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Wisconsin Civil War Moving Memorial Wall

The D.C. Everest School District has created a moving memorial wall and dedicated it all Wisconsin soldiers who gave their life in service of their country during the Civil War. The wall consists of 13 panels, printed on both sides, with all of the Wisconsin's Civil War Veterans that served listed alphabetically as well as the regiment that they served in. The Wisconsin Civil War Moving Memorial Wall is a part of the D.C. Everest's Oral History Project which began in 1998 in Weston, Wisconsin. The students and teachers wrote a grant and this project began in 2009 with students researching and collecting the 12,000 names from the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum. The students alphabetized the names and organized them onto the thirteen panels. The completed wall made its debut in Weston, Wisconsin spring of 2010 during the school's Civil War Day. For more information on D.C. Everest's Oral History Project check out the following two websites: The American Historical Association - <http://www.historians.org/Perspectives/issues/2011/1103/1103tea2.cfm> and D.C. Everest's Oral History Project website at: <http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/srhigh/socialstudies/histday/>. The Wall will be in La Crosse this weekend, Friday and Saturday, April 15th-16th, 2011, as a part of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's annual Gene-A-Rama conference at the La Crosse Center adjacent to the Radisson Hotel. "Honoring Our Ancestors on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War (And More!)" is being hosted by the La Crosse Area Genealogical Society and features many expert Civil War speakers - Lance Herdegen, Brian McManus, Brett Barker, and Russell Horton. Viewing the Wisconsin Civil War Moving Memorial Wall is free in the vendor area, where there are also a variety of genealogical and historical items for purchase. Registration for the sessions is available at the registration booth both on Friday and Saturday. Members of WSGS pay a reduced rate. Memberships are also available at the registration booth. If you have questions, please email the office at wsgs@wsgs.org or visit our website at www.wsgs.org.

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