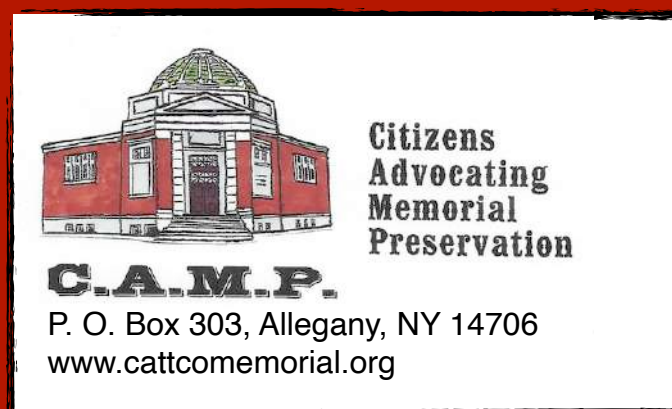


# *Informational Packet*



Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (C.A.M.P.) was formed for the purpose of preserving the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building in Little Valley, New York, and urging its restoration and reuse. (<https://cattcomemorial.org>)



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## **BUILDING AND SITE SIGNIFICANCE**

Three thousand-plus Cattaraugus County men served in the U.S. Civil War, “the largest and most destructive conflict in the Western world between the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 and the onset of World War I in 1914.” One respected historian even says that “The Civil War is the *central event* in America's historical consciousness,” asserting:

*While the Revolution of 1776-1783 created the United States, the Civil War of 1861-1865 determined what kind of nation it would be. The war resolved two fundamental questions left unresolved by the revolution: whether the United States was to be a dissolvable confederation of sovereign states or an indivisible nation with a sovereign national government; and whether this nation, born of a declaration that all men were created with an equal right to liberty, would continue to exist as the largest slaveholding country in the world.<sup>1</sup>*

When the men returned home from the conflict victorious, they set about building up Cattaraugus County into the prosperous area that it became in the 19th Century and beyond. When the centennial of Cattaraugus County was held at Salamanca in August, 1908, thousands of people attended a great parade, listened to orations, and viewed historic relics. The widespread interest shown made apparent the need for a county historical society and repository. A Society was formed, and plans made for a suitable building to serve as a Civil War memorial and a repository for the county's historical legacy. At a reunion of 60 veterans belonging to the Cattaraugus County Veterans Association in 1909, the county's plan to erect the Memorial and Historical Building was endorsed. The veterans helped to finance and establish the Memorial and Historical Building: “To the memory of its soldiers and sailors in the War of the Rebellion, this building is dedicated by Cattaraugus County.” More than 200 veterans attended the 1914 dedication.

For 90 years the Memorial and Historical Building served its intended purpose as the county historical museum. During that time an addition was added to house additional county offices. After the museum moved to Machias in 2004, the Memorial and Historical Building sat vacant for a decade. By 2013, the building faced demolition; however, descendants of the soldiers and sailors as well as community members objected, and staff from The Landmark Society of Western New York toured the Memorial and Historical Building and recommended its preservation and rehabilitation. C.A.M.P. formed in November 2014, to save and reuse it.

The Memorial and Historical Building is Cattaraugus County's most significant Civil War memorial, its only county-funded, all-county monument to soldiers and sailors from any conflict, and is unusual not only for its historic features but also for being a memorial in the form of a structure, rather than monument, park, or marker.



In September of 1914, Cattaraugus County dedicated the Memorial and Historical Building to the county's Civil War soldiers and sailors.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/brief-overview-american-civil-war>



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## ***BUILDING AND SITE SIGNIFICANCE (continued)***

The site comprises a 1914 building and 1952 red brick addition, totaling approximately 6,300 square feet, constructed in two eras and in two portions.



The first (at left, above) is a masonry building in the Neoclassical style which originally featured a prominent glass dome, columns, entablature, and pedimented entryway; it was built as a significant structure for the county and opened in 1914 as a memorial and museum to Civil War soldiers and sailors from Cattaraugus County. It was designed by Freeburg & Fidler Architects of Jamestown, NY and built by E.N. Unruh. It contains an octagonal main room with two wings and a basement. The building contains a total about 3,700 square feet on basement and first floors.

