

Hello from Your Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery Board of Directors! We hope that you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe. We want to thank you for your contact and support in the past, and update you on our plans and progress here.

**Spring Work Day** - Normally we have a spring work day two weeks before Memorial Day to mow, prune and clean up, but this year we're not having a formal gathering due to the quarantine orders. Last weekend Gerry Burnett cleaned sticks and branches from the cemetery and Brenda Garner mowed, but we still hope to have a few folks come out on **this Friday or Saturday, 5/15-16**, to prune shrubs and run weed eaters around the graves. There are always headstones that could use a gentle scrubbing with water and a soft brush – no harsh or abrasive cleaners or tools, please. If you want to come out and donate an hour or two at your own time, it is always greatly appreciated!

**Memorial Day** – Although our annual Pioneer Heritage Day event on Memorial Day has been cancelled for 2020, of course families will be welcome to visit during the Memorial Day weekend and any time, provided social distancing guidelines are followed. We do ask that no glass containers be left on graves, please.

**Veterans Memorial Installation** – We have installed our new Veterans Memorial Rock on the right side of the driveway. This 11' rock monument was donated by Don Wilbur, set up by Gerry Burnett and Duane Wills<sup>i</sup>, and is being carved by Mic Johnson<sup>ii</sup> of Mapleton, with an inscription plaque<sup>iii</sup> that will say ***“Dedicated to those who served in the US Armed Forces, and in loving memory of those who gave their lives in defense of our country.”*** Medallions of the 5 main service branches will be inset above the inscription.<sup>iv</sup>

We will sell 3" x 6" metal plaques inscribed with any veteran's name and information, living or dead, to be placed on the rock as a memorial – not just those interred in Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery. We currently have received about \$500 in donations, and we hope to raise an additional \$2,000 to cover the remaining costs of this memorial. If you would like to buy plaques or make a donation, please visit our website, <http://deadwoodcem.org/> or email us at [deadwoodcem@gmail.com](mailto:deadwoodcem@gmail.com). THANK YOU!





**Cremation (Ash) Scattering Garden** and other landscaping - Near the Veterans Memorial rock, we have been adding flowers and paths, some overlooking the river and mountain. Be sure to stroll around on your next visit and notice what's blooming, including Forget-me-nots, Bleeding Heart, rhododendra, azaleas, hyacinths, Lily-of-the-Valley, hellebores, pulmonaria, Oregon Grape, and more.



Visit our website or contact us for

more information on scattering cremains and memorializing your loved one in our lovely Cremation Scattering Garden.



We will miss visiting with all of you who have attended this annual event. We will look forward to a gathering with you in the future!

Thank you,

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ii Mic Johnson is a Navy Veteran, (dates), and also carved our Entry Rock in 2016.

iii Joe Mirvis, \_\_ Veteran, is donating his carving skills and providing plaques to us at cost. Thanks, Joe!

iv Medallions from Gettysburg Flag Works, Made in USA.