



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

American Flags will be placed around the hedge at the northwest entrance to the Cemetery to remember the men and women from all countries who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

September 10

9am – Noon
weather permitting

Sign in at the Office/Chapel

We will be working on the Market Street Corridor (31st - 33rd) & Cemetery Entrances:

Care for 2 flower beds, 12 street trees and bus stop

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 soup, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium: www.degac.org

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CONTINUING WITH OUR MISSION TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE!

We are proud to announce that 100 more grave monuments have been up-righted and/or repaired. You may recall that 66 monuments were repaired in 2013. Both projects were made possible by two \$10,000 grants from Delaware's Distressed Cemetery Fund.

Tedd Cocker supervised the April to August process while John W. Pauley Memorials of Wilmington, and his partners, Abba Monument of Newark and John Toomey, repaired monuments of all shapes and sizes.

We continue to prioritize monuments that create a safety hazard to the public as well as those that have sunken below ground level. Monuments topple for a number of reasons: aging, vandalism, storm damage, or improper installation. Resetting the gravestones is an important part of cemetery care. In many cases, very little equipment is required to upright or reset gravestones if foundations already exist. FHRC volunteers with training from Tedd learned quickly how to "leverage" a gravestone onto its base using more brain than brawn. However, upright monuments weighing hundreds of pounds require professional expertise, cranes and tripods.

To receive funding from the Distressed Cemetery Fund, the cemetery is required to match the amount with money or volunteer hours (using a value-of-volunteer-hours-multiplier). We are grateful for pro bono work done by **John W. Pauley Memorials, Abba Monument, and Cecil Vault & Memorials**. They donated time and equipment to reset large markers vandalized in 2014. Our volunteer groups: **ABCares** and **Bank of America** also raised sunken military markers and reset upright ones. Finally, we thank our **FHRC volunteers** who raise and reset markers during monthly Volunteer Days. We applaud this combined effort that provided well over 350 hours to exceed the grant match!

Behind the scenes, Board members completed the grant application and documented the work as required by the Delaware Cemetery Board.

RESETTING GRAVESTONES WEIGHING HUNDREDS OF POUNDS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF CEMETERY CARE.



George Pauley, Ted Kusters, and John Toomey resetting markers

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.

Riverview Cemetery • 3300 North Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware • (302) 762-4705



FROM *the* BOARD

Delaware Genealogical Society invites its members and the general public to a Special Program:

CITY OF STONE – RIVERVIEW CEMETERY – A HISTORIC ACT OF KINDNESS

presented by
Lee Anderson and Tedd Cocker

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 • 7:00 pm
Brandywine Library • 1300 Foulk Road • Wilmington DE 19803

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to our July and August CONTRIBUTORS

R. Paul & Lena Manchester	\$50
Mrs. Eleanor Maroney	\$500
City of Wilmington Council	\$5000

We celebrate the generous contribution of **\$50,000 from the Trustees of the Longwood Foundation**; and, we thank the 45 individuals and organizations who made small and large donations between June 23, 2015 and August 1, 2016 to double the impact!

The Capital Campaign for the Renovation of the Chapel/Office Building into the Riverview Cemetery Visitor and Information Center will end in 2016. We will not know the final cost of the project until the design is finalized and the project is bid. We continue to need your donations to help us plan for unforeseen conditions during construction. Please make your tax-deductible donation before the end of the year.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF VOLUNTEERS!



◀ July Project
Ethan Ciarlo removes trees from our dirt pile.

BEFORE

▶ August Project
St. Elizabeth's High School Student, **Ceio mee Cannon** and aunt, **Terri Ayers** removed ivy choking the tree trunks and climbing on the wall.

AFTER

FHRC welcomes high school students from **Wilmington Friends School** for the 6th year in mid-September. We have a long list of projects that are perfect for school, church, scout, and corporate groups. Call **302-762-4705** and leave a message about your group and interests.



A **Burial Sales Brochure** is now available on the website and printed for distribution.

Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with two burials in July and August and appreciates our good working relationship with Doherty Funeral Homes, and Congo Funeral Home.

Cremation

We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.



Lee Anderson
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Member-at-Large

VETERAN COUNT: 1016

Thanks to thorough research by **Tedd Cocker**

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

PROJECTS of NOTE

OCTOBER 18TH

BOSCOV FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

In 2015 Board Members sold 100 tickets costing just \$5 and enjoyed a special 20% off day of shopping. The \$500 raised from ticket sales went toward the Capital Campaign. This year we need **YOU** to sell the tickets. Talk with family and friends. We just need one family – or one group of friends who like to sell. It is also fun to buy 10 and give some away.

Time to step up for this win-win opportunity! Please add October 18th to your calendar. Call FHRC now!



DID YOU KNOW...

The **Pokemon Go Trail** has been found at Riverview Cemetery? After you find the Pokestop, walk around this

historic 42 acre cemetery and read the memorial monuments. The real treasures at Riverview Cemetery are people of every nationality.

