

**CIVIL WAR MONUMENT TASK FORCE  
CONCORD MUSEUM  
DECEMBER 6th 4PM  
Agenda:**

- Review and approve Minutes from November 1st meeting [below]
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- Discuss schedule for January 2020 appearances before the Historic Districts Commission, the Historical Commission and the Select Board . [Talking Points attached ]
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- Consider cost estimates and venues for replacing the existing 48'x66'x1/2' tablet on the Civil War Monument, as well as cleaning the monument [David Wood and Tish Hopkins]

Schedule second December meeting

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Minutes of meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021  
4PM - Concord Museum**

Members Present: Beth van Duzer, Matthew McGrath, David Wood and Rick Frese.

At the **October 7th** meeting, the Task Force revisited the CWMTF mission statement and the Select Board's Charge: *[The TF] will make a recommendation to the SB on whether replacing the [Civil War Monument] tablet is the best course of action; will identify both costs and sources of funding for the project and for the care and preservation of the memorial. The TF will file its final report six months from the date of its formation, whereupon it will be dissolved.*

Consistent with that charge, the TF discussed the Historic Districts Commission's recommendation to add George Washington Dugan's name to the Civil War Monument, honoring him as Concord's 49th fallen Civil War soldier. [ The Massachusetts Adjutant-General's Office classified GWD as *supposed killed* in 1932... See GWD-54th Regiment attachment].

Following discussion, the TF reviewed the timeline of Dugan's service in the 54th. [See Regiment timeline].

In the aftermath of the assault at sea-locked Fort Wagner, Brigadier General Strong described men of the 54th as *splendid soldiers, who while facing a stream of fire and a severe test of courage, faltered not*. These men had no sleep for three nights prior to the attack, no food since early that morning and marched several miles in advance of forming on the beach. Every man was present and accounted for at the base of the fort on a sea-locked island. There was no evidence of desertion in the ranks. They all fulfilled General Strong's expectations. The 54th held a place of honor, selected among ten regiments to lead the assault that day.

On **November 1st**, the Task Force discussed Dugan's military service and reviewed **APP#26: Guidelines for Placement of Names on War Memorials**, determining that George Dugan's place

of residence at the time of his enlistment was Concord, with substantial roots in the community [see GWD 54th military record]. [Beth produced one document indicating a Dugan Sudbury connection]. The 1908 Concord Soldiers and Sailors report validated Dugan's three-year enlistment in the 54th Massachusetts, identifying him as *the only native [man of color] who went to the Civil War from this town*. [See attached military document].

Discussion continued regarding placing George W. Dugan's name on a new tablet on the Civil War Monument, recognizing the need for replacing the existing tablet by adding a 49th name.

David led an informative tour of the Dugan Gallery in the Concord Museum.  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Rick will arrange a January date to appear before the Historic Districts Commission. We will also reach out to the Historical Commission.

**Next meeting: Monday, December 6th 4Pm at the Concord Museum.**