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Ben Hawley is a member of B Company, 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment based in Washington, DC. A Civil War Reenactor with B Company since 1991, he has traveled extensively, speaking to groups about Blacks in the Civil War. A descendant himself, of a Civil War Soldier, his great-great-grandfather, Orrin B. Hawley, was a member of the 29th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Colored).

An amateur genealogist, Ben became interested in the Civil War when he and his brother discovered that their great-great-grandfather had fought in the Civil War. His ancestor and his wife had 17 children. Mr. Hawley is collecting information on those 17 families and hopes to reunite them with a family reunion celebration.

He is the program director of a Mentoring Program that tutors inner city youth in Washington, D.C. A member of Historical Extras, a movie company where he has had several bit parts in History Channel Documentaries. A member of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Washington, DC, The Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut, the Civil War Preservation Trust, and several local organizations in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Ben currently serves on the board of The United States Colored Troops Living History Association (USCTLHA), The United States Colored Troops Institute, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, The Robert Smalls Foundation, and is active in a Civil War Roundtable in Rockville, Maryland.