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Union and Confederate Headstone Dedication Ceremony October 20, 2012

Thirteen veterans of the War Between the States will be honored with new headstones in Washington Cemetery at **10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 20, 2012.** at a ceremony cosponsored by Albert Sidney Johnston Camp 67, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Washington Cemetery Historic Trust.

Union Veterans being honored are **Charles Julius Bankowsky, John Betterton Furman, John Valentin Kohlhauff, August Friedrich Leyh, William Henry Lucas, and John W. Roberts.**

Confederate Veterans being honored are **Marsden Campbell, William Leonard Davis, William Harrison Givens, Daniel McArthur, Ishmael Benjamin Stevens, Gustav Heinrich Tips, and William Allen Wallace.**

The program is expected to end about noon, followed by a reception at Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Houston Avenue, which is sponsored by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary 1, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent 4, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and District I, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Details are in the attached flyers. Please allow about 15 minutes to get from the Glenwood Cemetery entrance to the tent where the ceremony begins.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the cemetery and the reception so we can prepare nametags and have enough refreshments. RSVP by October 16 to Veterans@WashingtonCemetery.org.

New WashingtonCemetery.org Website

Webmaster **Don Gehring** and his committee launched the expanded website at the end of May. We invite you to explore it, especially the pages under Burials, Maps, and WCHT. There's still more to be done of course, but this is a great leap forward from our old website.

Strangers Rest Marking Project

New headstones have been installed for **John F. Arechiga, Johnny Henry Arechiga, José Ybarbo Arechiga, Juanita Marie Gibbons, Charles Burt Givens, and Leroy Harrison Givens.** A description of the project with a photo of the new marker is at <http://www.washingtoncemetery.org/wcht/strangers-rest-project.shtml>.

We're close to ordering several dozen more markers; however, we need to confirm the spelling and dates that are in the cemetery records by comparing with obituaries and death certificates. We are in need of some volunteers who live or work near a library that has the *Houston Post* and *Houston Chronicle* on microfilm to get the obituaries. If you can help with this task, please contact WCHT Vice President **Cathy Fitch** at StrangersRest@WashingtonCemetery.org.

New Roads in Washington Cemetery

Glenwood has just completed the repaving of the west road, adjacent to Sections A, F, and I. The entrance road will be next on the paving program.

Newsletter Editor's Apology

In a perfect world this newsletter would have been issued months ago, and I apologize for the short notice of the dedication. A full length newsletter will be distributed in November.