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CIVIL WAR reenactors representing the 122nd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment fire a volley Tuesday in Clinton Square. John Pell (*from left*), Randy Elliott and Chris Piering are directed by Scott Peal, from the Onondaga Historical Association. They participated in an OHA ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War at the Soldiers and Sailors monument.

Civil War Remembered

OHA ceremony commemorates 150th anniversary

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The Onondaga Historical Association celebrated the release of its new books with a bang.

The organization hosted an event in Clinton Square Tuesday morning featuring the 122nd New York Volunteer Infantry Reenactment Group. The reenactors fired off two volleys with their authentic 19th-century muskets.

Jeff Stockham, founder of the Excelsior Cornet Band, played taps on the bugle.

"We always like to do something special when we launch a book or when we have a new program," said Gregg Tripoli, executive director of the Onondaga Historical Association.

"We thought the guns would actually draw a lot of attention to the sale of the book."

The program was 10 minutes long, but more than 30 people gathered by the Soldiers and Sailors monument in Clinton Square. The books were on sale afterward.

"I had a great-great grandfather in the 149th Co., so I decided to come out and take a look at the flags," said Pam Murray, of Syracuse.

The books give detailed information about the flags carried by Onondaga County soldiers during the Civil War. The nine flags are currently preserved in the Onondaga County clerk's office. The books were sold for \$5.

The event commemorated the 150th

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anniversaries of both the Civil War and the Onondaga Historical Association.

The association will host programs in the museum to commemorate the war, Tripoli said in a speech. The organization also will put on a Twitter exhibit in which diary entries of local soldiers from the war will be tweeted.

Tripoli said the Twitter project "will give unique perspectives of the local soldiers who served in that conflict."

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