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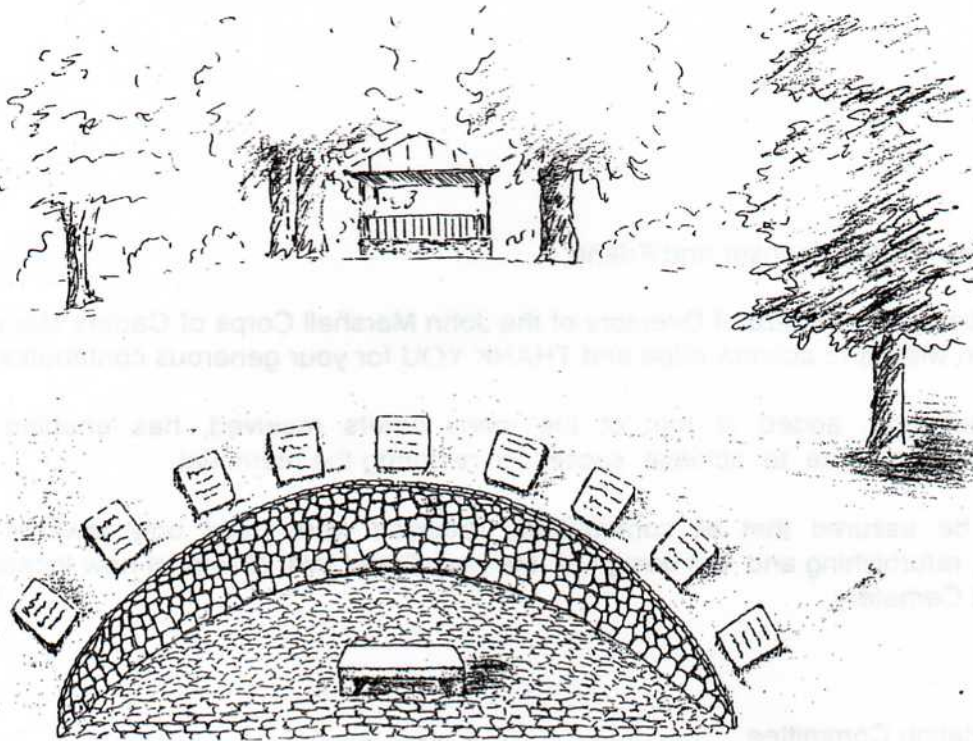
The members of the Board of Directors of the John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation wishes to acknowledge and THANK YOU for your generous contribution.

Your contribution, added to that of the many others received, has enabled the Foundation Committee to achieve success in restoring the memorial.

You can be assured that all contributions received were used only towards the relocation, refurbishing and the design of the new Cadet War Memorial now located in Hollywood Cemetery.

The Foundation Committee

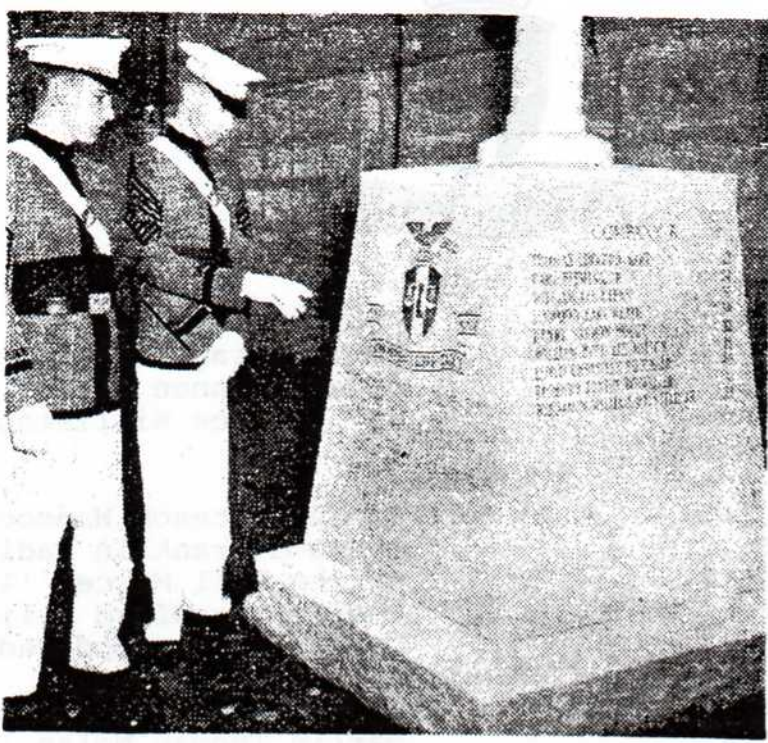
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You are cordially invited to attend the
Re-Dedication Ceremony of the Cadet War Memorial,
honoring those former members of the John Marshall
Corps of Cadets who lost their lives during time
of war.

