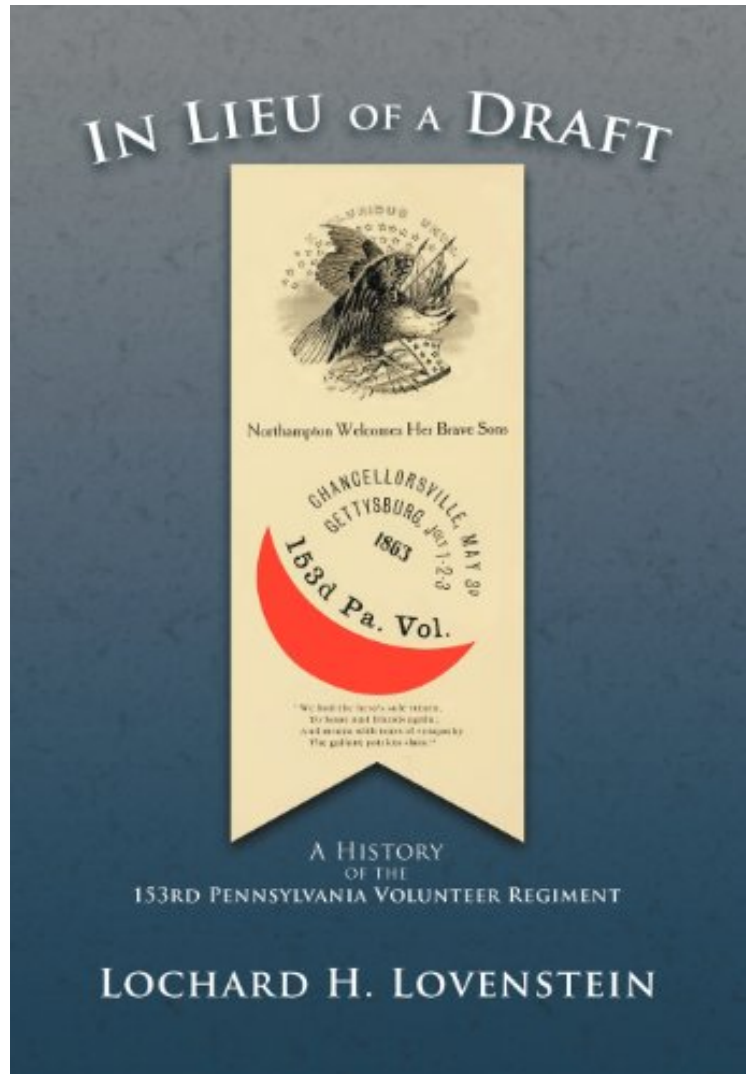


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Lovenstein, does a most commendable job. The soldiers of the 153rd were mostly of German heritage from Northampton County, PA. The vignettes he selects provide a 'real time' look at what the soldiers experienced and they are most poignant - akin to experiences I had on the ground in Vietnam. For those who need more detail (and more detail is not always good), he provides list of primary resources referenced in the production of this work. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. In lieu of a Draft. By Tom Mulkern A good history on the only regiment to be entirely raised in Northampton County Pennsylvania. I know the living history regiment that portrays this unit is using it as a research tool. I recommend this to anyone who wants to see what it was like for a nine month regiment in the Army of the Potomac from September 1862 to July 1863.

In Lieu of a Draft: A History of the 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment documents the daily chores of camp life and the long hours spent waiting to engage the enemy, Historian James I. Robertson, Jr. has noted that soldiers spent "more time in camp than on marches and in battle combined." This book presents the uncensored story and explores the deep political divisions within the regiment. William R. Kiefer, the regiment's historian, admitted that many incidents recorded in diaries had to be omitted, because they dealt with "certain personal matters," offensive to some of the survivors, but which admittedly "would otherwise have added relish to the stories." Kiefer also had to exclude material he felt was "heavily tainted with odium cast upon certain officers" and "written in such partisan style" that the reader would find it unacceptable. The battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg are retold through the eyes of the 153rd volunteers as only they could have seen and experienced them. Every effort has been made to present this story as a chronological narrative of their service.

About the Author Mr. Lovenstein graduated from Temple University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and is a member of the Northampton County Genealogical Society. He has been an avid collector of Civil War memorabilia for over 30 years. As a lifelong resident of Northampton County, he began researching the history of the 153rd Pennsylvania Regiment, when he procured a rare book on the subject written by Ethan Allen Weaver, son of Sergeant Henry Weaver, who served in the regiment. Weaver corresponded with many members of the regiment and compiled a memorial album dedicated to his father. Mr. Lovenstein is a Program Analyst for the Curtiss Wright Engineered Pump Division in Phillipsburg, New Jersey and resides with his wife in Easton, Pennsylvania.