



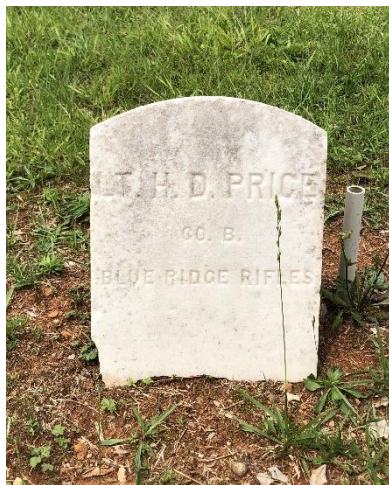
## Department Report

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Report Title: Cemetery Committee—May 2025  
Report Highlight: UNG Cadet Volunteers  
Name and Title: Rick Harris, Dahlonega Cemetery Committee

Recently Completed:

- An agreement was made with Sgt. Rich Moore and Sgt. Michele Johnson for UNG Cadets to volunteer for their community service efforts in Mt. Hope Cemetery, beginning with the Fall Semester.
- Repair and maintenance to headstones and areas not currently cared for or claimed by others.



#### Underway:

- Construction of a proposed Mount Hope shed to house equipment for volunteers. The City has made a commitment to provide the shed at a suitable location using in-house manpower.



- Clearing and brush cleanup of an overgrown area of Mount Hope.
- Lot layout of approximately 100 additional plots at Memorial Park.
- There are still conversations regarding a decorative barrier around Mt. Hope. City staff will provide a 2026 budget request for potential funding for a first phase of an iron & brick (or stone) fence.

#### Near term:

- Thirty tilted headstones have been identified that need straightening. This task will start in June with the assistance of the Sons of the American Legion.



- Fifteen additional headstones stand in various conditions of repair, which will be assessed by priority of need this June, with outsourcing of chosen ones for professional repair.
- Researchers/Writers are being sought to expand the collection of biographies of those interred in Mount Hope Cemetery.
- Solicit organizations and societies to provide and maintain floral arrangements for their deceased members.
- Active efforts are underway this Summer to encourage additional active membership on the Cemetery Committee.
- Additional brush cleanup.
- Additional unclaimed plot repairs.

