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**Dear Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery,**

As the newly elected President of the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery, I'd first like to thank my fellow members for the confidence placed in me. There are a number of successes that I wish to build upon, and some new initiatives I wish to put into place.

Our Immediate Past-President, Jeffry Burden, has engaged a number of descendants through his efforts with the Friends and as a prolific contributor to Find A Grave. Our Adopt a Soldier of Shockoe Hill Cemetery program, begun in January of 2014, has connected us with a number of descendants, and we're receiving contact from descendants almost every week. We are delighted to establish and maintain these contacts because we want families to visit the cemetery, and to tell others about the cemetery and the people interred there. At some point in the coming year, we hope to have a Descendants Day celebration for families.

We have a large number of military members from conflicts ranging from the American Revolution to the Viet Nam War interred at Shockoe Hill. Our Adopt a Soldier program has been quite successful, and our next marker dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony is one that provides full military honors, and we hope you'll make plans to attend. To learn more about the program, follow its [Facebook page](#).

Our program normally held near St. Patrick's Day will not be held this year. Instead we will have a booth at the Church Hill Irish Festival on March 19 & 20. If you attend the festival, please drop by. We hope to see you there. For information, follow [this link](#).

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Please follow our website [ShockoeHillCemetery.org](http://ShockoeHillCemetery.org) and our [Facebook](#) page for news, events, and information on giving. We appreciate your continued support as we work to preserve and interpret the history of Richmond's oldest public cemetery.

C. Clayton Shepherd  
President

### **VCU and UR Visits**

Professor Ryan Smith of VCU toured on February 24 with students from his "Richmond Cemeteries" class. Then his class joined with students from the University of Richmond for a look across the street at Hebrew Cemetery. University of Buffalo history professor Erik Seeman, a scholar in Jewish funerary practices, was with us as well.

On February 26, we had 44 students from Alyson Taylor-White's "Secrets of Shockoe" class at the University of Richmond Osher Lifelong Learning Institute attend a morning of history, preservation, and education at historic Shockoe Hill Cemetery.







## **Shockoe Hill Friends at The Irish Festival**

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Great news! The Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery will have a tent at the Church Hill Irish Festival, March 19 and 20. Stop by and say hello as we engage folks in the story of the great work going on here (and maybe, about where their Irish ancestor is buried!)

[The Church Hill Irish Festival](#)

## **Shockoe Hill Cemetery on the Civil War Trail**

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The sign marking our status as a Virginia Civil War Trails site is finally up! Two more will be installed on nearby roads.



## Recovery and Repair

We've been working to recover, repair and reset markers at Shockoe Hill for several years now with minimal equipment. We recently had the opportunity to acquire the lift rig pictured here. When it's refurbished, we'll be able to safely lift markers and move them so deteriorating foundations can be repaired or replaced. As you may already know, the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery receives no public funds, and relies on the generosity of people like you to accomplish its mission.



If you would like to contribute to this monument rig project, please follow [this link](#) for secure on line giving. All gifts to the Friends via the Enrichmond Foundation, our parent organization, are tax deductible.

Please visit our website at [www.ShockoeHillCemetery.org](http://www.ShockoeHillCemetery.org).  
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