



# The R.I.P. Report

P I O N E E R S ' C E M E T E R Y A S S O C I A T I O N

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Memorial Day was a response to the unprecedented carnage of the Civil War, in which some 620,000 soldiers on both sides died.
- The holiday was long known as Decoration Day for the practice of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Many local Phoenix residents arrived in red, white and blue attire May 25, 2015 for the 32nd Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park. The seven historic cemeteries are located at 13th Avenue and Jefferson Streets in the downtown Phoenix area.



The PMMP is made up of seven cemeteries dating back to 1884. Burials ceased at the cemetery in 1914 and residences were built around the capital area. The original Pioneers' Cemetery Association was established in 1938. In 1983 the PCA regrouped to research and preserve the historic grounds.

This year, the ceremony began with a welcome, prayer, and a grand march of the many participants including: 1st New Mexico Volunteers, Company B; 9th Memorial United States Calvary; Arizona Civil War Council; Arizona Masonic Lodge #2; Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society; Buffalo Soldiers of the Arizona Territory—Ladies and Gentlemen of the Regiment; Children of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution; First Families of Arizona; Knights of Pythias; Salt River Waves; Sons of Confederate Veterans; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Southwest Civil War Association; The First Families of Arizona; United Daughters of the Confederacy—Thunderbird Chapter; West Valley Genealogy Society.

The keynote speaker was author Jana Bommersbach. After the final cannon salute and the playing of Taps, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

- story by Debe Branning, photo of Knights Templar by Diane Sumrall



**Smurthwaite House:**  
1317 W Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**PCA Mailing Address:**  
PO Box 63342  
Phoenix, Arizona 85082



*Clockwise:  
Knights Templar  
Sons of Union Veterans of the  
Civil War  
Arizona Masonic Lodge #2  
- pictures by Diane Sumrall*



*“They fell, but o’er  
their glorious grave.  
Floats free the  
banner of the cause  
they died to save.”  
Francis Crawford*



*Clockwise:  
Buffalo Soldiers  
Arizona Civil War Council  
Knights Templar  
- pictures by Diane Sumrall*

## LONGVIEW TEEN VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP THE PMMP! - BY SILVIA RAMIREZ

On Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Longview Summer Spectacular teen volunteers participated in a community service project to assist with the clean up of Pioneer and Military Memorial Park. Together the teens collected approximately 10 bags of trash throughout the historic cemetery, and hosed down the fences and cleaned debris from the porch. This clean up project helps makes a fresh clean appearance to the public when they arrive for tours and information regarding the cemetery.

After the clean up project the teens were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the cemetery. They were very excited to enter a tomb but were hoping to see a ghost! Sterling Foster gave them wonderful history lesson of the cemetery and the City of Phoenix. Mark Lamm then gave the teen a tour of the Smurthwaite House and showed them maps from 1885 and how the city has changed over the years.



*photos by Silvia Ramirez*

## MARY JANE “JENNIE” HAMNER MOORE SHAEFFER—BY PATTY GAULT

Jennie was born in Texas around 1858. Her father Harris Americus Hamner was the co-editor of “The White Man,” a weekly newspaper promoting the removal of Indians from North Texas. He was critical of Governor Sam Houston’s failure to defend against the Indian raids and was a supporter of secession. Upon the secession of Texas from the Union in 1861, Mary’s father eventually became a lieutenant colonel and attached to Griffin’s Infantry Battalion of the Confederate States. Jennie’s father was wounded twice and returned to civilian life crippled by rheumatism and atrophy in his left thigh.

The family moved to California after the war where Jennie married Thomas Moore in 1877. Thomas was the son of Ransom Moore who was a well known Arizona pioneer and part of the Territorial Legislature. He is buried in the Mason section of our cemetery.

