

NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Dear Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to invite your members to the dedication ceremony of the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial. If you have newsletter space available, we'd also appreciate any help you could give us to get the invitation out to the public.

The dedication ceremony will take place at TEN A.M. ON SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 2008, AT BEDFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2401 BEDFORD ROAD, IN BEDFORD, TEXAS. This location is just north of Highway 183 and just east of Central Drive, beside historic Bedford Cemetery.

THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER GENERIC MONUMENT HONORING A GROUP OF VETERANS. It NAMES nearly five hundred men of both armies who lived, died, owned land, or are buried in northeast Tarrant County.

The memorial is made up of eight pieces of Georgia gray granite, more than four tons of stone. The memorial is the culmination of more than forty years of interest and research by the men who erected it.

Every city in modern-day Northeast Tarrant County is represented: Grapevine, Colleyville, Euless, Hurst, Bedford, Southlake, Westlake, Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Keller, Watauga, and Richland Hills. Every cemetery in this section of the county contains the grave of at least one Civil War veteran.

We have placed extensive biographical information on the veterans on the internet. It is constantly being updated and enlarged with new information and photographs. The veterans' biographies are at:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil_war_vets.htm

We look forward to having the participation of as many members of the patriotic organizations, historical societies, and genealogy groups as possible. Please make an effort to attend, and please let others know about the dedication ceremony as well.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to seeing you at Bedford Church of Christ on October 25.

Sincerely,

Mike Patterson