

# MENDENHALL CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 838  
MENDENHALL, MS 39114

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## **Message from the President**

Greetings from the Mendenhall Cemeteries Association (MCA) and Board of Directors.

Our efforts at MCA are only possible through timely and recurring gifts from our member families and friends like You.

As a reminder, finances of the MCA are divided into two categories:

1. general operating budget - the day-to-day care of the Cemeteries
2. perpetual care budget - reserved to build principle to meet future needs.

Over the past year ( July through June ), MCA had projects in many areas – here are a few major ones:

### **1. Website Development**

MCA launched it's own website in October, 2021. The MCA's website houses a wealth of information: from the cemeteries history and the association's formation to maps, directions, instructions, rules-regulations, the board of directors, grave site sales, online giving, and burial registry (updated quarterly). Please visit [www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com) and share with others interested in MCA and our cemeteries.

### **2. Logo Design**

A new logo for MCA was developed by a local designer and approved by the Board in 2021. This logo reflects a sense of MCA's passion and dedication to our cemeteries grounds and member families, while also giving a glimpse of our organizational longevity (circa 1863). Again, please visit [www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com) to see our logo.

### **3. City Ordinance on Burial Notification**

MCA works very closely with the City on cemetery matters. In March 2022, MCA requested the City's assistance with MCA notifications prior to any burials etc.. The City is currently developing an ordinance to address this issue. We expect to have this ordinance finalized within a few weeks.

### **4. Wind Storm Recovery**

The Storm of April 2022 caused three (3) major debris fields, damaged numerous sections of fencing, and unseated several headstones from their bases. Fortunately, there was no permanent damage to monuments. Recovery costs to date total over \$5,000.00.

### **5. Alley Trees Removal**

MCA has a contract to remove the alley trees between the southern border of Section A and the Sheriff's Offices. These trees are a continuing issue for MCA, as monuments have been broken and/or shifted by falling limbs, roots, and debris. We plan to have this work completed this summer.

As always, MCA needs your ongoing help and financial support. 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 RMD (required minimum distribution) that might be appropriate.

Please consider giving today!

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

Thanks,  
*David Heil Massey*

## **MCA ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

**Family Life Center | Mendenhall FBC**

## Join Our Email List

The Mendenhall Cemeteries Association is actively seeking email addresses in order to save on the ever increasing costs of printing and mailing. If you have an email address, please go to the following link to sign up for email,

<https://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com/join-mca.html>, or send an email to [mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com). We are also in need of your family members and friends contact information to grow our database. Please provide contact information of your children, siblings, and friends that should be receiving information from MCA. If you have questions, please contact us at [mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com).

*Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land.*  
*Exodus 20:12*

*Your donations are tax deductible and can be made on our website through Paypal:*

[www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com)

*or mailed to:*

*Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc., P.O.  
Box 838, Mendenhall, MS 39114*

For \$100, MCA offers four (4) Memorial Cards that 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 for a memorial contribution to honor a deceased loved one in an obituary.



**2021 – 2022**

### **MCA Board of Directors**

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## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Mendenhall Cemetery will again be participating in Wreaths Across America on **Saturday, December 17, 2022! Our ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM with wreath placement afterwards.**

Wreaths can be ordered through Mendenhall Cemetery for other cemeteries with pick-up on December 17 at our cemetery.

Order forms will be sent out in November, but online ordering is available now online using a credit card, use the direct link to our location page,

[www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MSMCCM](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MSMCCM)

- Click the red button to Sponsor Wreaths.
- Complete the online order form by selecting the number of wreaths you wish to pay for, and look for the option for Grave Specific Requests and provide requested information.
- Click the red button to Review My Sponsorships.
- Review your shopping cart for accuracy, then complete Checkout by paying with a credit/debit card, GooglePay, or PayPal. You will receive an emailed copy of your receipt.

If you have questions, please contact Gaye Magee-Sullivan, Location Coordinator at 214-770-2957.