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INTRODUCTION

This booklet answers questions former military personnel and their families ask most frequently about military burial. Although considered accurate and correct as of the date of publication, this is not an official publication of the uniformed services or any government agency.

For official, up-to-date information and details not included in the booklet, we highly recommend you go to
<http://www.cem.va.gov/>.

You may also contact the director of the appropriate cemetery or the nearest office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Questions about burial in Arlington National Cemetery should be directed to the superintendent of that facility.

MOAA's *Help Your Survivors—Now!* booklet contains additional information for survivors, and its “Personal Affairs Workbook” should be completed and made a part of your personal papers.

TAPS

*Fading light
Dims the sight
And a star gems the sky,
Gleaming bright
From afar
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.*

*Dear one, rest!
In the west
Sable night
Lulls the day on her breast
Sweet, good night!
Now away
To thy rest.*

*Love, sweet dreams!
Lo, the beams
Of the light fairly moon
Kiss the streams
Love, good night!
Ah, too soon!
Peaceful dreams!*

General Information

An act signed by President Abraham Lincoln on July 17, 1862, authorized the establishment of national cemeteries "...for the soldiers who shall die in the service of the country." Following this authorization, 14 cemeteries were established.

Through the years, responsibility for and authority over these cemeteries has shifted several times, eligibility criteria have been enlarged, and the overall cemetery system has grown dramatically. Today there are over 150 national cemeteries, soldiers' lots, and monument sites under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration, managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The National Park Service administers 14 national cemeteries, although burial space is available in only two (the exception to availability of space being previous, valid reservations: prior burial of family members). Arlington National Cemetery is currently under the administration of the Commander, U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

For ease of reading, this booklet has been written in sections; the rules and regulations that pertain to each are addressed separately.

See the Veterans Affairs Web site, <http://www.cem.va.gov>, for the latest information.

National Cemetery Administration

The interment of an eligible person is authorized in any national cemetery in which space is available. National cemeteries with grave space available are listed in **Chapter 9**, which also contains a list of cemeteries with a columbarium and garden niches, as well as information on future sites. **Chapter 11** contains a list of State Veterans Cemeteries with grave space available.

A particular gravesite, columbarium, or garden niche cannot be reserved in advance. Space is assigned only at the time burial arrangements are completed. Cremated remains are inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Arrangements

No special forms need be completed when requesting burial in a national cemetery. The person making interment arrangements should call or fax the director's office of the national cemetery in which burial is desired. If possible, the following information concerning the deceased should be available:

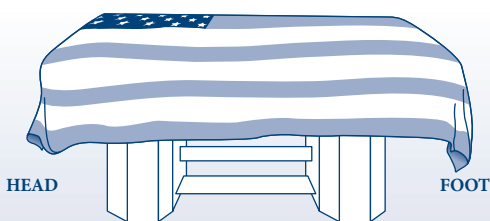
- Full name and military grade.
- Uniformed service.
- Social Security number.
- Service number, if applicable and known.
- VA claim number, if assigned and known.
- Date and place of birth.
- Date of retirement or honorable separation from active duty.
- Date and place of death.
- Copy of separation document, such as Department of Defense (DOD) Form 214.

The cemetery director will verify the decedent's burial entitlement and then confirm with the applicant the date and time of burial. Remains should not be shipped to the national cemetery, nor should the date/time of the interment be set or announced, until the director has obtained verification.

In the case of cremation, the receptacle containing the remains may be brought personally to the cemetery or may be sent by mail or other commercial means to the cemetery director. See the specific instructions for the Arlington National Cemetery in **Chapter 3**.

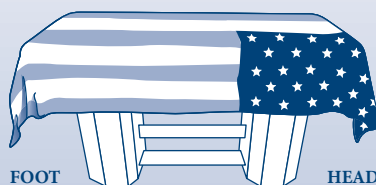
An eligible spouse or child who predeceases an eligible veteran may be buried in a national cemetery. In most cases, one plot is assigned to a family unit.

CORRECT METHOD OF DISPLAYING THE FLAG WITH THE CASKET



FRONT VIEW

Center the flag on the casket so that the blue shield is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased.



REAR VIEW

Transportation Allowances

The VA may authorize the cost of transporting the remains of a veteran who at the time of death was hospitalized in a VA facility or domiciled at another facility at VA expense.

The VA may also authorize payment of transportation allowance for the remains of a service-connected disabled veteran from the place of death to the national cemetery in which space is available *nearest* the veteran's last residence.

Similarly, if a person entitled to military retired pay dies while properly admitted to a military treatment facility (MTF), the survivors may be entitled to transportation or a transportation allowance payable by the retiree's military department. Entitlement extends from the place of death to a burial place that is no farther than the decedent's last place of permanent residence. Both the MTF and the burial place must be in the United States (U.S.) or its territories. The amount paid cannot exceed the cost of transportation from the MTF to the last place of permanent residence.

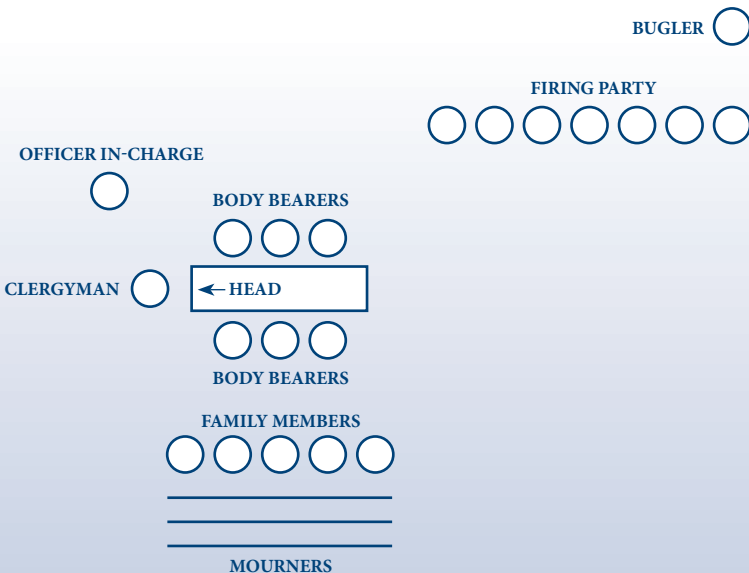
Military retirees and their eligible family members who die while outside the U.S. are entitled to civilian air transportation of the remains from a location outside the U.S. to a point of entry in the U.S. If available, air

transportation may also be provided but without reimbursement on a space-available basis in a military or military-chartered aircraft. *Note: The military transportation benefit is not payable if the VA transportation allowance described previously is allowed.* Bottom line: a transportation allowance is supplied by either the VA or military (depending on the situation), but not both. If military transport is used, there is no allowance. The transport is the benefit.

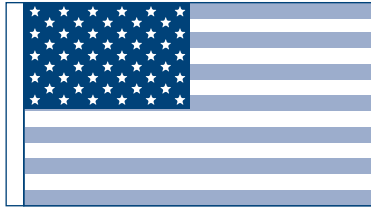
Military Funeral Honors

All eligible veterans, including military retirees, are entitled to military funeral honors. At a minimum, the funeral honors ceremony will consist of the folding and presentation of the American flag and the playing of Taps. At least two uniformed military personnel shall perform the ceremony. If a bugler is not available, an electronic recording will be played. One of the uniformed military personnel will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service and will present the flag to the next of kin.

