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Dear Friends of Woodland Cemetery, the Grand Army of the Republic, Civil War and History Enthusiasts,

The Woodland Cemetery needs your assistance!! We have received a generous offer from a Friend of Woodland Cemetery who has chosen to match any donations to help restore the GAR Monument and headstones in the GAR lot at Woodland Cemetery. The agreement is the donor will match every dollar raised by Woodland Cemetery Foundation up to \$1,000 for the GAR Obelisk Monument Restoration and up to \$1,675 for the GAR Grave Marker Restoration project. Total contribution is up to \$2,675.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was the largest Civil War veterans' organization founded in 1866 -- one year after the "Great War" ended. It was the first veterans' organization to include "colored troops" based upon the ideal that those who had fought to preserve the Union deserved to take part in the rewards of pensions, veterans' homes, and veterans' assistance programs. Its principles were "Fraternity," "Charity," and "Loyalty."

It would control the destiny of this country for over six decades. Its reach was far as it was an international organization. Cuyahoga County alone had 14 posts. The largest was "Memorial Post #141" which met in the Cuyahoga County Courthouse.

The GAR fought hard to create pensions for wounded veterans, their widows and orphans, create old age homes, the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home (now the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio) as well as the Cuyahoga County Veterans Relief Agency (now the Cuyahoga County Veterans Assistance Commission).
NOTE: The Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky operates a museum that is open to the public!

The GAR Army/Navy Post #187 of Cleveland purchased a cemetery plot in Woodland Cemetery in Section 21, Lot 45 for the burial of veterans. This plot contains the graves of several USCT (United States Colored Troops) as well as medal of



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honor recipient Theodore Mitchell. On this plot is a monument to the GAR (obelisk) inscribed, "In Memory of Union Soldiers of the Civil War" that was erected in 1909 (112 years ago).

**Would you help us protect this Civil War monument and gravesite?
We need to raise minimally \$1,000 but preferably \$2,675 by
November 15th.**



To make a donation via paypal, follow this link,
https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=GG6V6PLB8JM3N
visit our website www.wfcle.org or use the QR code or you can mail a
check to: Woodland Cemetery Foundation, PO Box 1966, Cleveland, OH 44106.

If you would like to visit the cemetery and see this lot, you may come any time (daylight hours only) or we can have a representative meet you at the cemetery. The new main entrance is off Quincy Avenue.

If you should have any questions, please contact Michelle A Day at wfcle@wfcle.org 216-319-2091 or Jon Silvis at jwsuv142@aol.com 440-823-1066.

On behalf of the Woodland Cemetery Foundation, GAR, veterans and the residents buried at Woodland Cemetery, THANK YOU!!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle A. Day".

Michelle A. Day
President Woodland Cemetery Foundation

We are a 501(c)3 registered tax-exempt nonprofit foundation (26-0650757). Your deduction is 100% tax deductible.