



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: On March 31, 1998 an award ceremony was held at the State House to honor two dozen Civilian Conservation Corp Veterans; and

WHEREAS: The Civilian Conservation Corp was formed by a bill signed by President Roosevelt that would employ hundreds of Americans who were out of work by giving them jobs of cutting trees, building roads, cabins and lodges, in an effort to reclaim national forests and parks; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge resident, retired Cambridge School custodian, James DeLeo of Hollis Street, was a member of the CCC where he built roads into the mountains and picnic areas, near Windsor, Vermont; and

WHEREAS: A model of a CCC plaque was unveiled which the State Department of Environmental Management plans to place at all state parks and forests where the CCC worked; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating James DeLeo as a veteran of the Civilian Conservation Corps and thanking him for all his work for the benefit of all; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to James DeLeo on behalf of the entire City Council.

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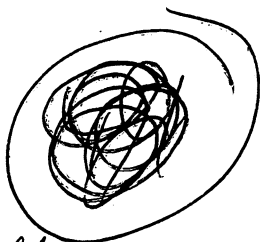
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk



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✓ Address 27 Hallis Street

Vice Mayor Galluccio

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Whereas:

retired Cambridge School Custodian,
Cambridge resident, James De Lea of Hallis Street, was a member of the CCC where he built roads into the mountains and picnic areas; ~~and~~ near Windsor, VT; and

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^{model of a CCC}
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Resolved:

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congratulating James Mc Lea as a veteran
of the Civilian Conservation Corps. and
thanking him for all his work for the
benefit of all; And be it further
Resolved:

That a LTC be sent to James

Mc Lea

27 Hollis Street

Ch.

VmG.

4/2/98 at noon

Jim DeLeo

CCC veterans remember their work and spirit

By Paul Langner
GLOBE STAFF

It was the depth of the Great Depression, people were talking openly of revolution, Karl Marx was hailed as a prophet, and one of every three Americans was out of work.

But the White House had just gotten a new tenant, and 24 days after he moved in, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, cigarette holder jutting upward from his underslung lower teeth, signed a bill that would take hundreds of thousands of unemployed men off the street.

The bill Roosevelt signed on March 31, 1933, founded the Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCC, which organized men into quasi-military formations and set them to work to reclaim national parks and forests.

Yesterday, in an hourlong State House ceremony, the state Department of Environmental Management honored about two dozen CCC veterans and unveiled a model of a CCC plaque the agency plans to place at all state parks and forests where the CCC worked.

They cut trees, cleared brush, cut hiking trails, and

built roads, cabins, and lodges, and some CCC-built projects endure today.

Among them is the lodge atop Mount Greylock in the Berkshires, a sturdy log and fieldstone structure.

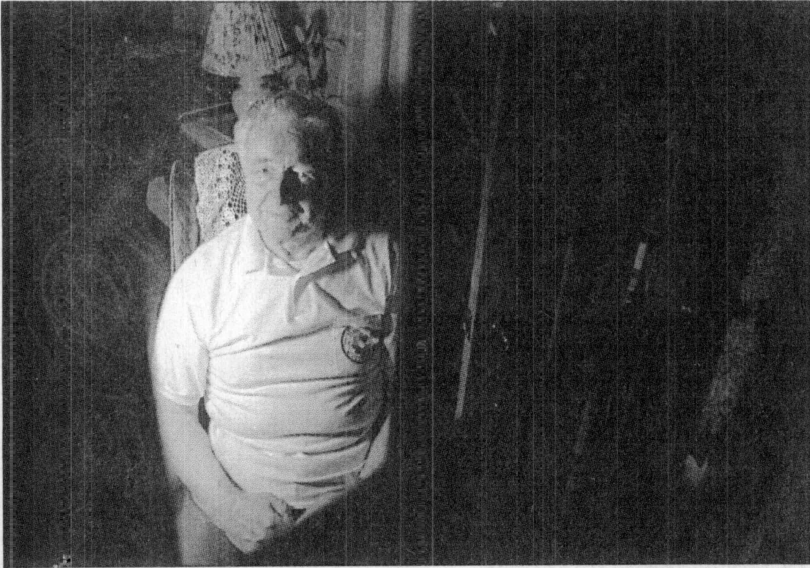
Another example is Hungry Mother Rock Park in Virginia, which Charles Vaughn helped build.

