

IVY HILL CEMETERY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of monuments, promotion of history, and protection of flora and fauna of Ivy Hill Cemetery

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NEWSLETTER

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After the Summer Storms

Strong winds hit trees and Ivy Hill Recovers



On Sunday, July 25, and again on Thursday, August 4, rain and wind storms whipped through the DC metropolitan area, causing property damage and power outages. Alexandria did not escape the storms' wrath, with the Del Ray area near Ivy Hill sustaining some of the

worst problems. The cemetery itself experienced one downed massive oak tree and fallen limbs throughout the grounds. August became a time for extensive clean up and tree removal. For more photos, visit the updated Society website at www.ivyhill.org after October 1.

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FROM THE CEMETERY PRESIDENT



Shortly after the summer storms hit Ivy Hill, I found nice, neatly stacked piles of sticks and branches along the road edge. It was obvious that a very nice, thoughtful

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person had gathered up some of the mess scattered all over the cemetery to help with the massive clean up following the storms.

I continued driving around the Cemetery, thinking about the five huge oaks that were lost this year due to the snow and severe summer storms. Although I was grateful we lost only one (*con't on p2*)

BY TOM BOWLING

monster tree to the current storm, I was rather down in the dumps about having another huge event to be handled by our hardy, but small, band of staff. The incredibly high temperatures alone were making the work all the more challenging. So it really struck my heart that here was a wonderful gesture of help from out of the blue.

As I went on, I had to stop and back up to let someone pass and go on into the cemetery. Well, when she passed by, I saw it was Lucy Goddin and she was somewhat disheveled. I'm sure you can guess why. The Society President had been out making

these piles along the road in Section M. Such love and dedication.

Lucy reported that she was not alone in her endeavors. She had come across other volunteer helpers while she worked. A number of families had come out to check their loved ones' grave sites after the storm and clear the debris. At least one family had brought in a contractor to assist them.

Although the Cemetery does a good job attending to maintenance issues, it is an enormous help to have families and loved ones keep up with the maintenance of the grave sites, particularly after such

traumatic storms. In addition to improving the clean up efforts, it is heartening for me and the staff to see the care and attention shown by the families of Ivy Hill. We all appreciate that you share our commitment to Ivy Hill and its residents.

Calendar

October 1, 2010

Updated Society Website to launch
<http://www.ivyhill.org>

October 8, 2010

Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony

October 2010

Fourth Year Anniversary of the Society

FEATURE PROFILE

WILLIAM HAYWOOD HUME

Family History of Service

William Haywood Hume was born on November 16, 1919 in Washington, DC, the son of Col. Howard Hume and Doris Haywood Hume. Bill exemplified a Washington area phenomenon: although four generations of his family hail from this area, as an Army brat he was from everywhere, growing up on army posts around the world. Lasting memories came from his experiences in the Philippines where, during the mid-1930's, Bill travelled with his family to China and Japan, as well as having adventures in the Philippines as a Boy Scout.

Aiming for the Sky

Becoming a pursuit pilot (flying planes capable of air-to-air combat, not just bombing) was Bill's boyhood dream. He was appointed to West Point in 1939, where, according to the USMA yearbook, "West Point did not faze Bill ... an ever present smile

with accompanying laugh were his constant companions." Bill graduated West Point early due to WWII and completed advanced flying school.

Wartime Pilot

As a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Air Corps, Bill joined the 410th Fighter Squadron, 373rd Fighter Group. While stationed in England during World War II, he flew Fighter Bombers in 47 European combat missions and provided air cover during the Normandy invasion on D-Day. He received the Air Medal in September 1944.

Family

Bill met his great love, Jean Emmons McCarty, after the war and they married in April 1946. While at Wright-Patterson AFB, Bill did research and development on aircraft armament systems and graduate studies in aeronautical engineering. Bill and Jean had a family of four children: Ann, Susan, Bill, Jr. and Robert.



R3A: 373rd Fighter Group
Pilot 2nd Lt. William H. Hume
410th Fighter Squadron

Serving Again

Bill returned to flying again in 1952 and 1953, during the Korean Conflict. He flew 17 combat missions and received the Bronze Star for monitoring air strikes while under fire in an artillery liaison plane.

An Extraordinary Memorial

In 1958, Bill left the Air Force to work as an aeronautical engineer and, later, a computer systems analyst. Retirement after 1979, was filled with extensive volunteer work for Bill and Jean in Hume, VA. Bill died in 1998 and Jean in 2003. Truly members of the Greatest Generation, they were memorialized in 2005 by the State of Virginia which named a bridge over Carter's Run South in their honor.