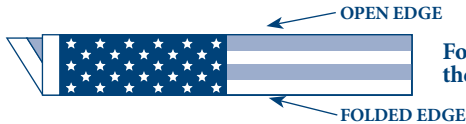
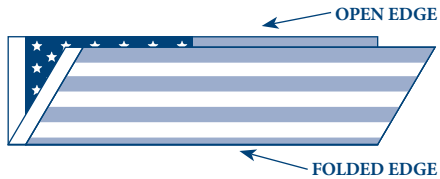
GUIDELINES FOR POSITIONING OF CEREMONIAL GUARD IN RENDERING MILITARY HONORS



CORRECT METHOD OF FOLDING THE UNITED STATES FLAG

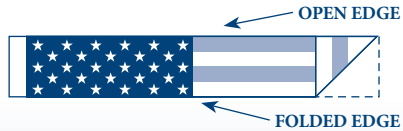


Fold the striped Chapter
of the flag over the blue field.



Fold the folded edge over to meet
the open edge.

Start a triangular fold by bringing
the striped corner of the folded
edge to the open edge.



Fold the outer point inward
parallel with the open edge to
form a second triangle



Continue folding until the entire
length of the flag is folded into a
triangle with only the blue field
and margin showing.



Tuck the remaining margin into
the pocket formed by the folds at
the blue field of the flag.



The properly folded flag should
resemble a cocked hat.



The Military Services may provide additional elements of honors and may use additional uniformed military personnel or other authorized providers, such as members of a veterans' organization, to augment the Funeral Honors Detail.

The next of kin or appropriate individual must request the funeral honors; they are not provided automatically. Per DOD policy, the family must request that the funeral director contact the military. A toll-free number, 1-877-MIL-HONR (645-4667), has been set up for funeral directors to coordinate the ceremonies. The funeral honors process is explained at this DOD Web site: www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil.

Burial Flag

The VA will furnish an American flag to drape the casket of a veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and persons entitled to military retired pay, to include Reservists. Submit VA Form 21-2008, which can be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/bbene/bflags.asp>. Flags are also available at no cost through many Postal Service facilities. Funeral directors usually take care of obtaining the flag for burial, which is presented to the next of kin following interment.

Headstone or Grave Marker

A government headstone or grave marker with inscriptions is furnished at no cost by the VA (VA Form 40-1330, <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmorder.asp>) for all decedents buried in a grave within a national, state, or private cemetery. The VA also provides a headstone or marker to Reservists entitled to military retired pay. The nearest VA office or administration office of a national cemetery will assist in requesting a headstone or grave marker.

Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC) Program

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, for eligible recipients, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans. The PMC Program was started by President John F. Kennedy in March 1962 to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans. This program has continued with all subsequent presidents. The certificate, which bears the president's signature, expresses the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the armed forces.

The PMC program is administered by the VA. More than one certificate may be provided. An eligible recipient includes the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased veterans. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office, by U.S. mail, or by toll-free fax. Requests cannot be sent via e-mail. Use VA Form 40-0247 when requesting a PMC. The form can be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc.asp>. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate. Please submit copies only; original documents cannot be returned.

If you would like to request a PMC by VA Form 40-0247, either:

- Fax your request and all supporting documents (copy of discharge and death certificate) to: 1-800-455-7143, <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc/faxpmc.asp>, or
- Mail your request and all supporting documents to:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C)
National Cemetery Administration
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

If you have questions about a certificate you have received, a request you have already sent in, or about the program in general, e-mail PMC@va.gov, or see <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc.asp>.

Costs

There is no charge for a grave site or the opening and closing of the grave in a national cemetery. However, the government will not pay the cost of the following:

- Preparation of the remains.
- A casket or urn, outer shipping box, or grave liner.
- Services of a funeral director engaged by survivors.

Reimbursement of Burial Expenses on Behalf of a Deceased Veteran

The following are maximum benefits currently payable by the VA:

- \$300 burial allowance whether burial is in a national or private cemetery.

- \$300 plot or interment allowance if burial is in a private cemetery.
- \$2,000 burial allowance if cause of death is service-connected. When this is authorized, the \$300 burial allowance and the \$300 plot allowance are not paid.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- you paid for a veteran's burial or funeral AND
- you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer AND
- the veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- the veteran died because of a service-related disability OR
- the veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death OR
- the veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay OR
- the veteran died in a VA hospital, in a nursing home under VA contract, or in an approved state nursing home.

The figures quoted above are periodically revised through changes in legislation. Exact figures can be obtained from the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000 or the VA Web site at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/bbene/benvba.asp>.

Claims: Claims for veteran's burial expenses (VA Form 21-530) are usually filed by the funeral director or person responsible for the veteran's burial expenses. The claim must be filed within two years after the permanent burial or cremation of the remains. There is no time limit for submission of a claim when a veteran's death has been determined to be service-connected or for transportation of the remains of an otherwise qualified deceased veteran to a national cemetery. See http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/benefits/factsheets/burials/Burialeg_0508.doc.

Social Security: A lump-sum payment up to \$255 may be authorized. Claims should be filed with the nearest Social Security Administration office. Payment is made to a surviving spouse if living in the same

household at time of death. If no spouse survives, payment can be made only to a child entitled to Social Security survivors' benefits.

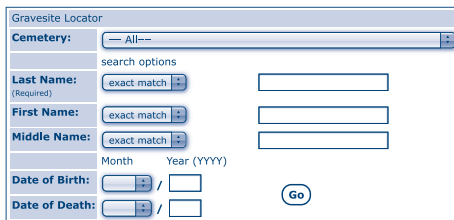
Nationwide Gravesite Locator

To search for the burial location of a person, you can search for VA national cemeteries on the VA Web site. Go to www.cem.va.gov and click on the National Gravesite Locator link or go directly to http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1. Some newer interments may not be listed.

Arlington National Cemetery records are also available for interments that occurred after 1999. As more records are added to the database, more burial information will become available. Some state veterans cemeteries can also be searched.

Please contact the national cemetery (see **Chapter 9**) or the state cemetery (see **Chapter 11**) directly to discuss your findings if your search does not work.

