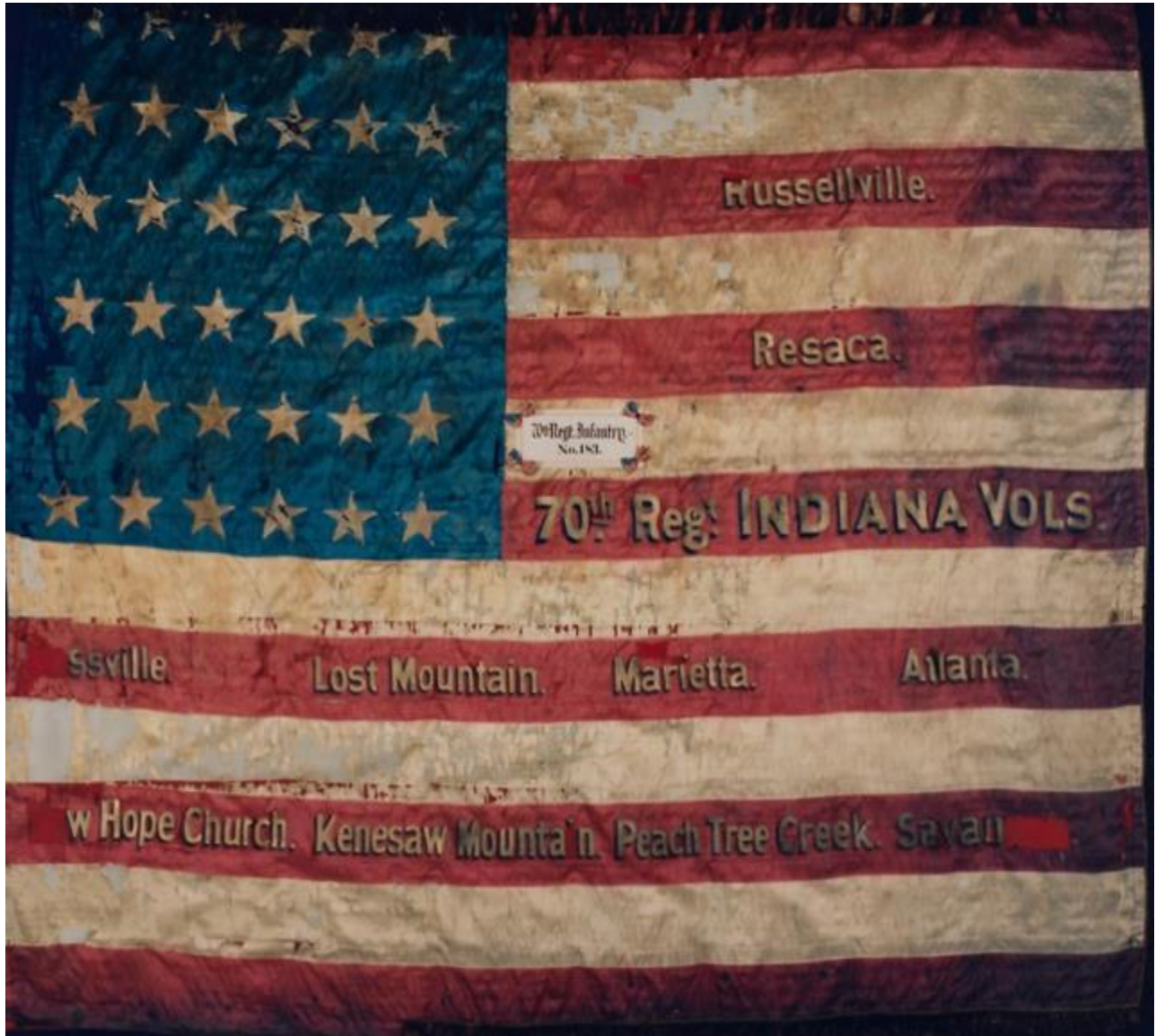


**MEMORIAL DAY 2022**



**Acton Cemetery  
7900 Acton Road  
Acton, Indiana 46259**

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27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, Sons of Veterans Reserve

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## **Opening and Greetings**

Camp Commander

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Friends:

We assemble once more to pay tribute to our ancestors and a tribute of love and respect and within these sacred bonds to pledge anew our dedication to their memory and principles for which they fought!

