

# Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc.

## 2023 Holiday Newsletter



Dear Donors and Friends

Holiday greetings from the MCA family! We hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits as we approach the festive season.

As we reflect on the past year, we are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support and dedication of our contributors, volunteers, board members, and staff who have made the care of our cemeteries their mission and passion. Without your support, our achievements in 2023 would not have been possible.

Here are some of the key accomplishments we've achieved over the past year:

1. Cleared an area South of Section E, which will soon be available for family plots, with 8 gravesites in each section.
2. Began clearing and cleaning up a new property adjacent to West Cemetery, expanding our capacity to serve our community.
3. Launched the Curator headstone cleaning program to preserve the rich history within our cemeteries.
4. Transitioned to an automatic contact information system for mail-outs and emergency contacts, streamlining our communication efforts.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and our dedicated Board of Directors for making these achievements possible. It is through your continued generosity and belief in our mission that we can maintain and enhance the beauty and significance of our grounds.

As we approach the holiday season, we kindly request you to consider continuing your support for the association. Your contributions can be designated for General Operations or Memorial purposes. Furthermore, please remember that your donation is tax-deductible, and MCA is qualified to receive IRA RMD (required minimum distribution) if you choose to contribute in this way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to either myself or any MCA board member. For more information and to stay updated, visit our website at [www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com](http://www.mendenhallcemeteriesassociation.com).

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support. We wish you a joyful holiday season filled with

warmth, love, and a sense of fulfillment in knowing you are a vital part of our MCA family.

Warmest regards,  
*David H. Massey*, President

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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



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**2023 MCA Board & Assignments**

David Massey - President  
Jeff Scott - Vice President  
Reenie Williamson - Secretary  
Miriam Hopkins - Treasurer  
John Coleman - Grounds  
Gaye Magee-Sullivan - Marketing  
Tommy Lee - Financial  
Curtis Boyte - Signage  
Betty Mangum - Communications  
Judy Palmer – Accounting  
Allan Rankin – Curator

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

2023

Mendenhall Cemetery will again be participating in Wreaths Across America on **Saturday, December 16, 2023! 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 16 at our cemetery.

Ordering is available now through the end of November online using a credit card. Use the direct link to our location page:

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

*There is an order form included within this Holiday Newsletter for MCA supporters who prefer to provide a check payment for wreaths.*

### Interesting Facts - Mendenhall Cemeteries:

1. Currently 1,926 known burials.
2. 250+ known military veterans buried in the cemetery.
3. 4 known Civil war veterans.
4. 3 known Spanish-American War veterans.
5. 2 WWII female veterans.
6. 2 veterans killed in action.
7. First person was buried in 1817.
8. Oldest person burial was 104 years.
9. Interesting epitaphs:  
"I told y'all I wuz sick" –  
"As you are now, I used to be, as I am now, you too will be"

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### REMINDER(s)

1. All grave decorations are to be removed from an individual grave when such becomes unsightly. It will be the responsibility of the family or friends of the deceased to remove old and faded flowers and to ensure compliance with this regulation. If not done in a timely manner, it will become the right of the Cemetery Board to have unsightly grave decorations removed by cemetery curator.
2. MCA Cemeteries are open 365 days per year – Sunup until Sundown.

Explore these and other MCA facts and history on our website -

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



**WREATHS *across* AMERICA**  
**Wreath Sponsorship Form for Veteran Graves**

Wreaths for veteran graves in Mendenhall Cemetery will be placed by families and volunteers immediately following Wreaths Across America Day ceremony on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 10:00 am.**

>>>Wreaths for veteran graves in other cemeteries may also be purchased using this form<<<

**\*\*DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS by US MAIL IS NOVEMBER 27, 2023\*\***

Wreaths may also be purchased online through **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** with a credit card via secure transaction at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MS0038P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MS0038P). Once you land on our page, click the "Sponsor Wreath" button and choose the number of wreaths to sponsor. If grave specific, then look at bottom of page for grave specific option and click to add veteran(s) information for placement in Mendenhall Cemetery.

Order Placed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are wreath(s) for specific grave(s) in Mendenhall Cemetery?  YES  NO, other cemetery  NO, as needed M'hll Cemetery  
 If YES: Grave specific name(s) as listed on headstone or grave marker(s):

*(Please list additional grave specific names on back of this form)*

Will you personally place your wreath(s) on specific grave(s) in Mendenhall Cemetery after the ceremony?  YES  NO

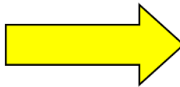
Are you PICKING UP wreath(s) for placement in another cemetery?  YES  NO | # of wreaths to be picked up? \_\_\_\_\_

**Wreaths(s) to be placed at other cemeteries must be picked up at Mendenhall Cemetery by 12 Noon on Saturday, December 16**

The Wreaths Across America organization has increased the cost per wreath to \$17 this year to help offset increased costs for programs and administration. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this transition, and most importantly, for your continued support of honoring the veterans laid to rest in Mendenhall Cemetery.

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
1 Wreath	\$17.00		
2 Wreaths	\$34.00		
5 Wreaths – Most Popular	\$85.00		
10 Wreaths	\$170.00		

**Send form  
and  
payment to:**



**Please make checks payable/mail to:**  
**Wreaths Across America**  
 PO Box 838  
 Mendenhall, MS 39114  
 Questions? Please call 214-770-2957  
 Thank you for your Sponsorship!

Please note that all wreaths are sent directly to Mendenhall Cemetery; no wreaths are sent to individuals.

Location ID: <b>MSMCCM</b> Fundraising Group ID: <b>MS0038P</b>	
<b><u>FOR WAA OFFICE USE ONLY</u></b>	
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