

Army War College Class of 2019 donates gift of historic legacy to Borough of Carlisle

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Army War College Class of 2019 representative Army Lt. Col. Fran Marks formally presents the Borough of Carlisle with the new cemetery arch, installed at the cemetery entryway, to honor for those buried at Lincoln Cemetery on Memorial Day 2019.

In a salute to the U.S. Colored Troops of the Civil War and World War I eras, the U.S. Army War College Resident Class of 2019 formally presented its class gift to the Borough of Carlisle on Memorial Day weekend.

On Monday, May 27, at noon, Mayor Tim Scott, representatives of the Borough, and members of the USAWC Class gathered at the Lincoln Cemetery, at Penn & Pitt Streets, Carlisle. The Memorial Day weekend event brought attention to the service and sacrifice of military veterans buried there: more than 40 U.S. Colored Troops who fought in the Civil War and a handful of African American World War I Soldiers.

The Class of 2019 donated a new cemetery arch, installed at the cemetery entryway near the basketball courts. The arch is crafted from carbon-wrought iron; the work is from Weaver's Landscape Company with direct support from Fredrick Seibert and Associates, Inc.

Class representative Army Lt. Col. Fran Marks considers the gift to be a mark of honor for those buried at Lincoln Cemetery and a signal of respect for the long-standing, close relationships between the neighbors of Carlisle Barracks and Carlisle.

"This gift is given to honor all veterans and all those who found a final resting place at Lincoln Cemetery and, in doing so, celebrate the rich history of Carlisle," said Marks.

A private cemetery early in the 20th century, the cemetery was no longer used nor maintained by mid-century. It's been 45 years since the space was turned into Memorial Park. A single headstone sits next to a large marker that reflects the names of those known to be buried at this site nearby what was formerly a train station and is, now, HOPE Station.

The War College Class gift complements the existing stone. The Cumberland County Historical Society and Borough are partnering to research historic records about the cemetery.