If you cannot locate the person you are searching for, please provide the following information on each individual to the address below.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Gravesite Locator". It includes a dropdown menu for "Cemetery:" with "All" selected. Below this is a "search options" section with three rows: "Last Name:" (Required), "First Name:", and "Middle Name:", each with a "exact match" dropdown and an input field. The "Date of Birth:" field has "Month" and "Year (YYYY)" dropdowns. The "Date of Death:" field has "Month" and "Year" dropdowns. A "Go" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

- Full name, including any alternate spellings
- Date and place of birth
- Date and place of death
- State from which the individual entered active duty
- Military service branch

Most requests take approximately four weeks for a reply. Be sure to include your return mailing address, phone number and/or e-mail address with your request and send it to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration (41C1)
Burial Location Request
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420

Eligibility for Interment

Eligible for Burial in National Cemeteries

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/bbene/eligible.asp>

- Any member of the armed forces who dies on active duty.
- Any former member of the armed forces whose last period of active service ended under conditions other than dishonorable. With certain exceptions, service beginning after Sept. 7, 1980 (enlisted) and service after Oct. 16, 1981 (as an officer), must have been for a minimum of 24 months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty.
- Merchant Marines granted veteran status.
- Certain officers of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) with wartime service. Eligibility can be confirmed by a national cemetery director.
- Commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) who meet certain service requirements. Eligibility can be confirmed by a national cemetery director.
- National Guard members and Reservists with 20 years of qualifying service who are entitled to retired pay or would be entitled, if at least age 60.
- The spouse or surviving spouse (even if remarried) of an eligible person.
- Unmarried minor children of an eligible person. Includes unmarried children younger than 21 (or age 23 if attending college).
- Unmarried adult children of an eligible person, if they become permanently incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability incurred before age 21. Eligibility can be confirmed by a national cemetery director.
- Other persons or classes of persons as designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Not Eligible for Burial in National Cemeteries

- A non-veteran spouse who received a divorce or annulment from an eligible person.
- Parents, siblings, or in-laws, even though they may depend on an eligible person for support or be members of that person's household.
- A person whose separation from the armed forces was under dishonorable conditions.
- Persons convicted of certain capital offenses as under 38 U.S.C. § 2411.

Arlington National Cemetery

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/>

Ground Burial: Space in Arlington National Cemetery may not be reserved in advance. It is assigned only at the time of death. Because of space limitations, ground burial in Arlington is limited to (http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/funeral_information/guide.interment.html):

- Any active duty member of the Armed Forces (except those members serving on active duty for training only).
- Any veteran who is retired from active military service with the Armed Forces.
- Any veteran who is retired from the Reserves is eligible upon reaching age 60 and drawing retired pay; and who served a period of active duty (other than for training).
- Any former member of the Armed Forces separated honorably prior to October 1, 1949 for medical reasons and who was rated at 30% or greater disabled effective on the day of discharge.
- Any former member of the Armed Forces who has been awarded one of the following decorations:
 - Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross (Navy Cross or Air Force Cross)
 - Distinguished Service Medal
 - Silver Star
 - Purple Heart
- The President of the United States or any former President of the United States.

- Any former member of the Armed Forces who served on active duty (other than for training) and who held any of the following positions:
 - An elective office of the U.S. Government
 - Office of the Chief Justice of the United States or of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
 - An office listed, at the time the person held the position, in 5 USC 5312 or 5313 (Levels I and II of the Executive Schedule).
 - The chief of a mission who was at any time during his/her tenure classified in Class I under the provisions of Section 411, Act of 13 August 1946, 60 Stat. 1002, as amended (22 USC 866) or as listed in State Department memorandum dated March 21, 1988.
- Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval, or air service, whose last period of military, naval or air service terminated honorably and who died on or after November 30, 1993.
- The spouse, widow or widower, minor child, or permanently dependent child, and certain unmarried adult children of any of the above eligible veterans.
- The widow or widower of:
 - a member of the Armed Forces who was lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be missing in action.
 - a member of the Armed Forces who is interred in a US military cemetery overseas that is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission.
 - a member of the Armed Forces who is interred in Arlington National Cemetery as part of a group burial.
- The surviving spouse, minor child, or permanently dependent child of any person already buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
- The parents of a minor child, or permanently dependent child whose remains, based on the eligibility of a parent, are already buried in ANC. A spouse divorced from the primary eligible, or widowed and remarried, is not eligible for interment.

- Provided certain conditions are met, a former member of the Armed Forces may be buried in the same grave with a close relative who is already buried and is the primary eligible.

Columbarium:

Those who are eligible for inurnment in the columbarium are (http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/funeral_information/guide.inurnment.html):

- Any member of the Armed Forces who dies on active duty.
- Any former member of the Armed Forces who is retired from active duty.
- Any former member of the Armed Forces who served on active duty (other than for training).
- Any member of a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces who dies while he/she is...
 - On active duty for training or performing full-time service under Title 32, United States Code.
 - Performing authorized travel to or from that duty or service.
 - On authorized inactive duty training including training performed as a member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard (23 USC 502).
 - Hospitalized or being treated at the expense of the United States for injury or disease incurred or contracted while he/she is on that duty or service, performing that travel or inactive duty training, or undergoing that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.

- Any member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force whose death occurs while he/she is:
 - Attending an authorized training camp.
 - On an authorized practice cruise.
 - Performing authorized travel to or from that camp or cruise.
 - Hospitalized or receiving treatment at the expense of the United States for injury or disease incurred while attending camp or cruise, performing that travel, or receiving that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.
- Any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has been engaged, served in the Armed Forces of any government allied with the United States during that war; whose last service ended honorably by death or otherwise; and who was a citizen of the United States at the time of entry into that service and at the time of death.
- Certain commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (formerly United States Coast and Geodetic Survey).
- Certain commissioned officers of the US Public Health Service.
- Spouses and minor and certain adult children of those eligible above.
- Any person eligible for ground burial.
- A former member of a group that has been certified as active military service for the purpose of receiving VA benefits under the provisions of Section 401, Public Law 95-202.

Agreement for Interment/Inurnment

If a family member eligible for burial or inurnment in Arlington National Cemetery predeceases the person on whom that eligibility is based, an Agreement for Interment must be executed. This agreement stipulates that the person providing entitlement will also be buried or inurned in Arlington National Cemetery, or the dependent's remains will be removed from the cemetery without cost to the government.

Ground Burial Procedures

http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/funeral_information/guide.atneed.html#arrangeInterment

Burial procedures at Arlington National Cemetery are similar to those explained in Chapter 1. However, the following additional information may be useful. Address and telephone number:

**Arlington National Cemetery
Interment Services Branch**

Arlington, VA 22211-5003

(703) 607-8585

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

General Information number: (703) 607-8000

When death occurs outside the Washington, D.C., area, the remains must be shipped to a local funeral director and not to Arlington Cemetery. The funeral director where death occurred must make arrangements for the pickup, transportation, and storage of remains, if necessary, using a Washington, D.C.-area commercial funeral director. All costs or charges in connection with this must be paid by the decedent's estate. The receiving funeral director must reconfirm and coordinate the scheduled interment date and time with the Arlington Cemetery office.

Should it be impractical for relatives or friends to accompany the remains, interment or inurnment will be carried out with the same reverence and careful attention as if the remains were accompanied.

There is no charge for services furnished by Arlington Cemetery.

To assist your survivors, maintain your personal data, including all items outlined on **page 5**, as well as a Statement of Desire for Cremation, if applicable, with all your personal papers.

Military Honors: Military personnel, retirees, and veterans may be interred or inurned with military honors. The superintendent of Arlington Cemetery will assist in making arrangements.

Headstones and Markers: The VA provides upright marble headstones to mark the graves of those buried in Arlington Cemetery. These headstones are ordered by the cemetery at the time of interment. The next of kin will be asked to fill out a form verifying the correctness of what is to be inscribed on the stone.

Columbarium Inurnment Procedures

Normally, a family will be allowed one niche in the columbarium. A niche cannot be assigned in advance. The funeral director or other person making arrangements should contact the Office of the Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery at (703) 607-8585.

