

## LOCAL HISTORY



**Col. Henry Barnum, commander of the 149th NY, with the regiment's flag, which contains the names of battles in which the 149th NY participated. Lookout Mountain is listed on the first white row under the stars.**

*Onondaga Historical Association photo*

### **Infantry from Syracuse on Lookout Mountain**

**153 Years Ago:** On Nov. 24, 1863, the Battle of Lookout Mountain was fought near Chattanooga, Tenn. Union forces under Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, which included the 149th NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment from Syracuse, attacked the Confederate position on Lookout Mountain. Fog covered the mountain during most of the fighting and the conflict would come to be known as "The Battle Above the Clouds." The Confederate defenders took advantage of the heavy fog by rolling large rocks down the mountain onto the advancing Union forces that would appear suddenly out of the mist. At the end of the day's fighting, Confederate forces still held the upper parts of the mountain, but decided to withdraw to a better position under the cover of darkness. By daylight the next morning, the Stars and Stripes were visible on the summit of Lookout Mountain.

— *Dan Connors for the Onondaga Historical Association*