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Sullivan Museum and History Center presents 19th century Norwich alumni drawings in new exhibition

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NORTHFIELD, Vt. – The Sullivan Museum and History Center presents an exhibition of landscape drawings by nineteenth-century Norwich University alumni and their contemporaries. Many of the drawings in this exhibit were produced by Norwich students or alumni who were involved in the American Civil War, and this show complements the Sullivan Museum's ongoing series of exhibitions commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.

This new exhibit, entitled “Useful and Elegant Accomplishments,” will be on view beginning Monday, January 14, and is free and open to the public.

This exhibition explores how Norwich University alumni recorded their varied experiences through drawing. Featured selections include depictions of the Norwich campus recorded by students while attending school. Others recorded scenes and landscapes wherever their later careers took them including favored tourist sites and distant lands.

Norwich alumni recorded battlefields and scenes of significant engineering projects undertaken on the American landscape. Landscape drawings by renowned Vermont Episcopal Bishop and politically controversial John Henry Hopkins, Sr. and his son, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. will also be on view.
This exhibition features items from the Sullivan Museum’s permanent collection, as well as on loan from The Vermont Historical Society, The Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, The Fleming Museum and private collectors. It will be on view through June 2013.

The Sullivan Museum will host a series of lunchtime presentations related to both the landscape drawing and Civil War exhibitions during the spring semester. The first of these programs will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 12 p.m. in the Museum Rotunda. Jacqueline Calder, Curator, Vermont Historical Society will provide a presentation entitled, “The Art of Vermonters John Henry Hopkins, Sr. and Jr.” This program is free and open to the public, and a light lunch will be provided.

The Sullivan Museum and History Center is located on Norwich’s Northfield campus and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. For more information please call 802-485-2183.

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army, Norwich University is the oldest private military college in the United States of America and the birthplace of our nation’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). [www.norwich.edu](http://www.norwich.edu)

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