Personal data as outlined on **page 5** will be requested by cemetery staff. The cemetery staff will verify the decedent's eligibility and notify the funeral director or the family. The date and time of inurnment should not be announced until confirmed by cemetery personnel. The urn containing the cremated remains must be tightly sealed and hand carried by the family on the day of the service or delivered by a local funeral home up to three working days prior to the service. The cemetery will not accept cremated remains sent via US Postal Services or common carrier.

Military Honors: The cemetery staff will assist in arranging for the rendition of military honors at an inurnment, should the next of kin so request.

Columbarium Plaques: Each niche in the columbarium will be sealed with a marble plaque inscribed with the name, highest military grade, and year of birth and death of the deceased. The plaques are automatically ordered when inurnment is completed and provided at no cost.

Costs: There is no charge for a niche in the columbarium. Costs of cremation, urn, services by a funeral director and transportation of remains to the cemetery are the responsibility of the family or other party who secured funeral services.

State Cemeteries

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/svc.asp>

Many states maintain cemeteries specifically for burial of eligible veterans and eligible family members. To assist states, VA can now provide up to 100 percent of the development cost for an approved project. For establishment of new cemeteries, and expansion and improvement of state-owned veterans' cemeteries, VA can provide for operating equipment but cannot provide for the acquisition of land for a new state cemetery. These cemeteries are maintained and operated by the state governments and complement VA national cemeteries by providing gravesites in areas of the country not served by national cemeteries.

Eligibility for these cemeteries is the same as for national cemeteries, but the state may add requirements. For example, the state can establish residency requirements. In most cases, there is no charge associated with the burial of a veteran in a federally funded state veterans' cemetery, but there may be a small charge for the interment of an eligible family member. Eligibility requirements can be confirmed with the state veterans' cemetery director. For a list of state veterans cemeteries, refer to Chapter 11 of this booklet.

Overseas Cemeteries

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), <http://www.abmc.gov/home.php>, an independent agency of the government's executive branch, is responsible for administering and maintaining cemeteries and monuments honoring United States war dead who are buried overseas. The ABMC commemorative mission is reflected in 24 overseas military cemeteries that serve as resting places for almost 125,000 American war dead; on Tablets of the Missing that memorialize more than 94,000 U.S. servicemen and women; and through 25 memorials, monuments and markers.

Information concerning those interred in a specific cemetery or those memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the cemeteries or memorials can be obtained by searching on the Web site or by writing to:

American Battle Monuments Commission

Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500

2300 Clarendon Boulevard

Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 696-6900

E-mail at info@abmc.gov

No additional burials may be made in ABMC cemeteries, except the remains of war dead still found from time to time on former battlefields.

Burial at Sea

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/bbene/bsea.asp>

<http://www.navy.mil/navydata/questions/burial.html>

Individuals eligible for this program are: (1) active duty members of the uniformed services; (2) retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged. (3) U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command; and (4) dependent family members of active duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services. After the death of the individual for whom the request for Burial at Sea is being made, the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) should print out and complete the Burial at Sea Request Form at <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/questions/bas-form.pdf>.

Supporting documents which must accompany this request are: (1) a photocopy of the death certificate; (2) the burial transit permit or the cremation certificate; and (3) a copy of the DOD Form 214, discharge certificate, or retirement order. The Burial at Sea Request Form and the three supporting documents make up the Burial at Sea Request package.

Contact the Burial at Sea program, United States Navy Mortuary Affairs office toll-free at 1-866-787-0081. A person in this office can mail, e-mail, or fax an information packet containing the Burial At Sea request/authorization form.

If the retired member did not put in writing a preference for burial at sea, the PADD may authorize burial at sea.

All expenses incurred in this process are the responsibility of the family, who will select a funeral home in the area of the port of embarkation (see Web sites for list). After this selection has been made and notification has been provided to the coordinator, the casketed remains, the request form, supporting documents, and the burial flag are to be forwarded to the receiving funeral home.

The coordinator will make the inspection and complete the checklist for

the preparation of casketed remains. Specific guidelines are required for the preparation of casketed remains. It is recommended those funeral homes responsible for preparing and shipping intact remains contact Navy Mortuary Affairs at the Military Medical Support Office in Great Lakes, Ill., to receive the preparation requirements <http://www.tricare.mil/tma/MMSO/contacts.aspx>.

MILITARY MEDICAL SUPPORT OFFICE

P.O. BOX 886999

GREAT LAKES ILLINOIS 60088-6999

1-888-647-6676

E-mail: mmso-web@mmso.med.navy.mil

Monday through Friday, 0700 to 1800, central time

The U.S. Coast Guard also performs burials at sea for eligible members as their operational schedule allows, but for cremains only. See http://www.uscg.mil/mlclant/iscBoston/military_funeral_honors.asp.

Start the process by contacting the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command Decedent Affairs Officer, the nearest Coast Guard Unit, or call 1-800-772-8724. These contacts can tell you if a burial at sea can be done and if so, what documentation is required. Family members are not allowed to attend burials at sea due to safety and scheduling issues.

When a person is buried at sea, an application may be made to the VA for a memorial headstone or marker (VA Form 40-1330). The headstone or marker may be placed in a VA national cemetery. There is no charge for placement in a VA national cemetery.

Death Abroad

State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs is responsible for the welfare and whereabouts of U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad. See http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html **and** http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/state/overseas_citizens.html

Each year, over 6,000 Americans die abroad. Most of them are Americans who live overseas, but, each year, a few thousand Americans die while on short visits abroad. One of the most important tasks of U.S. consular officers abroad is to provide assistance to the families of U.S. citizens who die abroad.

When an American citizen dies abroad, consular officers:

- Confirm the death, identity and U.S. citizenship of the deceased.
- Make notification to the next-of-kin if they do not already know about the death, providing information about disposition of the remains and the effects of the deceased, and provide guidance on forwarding funds to cover costs.
- Serve as provisional conservator of the estate, absent a legal representative in country.
- Prepare documents for disposition of the remains in accordance with instructions from the next-of-kin or legal representative, and oversee the performance of disposition of the remains and of the effects of the deceased.
- Send signed copies of the Consular Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad to the next-of-kin or legal representative, for use in settling estate matters in the U.S.

For more information about consular assistance when an American citizen has died abroad, see http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1205.html#death.

For additional information concerning Reports of Death, contact:

**Office of American Citizens Services
Department of State**

Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Overseas Citizens Services 24-hour hotline:

(202) 647-5225 or 1-888-407-4747

From overseas: 202-501-4444

Anatomical Gifts

The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act was passed originally in 1968 in conjunction with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law and the American Bar Association. Within five years, all states as well as the District of Columbia adopted the Act. Since then, most states have legislated strict statutory rules and regulations; nearly all provide that a person execute a statutory form.

As time is a major factor in anatomical gift donations, a person's wishes should be made known within the family or survivor unit. Equally important, a person who does not want to donate any portion of her or his body should make this preference known.