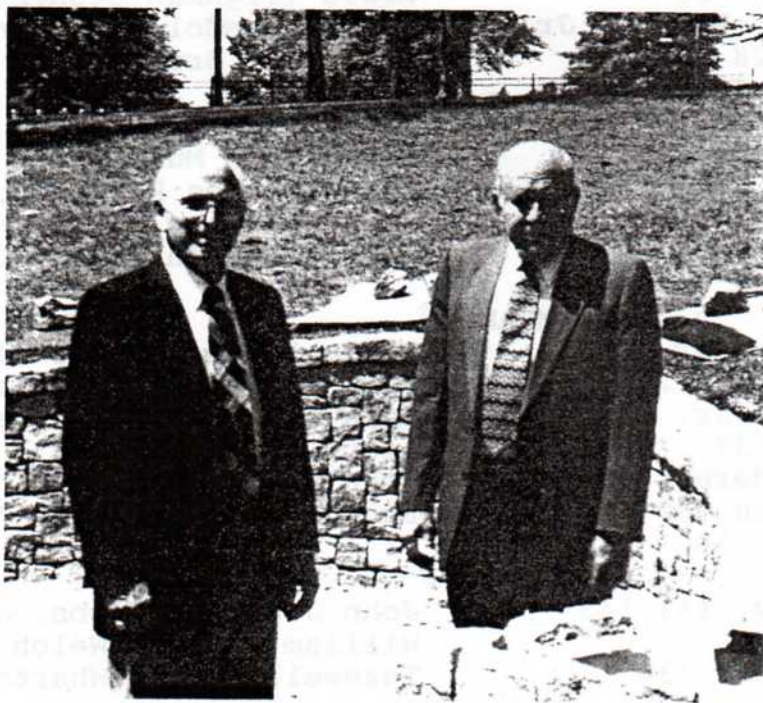
The Ceremony will be held on
May 30, 1999
at 2 PM in Hollywood Cemetery.

The site of the Cadet War Memorial is in the
Confederate Soldiers' section, in the vicinity of
the Pyramid.



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CADET WAR MEMORIAL





THE BAND

Walter Robert Brothers '38	Robert Lee Green '28
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Clarence Wallace Deal '48	Joseph Lennon Pitts, Jr. '38
Charles James Faulkner, IV '36	Guy Maurice Williamson '41
Robert Charles Freedman '33	

COMPANY A

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Richard Morton Cone '23	Linwood Franklin Madison '42
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Peyton Charles Fravel '37	Charles Woodford Mylius, Jr. '40
Wilson Gray Guest '27	Carter Spottswood Vaden '31

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Carl Fleming, Jr. '34	Marlin Thomas Nolan '38
William Lee Glenn '37	Lloyd Christian Poole, Jr. '40
Linwood Earl Heath '39	Richard Junius Royall, Jr. '41
Henry Narron Hogge '32	Benjamin William Weinfeld, Jr. '28

COMPANY C

John Newton Apperson '23	Charles Nance Major '29
William Conway Armstrong '31	William Sayers McCauley '37
John Beverley Blanton, Jr. '35	Robert Lewis Ragland, Jr. '38
George Ashton Butler, Jr. '38	Burgess Ramos, Jr. '45
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Francis Edward Doane '19	Lewis Tilghman Stoneburner, III '25
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James Noah Hillman, Jr. '22	

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Neville Dean Blakemore '30	Dave Lewis Munson '49
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Jack Emerson Elliott '41	John Sterling Taylor, Jr. '17
Philip Eugene Golden '36	Thomas Lee Thrasher, Jr. '37
Robert John Moore '36	