With bowed head, solemn tread, and voices hushed, we meet to remind our people of their duty to the veterans and fellow Brothers who served this great county; to the Flag for which they fought; to the country for which they died; and that it is for us to keep green the memories of their heroic service and unselfish sacrifice.

May we fully realize the sanctity of the place and hour; may our conduct give assurance of the sincerity of our purpose and our earnest appreciation of duties and responsibilities resting upon us as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Camp Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing.

## **Opening Prayer**

Camp Chaplain

Let Us Pray,

Supreme Ruler of the Universe! God of battles and of peace! We thank you for this day and hour; for this blessed privilege of meeting here as sons of soldiers and sailors to do homage to a Nation's dead.

We thank Thee that in the day of trouble and the hour of danger Thou in Thy infinite wisdom raised up men who were ready to do battle, and if need be, to die that this country might be preserved. Grant us we beseech Thee, a continuance of Thy watchful care.

Grant Thy blessing upon these sacred ceremonies, consecrated as they are to be the memory of brave and loyal hearts who dared stand for the right and did not

fear to bare their breasts to a storm of steel in defense of human liberty, a united country and the brotherhood of man.

Bless our country. Preserve its integrity. Prosper our Order. Make it, we pray Thee, an instrument in Thy hands of great good to our country and to Thee, and at last gather us with Thee in the Great Camp of Eternity. Hear and answer, we beseech Thee. Amen.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

All in Attendance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

## **Governor's Proclamation**

Camp Commander

### **General Order No. 11**

**Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic**

**Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868**

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms.

We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.  
By command of: JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant-General.

# Tribute to Charles (Charlie) N. Fitzgerald

A Brief Summary of Tribute Read by Jim Floyd, PCC



One of eight children, Charles Noble Fitzgerald was born August 2, 1846 to Joab Hawkins Fitzgerald, a farmer born in Kentucky and Sarah Watts Ward, born in Indiana.

A resident of Acton, Charles enlisted in the 70<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry – formed under the command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison in Marion County – on July 14, 1862 and was mustered in the same day. He was assigned to Company “G” at the rank of Private.

In the April 24, 1863 edition of the *Indianapolis Daily Journal* Company G was reported at Camp Carson, Saunderville, TN as of April 8, 1863. There, under the command of Captain P.S Carson, Private C.N. Fitzgerald is included in the report of enlisted personnel present. On June 1 Company G was moved to Lavergue, TN, approximately 20 miles southeast of Nashville.

On June 16, 1863 sixteen year old Charles Noble Fitzgerald died of disease in the regimental hospital while honorably serving his country to preserve the Union.

## Laying of Wreath and Flags

# BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

*Music by William Steffe*

*Lyrics by Julia Ward Howe*

(First 2 Verses Only)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

## **Closing Prayer**

Camp Chaplain

It seems well we should leave our ancestors to rest in honor where over them will bend the arching sky, as it did in great love when they pitched their tent, or lay down, weary and footsore, by the way or on the battlefield for an hour's sleep. As he was then so he is still – in the hands of the Heavenly Father. Let us also then remember those honored dead who did not return to hearth and home, but lie in resting places known but to God.

## **Rifle Salute – Three Volleys**

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## **Taps**

## **Final Words**

Camp Commander

Our Memorial Day service is ended. In the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I thank you, for your courtesy in permitting us, who are bound by special ties to them, to honor our dead.

“Taps are sounded – Lights are out – the Soldier sleeps.”

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To find out more about the Ben Harrison Camp and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, please visit our camp web site at the following address:

[www.benharrisoncamp.org](http://www.benharrisoncamp.org)