

THE HISTORIC **Union Cemetery** REDWOOD CITY, CA

🌹 SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER 🌹

Considering it's been a damp and cold winter, we still had lots happening at Union Cemetery. Most significant to me is that we had two schools officially visit on field trips! With help from the Parks and Arts Foundation and donations from HUCA members, we were able to pay for their school bus transportation.

Our very first field trip arrives!!



"Thank you so much for such a wonderful morning at the Union Cemetery. Our students had an amazing time learning about Redwood City's history and exploring the beautiful cemetery. You and your team did an outstanding job. We will see you again!" - Taft School teachers



Taft School, January 16th

"Thank you so much for this experience. The students loved learning about the different types of people buried at this site, and it was so meaningful to learn that the windmill there had a connection to our school. We hope to come again next year" - Garfield School teachers



Garfield School - February 4th

**If you visit almost any cemetery you may notice coins on the ground near the entrance gate or around headstones. We often get questions about this practice, so I researched and discovered the following:**

Leaving a coin is commonly done on the headstones of military veterans and different coins carry different meanings.

A penny means I visited.

A nickel means we trained together.

A dime means we served together.

A quarter means I was with you when you died signifying a profound connection.

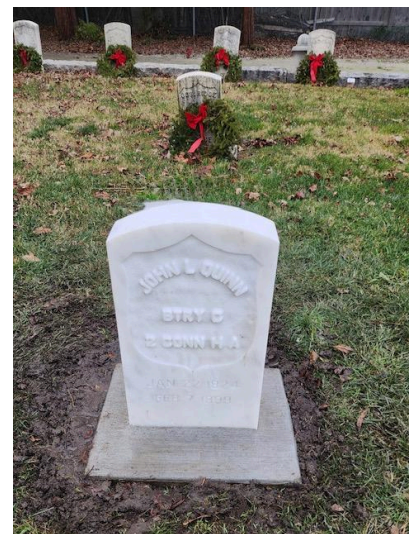


## **New Headstone**

Last summer the headstone of John Quinn in the GAR plot was damaged beyond repair, broken into many pieces. We learned that the Dept. of Veterans Affairs will replace veterans headstones free of charge. After a small mountain of paperwork and a government shutdown, we received a beautiful new headstone.



Our friends at Roman Marble in Redwood City did a great job installing it and now Mr. Quinn is easy to locate with his shiny white headstone. We'll be cleaning the surrounding ones so they all look the same. We've also done the paperwork for two other markers that are currently unmarked, however, there is a huge backlog.





Speaking of headstones, if you've been to Union Cemetery, you have surely seen these wooden markers for the Dalve family. The first of the family was buried here in 1884 and the last in 1936. Members of the family are still in the area and recently sent us the photos below. They think the photos are from Susanna's funeral in 1936 ([more information](#)). In addition to these photos, we've received lots of Dalve family history.



We always appreciate family information and try to incorporate it into our website. If you have a family buried at Union Cemetery and want to add information we don't have on the website, please [email it to us](#) and we will respond promptly.



Many, many thanks to all our volunteer rose pruners. The job got done in just a few weeks. We appreciate your time and enthusiasm and our roses will be all the more beautiful thanks to you!

And last, but absolutely not least, is our annual  
**Memorial Day commemoration.**

This year it will be on **May 25th at 10am**

We have some special speakers this year and  
a bagpiper to welcome everyone.

In addition, some history associations from nearby towns will  
be available to tell you about their activities and museums.



Please join us

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