



**VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

May 14, 2016  
9am – Noon

Trim, mulch, weed huge circular hedge around flag poles  
Mulch daylily flower bed along Washington Street

May 21, 2016  
9am – Noon

Help prepare for our Memorial Day service by placing flags on graves

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](http://www.degac.org)

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Decoration Day, 1910



**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT RIVERVIEW CEMETERY**

**REMEMBER • HONOR • SUPPORT**

**JOIN US UNDER THE FLAGS ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016 AT 9AM** (In case of rain, the service will move next door to The Resurrection Center Fellowship Hall)

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day when first observed in 1868 and it was 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 died in all wars. Riverview Cemetery opened in 1872 and this sacred ground is the final resting place of both Union and Confederate soldiers as well as a Medal of Honor recipient. To date, the gravesites of 964 veterans from the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Defense have been identified. 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 21st until June 11th. We encourage the public to drive or walk through this historic and active burial ground.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha and Al Mills, Poets Laureate  
David Mosley (Founder of Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans)  
Justin A. Wright (City Council Member At-Large and The House of Wright Mortuary)  
Music: The Royal Priesthood Men's Choir/The Resurrection Center

**Veterans Interred at Riverview**

- To date, the graves of 964 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	228
Spanish American War	81
World War I	187
World War II	292
Korean War	52
Vietnam War	26
Defense	138

**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 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

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We need **\$6,716.32** to reach the Longwood Foundation 50K Challenge Match. In celebration of Mother's and Father's Day, please consider a gift to the capital campaign in memory of your parents and grandparents. Donations are Tax Deductible.

<b>Karen &amp; Steve Sharpe</b>	<b>\$200.</b>
In memory of Tom Anderson	
<b>Priscilla Goldsmith</b>	<b>\$50.</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Francis W. Taylor, Jr.</b>	<b>\$200.</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Lewis Pennell</b>	<b>\$100.</b>
<b>Mary McCombs</b>	<b>\$25.</b>
<b>John Medkeff</b>	<b>\$196.</b>
Royalties from <i>Brewing in Delaware</i>	

### Public Relations

In April, Lee gave a presentation to the Delaware Saengerbund Genealogy group about the history and current status of Riverview Cemetery. She also highlighted the contributions of many German families interred there.

### Distressed Cemetery Fund

FHRC received \$10,000 for the professional repair of 100 damaged tombstones. This fund was created as a result of Senator Margaret Rose Henry's 2006 -2007 Task Force that investigated the vulnerability of cemeteries throughout the State. Senator Henry's leadership and advocacy for the protection of Riverview Cemetery after its bankruptcy had a far wider impact than imagined at the time. Every cemetery in Delaware is encouraged to register with the Division of Public Health.

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

### Tree Partnership

[www.davey.com/kernsbros](http://www.davey.com/kernsbros)

Strong winds in April took down 4 large trees at Riverview Cemetery and our pro bono partner, Dave Balint with Kerns Brothers, A Davey Tree Company came to the rescue. Arborists with large equipment safely removed trees from the 33rd Street fence, McMullen Square wall, and other trees near tombstones. We encourage FHRC members to support this company when you need tree work done on your properties. We depend on one another!

**\* Reminder:** In 2016 *the newsletter will be issued every other month. Next month (June) look for a brief News Flash sent only by email.*

To become eligible for financial assistance for up to \$10,000 (with matching volunteer hours) every two years, specific criteria must be met and Grant Applications approved by the Delaware Cemetery Board. A small portion of the revenue from death certificates is designated toward the Distressed Cemetery Fund. Read more: [dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/distressedguide.html](http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/distressedguide.html)

### The NEXT Generation of Volunteers

FHRC was represented by Board member, Debbie Dodd, and granddaughter, Sarah, at a Youth Volunteer Networking Event sponsored by the State Office of Volunteerism.



Twins Chianna and Richard from P.S. DuPont Middle School, and their Mom cleared graves of holiday decorations in March.

Community Service certificates are available to youth who volunteer at Riverview Cemetery.

### Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with 4 burials in April and appreciates the good working relationship with McCreary & Harra Funeral Homes, Gilmore & Nichols Funeral Home, and Szpindor-Meyers Funeral Home.

### Membership Counts!

Did you know that FHRC Membership Dues can be paid anytime through the year? Please join or renew now. This money is used to fund cemetery operations and purchase supplies for cemetery maintenance. We count on your support!

Visit our website for membership levels and our electronic payment option.



**VETERAN COUNT: 964**

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)



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### Bank of America

**Volunteers:**

**3 Projects in 3 Hours!**

FHRC Board of Directors hosted our largest volunteer event on April 21, when 41 volunteers from Bank of America spent the afternoon at Riverview. The weather was perfect as MSAG volunteers raised sunken veteran markers in Section N (near Washington Street), while other volunteers walked 42 acres to place flag holders at veteran gravesites, and a third group painted a chain-link fence, beautifying the Baby Section of the cemetery along Eastlawn Ave.



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