The second portion (at right, above) is an office addition that was built as a mostly independent addition by the county for additional county offices, most recently the Board of Elections. The Board moved to another Village location in 2014, and the space has been vacant since. It comprises a total about 2,600 square feet of space in a first and basement floor.

Both portions have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the “Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building,” and are worthy of preservation and reuse.

The setting of the Memorial and Historical Building in Cattaraugus County Bicentennial Park is very important. The park and Memorial and Historical Building have great potential for achieving mutual benefit through improvements. This relationship, managed successfully, will reduce blight, enhance safety and beauty and tell the story of this special place and the people of Cattaraugus County.



View of Memorial and Historical Building  
from Bicentennial Park.



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# ***BUILDING AND SITE SIGNIFICANCE (continued)***

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The parcel is at 302 Court Street and is roughly a square of 0.41 acres in area, located in the heart of the Village of Little Valley, Town of Little Valley, Cattaraugus County, in the southwest corner of New York. The parcel is northeast of Cattaraugus County Bicentennial Park. There is a County-owned and maintained public parking lot adjacent. The Cattaraugus County Center is across the street, including the Courthouse which is of significant value for genealogy research; Little Valley is the County Seat. There is a mix of buildings and uses nearby.



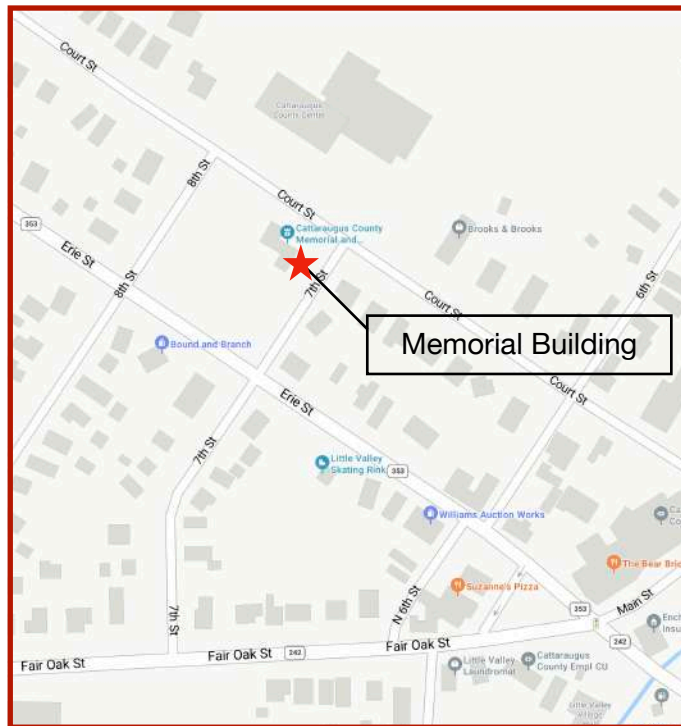
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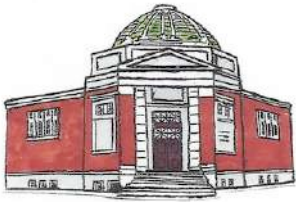
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In context of Village of Little Valley



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## **PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES**

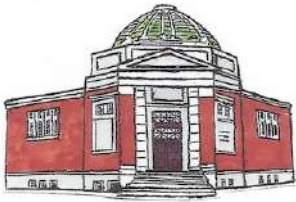
### BY-LAWS OF CITIZENS ADVOCATING MEMORIAL PRESERVATION, INC. (C.A.M.P.)

AS AMENDED DECEMBER 10, 2025:

Purposes and Objectives. The Corporation will exist for the purpose of preserving, protecting and for any other legal purposes including but not limited to monitoring Civil War Memorials and Monuments located in Cattaraugus County, State of New York, and, specifically, be focused on preserving the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building located in Little Valley, NY and formerly owned by Cattaraugus County and owned by C.A.M.P. as of October 4, 2017. The objective of the Corporation shall be preservation of Civil War Memorials in Cattaraugus County and any other location where the Board of Directors has deemed necessary. The Board may adopt other purposes and objectives not inconsistent with the stated Purposes and Objectives.



Artwork by Mark Dunkelman, titled  
"Memorial Memories."