Information can be provided by:

The Living Bank

P.O. Box 6725

Houston, TX 77265

Tel: 1-800-528-2971

E-mail: info@livingbank.org

Web: <http://www.livingbank.org/>

It is possible to leave one's body for military medical science purposes. The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences accepts anatomical gifts. Specific details can be obtained by writing or calling the university.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Attn: Anatomical Gift Program

4301 Jones Bridge Road

Bethesda, MD 20814-4799

Office Phone: (301) 295-3301

FAX: (301) 295-9194

Information and Questions: 301-295-3301

Weekdays 7:30am to 4:00pm

Emergencies or Imminent Donation: 301-295-3333 24hrs/day

<http://www.usuhs.mil/mdl/agprogram.html>

VA National Cemeteries

This information is subject to frequent changes. For the most complete, up-to-date list see <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp>

To determine whether grave space is available, note the asterisk or asterisks associated with each listing and then consult the legend at end of this list.

ALABAMA

Fort Mitchell National Cemetery *
553 Hwy 165
Seale, AL 36856
(334) 855-4731

Mobile National Cemetery ***
1202 Virginia St.
Mobile, AL 36604
(850) 453-4108/4846

ALASKA

Fort Richardson National Cemetery *
Building #997, Davis Hwy
P.O. Box 5-498
Fort Richardson, AK 99505
(907) 384-7075

Sitka National Cemetery *
803 Sawmill Creek Rd.
Sitka, AK 99835
Contact: Fort Richardson National Cemetery AK

ARIZONA

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona *
23029 North Cave Creek Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85024
(480) 513-3600

Prescott National Cemetery **
VA Medical Center
500 Hwy 89 N.
Prescott, AZ 86301
Contact: National Memorial Cemetery AZ

ARKANSAS

Fayetteville National Cemetery *
700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR 72701
(479) 444-5051

Fort Smith National Cemetery *
522 Garland Ave.
Fort Smith, AR 72901
(501) 783-5345

Little Rock National Cemetery ***
2523 Confederate Blvd.
Little Rock, AR 72206
(501) 324-6401

CALIFORNIA

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery **
P.O. Box 6237 Point Loma
San Diego, CA 92106
(619) 553-2084

Golden Gate National Cemetery ***
1300 Sneath Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066
(650) 761-1646

Los Angeles National Cemetery ***
950 South Sepulveda Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 268-4494

Riverside National Cemetery *
22495 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92518
(909) 653-8417

San Francisco National Cemetery ***
P.O. Box 29012
Presidio of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA 94129
Contact: Golden Gate Nat'l Cemetery CA

San Joaquin Valley
National Cemetery *
32053 West McCabe Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322
(209) 854-1040

COLORADO

Fort Logan National Cemetery *
3698 South Sheridan Blvd.
Denver, CO 80235
(303) 761-0117

Fort Lyon National Cemetery *
VA Medical Center
Fort Lyon, CO 81038
Contact: Fort Logan Nat'l Cemetery CO

FLORIDA

Barrancas National Cemetery *
Naval Air Station
80 Hovey Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32508-1099
(850) 453-4108 or 453-4846

Bay Pines National Cemetery **
P.O. Box 477
10000 Bay Pines Blvd., N.
Bay Pines, FL 33504-0477
(727) 398-9426

Florida National Cemetery *
6502 S.W. 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-7740 or 1074

St. Augustine National Cemetery ***
104 Marine St.
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Contact: Florida National Cemetery FL

GEORGIA

Marietta National Cemetery ***
500 Washington Ave.
Marietta, GA 30060
(334) 855-4731

HAWAII

National Memorial Cemetery of
the Pacific **

2177 Puowaina Dr.
Honolulu, HI 96813-1729
(808) 532-3720

ILLINOIS

Abraham Lincoln National
Cemetery *

27034 South Diagonal Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958

Alton National Cemetery **

600 Pearl St.
Alton, IL 62003
(314) 260-8720

Camp Butler National Cemetery *

5063 Camp Butler Rd.
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Danville National Cemetery*

1900 East Main St.
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 554-4550

Mound City National Cemetery *

Junction Highway 37 & 51
Mound City, IL 62963
(314) 260-8720

Quincy National Cemetery ***

36th and Maine St.
Quincy, IL 62301
Contact: Rock Island Nat'l Cemetery IL

Rock Island National Cemetery *

Rock Island Arsenal
Rock Island, IL 61299-7090
or, P.O. Box 737
Moline, IL 61266
(309) 782-2094

INDIANA

Crown Hill National Cemetery ***

700 West 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208
Contact: Marion Nat'l Cemetery IN

Marion National Cemetery *

VA Medical Center
1700 East 38th St.
Marion, IN 46952
(765) 674-0284

New Albany National Cemetery **

1943 Ekin Ave.
New Albany, IN 47150
(502) 893-3852

IOWA

Keokuk National Cemetery *

1701 J St.
Keokuk, IA 52632
(309) 782-2094

KANSAS

Fort Leavenworth National
Cemetery **

Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
*Contact: Leavenworth National
Cemetery KS*

Fort Scott National Cemetery *

P.O. Box 917 900 E. Nat'l
Fort Scott, KS 66701
(316) 223-2840

Leavenworth National Cemetery *
P.O. Box 1694
Leavenworth, KS 66048
(913) 758-4105

Zachary Taylor National Cemetery ***
4701 Brownsboro Rd.
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-3852

KENTUCKY

Camp Nelson National Cemetery *
6980 Danville Rd.
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(859) 885-5727

LOUISIANA

Alexandria National Cemetery **
209 East Shamrock St.
Pineville, LA 71360
(601) 445-4981

Cave Hill National Cemetery ***
701 Baxter Ave.
Louisville, KY 40204
*Contact: Zachary Taylor National
Cemetery KY*

Baton Rouge National Cemetery **
220 North 19th St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(601) 445-4981

Danville National Cemetery ***
277 North First St.
Danville, KY 40442
*For information contact: Camp Nelson
National Cemetery KY (859) 885-5727*

Port Hudson National Cemetery *
20978 Port Hickey Rd.
Zachary, LA 70791
(225) 654-3767

Lebanon National Cemetery *
20 Highway 208
Lebanon, KY 40033
*Contact: Zachary Taylor National
Cemetery KY*

MAINE

Togus National Cemetery ***
VA Medical and Regional Office
Center
Togus, ME 04330
*Contact: Massachusetts Nat'l
Cemetery MA*

Lexington National Cemetery ***
833 West Main St.
Lexington, KY 40508
*Contact: Camp Nelson Nat'l
Cemetery KY*

MARYLAND

Annapolis National Cemetery ***
800 West St.
Annapolis, MD 21401
Contact: Baltimore Nat'l Cemetery MD

Mill Springs National Cemetery *
9044 West Hwy 80
Nancy, KY 42544
*Contact: Camp Nelson Nat'l
Cemetery KY*

Baltimore National Cemetery ***
5501 Frederick Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21228
(410) 644-9696

Loudon Park National Cemetery ***
3445 Frederick Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21228
Contact: Baltimore Nat'l Cemetery MD

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts National Cemetery *
Connery Ave.
Bourne, MA 02532
(508) 563-7113

MICHIGAN

Fort Custer National Cemetery *
15501 Dickman Rd.
Augusta, MI 49012
(616) 731-4164

MINNESOTA

Fort Snelling National Cemetery *
7601 34th Ave., S.
Minneapolis, MN 55450-1199
(612) 726-1127

MISSISSIPPI

Biloxi National Cemetery *
400 Veterans Ave.
P.O. Box 4968
Biloxi, MS 39535-4968
(228) 388-6668