COMPANY E

William Robert Clary, Jr. '40	Edwin Eugene Taylor '40
William Cole Gray, Jr. '27	Jack White Thrasher '40
Carroll Edward Hall, Jr. '38	Eppa Livingston Vaughan '36
John Thomas Ingles '37	Alton Burl Vick '41
James Jefferies Londeree, Jr. '38	John Davis Wingfield '34
Elliott Clarke Mullen '38	Eugene Jackson Yonce '38
Julius Robert Nikel '34	

COMPANY F

John Aubrey Connelly, III '43	John Jennings Gibbs, Jr. '42
Ralph DeModena '42	William Clifton Welch '38
Frederick Edwin Fisher '38	Tazewell Selden Wharton, Jr. '41

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D Co./F Co. '38

INVOCATION Rev. William E. Knight
F Co./A Co. '43

FLORAL TRIBUTE United Daughters of
The Confederacy

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS . . . Courtesy of HHC
80th Division (IT)

NATIONAL ANTHEM Tape of the JM Cadet Band
ARMED SERVICES SONGS

" WE KNEW THEM WELL " Robert Bluford, Jr. - Pastor
(a tribute to our fallen comrades) Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Band '36

THE ROLL CALL J. Robert Johnson, Jr.
First Captain - 1950

THE RESPONSE DIED ON THE FIELD OF HONOR, SIR.

By

Band Captain - 1950 - Donald R. Foreman
A Co. Captain - 1950 - Coleman H. Krane
B Co. Captain - 1950 - Norman F. Pohlig
C Co. Captain - 1950 - Richard A. Neely
D Co. Captain - 1950 - Oather L. Myers, Jr. (deceased)
E Co. Captain - 1950 - Addison E. Slayton, Jr.
F Co. Captain - 1950 - Russell J. Gooch (deceased)
Captain Adj. - 1950 - Preston L. Parrish, Jr.

THE RE-DEDICATION J. Robert Johnson, Jr.

TO YOU - FORMER MEMBERS OF THE JOHN MARSHALL
CORPS OF CADETS, WHO GAVE YOUR LIVES IN THE
SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY.

THE RESPONSE By everyone present

WE RE-DEDICATE THIS MEMORIAL.

AMAZING GRACE Courtesy of E.K. Rose, Jr.
F Co. '43

TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE Courtesy of 1-319th Regiment
7th Brigade - 80th Division

TAPS Courtesy of Edwin H. Bruce
Edward G. Altman, Band '47

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS Courtesy of HHC
80th Division (IT)

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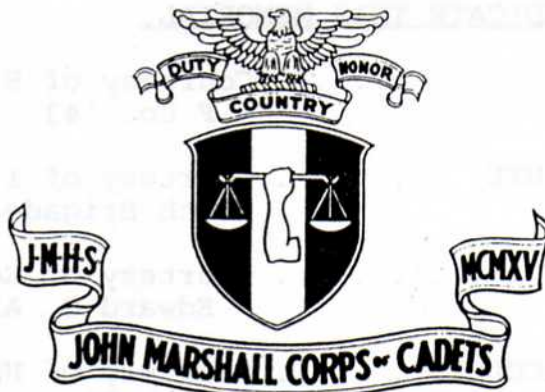
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A Tribute to Our Fallen Comrades

Former John Marshall High Cadets, their families, and their friends, and all who have gathered in this special place today: This is truly a most appropriate date in the year, and there is no other place more fitting than Hollywood Cemetery for the dedication of the new memorial to our fallen comrades and friends. I have been asked by the committee, which worked so diligently during the past year, to gather some appropriate recollections and reflections and share them at this time.

Like many of you gathered here at Hollywood Cemetery today I was born shortly after World War I and spent my childhood growing up in the aftermath of that event. That particular war had galvanized the nation's sense of patriotism and destiny like nothing else since its birth in the American Revolution. During the nineteen twenties and up until World War II thousands of cities and towns all over America marked the fourth of July and Memorial Day, sometimes called Decoration Day, as times of celebration and reflection on the birth of our nation and the sacrifices which had been made to preserve our freedom.

