

**MENDENHALL CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 838**  
**MENDENHALL, MS 39114**

NEWSLETTER NO. 29

HOLIDAY 2022



**Message from the President**

Holiday greetings to our many donors and friends of the Mendenhall Cemeteries Association (MCA). We are blessed to have dedicated contributors, volunteers, board members, and staff that make the care of our cemeteries their mission and passion. We hope that this newsletter finds you and yours in good health and looking forward to this Holiday season.

Over the past year, MCA has made progress in many areas – here are a few key accomplishments:

1. City of Mendenhall Ordinance - requiring MCA notification of burials etc.
2. April 2022 windstorm recovery
3. MCA budget comparison reporting
4. Investment subcommittee formation
5. Property procurement - (West Cemetery Extension) - the purchase of the adjacent property to our West Cemetery along East Court Street. This procurement positions our cemetery with much needed acreage for expansion in the future. During 2023 we will clear undergrowth and begin to bring this property into our routine maintenance plan.

Many thanks for our supporters like you and our Board of Directors in making these happen. It is only through your continued donations that we can continue to maintain and improve our grounds.

Please consider giving ongoing to the association efforts. Remember that your donation(s) can be designated: General Operations or Memorial. Additionally, your donation is tax deductible and MCA is a qualified entity for any IRA RMD (required minimum distribution) that might be appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any MCA board member.

Please visit our website: [www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com) for all information related to MCA, our cemeteries, events, and contact information.

Have a great Holiday season.

Thanks,

*David Heil Massey*

*Your donations are appreciated each year. They are tax deductible and can be made on our website [www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com) via PayPal or mailed to:  
Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc., P.O. Box 838, Mendenhall, MS 39114.*

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY -- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022 AT 10 A.M.**

Mendenhall Cemetery will again be a participating location for Wreaths Across America! This is the fifth year we have had the privilege of remembering and honoring the veterans who have been laid to rest in our cemetery. The ceremony will be held on **Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** at the cemetery and wreath laying will begin immediately afterwards. The ceremony is open to the public. Please make plans to attend and volunteer to place wreaths on our veteran's graves.

**SPONSOR A WREATH FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

We need family members, friends, and businesses to sponsor **325 wreaths** needed to honor every veteran buried in Mendenhall Cemetery on December 17. Each fresh wreath, made in the USA with Maine balsam, cost \$15 to sponsor, with \$5 going to the Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc. to be used to help maintain the cemetery. Wreaths can be grave specific to honor your loved one and you do not have to be present on December 17 to lay your wreath(s) as volunteers will be on hand to place on grave(s) as needed. An order form is included in this mailing along with instructions on how to purchase and submit payment. Wreaths can be ordered and delivered through us for another local cemetery. See order form for complete details. Deadline for us to *receive* wreath sponsorships by mail and online is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022.**

***The fastest and easiest way to sponsor a wreath is online:  
[www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MS0038P](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MS0038P)***

*MCA offers four (4) Memorial Cards for a \$100 donation. The cards will be mailed to you to send as a memorial with a personal note to families of deceased. We also request that you consider designating MCA as a memorial to honor a deceased loved one.*

**2022-2023 MCA BOARD**  
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**Cemetery Curator: Allan Rankin**

**Have You Considered an IRA Charitable Rollover?**

If you are 70½ years or older you may be interested a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work and benefit this year. Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover are: **1. Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our organization; 2. Satisfy you required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year; 3. Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions; 4. Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.** Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to MCA.

**Mendenhall Cemetery is open 365 days a year | Sunrise to Sunset**



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