



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORTLAND RURAL CEMETERY

FALL 2022

“Saluting Branches” Tree Care Program Honors CRC Veterans

BY JOHN HOESCHELE, CRC TRUSTEE

We are excited to announce that *Saluting Branches* this year elected to include the Cortland Rural Cemetery in its national tree-maintenance program, focused on veterans’ cemeteries across the U.S. As part of the national, annual initiative, volunteer tree professionals from our region visited the CRC on September 28 to trim trees and even remove a handful of dangerous trees on our grounds... All at no cost!

This effort at the CRC, which commenced this year but will continue for a time thereafter on an annual basis until the most critical tree maintenance work has been completed, has already begun to enhance beauty, improve safety, and save us tens of thousands of dollars.

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Spearheaded by Jim Maloney — who is a highly experienced and well-credentialed arborist and forestry expert at Niagara Mohawk, a consultant with the City of Cortland's tree management efforts, and a close collaborator with another local tree enthusiast and community treasure, Mike Dexter — Jim is also deeply involved in the **Saluting Branches** program and was instrumental in enabling the CRC to be included in the program.

Established in 2015, **Saluting Branches** began by directing its time and talent at national (or Federal) veterans cemeteries such as Arlington National Cemetery or the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. More recently, the success of the program has enabled it to extend tree care to other cemeteries with significant quantities of interred veterans. The CRC is one such facility, as visitors to our grounds will find veterans.

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Please consider making a tax deductible gift to the Cortland Rural Cemetery and returning it using the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your support!



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The CRC is one such facility, as visitors to our grounds will find veterans from nearly every war and American conflict — including the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWI and WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, the War in Afghanistan, and other conflicts.

While 2022's data is still being tallied, 2021 saw the **Saluting Branches** nationwide effort deploy 2,572 volunteers to care for trees at 77 veteran properties, for an approximate value of \$2.6 million in donated services!

Those interested in learning more about **Saluting Branches** are encouraged to visit www.SalutingBranches.org or follow/Like the Saluting Branches Facebook page.

Meantime, the board and staff of the Cortland Rural Cemetery wish to thank Mr. Maloney, his counterpart at NYSEG, Jeff Bell, and the tree companies who volunteered their skilled staff despite the very rainy day. These included the Affordable Tree Service, of Redfield, NY; the Nelson Tree Service, from Watertown, NY; and the Titan Tree Service, from Olyphant, PA. We also extend our thanks to CRC Trustee Jim Nichols for putting us in touch with Mr. Maloney in the first place: Jim, you continue to do your community proud!



TO LEARN MORE, VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT
SALUTINGBRANCHES.ORG

Make a Lasting Difference in the Cortland Community: Become a CRC Trustee!



Exceedingly proud of Cortland? Love our local history? Want to make a real difference in the community you call home? Have one or more loved ones memorialized on our beautiful grounds? Got energy, passion, vision, and any of the skill-sets mentioned below?

If so, the Board of Trustees at the Cortland Rural Cemetery would love to hear from you!

We would be especially interested in those with legal, financial, communications, history, or operations expertise and experience — but, more broadly, we're hoping to recruit two or three new board members who are passionate about Cortland's history, vitality, quality-of-life, and important institutions. Board meetings are monthly; terms are for 3 years; responsibilities are largely typical of those required by any non-profit (e.g., overseeing operations, financials, compliance with applicable NYS regulations, etc.) plus those who serve as Trustees have the added satisfaction of knowing they are fulfilling the sacred duty of honoring over 19,000+ deceased members of our community in our care.

To learn more about being considered for our board, please leave a message at the cemetery office with our treasurer, John Hoeschele, at 607-756-6022. You may also learn more about the CRC's mission, operations, history, and more at our website: www.cortland-rural-cemetery.com

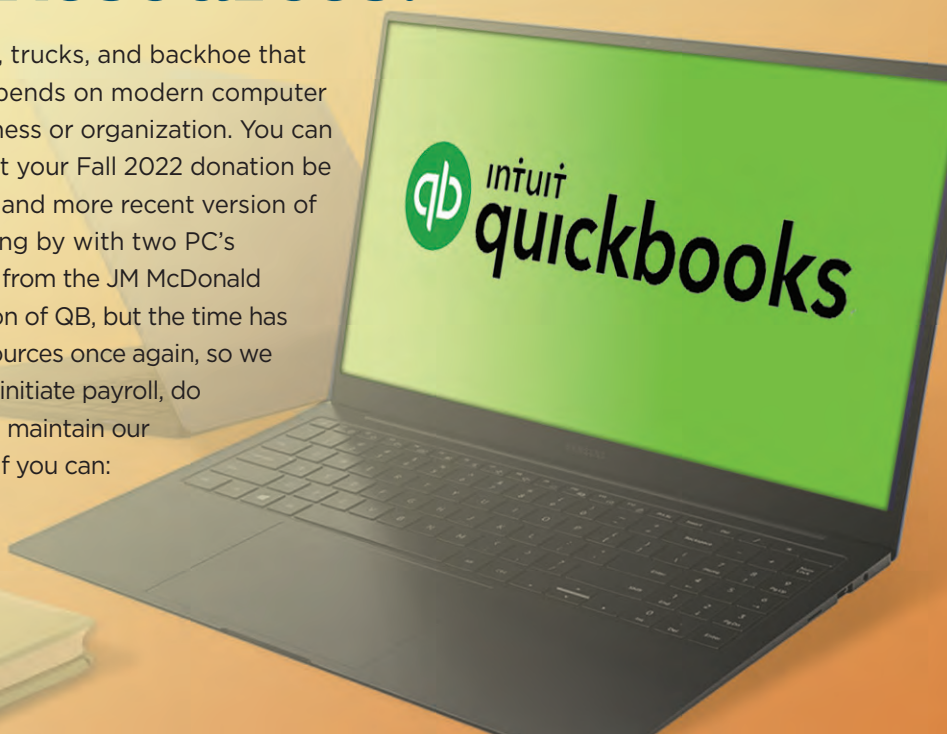


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Consider a donation to support Our Digital Resources!

In addition to the mowers, string trimmers, trucks, and backhoe that keep our grounds in order — our office depends on modern computer hardware and software, just like every business or organization. You can help keep us up-to-date by designating that your Fall 2022 donation be used to purchase a new desktop computer and more recent version of Quickbooks. Truth to tell, we've been getting by with two PC's purchased back in 2010 — thanks to a grant from the JM McDonald Foundation (bless them!) — and a 2011 version of QB, but the time has finally come to update these vital digital resources once again, so we can keep keep our records current, pay bills, initiate payroll, do financial reporting mandated for non-profits, maintain our website, and much, much more. Please help if you can: Every gift will be appreciated!



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