I recall vividly my childhood years growing up in Richmond when the big military parade on the National Memorial Day was the event that drew the most citizens downtown on the parade route from the Capitol Square here to Hollywood Cemetery. My father and mother took my brother and me each Memorial Day during those early years of our lives to that parade. There were no floats, no majorettes, no clowns, no balloons. The cars with the dignitaries, and some with ancient Civil War veterans, were led and followed by army and naval units supplied by the United States Army, Navy and Marines. The reserve units of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, the Richmond Grays, and the Richmond Howitzers drew great applause from the crowds covering the sidewalks and spilling out into the street. But without a doubt special admiration was reserved and expressed for two other units. They were the cadets from the Virginia Military Institute and John Marshall High School. In those days VMI seemed far away and its student body made up of young men from all over the country. The citizens of Richmond took a special pride in their hometown boys. I recall the excitement of those around me when voices were raised calling out, "Here come the John Marshall Cadets!" Of all units in those parades in the thirties, none had straighter lines or marched with the precision and snappy cadence, as did the cadets from VMI and John Marshall High School.

Perhaps it was in those formative early years that my dream began to take shape. When I reached John Marshall High in the fall of 1932 I was only thirteen years old. Being a frail lad, weighing no more than a 110 lbs., I had little hope of taking part in competitive sports. The one thing I wanted most was to be a part of the Cadet Corps. For whatever reasons the high command put me in the drum and bugle corps of the band where I learned from scratch how to blow a horn and later a valve instrument.

Many of you here today have your own story to tell and I am confident each one would be just as interesting as mine, if not more so. I want to highlight some dimensions of our common

experience with which I am sure that you former cadets can resonate. It was not possible for me, as a "rat" in the corps to anticipate what effect the next four years would have on my life. It was not until our nation was enveloped by World War II, and many of us here today were called upon to play our part, that we were able to reflect on the unique experience through which we had gone in high school. What we had learned in the John Marshall Cadet Corps of military discipline and courtesy, of close order drill, of attention to duty, of subordination of personal interest for the good of the larger body, and of pride in our performance of duty, prepared us admirably for what we were called to do as servicemen. When the stakes were high and the future of our country lay in the balance, we had a head start on a lot of our comrades following Pearl Harbor. If your experience in the service had any resemblance to mine, you will recall that when you went to basic training, you probably could have done a better job from the outset than any drill instructor you had.

There was one other dimension of our Cadet Corps experience that played its part in our role as one serving his country in time of war. In my experience as an Army Air Force cadet, and later as a B-24 bomber pilot in the 8th Air Force, we had a steady indoctrination in the importance of 'esprit de corps', the "spirit of the body." The motto emblazoned on flags and written on walls and banners reminded us constantly of the critical importance of possessing a sense of unity and responsibility in pursuit of a worthwhile cause. In high school we may not have heard or known of the expression 'esprit de corps', but what we did was experience it. What many of us here today have come to recognize after many years is that much of what we learned during those years in the John Marshall Cadet Corps has played an important part in our life since. The presence of all who are here today is evidence of two things. Our pride and appreciation of our experience in the Corps, and our special regard and affection for our comrades who did not survive those wars which put to the test the best our nation had to offer.

Earlier this year was published the book "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. There are many of us here today, and all those whose names shall be shortly read aloud, who were a part of that generation. Brokaw wrote, "At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure . . . they were fighting in the most primitive conditions possible across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, and the coral islands of the Pacific . . . They faced great odds and a late start, but they did not protest. They succeeded on every front. They won the war; they saved the world . . . They gave the world new science, literature, art, industry and economic strength unparalleled in the long curve of history . . . It is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced." I am grateful that this high praise comes from someone who is not a member of our generation. I would like to think that no one of our own generation would have been so arrogant as to give ourselves such credit. Only history will prove whether or not Brokaw is right. Of one thing I feel confident. I strongly suspect that most of us who were caught up in the events of that great war would never had thought of our participation as an opportunity for self glorification. Rather, if we had been asked to explain our motive and purpose, it is likely we would have simply said, "It is my duty."

As combat veteran of World War II I have often felt true heroism should largely be defined in terms of the extent of one's sacrifice. If this judgment is true, then today we assemble to honor heroes that we knew personally. They sacrificed all that any man has to give. They believed the cause was right. They did their duty. Those of us who survived have a special feeling of gratitude

for them. And many of us who survived have often asked since that war, "Why them, and not us?" Only God knows the answer to that question. The significance of war, of service, of duty, of love of country, of sacrifice – takes on special meaning at a moment like this and a place like this. The title of this tribute was appropriately suggested to personalize this event, and reflects the words, "I knew him well" by Jimmy Loughridge in his remarkably documented history of the John Marshall Cadet Corps. Of each man's name memorialized by these stones, together we who gather here can say, "We knew them well."

