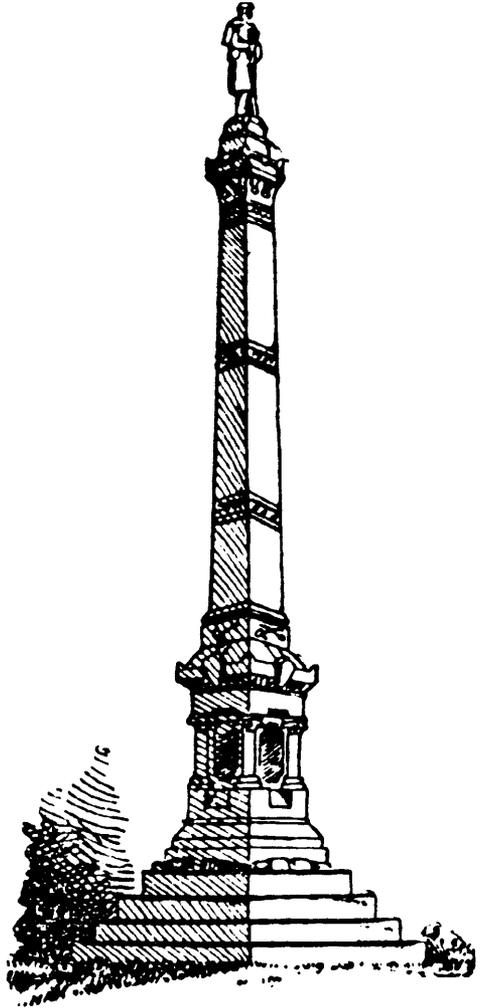
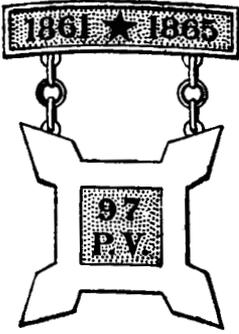


Rededication of the  
97th Regiment PVI  
Monument



Marshall Square Park  
West Chester PA  
2:00 PM - October 27, 2002



## “LEST WE FORGET”

The Monument was erected by the surviving members of the 97th Regiment, P. V., in honor of its dead. It is 50 feet high, and cost about \$ 5,000.

The 97th PVI was organized at West Chester, Pa., July 25, 1861 by Col. H. R. Guss for three years.

The Regimental flag was presented by Gov. A. G. Curtin on November 15, 1861 at Camp Wayne\*, West Chester, Pa.

Final marching orders received, November 15, 1861.

Reorganized as a veteran Regiment, at Fernandina, Fla., March 16, 1864 and Mustered Out of service at Weldon, N.C., August 28, 1865.

Returned to Philadelphia, September 2, 1865, Discharged and disbanded, September 4, 1865 at Camp Cadwalader, Philadelphia, Pa.

Battles in which the 97th Regiment took part were:

Fort Cinch and Fernandina, Fla., March 6, 1862 • James Island, S.C, June 9-10, 1862 • Seccessionville, S.C., June 16, 1863 • Siege of Charleston, S.C. July - Sept., 1863 • Forts Wagner and Gregg, S.C., September 7, 1863 • Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864 • Green Plains, Va., May 20, 1864 • Cold Harbor, Va., June 3-12, 1864 • Petersburg Heights, Va., June 15, 1864 • Cemetery Hill, Va., June 30, 1864 • Mine Explosion Petersburg, Va., June 30 1864 • Deep Bottom, Va., August 14, 1864 • Charles City Rd., Va., October 7, 1864 • Fort Fischer, N.C., January 15, 1865 • Wilmington, N.C. February 22, 1865 • Surrender of Johnston near Raleigh, N.C., April 26, 1865.

\*Currently the site of West Chester University

## PRELUDE

Coatesville High School Band, Victor Holloday, director.

Introduction of the event - Paul Rodebaugh

Master of Ceremonies - Gary Brown, Reenacting Lieutenant of 97th Reg't, Pa. Vol. Inf.

Greetings on the occasion of the 115th Anniversary - The Honorable Richard Yoder, Mayor of West Chester

Presentation of the 97th Colors

Seating of invited dignitaries

Presentation of the Colors, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 106, (*Thomas H. D'Annunzio*)

## PROGRAM

Dirge by the Coatesville High School Band

Introductory Remarks by General Henry R. Guss  
(*Dennis Wales, Colonel of the Reenacting 97th Reg't, P.V.*)

Prayer by Rev. David W. Moore, Chaplin of 97th P.V.  
(*Morris Farnum, Chaplin of the Reenacting 97th Reg't, P.V.*)

Edited Oration by Hon. Andrew Gregg Curtin, the "War Governor of Pennsylvania," (*William C. Kashatus, CCHS*)

Unveiling of the Monument by Miss Lizzie Guss, daughter of Gen. Guss, (*Caitlin Hurst, 97th P.V.*)

Requiem, 97th P.V., composed and arranged by Miss Nettie H. Livengood, for the History of the 97th P. V., August 1874. Rendered by Coatesville High School Band.

Introduction of prominent invited guests.

A word from the ranks by Private Theodore A. Worrall, M. D., Co. B, 97th P.V. (*Kyle Worrall, descendant of Theodore*)

Benediction by Rev. Joseph S. Evans, Chaplin 124th P.V., Goshen Baptist Church (Rev. Jeff Gowesky)

Salute by the Griffin Battery (*Reenacting 97th Reg't, P.V.*)

A Remembrance Church Call (*Brian Curtis, 97th P.V.*)

"Hail Columbia," and "Stars and Stripes,"  
by the Coatesville High School Band

## **Honored Guest and Affiliates**

The Honorable Richard Yoder, Mayor of West Chester

Karen Martynick & Andrew Dinniman,  
Chester County Commissioners

Carolyn "Bunny" Welsh, Chester County Sheriff  
John Vail, Lieutenant of Police

Chris Ross, State Representative  
Wynee Wharry, Legislative Assistant

Elinor Taylor, State Representative  
Jessica Gray, Legislative Assistant

Paul Rodenbaugh, Chester County Historian

First West Chester • Good Will & Fame Fire Companys  
represented by Chief John Brill

97th Reg't. P.V. Reenactors, Col. Dennis Wales, Commanding

Sons of Union Veterans, Bradbury Camp, No. 149  
Andy Lefko, David Ward

National Guard (1st Battalion, 111th Infantry), West Chester  
Sgt. John Ortegae

Brandywine Valley Civil War Roundtable, John Walls

Veterans of Foreign War, Post 106, Thomas H. D'Annunzio

West Chester Veteran's Council, Kay Croll

Coatesville High School Band, Victor Holloday

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Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega,  
West Chester University, Parking Assistance