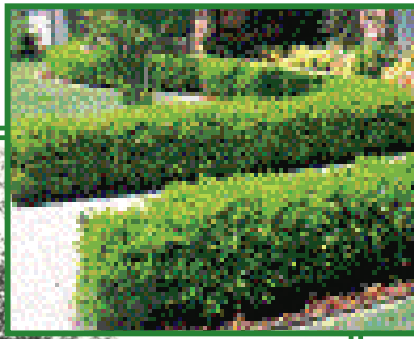
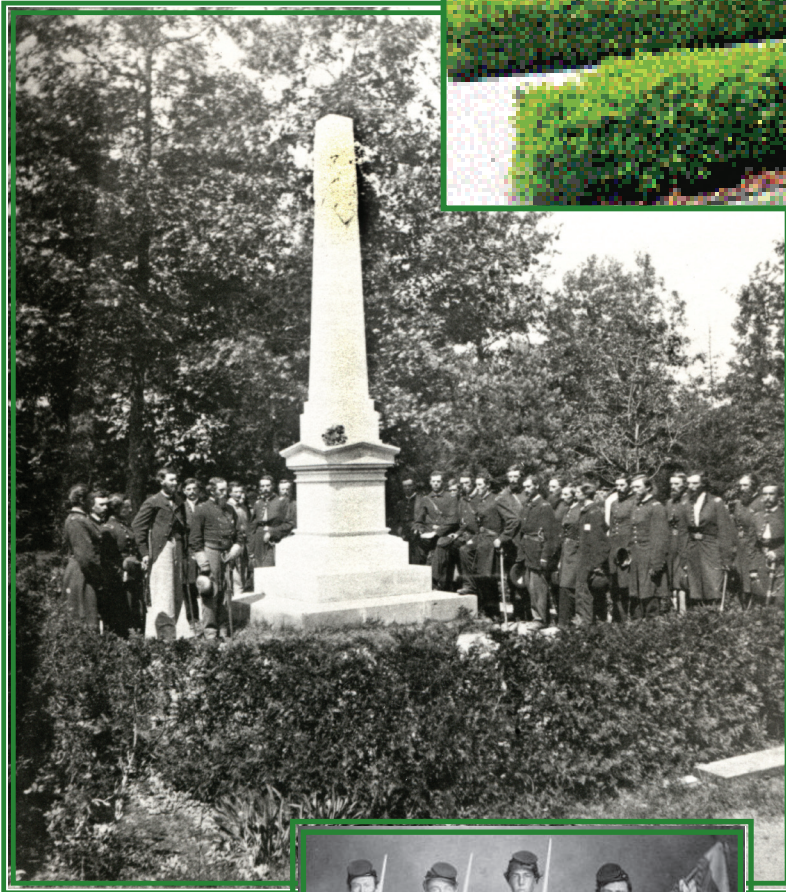
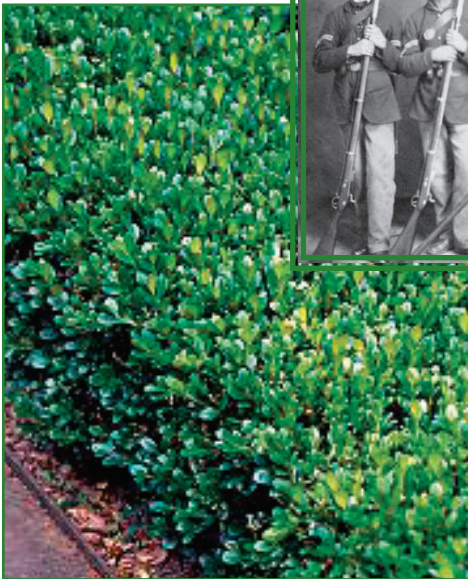


Restore the Boxwood Hedge and Honor the 23rd OVI



On July 26, 1865, the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry (or 23rd OVI) was mustered out of service, and its officers met at the monument they had already erected to the regiment in Cleveland's Woodland Cemetery after its service at Antietam, Maryland, in 1862. This monument was one of the first regimental monuments to ever be erected as it was done before the war ended. The City of Cleveland donated the lot to the 23rd OVI in 1862 and the war didn't end until 1865.

It is perhaps the first -- certainly one of the first -- regimental monuments erected, and it marks as well the rise to prominence of two future American presidents from the regiment. Brigadier General Rutherford B. Hayes, once colonel of the 23rd Ohio, stands immediately left of the monument, his head just visible above the shoulder of the man in front of him. And the officer standing second to the right from the marker is probably Major William McKinley. Few regiments could claim such distinguished alumni."



The boxwood shrubs once surrounding the monument have long ago died. It is the Foundation's wish to restore this peaceful and respectful setting by replacing them. Approximately \$2,000 is needed to landscape this historic landmark. To make a donation send your check to Woodland Cemetery Foundation, of Cleveland, Ohio and mail to 5247 Wilson Mills Road, PMB126 Cleveland, Ohio 44143-3016. For more information contact Michelle Day at 216-319-2091 or michelleann@ameritech.net. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