In the long centuries old history of our hometown, Richmond, Virginia, the five and a half decades of the existence of the John Marshall High School Cadet Corps is relatively brief. In retrospect the Cadet Corps, as a Richmond institution seems more and more special. There are historians who will appreciate the unusual character of that part of Richmond's rich past. Many of us are glad that we arrived on the scene in time to be a part of that unique body of young men.

All who are here today and many who might have wished to be, but who could not, are deeply indebted to the JMHS Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation and to Hollywood Cemetery for what they have accomplished in creating this place of dignity and respect. Here present and future generations can ponder the meaning of the sacrifice made by our friends and comrades.

Now in closing I ask each of you help me with this part of our tribute. Whatever it is you usually do to mentally block out that which distracts you so that you are able better to concentrate and visualize, please do so. Close your eyes, stare at the ground, or whatever you prefer. Please do it now and let your imagination take over. Listen carefully, we can still hear the call to keep our heads up, our shoulders unbent, our eyes straight ahead, and our lines unwavering. In spirit we march together again in measured cadence before the reviewing stand in which our comrades of old and a gracious and merciful Heavenly Commander watch as the Corps passes in review. The command is sounded, "Eyes Right!" and our respect is acknowledged and returned with a salute from those with whom we marched many years ago. God be with them and with us! Amen!

At the invitation of the JMHS Corps of Cadets Foundation, Robert Bluford, Jr., Cadet Band member of the Class of 1936 made the above keynote address at the memorial rededication service on May 30, 1999. He is presently pastor of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va. His own minister, Rev. George L. Cooper, pastor of the same church had participated in the original memorial dedication service in 1950.

John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation



BE IT RESOLVED
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE
JOHN MARSHALL CORPS OF CADETS
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

(THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION WAS PRESENTED TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE CADET WAR MEMORIAL BECOMING A REALITY
AND IN THE RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY)

IS HEREBY AWARDED THIS

Certificate of Appreciation

Date

President



BRUCE PARKER/TIMES-DISPATCH

LEADERS. From left, William Cole (Class of 1946), Vaughan Dunnivant (Class of 1952) and Ed Landi (Class of 1946) look at the markers that will be moved to Hollywood Cemetery.

Cadets of 'old JM' on new mission

Group protecting markers that honor classmates killed in wars

BY STEVE CLARK

TIMES-DISPATCH STAFF WRITER

Nearly 50 years ago, a group of John Marshall High School graduates who had been in the school's Corps of Cadets did something special. It raised money to erect two flagpoles on the grounds of the school, which was in downtown Richmond in those days.

Each flagpole was 60 feet tall and was part of a memorial honoring former John Marshall cadets who had died in this century's two world wars.

Each flagpole stood on a four-sided base.

Each side of the two bases was a 5-foot-tall granite marker — making a total of eight granite markers.

One marker was etched with

these words: "In Grateful Memory of the Men from the Corps of Cadets of the John Marshall High School who gave their lives in the Armed Services in World Wars I and II. These flagpoles have been erected by Alumni, sponsors and friends of the Corps."

The other seven markers were etched with the names of 71 former cadets. One had died in World War I, and 70 had died in World War II. Each of the war dead was listed according to the company in which he had served when he was a John Marshall cadet. In other words, there was a marker for each of the six rifle companies (A, B, C, D, E, F) and the band.

In the spring of 1950, the flagpoles were erected on the north end of the school's athletic field,



FALLEN CADETS. The names of 76 former John Marshall High School cadets who died in World Wars I and II, the Korean War and Vietnam are on the eight memorial markers that will be rededicated in May in Hollywood Cemetery.

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Ex-cadets rescue markers

▼ MISSION FROM PAGE B1

which also served as the drill field for the cadets.

On Memorial Day of that year, a dedication ceremony was held.

Nobody who attended the ceremony would have dared to venture a guess that years later those memorial markers would be defaced by vandals.

