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**RMMM NEWSLETTER**  
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## FORT MISSOULA CEMETERY STORIES IN STONES

The First Fort Missoula Cemetery STORIES IN STONES project, June 2007, was a great success. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped pull it all together. Over 200 people attended to learn the stories of some of the people buried in the Cemetery. If you would like to be involved in the next Stories In Stones, date not set yet, stop by the RMMMMH, or the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, and fill out one of the forms. We would especially like to hear about some of the people buried in the Cemetery; and if you would be interested in telling their story.

WE STILL HAVE WINDOWS AVAILABLE!! FOR ONLY \$250.00 YOU CAN PURCHASE A "WINDOW TO THE PAST"

If you are interested in dedicating a window in this building for a friend or loved one, there are still some windows available!



The new windows that have been installed look great! A 2x3 brass nametag will be placed on an oak plaque with the name of the person you are dedicating the window in honor of.

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Please make checks payable to: RMMMh Mail to: PO Box 7263 Missoula MT 59807

Please print the following information for your family member or friend, to be placed on the brass name tag.

In Honor of: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address : \_\_\_\_\_ # of Windows Purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

The RMMMh is a private 501 (c)3 non-profit Institution. Contributions are tax-deductible to the amount allowed by law. Your continued support for our exhibits and programs are most welcome.

The Museum offers memberships on several levels.

**MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWABLE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ON VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11.**

\_\_\_\_ Youth-under age 18--- \$10.00

\_\_\_\_ Adult-----\$25.00

\_\_\_\_ Family-----\$50.00

\_\_\_\_ Business-----\$100.00

\_\_\_\_ Lifetime -----\$500.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are renewing your membership, please check your address for accuracy, and note any corrections on the form.

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YOUR SUPPORT IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

PLEASE HELP THE MUSEUM CONTINUE TO EXPAND WE ACCEPT ONE TIME CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, OR GRANTS



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**DONATIONS NEEDED!!**

**For our July 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 sale.**

We are accepting donations for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual COLLECTORS sale!! We would appreciate any antiques, collectibles, or good quality items that you no longer want.

All proceeds from the sale of the items will go toward building restoration.

We can arrange to have items picked up if necessary.

Give us a call at **549-5346**, or **549-6280**

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**WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MILITARY ITEMS FOR THIS SALE.**

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We are a private non-profit museum.

If you no longer wish to receive the RMMMMH Newsletter; please send us a postcard stating that you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

If you have moved and wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please send us a change of address card.

Thank You.

The RMMMMH is now a Member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS AT RMMMMH**

All programs are at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, in the Parrish Building, unless otherwise noted.

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**CURRENT MUSEUM EXHIBITS**

"The Ultimate Sacrifice: Montanans in Battle"

"Glory Road: The Civil War in the Mid-Atlantic States, 1862-63"

"The U.S. Army vs. the Depression: Fort Missoula and the Civilian Conservation Corps"

"The World Conflict, 1914-45"

"Bluecoats in the Big Sky: Montana, the Army, and the West 1795-1898"

\*\*\* MUSEUM HOURS: **LABOR DAY THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY WEEKENDS 12-5** \*\*\*

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MEMBER LIST 2006-10; LABELS PRINTED	57	
MAIL LIST 15 PRINTED 2007-05	173	
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Lead Article:

### [RMMMh Turns Attention To Recent Mideast Conflicts](#)

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