

Onondaga Historical Association launches new books, commemorates Civil War at Clinton Square

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OHA Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

The Onondaga Historical Association commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with the introduction of their new book on Onondaga County's Civil War flags. OHA executive director Greg Tripoli also announced a number of new exhibits during the program at the Soldiers and Sailors monument in Clinton Square. Civil War reenactor Jeff Stockham plays Taps to end the program. Video by David Lassman

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The Onondaga Historical Association

celebrated the release of their new books with a bang.

The organization hosted an event at Clinton Square this morning featuring the **122nd New York Volunteer Infantry** Reenactment Group. The re-enactors 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 to see the show. The books were on sale afterwards.

"I had a great-great grandfather in the 149th Company 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 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 will also 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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The Onondaga Historical Association commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with the introduction of their new book on Onondaga County's Civil War flags at the Soldiers and Sailors monument in Clinton Square. Civil War reenactors representing the 122nd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment fire a volley. L-R; John Pell, Randy Elliott, and Chris Piering are directed by Scott Peal from the OHA. David Lassman / The Post-Standard

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Anniversary of the Civil War gallery (6 photos)