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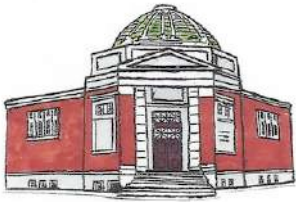
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## **KEY RECENT PROGRESS**

February, 2026	Trustees of the Preservation League of New York State award a Preservation Opportunity Fund grant of \$40,000 for the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building Asbestos Abatement and Rehabilitation Project.
December, 2025	The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation reserves a matching grant up to \$246,750 for the Civil War Memorial Restoration Project.
May, 2025	The “Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building” is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation.
March, 2025	The “Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building” is listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places.
March, 2023	C.A.M.P. awarded \$10,000 by Cattaraugus County Legislature to assist with its application to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
October, 2022	C.A.M.P. hires Clinton Brown Company Architecture of Buffalo (CBCA) to oversee a “Memorial Building Tenant Space Rehabilitation Project.” This will result in office space for rent in the former Board of Elections section of the Memorial and Historical Building, providing C.A.M.P. with a steady income
July, 2020	C.A.M.P. marks completion of new multi-layered roof system on the Memorial and Historical Building.
August, 2019	C.A.M.P. stabilizes architectural masonry features along cornice to prevent further deterioration, with work performed by R.E. Kelley Specialty Contractors.
November, 2018	C.A.M.P. unveils a New York State Historic Roadside Marker at the site, funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, on Veterans Day.
October, 2017	C.A.M.P. purchases the Civil War Memorial and Historical Building site at auction.



NY 154th Infantry descendants gather at the reunion held August, 2018.



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## **LEADERSHIP**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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Vice-President/ Director	<b>Kyle M. Stetz</b> , Keswick, VA; kmstetz@gmail.com <i>Manager of Educational Outreach at James Madison's Montpelier</i>
Secretary/Director	<b>Mark Dunkelman</b> , Providence, RI; nyvi154th@aol.com <i>Civil War historian and author</i>
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Director	<b>Gail H. Bellamy</b> , Frewsburg, NY; jnuff@netsync.net <i>RN BA, Retired ICU / CCU RN</i>
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Director	<b>Karen Streif</b> , Madison, WI; kstreif@att.net <i>Licensed Massage Therapist</i>



Artwork by Mark Dunkelman, titled  
"Who Guards the Memorial."



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## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Table 1. Geographic Distribution of Contributions as of 2022

	Amount	Count
<b>New York State</b>	\$62,510.31	109
<b>Outside</b>	\$41,099.97	62
<b>Not Specified*</b>	\$6,591.64	20
<b>Total</b>	\$110,201.92	191

\*Primarily anonymous gifts.

Table 2. Grants Received to April, 2026

Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation
County of Cattaraugus
Landmark Society of Western NY
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Onan Family Foundation
Preservation League of New York State
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
William G. Pomeroy Foundation





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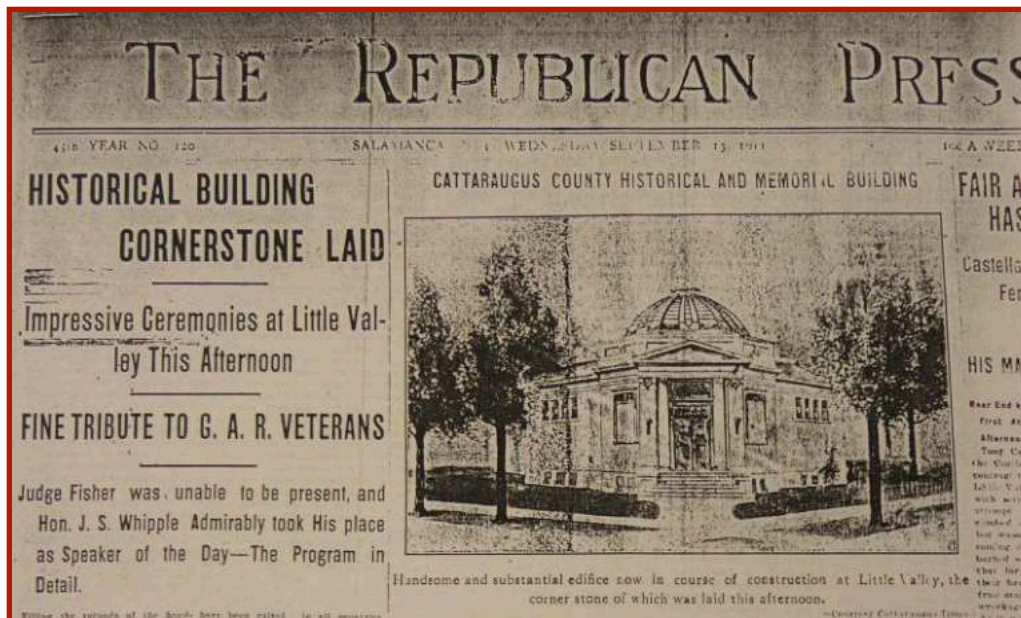
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## COMMITTEES

