



*Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site
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February 15, 2012

To Whom It May Concern
The City of Asheville

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you to indicate my support of the efforts of the 26th NC Troops Reactivated in providing for the preservation of the Vance Monument. This organization has a proven record of successful preservation/restoration projects and in my opinion will bring to this project a very high level of cooperation, care, and partnership.

Briefly, let me outline the long standing relationship that the Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site has had with the 26th NC Troops Reactivated. The 26th NC Troops has been assisting us with Civil War related programming since 1984. Members of the organization have participated in numerous public programs, from providing educational displays for school groups, to weekend events highlighting the history of western North Carolina, Zebulon Vance and the 26th NC Troops. Just this past summer (June, 2011), they assisted the site with a major weekend event which was part of North Carolina's statewide efforts to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Additional, through the years several local members of the 26th NC Troops Reactivated have served the site as staff members and regular site volunteers. These folks have assisted this historic site by providing general visitor services, guided tours, school group tours, and many special events related to the history of western North Carolina, Reems Creek Valley, and the Vance family.

In closing, I am very excited about the involvement of the 26th NC Troops Reactivated in the effort to provide for the care that the Vance Monument needs. I think that the city of Asheville would be hard pressed to find a more reliable and cooperative organization to partner with on this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "David Tate".

David Tate, Site Manager
Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site

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