



Highway 49 (South of Avinger, Texas; Northwest of Jefferson, Texas)

Dear Contributor:

The Pyland African American Cemetery Charter, “The PAACC” is a non-profit organization dedicated to the upkeep, beautification, cultural and historical preservation of the Pyland African American Cemetery in Avinger, Texas.

The cemetery dates back to early 19th Century and is the resting place of veterans of foreign wars, noted black community leaders as well as many of their loved ones. The cemetery has a very rich and enduring history that was made possible through the generous donation of these sacred grounds by the Pyland family of Avinger, Texas.

Your contribution to the continued preservation of this sacred historical site is invaluable. We welcome donations in any denomination. Your contributions will help fund the monthly maintenance of the cemetery grounds and general upkeep of all gravesites. In addition, we are planning for a monument which will be placed at the entrance to the cemetery that will include names of the sponsoring contributions.

#### Daily Upkeep/Maintenance of the Cemetery

- Keeping cemetery grounds mowed
- Cleaning trash and debris from cemetery grounds
- Filling in sunken graves
- Repairing/ Replacing worn fences and gates around cemetery grounds

#### Long term Goals

- Completely bring cemetery up to standard
- Repair damaged headstones
- Create a sitting area for visitors inside cemetery
- Do the research needed to get the unknown historic facts about Pyland

#### African American Cemetery

- Acquire a monument which will be placed at the entrance to the cemetery which will include the names of the sponsoring contributor

Please do not under estimate the importance of your contribution to this endeavor.

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Not only will it serve to bring the historical significance of this cemetery to the fore front, but it also will act as a catalyst to bring the community together as a whole rallying around a common goal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (832) – 647-5768. We hope that you will support this most worthy cause. “How will we protect our future if we forget our past”.

Robert Smith  
President

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