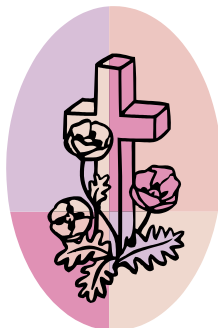
Jennie and Thomas left California around 1884, traveling by train to Maricopa, then by stagecoach to Phoenix. They set up house in the area of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Roosevelt with their three boys, the oldest just five. Thomas went to work at the Ward ranch in the Tonto Basin, following his father who had moved to the Reno Station area of the Tonto Basin.

Thomas was considered a bad tempered individual and in May of 1884 he killed Charles Hyde, owner of the saloon at Reno Station, after arguing over the throwing of dice. Thomas rode away after the shooting, but was later confronted by friends of Hyde and shot and killed, some said ambushed.

Jennie remained unmarried until 1886 when she married Fred Shaeffer. They had three additional children and were now farming near Buckeye. Fred also turned out to be bad tempered individual.

On the morning of June 28, 1893, Fred Shaeffer had already been drinking when he hitched up a wagon to go into Phoenix. He wanted to take his son, but Jennie didn’t want the child to go because he was dirty and unkempt. She was worried what people would think. Fred started cussing at her and hit her. Jennie fled towards the house and James Richards, who was working at the Shaeffer farm, stepped between the two allowing Jennie to escape.

Fred had grabbed a gun and when Richards told him not to go into the house, he shot Richards in the face. Fred then chased after Jennie, firing the gun at her. Jennie’s nine year old son, Arthur Moore, saw Richards fall and Fred yell he was going to kill Jennie. Jennie by this time had run out of the house to a neighbors. When she came back, Fred was gone and Richards was bleeding heavily and died before Jennie to get help. Richards is buried in our City Cemetery.



## MARY JANE “JENNIE” HAMNER MOORE SHAEFFER (CONT)

Fred was caught by the sheriff and admitted to killing Richards. He was sentenced to seven years for manslaughter at the Yuma Territorial Prison. Fred was not in prison long, being released in 1895 when Governor Hughes paroled several prisoners. The intent was to use the new parolees on public works in the territory. Needless to say the move caused heavy criticism for Governor Hughes.

Jennie had filed for divorce from Fred during this time and was able to file a homestead for 160 acres in Buckeye. There she lived until early in 1898 when she traveled to Phoenix. She stayed temporarily at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Jackson while seeking treatment for rheumatism. Jennie died shortly after her arrival on February 16.

Although her six children were now older, none were of age to take care of the estate or act as guardians for the younger siblings. The children were scattered and the probate eventually mishandled by the executor. Eventually Jennie's oldest son, John Moore, was able to intervene when he came of age and recover what was due Jennie's children.

Fred according to reports wanted nothing to do with his children. Most likely because Arthur Moore had testified against him at his murder trial. The three Shaeffer children, two girls and a boy, were sent to an orphanage in California. Two of the Moore boys ended up in California living with relatives. These five all lived to marry and live full lives.

William Moore, Jennie's sixth child, stayed in Phoenix. He became a successful and well known rancher in the Phoenix area.

Jennie's grave remained unmarked until just recently. A simple marker was placed after a generous donation was made to our Memorial Marker Program.



## 240TH ARMY BIRTHDAY AND FLAG DAY LUNCHEON AZ TERRITORIAL 7202 - ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

On 14 June 2015, the Arizona Territorial Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army celebrated the 240th Birthday of the U.S. Army and Flag Day at the McCormick Ranch Golf Course with over 55 of our closest friends! COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes opened the Chapter's general membership meeting and luncheon event with a recitation of the history of the U.S. Army and Flag Day. She made sure to mention that the Chapter is a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner and called forward all of the Vietnam War veterans to receive special recognition for their service. The following five (5) Vietnam War veterans were presented special commemorative pins: COL (Ret) William Roselier, USA; MSG (Ret) Fred Marable, USA; RM3 (Ret) David Kampf, USN; COL (Ret) Chuck Schluter, USA; LTC (Ret) Stephen Miller, USA. Attention was called to a special display at the front of the hall regarding the Vietnam War. Advocacy for our past and present U.S. soldiers, civil servants and their families was stressed, in addition to maintaining a strong AUSA. The event's guest speaker was Robert "Bob" Cox, of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, who was accompanied by Kathy Laurier, David Kampf, Judy Smith, and Fred Marable and his wife, Michelle London-Marable.

