



G.A.R. Cemetery

Grand Army of the Republic
Miami, Oklahoma



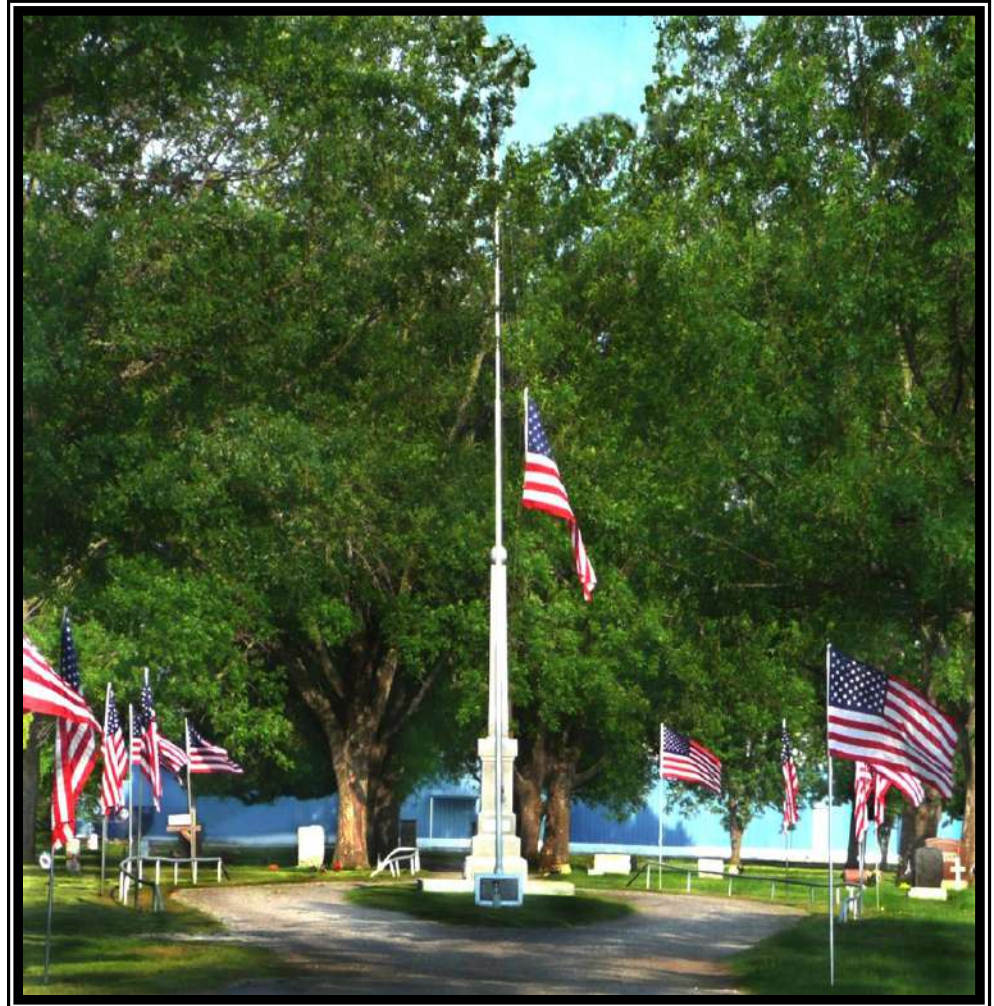
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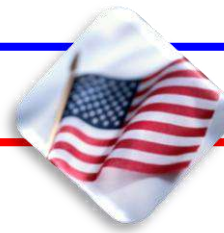
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Over 150 Flags have been adopted at G.A.R. Cemetery

The Adopt-A-Flag Program at G.A.R. Cemetery continues with over 150 adopted flags to date. The mission of this program is to beautify the cemetery with numerous American flags while also providing an opportunity to memorialize or honor specific individuals. The cost to Adopt-A-Flag is \$50.00. This will include the purchase of an American flag, flag pole, and memorial plaque. The memorial plaque will include

Adopt-A-Flag

the inscription, "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." and the name of the individual to be honored or memorialized. The flags will be displayed along the entrances and roadways in the cemetery during Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

contact the City of Miami G.A.R. Cemetery at (918) 541-2288. Interested parties may obtain an Adopt-A-Flag registration form at www.miamiokla.net.

Completed forms and payment may be mailed to G.A.R. Cemetery Adopt-A-Flag, P.O. Box 1288, Miami, OK 74355-1288.

