



## Veterans Interred at Riverview



•To date, the graves of 1,135 veterans have been located



•Some veterans served in more than one war/conflict



•Veterans identified as "Defense" either did not serve in a war/conflict or we cannot identify in which one they served

War/Conflict	Number of Veterans
Civil War	274
Indian Wars	1
Spanish-American War	97
Philippine-American War	1
World War I	215
World War II	339
Korean War	62
Vietnam War	29
Defense	150



### VOLUNTEER PROJECT

May 12, 2018  
9am – Noon

Prepare for Grass Cutting  
Please sign in at the Visitor Center

#### Projects:

- Fill holes/sunken areas with dirt
- Clip low hanging tree branches on the NW side
- Pick up trash inside and outside the cemetery
- Add mulch to daffodil bed on Market St.

Snacks & beverages provided



Community Service Certificates available



#### FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soups, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta, coffee, juice

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium:  
[www.degac.org](http://www.degac.org)

Mailing Address:  
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## REMEMBER HONOR SUPPORT

### JOIN US UNDER THE FLAGS

**MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 at 9AM**

(Rain location next door at The Resurrection Center)

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day when first observed in 1868 — a day to place flowers on graves of the Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. Later it was expanded to remember the men and women who gave their lives in all wars. Riverview Cemetery was founded in 1872 and its diversity is evident as the final resting place of both Union and Confederate soldiers and a Medal of Honor recipient. In addition to many Civil War veterans, there are veterans from the Indian Wars, Spanish American War, Philippine-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Defense. To view veteran names and Find A Grave memorial pages, visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com). Each grave will be adorned with an American Flag from May 19th until June 9th. We encourage the public to drive or walk through this historic and active burial ground.

#### SPECIAL GUESTS

Bishop S. Todd Townsend, Sr., PhD  
David Mosley, Founder, Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans

#### MUSIC

The Royal Priesthood Men's Choir/  
The Resurrection Center  
Gregg McCauley, Chesapeake Brass Band (TAPS)

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL HOMELESS VETERANS WHO ARE NOW LIVING IN EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSES IN WILMINGTON

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Single Bed Sheets, Blankets, Pillowcases Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipes, Windex, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent

### THE RIVERVIEW GRASS SAGA CONTINUES...

*When one chapter closes another begins*

The grass cutting Partnership established in 2009 by Senator Margaret Rose Henry with the Department of Corrections has ended after 9 years of community service. This situation has created an urgent dilemma! Preparations are underway for our Annual Memorial Day Service on May 28. And these preparations cannot happen with tall grass. Furthermore, tall grass

impact: When Caitlin Del Collo (Legislative Aide to Senator Margaret Rose Henry) learned that the PCCC partnership had ended and Memorial Day activities were at risk, she told her Dad who spoke to his colleague. FHRC received a phone call from Garth Jorgenson of Ruppert Landscape, offering to cut the cemetery one time before May 19 when American Flags are



Before

After

interferes with conducting burials, selling gravesites, volunteer projects, and visitors paying respect. The expense of cutting 42 acres and trimming around thousands of monuments has never been in the FHRC operating budget. All income is from burials and donations. The 2018 budget is only \$15,000 given our Volunteer/Partnership Model.

placed on Veteran graves. What a joyful moment...another modern day miracle of generosity. On behalf of FHRC Board Members, Volunteers, Neighbors, Family Members, and Veterans, we thank Ruppert Landscape ([ruppertlandscape.com](http://ruppertlandscape.com)) for this amazing gift of community service!

Please share this information so people with resources are aware of an opportunity to make a visible difference this year. Here is an example of the power of one ordinary voice that is making an immediate

Future grass cutting remains uncertain at this time. Now is the time for all of us to find resources to ensure that Riverview Cemetery continues to be an attractive burial ground. We are in need of a benefactor to fund this lawn maintenance service.

The mission of Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is to operate and maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.

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## FROM *the* BOARD

### Many Thanks to our 2018 March and April CONTRIBUTORS

<b>Harry &amp; Jane Saville Smith Foundation</b> <i>(Full funding for Emerald Ash Borer tree treatment)</i>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Francis Taylor, Jr.</b> <i>(Visitor Center)</i>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>B. Franklin &amp; Mary Anne Cooling</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>Lewis &amp; Barbara Pennell</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>William A. Weaver</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Jean Kennedy McCafferty</b>	<b>\$30</b>

### DONATIONS NEEDED to Equip the Visitor Center

Letters and Burial brochures were mailed to all local funeral directors who served Riverview Cemetery families. This correspondence informed them of the completed Visitor Center and need for donations to equip the interior space. Small and large donations are greatly appreciated and will allow us to purchase:

- Window shades
- Electronic equipment including computer, printer, projector and screen
- Display cases and bookshelves
- Desk/Workstation

**MEMBERSHIP:** Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c/3 non-profit charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible and the funds are used for cemetery expenses. Please join or renew your annual membership now. And, find out if your employer will match your donation! **Membership Levels: \$30 Individual, \$50 Family, \$125 Restorer, \$300 Preserver, \$500 Guardian.**

**ESTATE PLANNING:** Consider Riverview Cemetery in your Will. Gifts of stock, retirement plan assets, life insurance and real estate are all welcome. Contact us for assistance.



Lee Anderson  
President



Tedd Cocker  
Vice President



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Secretary



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## OUT *and* ABOUT

Mary King attended Eastlawn Civic Association Meeting and also represented FHRC at the Delaware Cemetery Board Public Meeting.

Lee Anderson participated in Christian Growth Ministry's 'Resource for End-of-Life' program.

Tedd Cocker represented FHRC at the Delaware First State Cemetery Association meeting.

### Veteran count 1135

To view a complete list and link to Find A Grave page, please visit

[www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com).

The number is growing fast— thanks to extensive research by Tedd Cocker



Monday,  
May 28, 2018  
9 am

**SAVE THE DATE! Memorial Day Service at Riverview Cemetery**

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE:

FHRC hosted its largest group of student volunteers - 41 students and 9 adults from Tall Oaks Classical School for a full day of Community Service. The 5th and 11th graders weeded and mulched the entire daylily bed outside the Washington St. fence. After lunch they weeded and mulched around cemetery signs (Market St.) and mulched the circular hedge to prepare for Memorial Day.



**TALL OAKS CLASSICAL SCHOOL**



### Annual Clean Up Day

FHRC volunteers participated in the City of Wilmington Annual Clean Up Day on April 21st. It was good to work side-by-side with our neighbors!

## BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials in March and one burial in April.

## CREMATION

Families who choose cremation at the time of death may select a cemetery at a later time. We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related remains may be placed in a single gravesite (a new grave or a grave belonging to your relative). Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.

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