Corinth National Cemetery *
1551 Horton St.
Corinth, MS 38834
*For information contact: Memphis
National Cemetery TN (901) 386-8311*

Natchez National Cemetery *
41 Cemetery Rd.
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-4981

MISSOURI

Jefferson Barracks National
Cemetery *
2900 Sheridan Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63125
(314) 260-8720

Jefferson City National Cemetery ***
1024 East McCarty St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101
*Contact: Jefferson Barracks National
Cemetery MO*

Springfield National Cemetery **
1702 East Seminole St.
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 881-9499

NEBRASKA

Fort McPherson National
Cemetery *
12004 South Spur 56A
Maxwell, NE 69151-1031
(308) 582-4433

NEW JERSEY

Beverly National Cemetery ***
916 Bridgeboro Rd.
Beverly, NJ 08010
(609) 877-5460

Finn's Point National Cemetery **
RFD # 3, Fort Mott Rd.
P.O. Box 542
Salem, NJ 08079
Contact: Beverly Nat'l Cemetery NJ

NEW MEXICO

Fort Bayard National Cemetery *
P.O. Box 189
Fort Bayard, NM 88036
*For information contact: Fort Bliss
National Cemetery TX (915) 564-0201*

Santa Fe National Cemetery *
501 North Guadalupe St.
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 988-6400; toll-free 1-877-
353-6295

NEW YORK

Bath National Cemetery *
VA Medical Center
San Juan Ave.
Bath, NY 14810
(607) 664-4853

Calverton National Cemetery *
210 Princeton Blvd.
Calverton, NY 11933-1031
(631) 727-5410 or 5770

Cypress Hills National Cemetery ***
625 Jamaica Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
Contact: Long Island Nat'l
Cemetery NY

Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga
National Cemetery *
200 Duell Rd.
Schuylerville, NY 12871-1721
(518) 581-9128

Long Island National Cemetery **
2040 Wellwood Ave.
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(631) 454-4949

Woodlawn National Cemetery **
1825 Davis St.
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 732-5411

NORTH CAROLINA

New Bern National Cemetery ***
1711 National Ave.
New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 637-2912

Raleigh National Cemetery ***
501 Rock Quarry Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27610-3335
Contact: Salisbury Nat'l Cemetery NC

Salisbury National Cemetery *
202 Government Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-2661 or 4621

Wilmington National Cemetery ***
2011 Market St.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Contact: New Bern Nat'l Cemetery NC

OHIO

Dayton National Cemetery *
VA Medical Center
4100 West Third St.
Dayton, OH 45428-1008
(937) 262-2115

Ohio Western Reserve National
Cemetery *
10175 Rawiga Rd.
P.O. Box 8
Rittman, OH 44270
(330) 335-3069

OKLAHOMA

Fort Gibson National Cemetery *
1423 Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Fort Sill National Cemetery *
2648 Jake Dunn Rd, N.E.
Elgin, OK 73538
(580) 492-3200

OREGON

Eagle Point National Cemetery *
2763 Riley Rd.
Eagle Point, OR 97524
(541) 826-2511

Roseburg National Cemetery **
VA Medical Center
913 Garden Valley Blvd.
Roseburg, OR 97470
Contact: Eagle Point Nat'l Cemetery OR

Willamette National Cemetery *
11800 S.E. Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97266-6937
(503) 273-5250

PENNSYLVANIA

Indiantown Gap National
Cemetery *
R. R. #2, P.O. Box 484
Annville, PA 17003-9618
(717) 865-5254

Philadelphia National Cemetery ***
Haines St. and Limekiln Pike
Philadelphia, PA 19138
Contact: Beverly Nat'l Cemetery NJ
(609) 877-5460

PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico National Cemetery *
Ave. Cementario Nacional #50
BO. Hato Tejas
Bayamon, PR 00960
(787) 798-6720

SOUTH CAROLINA

Beaufort National Cemetery *
1601 Boundary St.
Beaufort, SC 29902-3947
(843) 524-3925

Florence National Cemetery *
803 East National Cemetery Rd.
Florence, SC 29501
(843) 669-8783

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills National Cemetery *
P.O. Box 640
I-90, Exit 34
Sturgis, SD 57785
(605) 347-3830 or 7299

Fort Meade National Cemetery ***
P.O. Box 640
Old Stone Rd.
Sturgis, SD 57785
*Contact: Black Hills National
Cemetery SD*

Hot Springs National Cemetery ***
VA Medical Center
Hot Springs, SD 57747
*Contact: Black Hills National
Cemetery SD*

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga National Cemetery *
1200 Bailey Ave.
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 855-6590

Knoxville National Cemetery **
939 Tyson St., N.W.
Knoxville, TN 37917
Contact: Chattanooga Nat'l Cemetery TN

Memphis National Cemetery **
3568 Townes Ave.
Memphis, TN 38122
(901) 386-8311

Mountain Home National Cemetery *
P. O. Box 8, VAMC Bldg. 117
Mountain Home, TN 37684
(423) 979-3535

Nashville National Cemetery **
1420 Gallatin Rd., S.
Madison, TN 37115-4619
(615) 736-2839

TEXAS

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery *
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211
(214) 467-3374

Fort Bliss National Cemetery *
5200 Fred Wilson Rd.
P.O. Box 6342
Fort Bliss, TX 79906
(915) 564-0201

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery *
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891 or 3894

Houston National Cemetery *
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77038
(281) 447-8686 or 0580

Kerrville National Cemetery ***
VA Medical Center
3600 Memorial Blvd.
Kerrville, TX 78028
Contact: Ft. Sam Houston Nat'l Cemetery TX

San Antonio National Cemetery **
517 Paso Hondo St.
San Antonio, TX 78202
Contact: Ft. Sam Houston Nat'l Cemetery TX

VIRGINIA

Alexandria National Cemetery **
1450 Wilkes St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
(Under Dept. of the Army jurisdiction)
For information contact: Quantico National Cemetery VA

Balls Bluff National Cemetery ***
Route 7
Leesburg, VA 22075
Contact: Culpeper Nat'l Cemetery VA

City Point National Cemetery ***
10th Ave. and Davis St.
Hopewell, VA 23860
Contact: Hampton Nat'l Cemetery VA

Cold Harbor National Cemetery ***
Route 156 N.
Mechanicsville, VA 23111
Contact: Hampton Nat'l Cemetery VA

Culpeper National Cemetery *
305 U.S. Ave.
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 825-0027

Danville National Cemetery **
721 Lee St.
Danville, VA 24541
Contact: Salisbury National Cemetery NC (704) 636-2661/4621

Fort Harrison National Cemetery ***
8620 Varina Rd.
Richmond, VA 23231
(804) 795-2031

Glendale National Cemetery ***
8301 Willis Church Rd.
Richmond, VA 23231
Contact: Fort Harrison Nat'l Cemetery VA

Hampton National Cemetery ***
Cemetery Rd. at Marshall Ave.
Hampton, VA 23667
(757) 723-7104

Hampton National Cemetery ***
VA Medical Center
Emancipation Dr.
Hampton, VA 23667
(757) 723-7104

Quantico National Cemetery *
P.O. Box 10
18424 Joplin Rd. (Route 619)
Triangle, VA 22172
(703) 221-2183 (local)
(703) 690-2217 (metro)

