

Civil War vets to get new markers at Truckee cemetery

California is a long way from the battlegrounds of the U.S. Civil War. So it may surprise people that 22 known veterans of that 19th century conflict are buried at the Sierra Mountain Cemetery in Truckee. Ten of the soldiers' graves are marked with headstones; six are not. And six others recently got new headstones.

To dedicate those new grave markers and honor all the Civil War vets, local historical groups have organized a special ceremony at the cemetery next Saturday. Participating in the dedication will be Rep. Tom McClintock, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Battle Born Civil War Reenactors, the Fort Point Garrison Civil War Band, Patriot Guard Riders, the Truckee Civil Air Patrol and the Mountain Belles.

The military call Taps (celebrating its 150th anniversary this year) will be played on an authentic Civil War bugle.

Sierra Mountain Cemetery is on East Jibboom Street in Truckee. The event is June 23 at 10am.

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