

NCA Selects Permanent Location for Historic Civil War Monument and the Design for New Monument

The National Cemetery Administration has selected the Frazier International History Museum in Louisville, Ky., (<http://www.fraziermuseum.org/>) as the new home of the Bloedner Monument, the nation's oldest Civil War memorial.

VA historians, in collaboration with the Kentucky Heritage Council (the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office) and Heritage Preservation Inc., selected the Frazier International Museum from three interested facilities in the state based on Civil War exhibit plans, controlled environment and security, financial stability, annual visitation and proximity to Cave Hill National Cemetery.

The Bloedner Monument was removed from Cave Hill National Cemetery in Louisville in December 2008 and relocated to a University of Louisville facility. While at the temporary facility, it was professionally treated by Conservation Solutions Inc. to arrest further damage.

In selecting a new home for the monument, NCA solicited proposals and undertook site visits. NCA posted information regarding the process on the Internet, mailed information to Veterans and Civil War heritage groups and held a public information meeting to seek input.

New Monument for Cave Hill National Cemetery

A new version of the Bloedner Monument will be placed at Cave Hill National Cemetery in 2010. The base and die monument will echo the original with similar profile and dimensions. It will be made of Indiana limestone, the same material as the 1867 base of the original. The inscription on the front of the monument will be the same German text as the original, including the ornamental relief of an eagle flanked by cannon and flags. The back of the monument will be inscribed with an English translation. The new monument will be dated.

The interpretive sign located nearby will be revised to explain the significance of the original memorial and indicate where it can be viewed.

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