Richmond National Cemetery ***
1701 Williamsburg Rd.
Richmond, VA 23231
Contact: Fort Harrison Nat'l Cemetery VA

Seven Pines National Cemetery ***
400 East Williamsburg Rd.
Sandston, VA 23150
Contact: Fort Harrison Nat'l Cemetery VA

Staunton National Cemetery ***
901 Richmond Ave.
Staunton, VA 24401
Contact: Culpeper National Cemetery VA

Winchester National Cemetery ***
401 National Ave.
Winchester, VA 22601
Contact: Culpeper National Cemetery VA

WASHINGTON

Tahoma National Cemetery *
18600 Southeast 240th St.
Kent, WA 98042-4868
(425) 413-9614

WEST VIRGINIA

Grafton National Cemetery ***
431 Walnut St.
Grafton, WV 26354
Contact: West Virginia Nat'l Cemetery WV

West Virginia National Cemetery *
Route 2, P.O. Box 127
Grafton, WV 26354
(304) 265-2044

WISCONSIN

Wood National Cemetery ***
5000 West National Ave.
Building 1301
Milwaukee, WI 53295-4000
(414) 382-5300

Legend:

* *accommodates casketed and cremated remains*

** *accommodates cremated remains, and may accommodate casketed remains in gravesites of previously interred family members*

*** *Closed to new interments, but space may be available in gravesite of previously interred family members*

New VA National Cemeteries

This information is subject to frequent changes.

Visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/newcem.asp>
for the latest information.

Post Cemeteries

This information is subject to frequent changes.

Refer to: http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/r210_190.pdf

and <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Active/TAGD/CMAOC/FuneralHonors/MFHarmycemeteries.htm>

Eligibility requirements and procedures for burial in post cemeteries are more restrictive than those of national cemeteries. Post cemeteries are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. The AHRC Commander has staff supervision over the operation and maintenance of post cemeteries. To contact Army Human Resources Command, use the following address:

U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC-PED-F)
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332

Gravesites may not be reserved in advance. However, plot reservations made before May 1, 1975, will be honored. Those contemplating burial in a post cemetery should contact the mortuary officer for other details and instructions.

A list of post cemeteries with grave space available follows. Listed is the name of the cemetery, contact, phone number, and nearest city.

Ft. Benning

Ft. Benning, GA 31905
(706) 545-5943
Columbus, Ga.

Ft. Riley

Ft. Riley, KS 66442
(785) 239-5520
Junction City, Kan.

Ft. Huachuca

Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613
1-800-248-0759
Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Ft. Sheridan

Ft. Sheridan, IL 60037
(608) 388-3528 (Contact Ft.
McCoy, Wis.)

Ft. Sill

Ft. Sill, OK 73503
(580) 442-4181
Lawton, Okla.

Vancouver Barracks

Ft. Lewis, WA 98433
(253) 966-5888
Vancouver, Wash.

Ft. Stevens

Ft. Lewis, WA 98433
(253) 966-5888
Hammond, Ore.

West Point*

U.S. Military Academy
West Point, NY 10996
(845) 938-2504
West Point, N.Y.

* *Burials are limited to cadets and graduates of the U.S. Military Academy and military personnel who are or were assigned to West Point.*

State Veterans Cemeteries

This information is subject to frequent change. **Refer to:** <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/scg/lsvc.asp>

ARIZONA

Southern Arizona Veterans
Memorial Cemetery
1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
(520) 458-7144
FAX (520) 458-7147

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Veterans Cemetery
1501 West Maryland Ave.
North Little Rock, AR 72120
(501) 683-2259
FAX (501) 992-0162

CALIFORNIA

Veterans Memorial Grove
Cemetery
Veterans Home of California
Yountville, CA 94599
(707) 944-4600
FAX (707) 944-5005

COLORADO

Veterans Memorial Cemetery of
Western Colorado
2830 D Rd.
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 263-8986/0089
FAX (970) 257-7450

Colorado State Veterans Center at
Homelake
3749 Sherman Ave.
Monte Vista, CO 81144
(719) 852-5118
FAX (719) 852-3881

CONNECTICUT

Col. Raymond F. Gates Memorial
Cemetery
Dept. of Veterans Affairs
287 West St.
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(860) 721-5838
FAX (860) 721-5996

Middletown Veterans Cemetery
Bow Lane, Middletown,
Connecticut
Dept. of Veterans Affairs
287 West St.
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(860) 721-5838
FAX (860) 721-5904

DELAWARE

Delaware Veterans Memorial
Cemetery
2465 Chesapeake City Rd.
Bear, DE 19701-2344

(302) 834-8046
FAX (302) 834-3787

Delaware Veterans Memorial
Cemetery - Sussex County
RD 5 Box 100
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 934-5653
FAX (302) 934-5647

GEORGIA

Georgia Veterans Memorial
Cemetery
2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 445-3363
FAX (478) 445-3360

HAWAII

State's Office of Veterans' Services
459 Patterson Rd.
E-Wing, Rm. 1-A103
Honolulu, HI 96819-1522
(808) 433-0420/0422
FAX (808) 433-0385

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery
45-349 Kamehameha Hwy
Kaneohe, HI 96744
(Island of Oahu)
(808) 233-3630
FAX (808) 233-3633

East Hawaii Veterans Cemetery-NO. II
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni St.
Hilo, HI 96720
(808) 961-8311
FAX (808) 961-8411

Kauai Veterans Cemetery
County of Kauai
4444 Rice St., Rm. 150
Lihue, HI 96766-1340
(808) 241-6670
FAX (808) 241-6807

Maui Veterans Cemetery
County of Maui
P.O. Box 117
Makawao, HI 96768
(808) 572-7272
FAX (808) 573-0757

Molokai Veterans Cemetery
County of Maui
P.O. Box 526
Kauna Kakai, HI 96748
(808) 553-3221
FAX (808) 553-5050

West Hawaii State Veterans
Cemetery
County of Hawaii
north of Kailua-Kona
(808) 961-8311

Lanai Veterans Cemetery
Maui County
P.O. Box 630359
Lanai City, HI 96763
(808) 565-7086

IDAHO

Idaho Veterans Cemetery
10101 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd.
Boise, ID 83714
(208) 334-3513
FAX (208) 334-2627

ILLINOIS

Sunset Cemetery
Illinois Veterans Home
1707 N. 12th St.
Quincy, IL 62301
(217) 222-8641
FAX (217) 222-9621

INDIANA

Indiana State Soldiers Home
Cemetery
3851 N. River Rd.
W. Lafayette, IN 47906-3765
(765) 463-1502
FAX (765) 497-8692

Indiana Veterans Memorial
Cemetery
1415 North Gate Rd.
Madison, IN 47250
(812) 273-9220
FAX (812) 273-9221

IOWA

Iowa Veterans Home and
Cemetery
13th & Summit St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
(641) 753-4309
FAX (641) 753-4278

KANSAS

Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Ft.
Dodge
714 Sheridan, Unit 66
Fort Dodge, Kansas 67801-9068
Physical delivery location:
11560 U.S. Hwy 400
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 338-8775
FAX (620) 338-8776

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery -
West
5817 Fort Campbell Blvd.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
(270) 707-9653
FAX (270) 889-0210

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery -
Central
1111 Louisville Rd.
Frankfort, KY
(502) 564-9281

