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No Caveats

Together we served

together we have served.

Service

We are gathered at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia Pennsylvania to commemorate the service of Major General George Gordon Meade, a civil war army veteran. Born in Spain to patriotic American parents in 1815. A West Point graduate of 1835, he swore an oath to protect & defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies Foreign & domestic. it is his birthday today December 31st. we served together. We celebrate his birthday, life, and service at his graveside which might seem morbid do so, unusual, but I would suggest not really at all. It is fitting and proper that we should do this. This is his final resting place. But it is not the end of his service. Nor is it end of the time we serve together.

By a show of hands how many people here have served in the military at some point in their life? How many people here are currently serving? Do you realize regardless of branch. That everyone is called a service member. His brother served as a Navy officer his son also served in the Army as a colonel. We have all taken the same oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America

You may ascertain from " we have served" - together that I am saying that general Meade and I served together figuratively. A Union general who was also trained as a engineer commanded the army of the Potomac. During the time of the Civil War when our nation was in question. A decisive answer was made at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania not far from here. It was one of the largest land battles was ever fought in North America if not the Western Hemisphere Hemisphere. He was put in command 3 days before this battle

took place. There is no way he could have foresaw or envisioned the significance of what was about to happen. In his army and during that battle was the Washington Brigade. And in that Brigade was the 26th Pennsylvania volunteers and that regimental sized element there was a company F company. And for all the battles of the Civil War that F company fought there was a private James Ruth hitzelberger. he is my great-great-grandfather who lived not far from here in Conshohocken. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post number 19 Colonel Taylor post. He had many children I am his great-great-grandson. His service and what he did is a part of me it is it literally in my blood.

President Lincoln cover the significance of battle in the Gettysburg Address. ... that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people by the people for the people shall not perish from the Earth... The flag still waves the service to that flag is real. General Meade's service and my grandfather's and so is mine . I stand before you as a major in that same United States Army. I'm a citizen I'm a soldier and I am a patriot. This Might sound a little grandiose. However literally mean that we served General Meade my grandfather, all of you who raised a hand and I, as long as that flag still waves and the Army still continues.

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