

Civil War Monument to be Rededicated on Memorial Day

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WHEELING, W.Va. – May 17, 2019 – Wheeling’s Civil War Monument will be rededicated at a ceremony at West Virginia Independence Hall this Memorial Day, May 27. The event, which is open to the public, will take place at 2 p.m. at 1528 Market Street.

The monument, which is dedicated to local Union soldiers who died in the Civil War, was recently relocated to the lot at Independence Hall. It had previously stood atop a hill at Wheeling Park.

Speakers for the event include Gov. Jim Justice; WV Arts, Culture, and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith; Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott; Independence Hall Manager Debbie Jones; Dr. Joe Laker; and American Legion Post 1 Commander John Powell.

The ceremony will include the reading of an original poem by West Virginia Poet Laureate Marc Harshman. The poem, titled “Whose Lives Live On,” reflects upon the meaning of the statue and memorializes those who fought in the Civil War.

First dedicated in 1883 at the corner of 16th and Chapline streets, the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument is now within a block of its original location. At Independence Hall, known as the birthplace of West Virginia, the monument will now be appreciated by a large number of visitors and residents alike.