For more information regarding this program, please

Local Scouts Lend a Helping Hand

Every year Troop Leader, Paul Fuhrmeister organizes our local Scout Troops to lend a helping hand by distributing American flags upon the Veterans' graves here at G.A.R. Cemetery.

They arrived Friday prior to Memorial Day, and it

took them several hours to walk the entire 86 acres and cover over 26,000 graves to find the Veterans' markers, so that they could place an American flag on each of them. On average, they place as many as 2000 flags each year.

The cemetery provides refreshments. "We are very grateful for all that Paul Fuhrmeister and his Scouts do for us each and every year. We couldn't do it without them." stated Nancy Bro, G.A.R. Cemetery Office Manager.



Paul Fuhrmeister and his volunteers



Clint Huffman,
Cpt. US Air Force, Retired

"This day is not about picnics, beaches and auto races; this day is about those who gave their lives. They gave their tomorrows for our todays."

At each Memorial Day Ceremony, a local Veteran speaks on behalf of all of our fallen Veterans. This year Cpt. Clint Huffman, Retired, US Air Force was our guest speaker. "This day is not about picnics, beaches, and auto races; this day is about those who gave their lives. They gave their tomorrows for our todays."

The local Vietnam Veterans Association, 4 State Friends of Veterans, The Marine Corps League, and The American Legion were represented at this year's ceremony, and they

Honoring our Veterans

placed a wreath at the base of the Veterans' Monument.

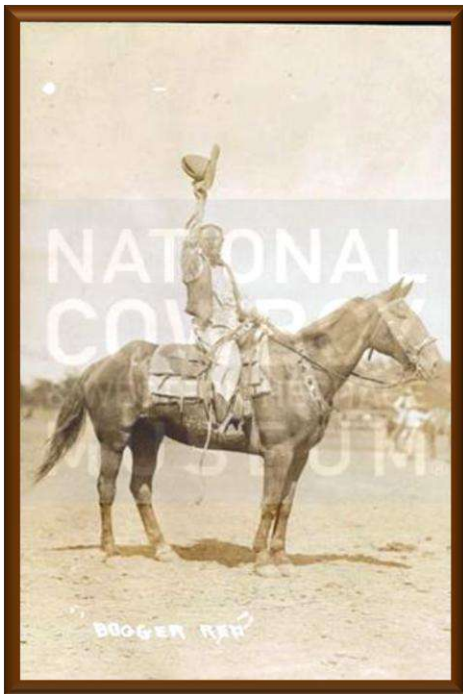
The Tulsa Pipes and Drums performed a patriotic melody and Amazing Grace: Amanda Cole played Taps: and the American Legion delivered the 21 gun Salute.

Brown-Winters Funeral Home provided a free luncheon immediately following the ceremony in the gazebo located at G.A.R. Cemetery.

Save The Date!

Make plans to attend our Memorial Day Ceremony in 2014 on Monday, May 26th at 10:00 am





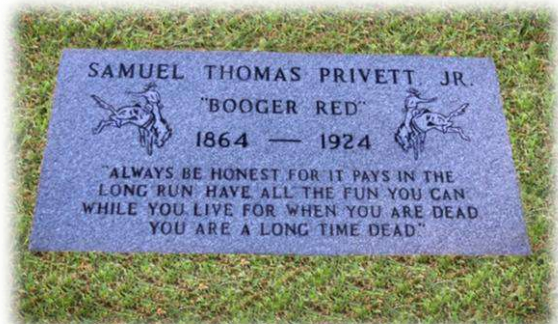
“Booger Red”

Samuel Thomas Privett, Jr.
Inductee into the Cowboy Hall of Fame



Did You Know?