LOUISIANA

Northwest Louisiana Veterans
Cemetery
7970 Mike Clark Road
Keithville, LA 71047
(318) 925-0612

MAINE

Maine Veterans Memorial
Cemetery - Mt. Vernon Rd.
R5, Box 615
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 287-3481
FAX (207) 626-4471

Northern Maine Veterans
Cemetery - Caribou
37 Lombard Rd.
Caribou, ME 04736
(207) 492-1173
FAX (207) 492-1175

MARYLAND

Maryland State Cemeteries
Director, Cemetery and Memorial
Programs
1122 Sunrise Beach Road
Crownsville, Maryland 21032
Phone: 410-923-6981
FAX: 410-987-3920

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
11301 Crain Highway
Post Office Box 10
Cheltenham, Maryland 20623
Phone: 301-372-6398
FAX: 301-782-7310

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery
1122 Sunrise Beach Rd.
Crownsville, MD 21032
(410) 987-6320 or (301) 962-4700
FAX (410) 987-3920

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery
6827 E. New Market Ellwood Rd.
Hurlock, MD 21643
(410) 943-3420
FAX (410) 943-3680

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
11501 Garrison Forest Rd.
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
(410) 363-6090
FAX (410) 363-1533

Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery
14205 Pleasant Valley Rd., NE
Flintstone, MD 21530
(301) 777-2185
FAX (301) 777-2402

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial
Cemeteries
Department of Veterans' Services
239 Causeway Street, Ste. 100
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 727-3578, Ext. 108
FAX (617) 727-5903

Massachusetts State Veterans
Cemetery Agawam
1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001
(413) 821-9500
FAX (413) 831-9838

MINNESOTA

Minnesota State Veterans
Cemetery
15550 Hwy 115
Little Falls, MN 56345
(320) 616-2527
FAX (320) 616-2529

MISSOURI

St. James Missouri Veterans Home
Cemetery
620 N. Jefferson St.
James, MO 65559
(573) 265-3271
FAX (573) 265-5771

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery
(Higginsville)
20109 Bus. Hwy 13
Higginsville, Missouri 64037
(660) 584-5252
FAX (660) 584-9525

Missouri Veterans Cemetery
(Springfield)
5201 South Southwood Rd.
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 823-3944
FAX (417) 823-0252

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery
(Bloomfield)
17357 Stars and Strips Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825
(573) 568-3871

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery
(Jacksonville)
1479 County Rd. 1675
Jacksonville, MO 65260
(660) 295-4237
FAX (660) 295-4259

MONTANA

State Veterans Cemetery
Fort William H. Harrison
P. O. Box 5715
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 324-3740
FAX (406) 324-3745

Eastern Montana Veterans
Cemetery
Hwy 59 and Cemetery Road
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 234-3123

Montana Veterans Home
Cemetery
P.O. Box 250
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
(406) 892-3256
FAX (406) 892-2342

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Veterans Home
Cemetery Burkett Station
2300 West Capital Ave.
Grand Island, NE 68803
(308) 385-6252, Ext. 230
FAX (308) 385-6257

NEVADA

Nevada Office of Veterans
Services
1201 Terminal Way, Room 108
Reno, NV 89520
(775) 688-1155
FAX (775) 688-1656

Northern Nevada Veterans
Memorial
Cemetery
P.O. Box 1919, 14 Veterans Way
Fernley, NV 89408
(775) 575-4441
FAX (775) 575-5713

Southern Nevada Veterans
Memorial Cemetery
1900 Buchanan Blvd.
Boulder City, NV 89005
(702) 486-5920
FAX (702) 486-5923

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire State Veterans
Cemetery
110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Rt. 3
Boscawen, NH 03303
(603) 796-2026, Ext. 100
FAX (603) 796-6300

NEW JERSEY

Brigadier General William C. Doyle
Veterans Memorial Cemetery
350 Provenceline Rd., Rt. #2
Wrightstown, NJ 08562
(609) 758-7250
FAX (609) 758-0169

NORTH CAROLINA

Western Carolina State Veterans
Cemetery
962 Old US 70 Hwy
Black Mountain, NC 28711
(828) 669-0684
FAX (828) 669-0685

Coastal Carolina State Veterans
Cemetery
P.O. Box 1486
Jacksonville, NC 28541
(910) 347-4550/3570
FAX (910) 347-3570

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
P.O. Box 39 (Mail)
400 Murchison Rd.
Spring Lake, NC 28390
(910) 436-5630/5635
FAX (910) 436-5727

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
1825 46th St.
Mandan, ND 58554
(701) 667-1418
FAX (701) 667-1419

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery
3501 Military Circle
Oklahoma City, OK 73111-4398
(405) 228-5334
FAX (405) 425-8583

OHIO

Ohio Veterans Home Cemetery
3416 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, OH 44870
(419) 625-2454 x200
FAX (419) 625-3207

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Soldiers & Sailors
Home Cemetery
P.O. Box 6239
560 East Third St.
Erie, PA 16512-6239
(814) 871-4531
FAX (814) 871-4617

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery
301 So. County Trail
Exeter, RI 02822-9712
(401) 268-3088
FAX (401) 295-8797

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Veterans Home
Cemetery
2500 Minnekahta Ave.
Hot Springs, SD 57747-1199
(605) 745-5127
FAX (605) 745-5547

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs

215 Eighth Ave., North
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 741-4790

East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

5901 Lyons View Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919
(865) 594-6776
FAX (865) 594-5181

Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

7931 McCrory Lane
Nashville, TN 37221
(615) 532-2238
FAX (615) 532-2241

West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill/Irene Rd.
Memphis, TN 38125
(901) 543-7005
FAX (901) 543-7141

TEXAS

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 South Hwy 195
Killeen, TX 76542
(512) 463-5977

UTAH

Utah State Veterans Cemetery

17111 S. Camp Williams Rd.
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 254-9036
FAX (801) 254-5756

VERMONT

Vermont Veterans Home War Memorial Cemetery

325 North St.
Bennington, VT 05620-4401
(802) 442-6353
FAX (802) 447-2757

Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery

118 State St., Drawer 20
Montpelier, VT 05602-4401
(802) 828-3379
FAX (802) 828-5932

VIRGINIA

Virginia Veterans Cemetery

10300 Pridesville Rd.
Amelia, VA 23002
(804) 561-1475
FAX (804) 561-1455

WASHINGTON

Washington Soldiers Home Colony & Cemetery

1301 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy
Orting, WA 98360
(360) 893-4500

Washington Veterans Home Cemetery

P.O. Box 698
Retsil, WA 98378
(360) 895-4700
FAX (360) 895-4719

WISCONSIN

Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
N2665, Hwy QQ
King, WI 54946
(715) 258-5586 x2203
FAX (715) 258-5736

Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
North 4063 Wildcat Rd.
Spooner, WI 54801
(715) 635-5360

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery
21731 Spring St.
Union Grove, WI 53182
(262) 878-5660
FAX (262) 878-5664

WYOMING

Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery
89 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 669
Evansville, WY 82636
(307) 235-6673
FAX (307) 235-6211

TERRITORIES

Guam Veterans Cemetery
Department of Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 2950
Agana, Guam 96919
(671) 475-6296/7
FAX (671) 472-9626

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