Sources: IHCHPS records & www.virginiadot.org

When white-tailed deer are alarmed, they stomp their hooves, raise their tails and run. Obviously, the doe and fawn pictured here are comfortable and at home at Ivy Hill. A deer's habitat is a wooded area, less than a square mile, so the deer here may not bother to stray from Cemetery property.

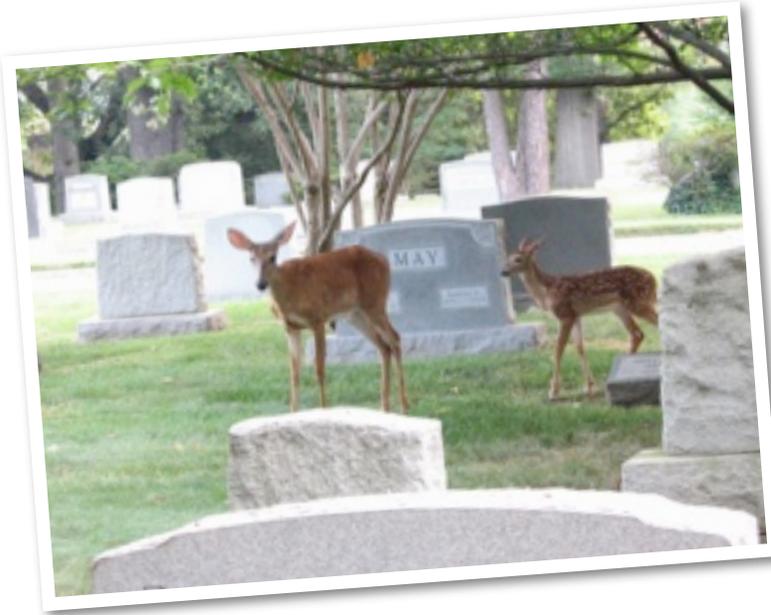
A family group is a doe and her fawn(s). If she has no fawn, the doe remains alone, unlike the bucks who are only solitary in mating season, living in groups of three or four at other times of year.

A mother deer will hide each fawn separately while she feeds. The fawns remain still for hours.

White spots on the fawns' coats help camouflage them from predators while they wait, still and stretched out close to the ground. Male fawns remain with the doe for one year, females for two.

Deer are herbivores whose diet varies throughout the year: greens in warm weather; acorns, nuts and corn in fall; and woody twigs and buds in winter. They feed in the early morning and late afternoon.

Running fast is the doe's best defense and the white underside of her raised tail can act as a flag for the fawns to follow.



BLACK LOCUST

(A.K.A YELLOW LOCUST)

ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA



What we may notice first about Black Locust trees are their May and June cascades of fragrant white flowers that attract honey bees, as well as human admirers. But they have much more to offer the fauna of Ivy Hill.

The deer help keep the Black Locust trees trimmed by eating root suckers that would otherwise waste the tree's energy. While deer and rabbits nibble on the sprouts and seedlings, the Northern Bobwhite and squirrels feed from the long

brown seed pods. Even when a Black Locust suffers from heart rot (a tree fungus), its core continues to serve the birds by hosting cavity-nesters like bluebirds, chickadees, tree swallows or woodpeckers.

The Black Locust shown here is Tree #187 in the Ivy Hill Native Tree Inventory, located in Section 5, at the far end of the new area.

Sources: www.dof.virginia.gov/trees/locust-black.htm and www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/silvics_manual/Volume_2/robinia/pseudoacacia.htm

FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

OCTOBER 8, 2010



On Friday, October 8, at 11:00a.m., Ivy Hill Cemetery will be proud to host the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of the Circle of Honor and Friendship Fountain as part of the Alexandria Fire Department's Annual Memorial Service. As the cemetery marks its own 154th anniversary, it celebrates the long, joint tradition with the Fire Department of honoring Alexandria's fallen heroes and recognizing the firefighters, EMT's and staff who work tirelessly to keep the citizens of our city safe.

Historical Society Celebrates Fourth Anniversary

October will mark the fourth anniversary of the Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society.

Started by Cemetery President Tom Bowling and a group of friends of Ivy Hill Cemetery, the



Historical Preservation Society has sponsored an update of Cemetery records on the web, written and published a book

documenting the history of Ivy Hill and its deceased, created tours and public education opportunities, and designed a Tree Sponsorship Program to start in 2011.

As the Society embarks on its fifth year, upcoming plans include revamping the website (new website launch in October 2010);

developing self-guided tours (also to be available this autumn); and sponsoring an event to mark the Society anniversary in October.

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