- **...That there is a World Famous Bronc Rider buried at G.A.R. Cemetery?**
 - ✓ “Booger Red” was a world famous bronc rider and inductee into the Cowboy Hall of Fame, who in 1924 was laid to rest at G.A.R. Cemetery in an unmarked grave.
- **...How Booger Red got his name?**
 - ✓ Samuel Thomas Privett, Jr. and a friend decided to pack a hole bored into a tree with gunpowder to create a fireworks display for Christmas. The Gunpowder ignited prematurely, killing his friend and severely injuring Privett’s face. A small boy looked at Privett’s mangled face and said, “Gee, but Red is sure a booger now, aint’s he?” Thus giving him the nickname “Booger Red”, which stayed with Privett the remainder of his life.
- **...How many broncs Booger Red rode in his lifetime?**
 - ✓ Booger Red’s wife Molly estimated that he rode between 25,000 to 40,000 broncs in his lifetime.
- **...What Booger Red’s standing offer of \$100.00 was, and why he never had to pay it?**
 - ✓ “Booger Red” was known to have never been thrown from a horse. He had a standing offer of \$100.00 to anyone who could provide him with a horse he couldn’t ride...He never paid the \$100.00.
- **...That in 2011 a marker was placed on Booger Red’s grave?**
 - ✓ The City of Miami G.A.R. Cemetery hosted a marker dedication ceremony for Samuel Thomas Privett, Jr. – “Booger Red” on Friday, June 17th, 2011. This was accomplished by the generous donations of individuals who were dedicated to making sure that such a renowned figure in our community was no longer in an unmarked grave.





Kim Horn,
G.A.R. Cemetery Manager

By far the question I'm asked most often as G.A.R. Cemetery Manager is, "What does G.A.R. stand for?" The simple answer is Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army of the Republic

(G.A.R.) was a Veterans organization comprised of Union Soldiers that was established throughout the United States after the conclusion of the Civil War. Our local G.A.R. Post was McPherson Post No. 48.

Since 1892, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Cemetery has served as the final resting place for many Ottawa County residents. It's an essential part of our mission at G.A.R. to honor and remember these individuals, and to highlight the

contributions they made to our community.

Our Second Annual Living History Tour will be conducted on Thursday, September 26th from 1:00-6:00pm, starting at the cemetery gazebo. Attendees will receive a walking tour brochure that details information about specific individuals that are buried in the cemetery along with a map marking the location of each of their graves. Attendees can do a walking tour at their own pace or a van will be available

for individuals who would like a guided tour. A unique twist will be that at some of the locations, family members, friends, or community members will be at the grave to speak about that individual.

G.A.R. Cemetery has a history rich with traditions. By establishing a quarterly newsletter, we hope to honor and highlight these traditions while keeping you up-to-date on events happening throughout the year at the cemetery

FVI...



Theft is something of which no one wants to be a victim. Imagine going to visit a loved one's grave and finding that the decorations that you left were gone.

The G.A.R. Cemetery staff tries to prevent theft of memorial items. We have placed signs in different areas of the cemetery that read, **We Watch We Care We Report.**

Here are a few tips that you can do to help us deter thefts:

1. Write your name in

permanent marker on decorations you place on graves.

2. Report anything suspicious you see going on after hours to the police.

3. Be aware of clean-up days. The office will provide you with a flower removal schedule. These cleanups are conducted four times per year.

And last but not least, the cemetery will not keep anything for you to pick up later. If you want to keep your

decorations, you must pick them up before 8:00 am on the morning of the clean-up.



Chad Masterson
G.A.R. Cemetery Foreman



Nancy Bro,
G.A.R. Cemetery Office Manager

As a new member of the G.A.R. Cemetery team, I can honestly say that working here is such an honor. I am very lucky to be able to work with an amazing group of people who are very dedicated to doing the best job that they can to provide problem free service for the families that have lost someone dear to them. They take great pride in their work, and it shows.

My favorite part of my job is

being able to help so many people find their loved ones. There's not a day goes by that I don't meet interesting people, and learn so much rich history. Each person has their own story, and I am always eager to hear them. From Civil War Soldiers to current, the stories never fail to intrigue me. I am truly looking forward to a long and very gratifying career with G.A.R. Cemetery.



Help Us Spread the Word

Do you know someone who would like to receive our Newsletter? Our goal is to supply updated news and event schedules to everyone who has an interest in G.A.R. Cemetery. If you know anyone who would like to be on our mailing list, Please call (918) 542-6685, Or send your request to nbro@miamiokla.net



2013 EVENT SCHEDULE

SECOND ANNUAL

❖ Living History Tour

Thursday, September 26th, 2013

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.



John Beaver

Ka'me-jeka
(Beaver Young)

1855 – 1928

❖ British Flyers

Remembrance Ceremony

Tuesday, October 15th, 2013 @ 2:00

Reception will follow:

NEO A&M College Ballroom



**ROYAL
AIR FORCE**

Our Newest Event

❖ Reflection of Memories

"Candlelight Walk"

Friday, December 6th, 2013

@ 6:00 p.m.



We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.miamiokla.net



Don't FORGET! All Decorations must be removed from graves by **8:00 am** on the **First Monday in October.**

October 7th, 2013



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