The dedication ceremony that day was quite an affair. The next morning's Richmond Times-Dispatch ran two photographs over this caption:

"In Memorial Day ceremonies at John Marshall High School yesterday, members of the cadet corps give a 21-gun salute under new commemorative flagpoles. Classes were dismissed for the student body to attend the exercises, which were held in memory of former cadets who gave their lives in the armed services in World Wars I and II. Cadet First Captain Bob Johnson called the roll of the war dead who were honored. Company commanders responded."

Several years later, four names were added to the markers. They were the names of former cadets who had died in the Korean War.

In 1960, John Marshall's downtown building was closed and a new John Marshall opened on Old Brook Road. The two flagpoles with the memorial markers were moved from the old school to the grounds of the new school.

Today, the flagpoles are still there, but the eight memorial markers that made up the flagpoles' bases have been removed.

The markers have not been stolen.

They have been removed to prevent further desecration by vandals.

The markers now are in the care of a group of former cadets from "the old John Marshall," as the school is known by alumni from the downtown days.

Here is how it all came about:

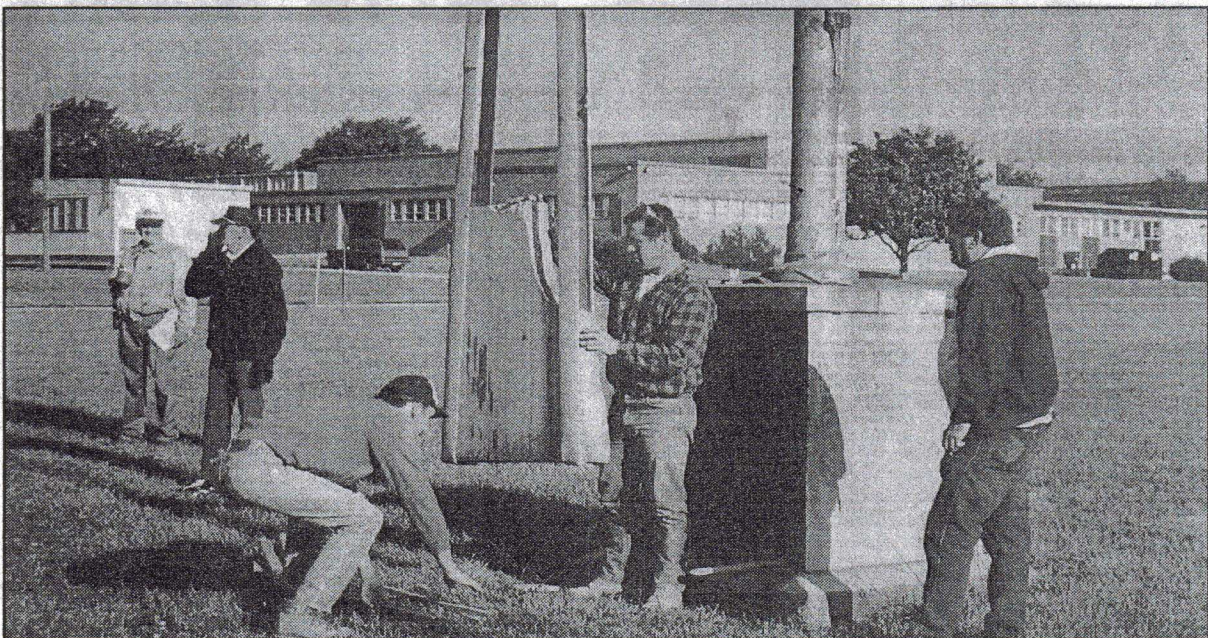
One day in the summer of 1995, Richmond radio personality Harvey Hudson had James Loughridge as a guest on his show, "The Passing Parade." Hudson (Class of 1938) and Loughridge (Class of 1940) are John Marshall alumni who were in the cadet corps.

Over the years, Loughridge had written a detailed history of John Marshall's Corps of Cadets, which was organized in 1915 and patterned after the cadet corps at Virginia Military Institute. So the main topic of conversation on Hudson's show that day was the old John Marshall cadet corps.

Among the listeners was Edgar Payne, a former John Marshall cadet from the Class of 1947. When Payne heard Loughridge and Hudson talking about the twin memorial flagpoles that had been erected at the downtown school in 1950, he decided to visit the school's "new" campus to check on the flagpoles.

