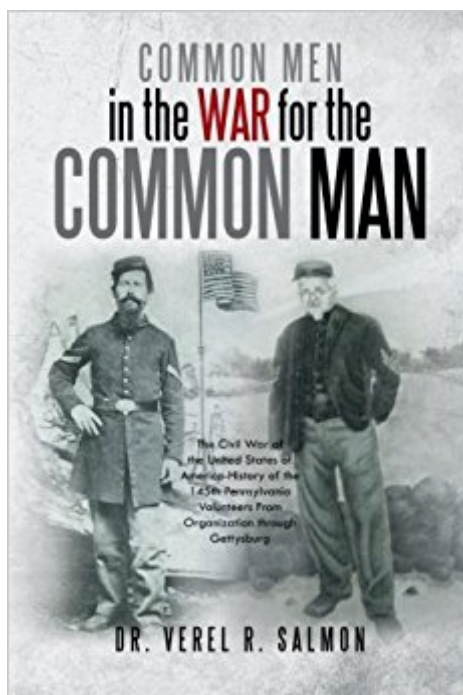


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Dr. Verel Salmon grew up hearing stories of his ancestor, First Sergeant George Washington Salmon, who fought in the American Civil War. A teacher, school district administrator and farmer, *Common Men* is the culmination of thirty years of his research which carried him from archives to attics to retracing the journey the 145th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry from stifling marches to camp life to explosive fields of battle. Married with four children and a growing number of grandchildren, Salmon maintains his ties to the soil as did most of the young recruits who responded to Lincoln's call for troops.

Dr. Salmon has done an excellent job of putting together this history of the 145th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War. His massive amount of research on several of the soldiers from the

Erie, Pennsylvania area comes through in his writing. This is a great way to honor his great grandfather who fought in the Civil War with the 145th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He does an excellent job of letting the soldiers tell their own story through his extensive use of their personal diaries, letters, and other primary sources. This is definitely the story of the common men who fought America's greatest war. Great work Dr. Salmon! Mr. R

Once you begin reading this book it's difficult to put down! The letters are captivating, especially the relationships between soldier and wife. There were so many hardships on both sides. The women are also casualties of the war as they were left to run the farms and raise the children. They know very little about their husband, except what is reported in the daily newspaper. My big question is "Will John Reynolds proposal of marriage ever be accepted by Mary Emma McAllister"? These soldiers were the true Americans who made our country great through their courage, bravery and sacrifice!

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