Committees are comprised of the chairs and members as follows:

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	CHAIR PRESIDENT TOM STETZ; MEMBERS VICE-PRESIDENT KYLE STETZ, SECRETARY MARK DUNKELMAN, TREASURER JUANITA RIED, CHAIR OF THE BOARD BILL PARKE
<b>AUDIT</b>	CHAIR WARREN PATTERSON; MEMBER TOM STETZ
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	CHAIR TOM STETZ; MEMBERS GAIL BELLAMY, MARY BRIDGES, BILL PARKE, JUANITA RIED, KYLE STETZ
<b>EVENTS</b>	TO BE FILLED
<b>FINANCE</b>	CHAIR JUANITA RIED; MEMBERS WARREN PATTERSON, JIM RIED, TOM STETZ, KAREN STREIF
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	CHAIR JUANITA RIED; MEMBERS TOM STETZ, BILL PARKE
<b>NOMINATING</b>	TO BE FILLED
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	CHAIR BILL PARKE; MEMBERS MARK DUNKELMAN, JUANITA RIED, KYLE STETZ, TOM STETZ



The cover story of *The (Salamanca) Republican Press* September 13, 1911, edition boldly stated: "HISTORICAL BUILDING CORNERSTONE LAID."



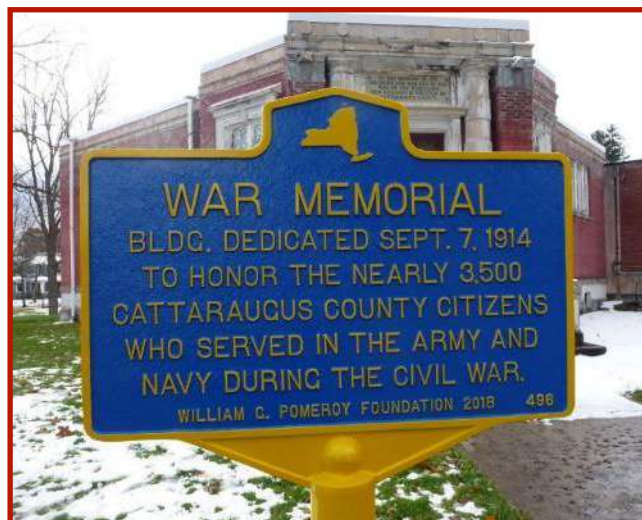
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## **WHAT C.A.M.P. NEEDS**

<b>VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT</b>	Volunteer involvement will increase C.A.M.P.'s organizational capacity to achieve preservation and reuse.
<b>FUNDING</b>	The estimated capital budget for the adaptive reuse and historic rehabilitation of the facility was estimated in 2019 to be \$1,750,000. This includes Hazardous Materials Abatement, Building Rehab Preparation, Rehabilitation Construction, Site Improvements, and Design and Project Costs. Tenant improvement costs are by tenants, and are not included. C.A.M.P. gratefully acknowledges the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation matching grant up to \$246,750, the Preservation Opportunity Fund grant of \$40,000 from the Trustees of the Preservation League of New York State, Cattaraugus County's \$10,000 grant, and private donations it has received to date.
<b>IN-KIND SUPPORT</b>	As a Memorial and Historical Building, C.A.M.P. benefits tremendously from ongoing in-kind support to meet a variety of facility maintenance and improvement needs.
<b>TENANCY</b>	A key part of C.A.M.P.'s revenue plan is to secure a paying tenant for the former Board of Elections space.



