

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Dedication of the Connecticut State Monument*

October 14, 2008 at 10:30 am  
Vicksburg National Military Park  
Grant's Canal Site  
Madison Parish, Louisiana  
Opposite Vicksburg, Mississippi



In 2005 Governor M. Jodi Rell of Connecticut was invited by the National Park Service to erect a monument honoring the Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers at the Vicksburg National Military Park. The monument will be located at the Grants Canal Area of the Park in Madison Parish, Louisiana, opposite Vicksburg.

The Ninth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers (known as the state's Irish Regiment) left New Haven in 1861. They were assigned to Grant's Canal opposite Vicksburg, Mississippi, where federal troops attempted to cut a canal across DeSoto Point to enable Union ships to bypass Confederate batteries at Vicksburg.