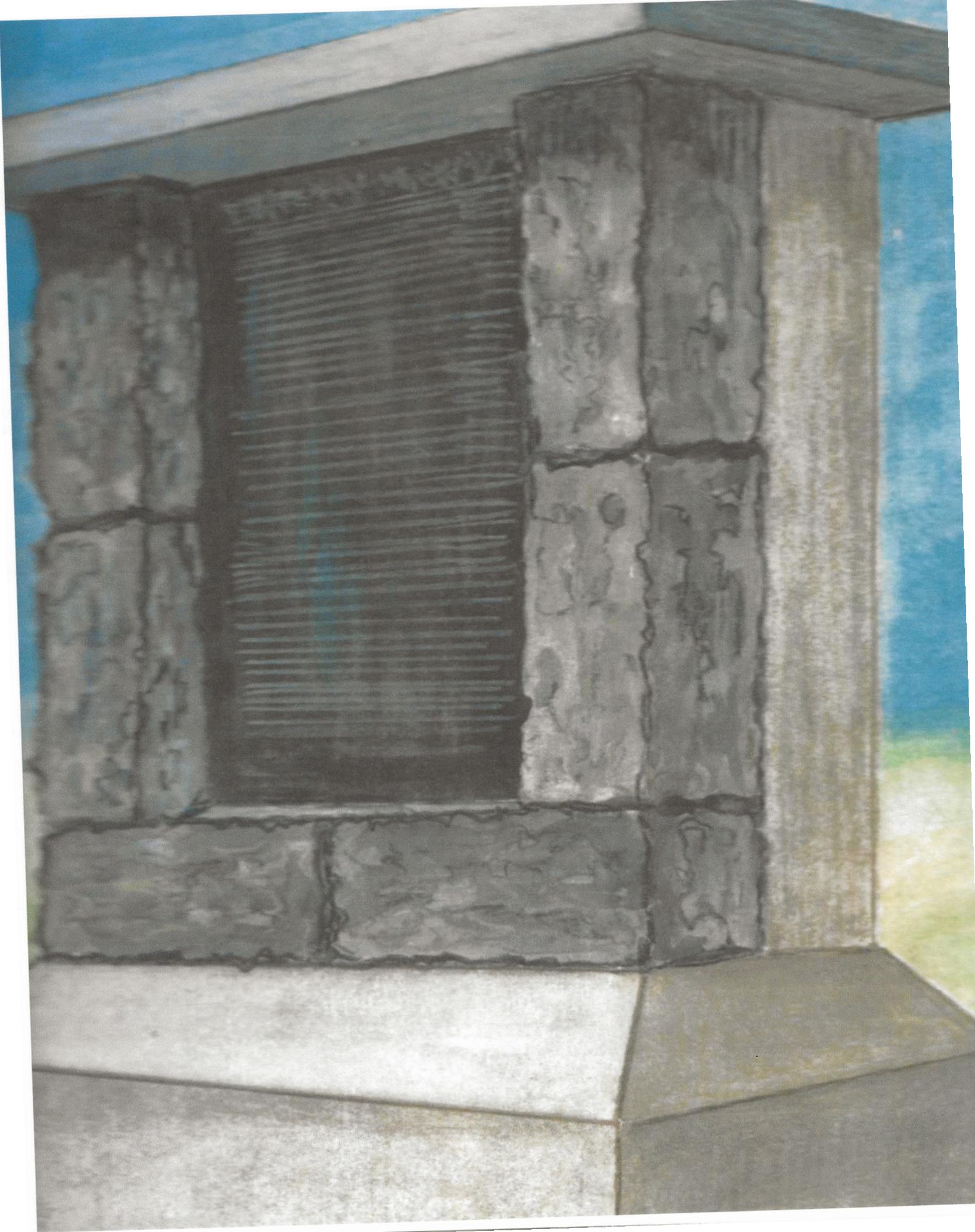


Randy K. Stoltz

In behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and citizens of Morrisons Cove

MORRISON'S COVE GETTYSBURG MEMORIAL







SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**D. Michael Beard
National Treasurer
17 Rubins Walk
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405**



December 1, 2020

Droutt and Snyder General Contractors
433 Tall Oaks Lane
Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania 16673

Greetings Droutt & Snyder,

Enclosed is a check for \$2,000 for the Morrisons Cove Gettysburg Monument at 201 Walnut Street, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. This is a grant from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War requested by the Colonel James Crowther Camp of the Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Point of contact is John B. Crider, Past Camp Commander, 2812 Elm Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601; Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Regards,

D. Michael Beard
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