What Payne saw disgusted him.

Vandals had spray-painted graffiti on several of the markers, and other



FOUNDATION PHOTO

REMOVAL. Earlier this year, crews from Empire Marble and Granite Co. removed the markers from John Marshall High School on Old Brook Road. They had been damaged by vandals.

CORPS VALUES

Here is information about the memorial to members of the John Marshall High School Corps of Cadets.

■ **Members:** A fund-raising letter has been sent to corps members. Any former cadet who did not receive the letter and wants to be on the mailing list should send name and address to John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 9646, Richmond, VA 23228.

■ **General public:** Contributions (tax-deductible) are being accepted from the public. Checks should be made payable to the foundation at the above address.

■ **Time Box:** The foundation is seeking information about the time box found in the flagpole base. If you have information, you can reach the foundation at the above address, or reach Robert Cole by telephone at (804) 288-8306, by fax at (804) 288-7219, or by e-mail at rcole@erols.com.

barton branch library. Jack Wolfe, Class of '56, was elected president.

"Jack left the room to go to the bathroom and we elected him president," Cole said with a laugh. "That's the truth."

During a series of regular meetings at the Dumbarton library, the committee hammered out a plan to rescue the memorial markers.

"We all agreed on the goal, but we didn't all agree on how to reach the goal," said Cole, who represented Company C on the committee. "We had some heated discussions, and some of the old company rivalries flared up."

The final plan was to gain possession of the memorial markers from Richmond Public Schools, clean and patch them, then relocate them in a place where they would receive proper care.

To pay for this project, a fund-raising organization was needed. Thus was formed the John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation.

The first hurdle was to persuade the city schools to give up the markers. Clearing that hurdle turned out to be a breeze. A group of former cadets presented the request to the Richmond School Board last spring, and the board voted to give the markers to the foundation.

After the vote, three former cadets — Cole, Cosby and Gordon Sandridge — called on Richmond School Superintendent Albert J. Williams.

"Dr. Williams couldn't have been nicer," Cole said. "Everyone we met with the city schools was extremely cooperative."

The memorial foundation took possession of the eight markers in late April. The markers were physically removed from the flagpoles' bases by a crew from Empire Marble and Granite Co.

A time box was inside one base, but no information about it was found.

"We don't know what's in the time box, or when it's supposed to be opened," Cole said. "We're keeping it in storage and hoping somebody will come forward who knows what the time box is all about."

After they were removed, the markers were given a thorough cleaning.

One name was added to Company A's marker: Lance Bryan Barton, a

1965 John Marshall graduate who was killed in Vietnam.

The refurbished markers were stored in a warehouse at DunMar Moving Systems facility on Deepwater Terminal Road. The company's president is Vaughan Dunnavant, who was captain of John Marshall's cadet corps' band when the flagpoles and the memorial markers were erected in 1950.

"I was on the parade ground at the dedication ceremony," Dunnavant said. "So this project really means a lot to me."

Finding a new home for the markers turned out to be easier than anyone thought. The goal was to have them placed in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond's most famous cemetery.

Few thought that goal would be reached.

"I didn't think we had a chance at Hollywood," Cole said.

But they gave it a shot.

Several members of the committee met with David L. Gilliam, Hollywood's general manager, and explained the situation to him.

Gilliam thought it was an excellent idea.

With Gilliam's backing, a group of former cadets presented the proposal at a meeting of Hollywood's board of directors. With no fuss, the board quickly voted to allow the markers to be placed in Hollywood.

"We went into the meeting all fired up to present our case, and the board voted yes before we had a chance to get cranked up," Cosby said.

As the former cadets left the meeting, they were in high spirits.

"We were walking on air," Cole said.

By spring, the eight granite markers bearing the names of 76 former John Marshall High School cadets who have died in wars in this century will be placed in Hollywood's northwestern corner.

The site is a piece of ground between two major attractions, the large stone pyramid that is a memorial to Confederate dead and the gravesite of Confederate Gen. George E. Pickett.

"We couldn't have asked for a better location," Cole said.

The markers will be rededicated at a ceremony scheduled for Sunday, May 30, which will be Memorial Day weekend.