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**Deceased Name: Pvt. Daniel Fessler: Flag raised in honor of Civil War veteran**

**MOUNT CARMEL -** The Mount Carmel Area Joint Veterans Committee held its 418th Changing of the Colors flag ceremony on Sunday, May 22, in honor and memory of a veteran of the Civil War.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of a war which divided the nation, where brother fought against brother. During those bloody four years, more than 618,000 soldiers, sailors and Marines died, more than any other war in this country's history.

**Pvt. Daniel Fessler**

Daniel Fessler was born on Sept. 24, 1827. While residing in Schuylkill County and working as a farmer, he was mustered into service on Nov. 3, 1862, at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, as a private with Company I, 151st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On July 1, 1863, he was wounded during the first day of the battle of Gettysburg. During the 151st nine-month enlistment, Gettysburg was its only major engagement and the regiment had a 75 percent casualty rate of killed, wounded or missing. Fessler was mustered out with Company on July 27, 1863, at Harrisburg.

Following the war, he moved to Mount Carmel. At the time of his death on May 5, 1898, Fessler resided on West Fourth Street. He was survived by his wife, Catharine and children. He was a member of Burnside Post No. 92, Grand Army of the Republic and is buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Mount Carmel Township.