

**Boone Historic Preservation Commission
Union Soldier Headstone Re-Dedication Service
Minutes
Sunday, April 08, 2018 at 2 p.m.**

Council Members and Historic Preservation Commission Members in Attendance: Mayor Rennie Brantz, Mayor Pro-Tem Loretta Clawson, Council Member Lynne Mason, Council Member Connie Ulmer, Eric Plaag-HPC, Chairperson, Teresa Pearman-HPC, Vice-Chairperson, HPC Member Bettie Bond and HPC Member Bill Dixon

Town Staff in Attendance: Christy Turner-Senior Planner and Marlene Crosby-Board Secretary

Call to Order

Boone Mayor Rennie Brantz opened the Major General George Stoneman's Camp No. 6 Department of North Carolina Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War service at 2 p.m. in the Boone Cemetery located off of Howard Street.

There were seven members of the camp in attendance at this service. Commander Robert Crum directed the service. A bugler was present to play Taps. There were also members of the Town Council, Boone Historic Preservation Commission, Boone Planning Department Staff and members of the public in attendance. There were approximately 35 people in attendance including the service participants.

The purpose of the service was to rededicate the three Union soldiers, Private William T. Bradly, Private Henry P. Evans and Private John E. Maricle with the unveiling of their new headstones. The three headstones were provided by the Veterans Administration to replace the Union grave markers that stood for many years in the Boone Cemetery.

All three Union soldiers served in the 2nd North Carolina Mounted Infantry, which was organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, in October of 1863 and saw action in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina throughout the latter half of the Civil War. All three Union soldiers died of disease.

Dr. Eric Plaag gave his remarks at the rededication service, speaking for himself as a historian and preservationist. More information on Dr. Plaag's remarks at this memorial service of these three Union soldiers can be found at Dr. Eric Plaag's consulting business website at www.carolinahistorical.com/blog/.

The service included the Chaplain invoking the Divine Blessing, unveiling of the three headstones. A musket with fixed bayonet, canteen and haversack and knapsack were placed upon the center headstone as a symbol of the army. Three wreaths of evergreen were placed upon each grave as a symbol of an undying love for the comrades of the war. Three white roses were laid upon each grave as a simply of purity. Three wreaths of grapevine were placed on the graves as a symbol of honor, victory and eternal life. There were three flags placed at each headstone on behalf of the Grand Republic for whose integrity and unity our late Comrade Bradley, Comrade

Evans and Comrade Evans and Comrade Maricle offered their services during the War of the Rebellion. Three volleys were fired. Taps was played and the Chaplain gave a closing prayer.

Adjournment

Upon the dismissing of the Camp by Commander Robert Crum the memorial service ended at 2:23 p.m.

Rennie Brantz, Mayor

Eric Plaag, HPC Chairperson

Marlene Crosby, Board Secretary