In November, 2018, C.A.M.P. dedicated a historic roadside marker at the Memorial and Historical Building. The sign was funded through a grant by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.



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## COMPLEMENTARY INITIATIVES

C.A.M.P. is making plans and progress on rehabilitation and reuse of the Memorial and Historical Building and site. As part of this work, C.A.M.P. is involved in several initiatives that are complementary and offer mutual benefit. These are described below and shown chronologically:

- “Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building” is listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. (May, 2025) and the **NYS Register of Historic Places**. (March, 2025)
- **Village of Little Valley Comprehensive Plan** (March, 2025): The village “looks towards strengthening its identity and building opportunities to live, work, and play within the Village. Home to several iconic historic sites, the County Fair, scenic natural resources, and the recent establishment of new businesses, opportunity is ringing for this historic Village.” (Page 9) The plan seeks to promote the village’s identity and character, and describes the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building as a historic landmark “integral to (the Village’s) cultural identity” (Page 38) and includes in an Action Item to “Collaborate with the Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation (C.A.M.P) committee to promote and preserve the Civil War Memorial building.”
- **Memorial Building: Exterior Assessment and Phase 1 Interior Rehabilitation Project Report** (January 2023, 30 pages): Prepared by Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc as a sub-consultant to Heritage Resources LLC, this plan describes the Memorial and Historical Building’s historic context and provides a building overview, existing conditions, exterior assessment, phase 1 interior rehabilitation, conditions assessment/program of improvements, and cost estimates.



Photograph of the Memorial and Historical Building around the time of its 1914 dedication ceremony.



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## **COMPLEMENTARY INITIATIVES (continued)**

- **Reconnaissance Level Historic Resources Survey of Court House Square** (March 2021, 42 pages): Prepared by Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc, this survey identifies resources within the designated survey area of Court House Square that are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, with a focus on properties that are 50 years old and older. This survey provides a more thorough documentation of the Court House Square area following the completion of a Windshield Survey in 2020. Included are a project description and methodology, a historic overview, an annotated list of properties, and a summary and recommendations, including boundaries and buildings for a Proposed Court House Square National Register Historic District.
- **Windshield Historic Resources Survey: Potential Court House Square National Register Historic District** (May 2020, 9 pages): This survey describes the result of a survey of every street in the Village of Little Valley, to identify in a preliminary way the potential resources located around Little Valley's Court House Square, to support a request for funding as a step toward preparation of a Reconnaissance Level Historic Resources Survey. It includes a methodology description proposed district boundary, brief history of the village, list of properties for the potential district. 37 properties are on the list.
- **Strategic Business Feasibility Plan - The Memorial Building** (July 2019, 33 pages): Prepared by Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc in coordination with Gerald Kelly Capital Corporation / Tudor Collins CRE, this plan describes how investment in the Memorial and Historical Building and former Board of Elections addition makes sense. It provides a description of C.A.M.P, analysis of the existing property, an adaptive reuse and historic rehabilitation approach, a market analysis and financial model, a phased rehabilitation plan, a phased building plan, and phased project planning.

*We dedicate this structure with our hearts full of loyalty for our country, and wish it ever to stand, signifying the deathless patriotism of American soldiers and sailors and their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes.*

From James S. Whipple's address at the dedication of the Memorial.

# ***BROCHURE***



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## REHABILITATION AND REUSE

Please help CAMP rehabilitate this unique brick Civil War Memorial building. Originally built by the citizens of Cattaraugus County, it has been named one of the *Five to Revive* in the region by the Landmark Society of Western New York. CAMP, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, purchased the building from Cattaraugus County at auction in an effort to prevent its demolition. Now, our mission is to make this Memorial a community-focused site that will give tribute to all veterans. It will serve as an education and resource center for the community, veterans, and descendants of Civil War soldiers and will offer programming, exhibits, and space for public-use. The building's successful rehabilitation will also impact the local economy through cultural tourism, bringing visitors to our region annually.

*May the sun soon beam its light through the Dome of Courage to memorialize all those men and women who gave their lives to make our country what it is today.*

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

With your help, families and community members may again have a place to learn about their heritage and honor our heroes!

