

2017 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Steve Minniear

Nominator: Timea Iharosi



In the Nominator's words:

Steve Minniear is a historian. Culture, heritage, and history have always played a big part in his life.

In 2017, his most significant project was the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center which opened after years of preparation, thanks in part to his tireless efforts and expertise on the subject of Camp Parks' impact on Dublin and the world. Steve's strong connections with the U.S. Military enabled him to complete in-depth research on many relevant topics, such as the 91st Division, and Women in Service. The result of Steve's research on the 91st Division is the current temporary display in the Military History Center. Since its opening on May 25, 2017, he spends a lot of time helping to operate the Museum. Since the fall of 2017, every second Saturday of the month, you can find him in the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center leading the program, "Drop-in and Meet the Historian." He is on hand to present, answer questions, and lead discussions on topics related to Camp Parks and local military history. He serves as an ambassador for the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center, leading tours of the facility for visiting VIPs, and answering their questions. Steve's involvement has helped strengthen the partnership between the City and the military, and will help current and future residents understand this vital part of Dublin's history.

At the same time, he is the very active President and Social Media Editor of the DHPA, Dublin Heritage Preservation Association, and works to promote and preserve all of Dublin's history. Steve is an active volunteer in the Heritage Park and Museums, too, where he leads the Collection and Archive subgroup of volunteers. He makes sure everything is stored properly, and, with his very analytical view, keeps the historical information alive and accurate. In 2017, he helped with the Little Classroom exhibit, "History Detectives: A Noir Investigation into Dublin's Past." In the spring of 2017, Steve worked with the school district on their Anniversary Celebration, "150 Years of Education in Dublin," and in the second half of the year, he worked with the Dublin United Soccer League on their 50th Anniversary. He helped them to research and find and collect photos and documents from their history.

Steve is also an accomplished historical writer, having authored his third book in 2017 about Dublin's history, with the title, "Brief History of Dublin." Steve has served the City of Dublin for many years, with 2017 being one of his most prolific and visible. In all his projects, he brings the same unfailing energy, positive attitude, creativity, and service to Dublin residents of different age groups. When a city grows as rapidly as Dublin has, it runs the risk of losing its historical memory, which is so important to developing a shared sense of community; but thanks to Steve's leadership and personal efforts, we have a rich body of cultural heritage to share with current and future residents.