

The City of Des Moines

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Presented to

MICHAEL ROWLEY

Michael Rowley who is an active member of the "Sons of Veterans of the Civil War" and President of the "Sons of the American Revolution" has renewed and restored both Civil War Cemeteries.

He has replaced Civil War markers that were no longer readable, badly cracked and actually falling apart. Today, the Civil War markers shine in the sun. Every Des Moines citizen can be very proud of the tireless work that has been done and future generations will be able to honor these Civil War veterans.

For sometime, Woodland Cemetery has been looking for a responsible, enthusiastic person to restore these Civil War Cemeteries. David DeBolt, head of the V.A. in Des Moines and Polk County, said "Woodland Cemetery struck gold with Michael Rowley".

Mr. Rowley had a great challenge as Woodland had no record of these veterans. He used files from the Des Moines Register and the State Veterans Affairs to retrieve records and order the markers.

We, at Woodland Cemetery and Glendale Cemetery along with the citizens of Des Moines want to thank Michael Rowley for the grand and glorious restoration work he has done and continues to do!



Presented this 19th day of May, 2008

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor
City of Des Moines, Iowa