Vaughn, who lives in Springfield, was 16 when he joined the CCC in 1941, a year before the program ended in 1942.

As did many CCC veterans, he entered the military, and spent 22 years in what became the Air Force. "I saw three wars," he said, "World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. We were an air transport unit and would drop supplies to forward posts. I even dropped supplies in Vietnam. I survived three belly landings."

James DeLeo joined the Army after more than a year in a camp near Windsor, Vt. "I was a truck driver and we built roads into the mountains and picnic areas," he said.

His reason for joining, he said as he pointed to a veteran wearing a T-shirt that said "Civilian Conservation CCC, Page B8



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James DeLeo, 80, joined the Army after more than a year at a CCC camp near Windsor, Vt., where he built roads into the mountains.

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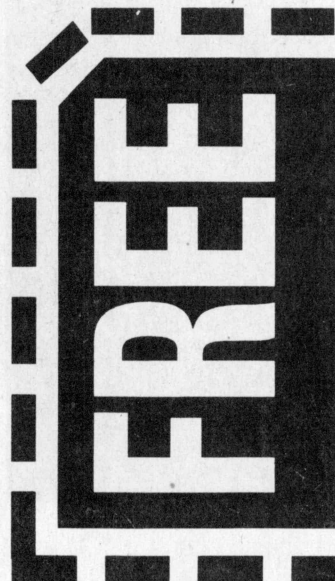
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which runs Logan, is intended to offset the disruption caused by East Boston's crowded and noisy neighbor. But putting together the mechanics of the mitigation plan has been in the works for more than sev-

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CCC veterans recall projects and spirit

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Corps - Poverty with Pride," was "we were poor. My father had come from Italy and spoke no English and jobs were hard to find."

As it was, CCC pay was \$1 a day, and etymologists trace the expression "Another day, another dollar" to that fact.

One speaker yesterday was Walter Sekula, northeast regional director of the CCC alumni association, who drew groans of disbelief when he told the audience that "I was paid \$30 a day." The veterans, however, smiled because they knew what was coming: "One day a month."

DeLeo, 80, was born in Cam-

bridge and except for the CCC stint and Army service in North Africa and Europe, has lived there all his life. He is a retired custodian for Cambridge schools.

CCC camps typically housed 200 men. They lived in wooden barracks and, said the veterans yesterday, an esprit de corps developed that carried them toward military service.

To this day, DeLeo wants it known that he was with the 9th Infantry Division that landed in North Africa and went on to fight in Belgium. He earned six battle stars.

Not everyone went into the military, however. Ernest Nason, 88, was among the first to join the CCC company at the Annette Forest in

New Hampshire.

Among the work done at the Annette Forest Camp, Nason recalled, was pulling up and burning the gooseberry bushes, which were a vector for the pine rust that endangered New England forests.

But, he recalls with pride, he quickly became company clerk, then supply sergeant, and then first sergeant, not doing much heavy lifting until he went back to civilian life and went to work at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, where he was a pipefitter on the heavy cruiser Salem, now an exhibit in Quincy, and the battleship Massachusetts, part of the Fall River Battleship Cove Naval Museum.

information."

Kennedy noted that the case is still not fully resolved.

"There is significant disclosure ahead for the candidate," Kennedy said. "In addition, they have to amend all over the place."

But the deal ends a turbulent six months for Wilkerson, once considered one of the city's rising political stars. Since the disclosure last September that she was under federal investigation for failing to file tax returns for the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, she has been sentenced to house arrest followed by two years probation; endured a Senate ethics commission investigation that resulted in her being stripped of her leadership post, and effectively forced out of a long-planned run in the 8th Congressional District for the seat being vacated by retiring US Repre-

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