



**OUTDOOR
VOLUNTEER
PROJECTS**

8 am - Noon*
Project dates:

July 8

August 12

September 9

**weather permitting*

GIFTS OF TIME

50 Hours of Ivy Removal

To our surprise, a Senior from Wilmington Friends School contacted us in early June and asked if he could provide 50 hours of volunteer service at Riverview Cemetery during the summer. We said yes! And, we selected a project to benefit the health of our trees. Many tree trunks were covered with Ivy and Ivy has deep roots! Shirley Duffy provided training, a special tool, and a tarp. Watch for an update in the September News. (20 hours done - 30 hours to go)

Grass Maintenance Skills

Under the leadership of Warden Doreen Fields and her Officers, the men living at Plummer Community Correction Center continue to learn grass maintenance skills as they care for the 42 acre property. Thank you for your incredible service.

15 New Trees Planted and Watered

Bank of America volunteers and Delaware Center for Horticulture planted 15 new trees on the Southeast side of the cemetery. Shirley and Joe Duffy are committed to watering the trees for 2 years.

Process of watering 15 new trees for 2 years >

1,184 American Flags Placed



In preparation for Memorial Day, a large group of Bank of America volunteers joined members of the FHRC Board of Directors on Friday, May 19, 2023 to place American flags on the graves of 1,184 veterans who are interred at Riverview. These burial



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places are scattered in almost every section throughout the cemetery's 42 acres.

In order to minimize the impact on grass cutting, the FHRC Board of Directors resolved that the flags would be collected on Saturday, June 10, 2023, beginning at 8:00 am. Once again, a contingent of volunteers from Bank of America was on hand to collect the flags and return them to the Visitors Center where each flag was inspected for damage, *i.e.*, broken sticks, torn flags or missing staples. Where possible, flags were repaired for re-use in order to minimize loss. Flags were rolled into groups of 12, secured with a rubber band, and placed in one of two storage containers for use again next year.



NOTES FROM the BOARD



Lee Anderson
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Board Member



Tedd Cocker
Honorary



Madeline Dunn

Madeline Dunn, the State of Delaware's National Register Coordinator, is retired after 40 years of employment. Riverview Cemetery was one of many historic properties to be nominated and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You will notice the Plaque as you enter the cemetery.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2023

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

Robert Gravell	\$25
Roger Brown	\$25
Peter/Julie Zorach	\$100
In honor of Betty Anderson	
Roger Brown	\$100
Mary L. Henderer	\$25

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.

BURIALS: The Board of Directors assisted with 5 burials.

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.

Veterans Interred at Riverview



Tedd Cocker, Vietnam Veteran and Honorary Board Member, created the Veteran Database available on the FHRC website.



- To date, the graves of 1,184 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	282
Indian Wars	1
Spanish-American War	97
Philippine-American War	1
World War I	233
World War II	356
Korean War	86
Vietnam War	31
Defense	153



Veteran count 1184

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit www.riverviewcem.com

PROJECTS of NOTE



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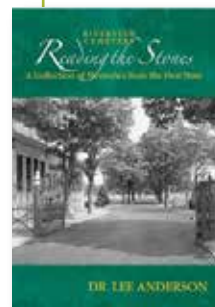


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Thank you Delaware Valley Classical School 11th graders, parents and teachers for trimming the circular hedge at the entrance.

Wilmington Friends School
On Friday, September 15, 2023 Wilmington Friends School students and faculty will return to Riverview Cemetery for a morning of Community Service. We appreciate being included in their annual Day of Service. WFS has been our partner since 2009.

Make a Connection to the Oral History Project!



Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State, published in 2005 is still relevant today. We continue to collect your memories, stories and photos to keep the Oral History Project alive. Please mail or email your

information. It will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center. A complimentary copy of 'Reading the Stones' will be mailed as a token of our appreciation for your support of Riverview Cemetery.

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With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care!



2022



2023

Last year Riverview Cemetery was invited to participate as a Sacred Grounds site along with 20 Wilmington Congregations. The July 2022 orientation took place in the Riverview Cemetery Visitor Center. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate with Sacred Grounds!