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## HELP US RELIGHT THE DOME OF COURAGE



Little Valley, NY

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### Supported by:

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*Landmark Society of Western New York  
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*Descendants of Local Civil War Veterans*

*Clinton Brown Architecture, pc*


*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

*Civil War Talk Radio*

*American Battlefield Trust*

*A copy of our most recently filed financial report is available from the Charities Registry on the New York State Office of the Attorney General Charities Bureau website [charitiesnys.com](http://charitiesnys.com). You may also request a copy by contacting the Charities Bureau located at 28 Liberty Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10005 via phone at 212-416-8401, or by contacting CAMP directly through our website at [cattcomemorial.com](http://cattcomemorial.com) or by mail at P.O. Box 303, Allegany, NY 14706.*

## COUNT ME IN!

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETIES

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Medal of Honor Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Abraham Lincoln Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Ulysses S. Grant Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Founders Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Grand Army of the Republic
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Army of the Potomac

Other Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Individuals who give an annual contribution of \$20 or more are automatically considered members of CAMP (\$40 for couples, etc.)*

*This donation is in memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*This donation is in honor of:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to help by volunteering

\_\_\_\_\_ *1914 Legacy Society: Please contact me with information on planned giving including information on estate planning.*

*Checks can be made to:*

Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation

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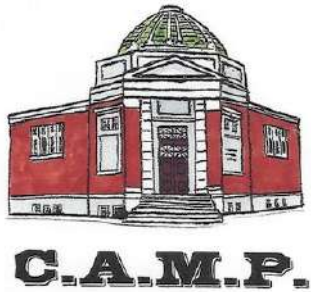
*Or donate online at:*

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## THANK YOU!



Early postcard.



2021



Sealing the Memorial roof.

## CITIZENS ADVOCATING MEMORIAL PRESERVATION C.A.M.P.



*Rehabilitation and Reuse of  
The Civil War  
Memorial Building  
Court St. and 7th St.  
Little Valley, NY*

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Original mosaic floor in building lobby.

### THE STORY

The former Cattaraugus County Civil War Memorial and Historical/Board of Elections Building complex located in Little Valley, New York, has tremendous historical significance as Western New York's most prominent Civil War memorial building.

Completed in 1914, this architectural gem was designed by the Jamestown, NY firm, Freeburg & Fidler Architects. The building's octagonal shape symbolizes renewal and the glass dome that once crowned this site represents eternity.

More than 3500 men from this corner of Western New York served in the effort to save the Union. Many never returned. Many were severely wounded. Some were taken prisoner. Families struggled to manage without them. The Memorial was built to honor their courage. Now it is up to us to make sure it will forever stand!

### YOU CAN HELP!

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# FINANCIALS

**Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation**

Balance Sheet as of 2/28/2026

**ASSETS**

1000	CBNA Operating acct.	1,786.48
1010	CBNA Fundraising acct.	0.00
1012	CBNA CD	2,174.77
1013	Five Star Bank Money Market	35,004.23
1015	Catt. Region Comm. Foundation	48,830.65
<b>1300</b>	<b>Grants Receivable</b>	
1301	Preservation League NYS	40,000.00
1302	NYS PARKS - #259322 (Pending)	246,750.00
	TOTAL Grants Receivable	286,750.00
<b>1400</b>	<b>Memorial Building</b>	
1402	Bldg purchase	1,079.00
1411	Replaced roof	29,975.00
1420	Accum. Depreciation	(3,746.89)
	TOTAL Memorial Building	27,307.11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>401,853.24</b>

**LIABILITIES and FUNDS**

2100	Accounts Payable	164.00
<b>3000</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
3010	General Fund	127,153.02
	TOTAL Unrestricted Funds	127,153.02
3205	Nat'l Register Listing Fund (Restricted)	(19,357.60)
3210	Bldg Restoration Fund (Restricted)	7,143.82
3215	NYS & Preservation League Grant Fund	286,750.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS</b>		<b>401,853.24</b>



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Documents in this package were printed in April, 2026. For updates and additional details, please contact Tom Stetz, President, [twstetz@verizon.net](mailto:twstetz@verizon.net)



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