

Civil War panel to recognize 2 Portville groups

ALLEGANY, N.Y. — The Twin Tier Civil War Round Table will recognize two Portville music groups at its meeting at 7 p.m. today at Doyle Hall at St. Bonaventure University.

Members of the Portville Central School Marching Band and the Portville Music Booster Club will be recognized at the meeting.

Also as part of the agenda, Ben Lyons of Little Genesee will present a program with slides: "Gettysburg the National Shrine." It will include brief comments on monuments and markers and other points of interest.

The Portville Central School Marching Band is scheduled to be at Gettysburg as part of the dedication program to honor Sgt. Amos Humiston of Co. C., 154th New York "Hardtacks" Regiment. This dedication part of the 130th anniversary observance of the battle begins at 10 a.m., July 3rd.

At that time the Portville Central School Marching Band will escort the 154th New York Volunteers reenactment group from the New York 154 the Memorial to the site of the Sgt. Amos Humiston Memorial about two blocks away on York Street.

The Central Band will next join the Gettysburg Ceremonial Brass Band at the memorial site in a musical program. The Rev. Kenneth Foust of the Portville Presbyterian Church will give the invocation and Humiston descendants will unveil the memorial. The Portville musicians will perform "Children of the Battlefield," a song by James C. Clark.

Mark Dunkelman of Providence, R.I., author of "The 154th N.Y. Hardtacks" will be the main speaker at the dedication. Dunkelman is a member of the Twin Tier Round Table.

Later Saturday evening, the Portville band will perform at the Gettysburg Junior High School.

The Round Table is a group of more than 100 area residents who are interested in the Civil War, and meets the third Tuesday of each month. The president is Mike Winicki of Olean. The monthly newsletter editor is George Bradley of Bolivar; treasurer is Craig Braack of Belmont; and the program chairman is Ken Heller of Bradford, Pa.

Other programs to be presented in the coming months include: July, history of the 46th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment presented by George Bradley; August, Civil War Diplomacy by Earl McElfresh; and September, group helping to host the national meeting and reenactments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at Olean.