



VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

May 13, 2017
9am – Noon

Raise Veteran Monuments & Remove Weeds & Add Compost to Huge Perennial Flower Garden in Baby Section of Cemetery

SAVE THE DATE:

May 20, 2017
9am – Noon

Help prepare for Memorial Day 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

Mailing Address:
Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery
P.O. Box 2173
Wilmington, Delaware 19899
www.riverviewcem.com

Veterans Interred at Riverview



- To date, the graves of 1,055 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	269
Indian Wars	1
Spanish-American War	95
Philippine-American War	1
World War I	172
World War II	311
Korean War	54
Vietnam War	29
Defense	143



**REMEMBER
HONOR
SUPPORT**

JOIN US UNDER THE FLAGS MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 AT 9AM
(Rain location next door at The Resurrection Center)

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 gave their lives in all wars. Riverview Cemetery was founded in 1872 and its diversity is evident in being 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. Each grave will be adorned with an American Flag from May 20th until June 10th. We encourage the public to drive or walk through this historic and active burial ground.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Deborah Harrington, *Retired Colonel, U.S. Army*
David Mosley, *Founder, Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans*
Justen A. Wright, *House of Wright Mortuary*
Charles Potter, Jr., *State Representative*
Velda Jones Potter, *City Treasurer*
Music: The Royal Priesthood Men's Choir/
The Resurrection Center

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 UNDERGROUND NEIGHBORHOOD

Across the U.S. during the month of May, Firefighters (May 4) and Police Officers (May 15) who died in the line of duty are remembered and honored. We have listed the name, date of death and location at Riverview Cemetery. They all have Memorial Pages on Find A Grave.

FIREFIIGHTERS

- Fouk,** Harold – September 13, 1890 (Section 3)
- Graham,** Robert H. – May 12, 1939 (Section 1)
- Kindell,** Frank R. – April 3, 1919 (Section D)
- McNeal,** George – October 8, 1896 (Section 17)
- Rogerson,** George Albert – February 3, 1923 (Section D)
- Wadsley,** John McCready – November 12, 1938 (Section 20)



POLICE OFFICERS

- Pruitt,** Willard, E. – July 7, 1944 (Section E)
- Wimbrow,** Milton Allen – December 31, 1931 (Section D)
- Zebley,** Thomas, L. – November 13, 1919 (Section 8)



In addition, families who contributed to *Riverview Cemetery Reading the Stones – A Collection of Memories from the First State* told us about loved ones serving as Firemen and Policemen in Delaware. If you know of others please share your information and be part of our **Oral History Project**.

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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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to our **March & April Contributor:**
Lewis Pennell \$100

BECOME A MEMBER!

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c/3 non-profit charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible. Join with 41 others and become a Lifetime Member this year! Visit the website for information. You may also renew annually.

Underground Neighborhood, continued

Alfred R. Bradford was a fireman at Fort DuPont.

LeRoy Randsford became a firefighter for the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company

George W. Rineer, Sr. designed and engineered fire engine cages built to protect firefighters during the riots of 1968. He was also a lifetime member of the Talleyville Fire Company and Instructor with the Delaware State Fire School.

James Logue, Sr. was elected President of Brandywine Volunteer Fire Company No.10 in 1910 and served until 1924.

Frederick M. Bock, Jr. was assigned to the Wilmington Police Motorcycle Patrol. During his police career he worked on the Lindberg kidnapping case and captured one of the "Ten Most Wanted" criminals.

Harry C. Pierce joined the Bureau of Police in 1917 and in 1919 he became the first highway patrolman for the Delaware State Police. In 1979, the Wilmington Kiwanis named him "Policeman of the Century."

Walter Witsil was a Delaware State Police detective and was involved in one of the most famous crimes in Delaware – "The Chocolate Murder".

Mario J. Tiberi, Sr. served as New Castle police officer and deputy sheriff after his service with the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.

(Source: *ruspickett.com*)

FHRC VOLUNTEERS

Spring Cleaning the Market Street Flower Beds



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Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with 2 burials in March and 3 burials in April.

VETERAN COUNT: 1055

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



PROJECTS *of* NOTE

Snow damages many trees, Davey to the Rescue!



Davey Tree Service: Wilmington, Delaware Office

866.251.9218

“ Our team of licensed, professional arborists is passionate about providing you with excellent service. We know each client is different, and our tree and landscape care recommendations are tailored to your property's unique needs. ”

- David Balint Jr.

Did you notice the cemetery trees during your Easter visit? On March 14th over 50 large trees on both sides of the cemetery were damaged by the snowstorm. Please join us in thanking **Davey Tree Service** for their partnership community service to Riverview Cemetery. And, a few days before the storm, an anonymous donor mailed \$2,000 to FHRC for professional tree care. Good will continues to grow!

If you need help with your trees, please consider contacting Davey Tree Service. They are valued partners of Riverview Cemetery.

