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### Historic Display at La Vista Cemetery

CVGS Cemetery Committee members are able to enjoy a wonderful display put up in the hallway at La Vista Cemetery by the National City Historical Society each time they go to do volunteer hours there. The display includes enlargements of articles about La Vista which have appeared in the *Star-News*, enlargements of historic photos, and displays of names and art.

One display honors the history of the GAR, Grand Army of the Republic, and includes portraits of Civil War soldiers. Next to it is a list of the Civil War soldiers buried at La Vista, which the Historical Society compiled. On the list are found: Corp. George W. Ainsley, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Eli T. Blackmer, Pvt. David Boal, Pvt. John C. Darville, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Leonard T. Davis, Pvt. Hiram Dillon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles W. Dimond, Pvt. Ira K. Dimond, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nathan H. Downs, Pvt. Albert H. Dunbar, and Pvt. John W. Dye.

Others are Cap. Benjamin F. Fletcher, Cap. Peleg Tabor Griffith, 1 Lt. James E. Hayden, Pvt. Robert E. Haywood, Cap. John W. Heath, Pvt. Michael J. Hogarty, Pvt. Julius N. McFarland, Cap. Francis T. Moore, and Sgt. Ira Mullen.

The list concludes with Pvt. David F. Palmanteer, Lt. Col. Theodore R. Palmer, Pvt. Milford Phillips, Pvt. Frank H. Rickel, Sgt. Anson Titus, Pvt. Madison W. Traylor, Acting Ens. Francis R. Webb, and Pvt. William J. Winters.

Another display features the Kimball family, early founders of National City. There are pictures of Francis Augustis Kimball, George Little Kimball, Warren Carlton Kimball, Levi Woodbury Kimball, and Charles Henry Kimball. Other historic names found in the display are Dickinson, Potts, and Senator James H. Smith.

Marilyn Zubov, of the NC Historical Society compiled information about the "Silent City on the Hill Where National City Still Buries its Dead". Two artistic displays are titled "National City History told on old Tombstones" and "In Old National City".

*Star-News* articles can be read on the following topics "Cemeteries Provide a Good View of the Past", "La Vista Memorial Park: Memories Buried There", "Vandalized Cemetery Becomes Project for Pruitt and Friends", and "100-Year-Old Cemetery to Get a Face Lifting".

All the displays were done in sepia tone, in keeping with the historic look, and newly-painted walls set off the whole thing.

La Vista Memorial Park has a long history going back to 1869, and CVGS volunteers have been working for 5 years to gather names of those who have been interred there, all the way back to those early National City residents. The committee is now in the process of researching and filling in missing information that was not available in the cemetery's records. When completed, the data will be useful to the cemetery when inquiries are made and to would-be seekers of family data. The volunteers made sure that whenever an obituary was attached to one of the record cards, it was noted, so that family members might get more information.

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