



IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, MY VET CONNECT, HOLY CROSS ASSEMBLY #1622 FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AND HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

AND WITH GRATITUDE FOR RESEARCH PROVIDED BY THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN ~ VALERIE KOSELKA, PRESIDENT ~ AND MR. TONY TARDIF

THE WEST SIDE DETROIT POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNOUNCES A COMMEMORATION AND GRAVE MARKER CEREMONY

IN HONOR OF ARMED FORCES DAY AND CIVIL WAR HERO FRANCIS BUSHA

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016 ~ HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
8850 DIX AT LONYO, DETROIT 48209 ~ 1:00 P.M.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: THADDEUS C. RADZIŁOWSKI, Ph.D.

**COMMEMORATION ~ OPENING REMARKS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;
PLACING OF MEMORIAL WREATH, LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLE AND MILITARY
GUN SALUTE: 17th MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT COMPANY E, INC.
("THE STONEWALL REGIMENT"); PLAYING OF TAPS BY TRUMPETER ERNIE SKUTA**

VETERAN FRANCIS BUSHA (born Francois Boucher) was the 142nd burial at Holy Cross Cemetery and was buried in an unmarked grave in Section B. The Society has attempted to lead pilgrims to his grave during pilgrimages to the cemetery and while honoring veterans buried there. In 2015, the Board of Directors decided to procure a grave marker for Veteran Busha in keeping with the Society's mission statement:

"Our work includes the study of the immigrants' descendants, their neighbors, and those of other ethnic groups."

With funds generously provided by the four organizations referenced above, WSDPAHS has procured a suitable grave marker for this Civil War Veteran.

Through the generous research efforts of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, we obtained Veteran Busha's preliminary history. Further research and marriage records revealed that Francis Busha is of French Canadian heritage. Veteran Busha was born in Springwells Township in 1836. He was married to Marie Livernois at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church on January 7, 1868. Marie's father was Daniel Livernois and her mother was Emeline Riopelle. Francis enlisted as a Private/Teamster in Company B of Michigan's 4th Volunteer Cavalry Regiment on August 28, 1862, and mustered out on July 1, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. He was part of the regiment that pursued and captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his family, as well as high ranking command officers and department heads, on the night of May 10, 1865. He died on June 3, 1879, at age 42. Additional biographical information will be provided at the event.

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN OR IF YOU KNOW ONE, THIS DATE HAS MEANING FOR YOU. JOIN US AS WE HONOR THIS VETERAN AND THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES.

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