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Relive the Civil War through social media

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The Onondaga Historical Association honors the Civil War with Twitter



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by Jen Pittz (SYRACUSE, NY) – The Onondaga Historical Association is honoring the deadliest war in American History, the Civil War's 150th anniversary with technology.

The OHA will tweet at 8 am daily, the lives of six Union army soldiers experiences through the four year war. The OHA collected diary entries and letters from

James and John Phillips, Herbert Wells, Alonzo Clapp, David Nelson, and Augustus Dwight. These historical documents recount their experiences and eyewitness accounts America's own history.

Matthew MacVittie, OHA associate curator of history, is in charge of the project and believe that in the age of social media the twitter account will engage more of the community.

"Social media is certainly a very valuable tool for not for profit, especially in this day and age," said MacVittie. "We want to reach a large number of people and we want to get a lot of people involved in this and social media seemed the way to go with it."

Follow the twitter page

The tweeting started yesterday and began with "April 12 1861, a mortar shell, fired from Fort Johnson, exploded over Fort Sumter, beginning the Civil War. www.cnyhistory.org for more info."

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