The troupe wore period dress and displayed Civil War era artifacts on tables encircling the hall. Each presenter took on the role of a famous personality buried in local Arizona cemeteries. They included Nathaniel Sharp, Mexican War & Confederate Army; Sgt. Clarence Proctor, Buffalo Soldier (1886-1898); Governor B.J. Franklin, Confederate Army Captain, Governor of Territory of Arizona, by "Mrs. Franklin"; and Corporal Trustrim Connell, Union Army. Following the performance, COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes was sworn in for a second two-year term as President of the Chapter by State President LTC (Ret) Vic Connor. Mrs. Paula Williamson, America's Yodeling Sweetheart was the honored guest vocalist. In addition to singing the Army Song and a patriotic medley, Paula was accompanied by her husband, Ermal "the Duke" Williamson in a presentation of "My Roots are Buried Here". Posing and retiring of the Colors was by The Continental Army Color Guard, dressed in period uniforms. The Color Guard was lead by Commander Bob Alling and manned by several other members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

*story from Jeanne J. Blaes, PhD, COL (Ret) USA and pictures from Marion Cartland*

*pictured are PCA members & volunteers Kathy Laurier, Judy Smith, Fred Marable, Michelle London-Marable, David Kampf, Bob Cox*



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PCA!

<p><b>Thursday, July 9th</b></p>	<p>Monthly meeting with Parks and Rec personnel at 9:30 AM. Open House from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House.</p> <p>Donations gratefully accepted.</p> <p>Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson in Phoenix</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 16th</b></p>	<p>Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House.</p> <p>Donations gratefully accepted.</p> <p>Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 23rd</b></p>	<p>Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House.</p> <p>Donations gratefully accepted.</p> <p>Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 30th</b></p>	<p>Open house from 10 AM to 2 PM; tour the cemeteries and visit historic Smurthwaite House.</p> <p>Donations gratefully accepted.</p> <p>Where: Smurthwaite House at 1317 W. Jefferson</p>





### PCA Officers

*President:*

Mark Lamm

*Vice President:*

Sterling Foster

*Treasurer:*

Val Wilson

*Secretary:*

(open position)

*Historian:*

Kim Kasper

### Membership Benefits

- Free access to research and materials of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park
- One free ticket per membership to Annual Historical Cemetery Walk in March
- May attend monthly Board and Membership meetings
- Free attendance at monthly open house events
- Free walking map of the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park
- Quarterly electronic newsletter
- Your opportunity to support Arizona history

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### Membership Application

\_\_\_ New Member      \_\_\_ Renewal

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership categories:

Individual \$20 \_\_\_ Family \$25 \_\_\_

Organization \$50 \_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Interested in becoming a volunteer:***

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Make check payable to:

Pioneers' Cemetery Association

P.O. Box 63342

Phoenix, AZ 85082-3342

*Memberships are for one calendar year, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues are deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

### Volunteer Opportunities:

(Check one or more)

- ◇ Cemetery tour leader
- ◇ Historical researcher
- ◇ Recordkeeping assistance
- ◇ Grounds beautification
- ◇ Fundraising
- ◇ Special event volunteer
- ◇ Tombstone repair/restoration
- ◇ Website assistant
- ◇ Publicity & marketing
- ◇ Graphic artist & designer
- ◇ Grant writing & research
- ◇ Academic liaison
- ◇ Newsletter contributor
- ◇ Any other ideas are welcome

How did you hear about Pioneers' Cemetery Association?

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***Thank you for your support!***

(Revised 12/2013)