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## **Disabled American Veterans Statement of Policy**

The Disabled American Veterans was founded on the principle that this nation's first duty to veterans is the rehabilitation and welfare of its wartime disabled. This principle envisions:

1. High quality hospital and medical care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans with disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in America's armed forces.
2. Adequate compensation for the loss resulting from such service-connected disabilities.
3. Vocational rehabilitation and/or education to help the disabled veteran prepare for and obtain gainful employment.
4. Enhanced opportunities for employment and preferential job placement so that the remaining ability of the disabled veteran is used productively.
5. Adequate compensation to the surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths are held to be service-connected under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
6. Enhanced outreach to ensure that all disabled veterans receive all benefits they have earned and that the American people understand and respect the needs these veterans encounter as a result of their disabilities.

It, therefore, follows that we will not take action on any resolution that proposes legislation designed to provide benefits for veterans, their surviving spouses and dependents, which are based upon other than wartime service-connected disability.

We shall not oppose legislation beneficial to those veterans not classified as service-connected disabled, except when it is evident that such legislation will jeopardize benefits for service-connected disabled veterans.

While our first duty as an organization is to assist the service-connected disabled, their surviving spouses and dependents, we shall within the limits of our resources assist others in filing, perfecting and prosecuting their claims for benefits.

Since this represents the principle upon which our organization was founded and since it is as sound at this time as it was in 1920, we hereby reaffirm this principle as the policy for the Disabled American Veterans.



# **RULES OF THE CONVENTION**

## **(Amended 2017)**

### **ARTICLE 3 - NATIONAL CONVENTION**

#### **Section 3.10: Rules of the Convention**

**Rule 1:** Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will govern except as hereafter specifically stated.

**Rule 2:** To be recognized, a delegate to the Convention must (1) stand, (2) address the chair as "Comrade Commander," (3) state his or her name and the chapter, state department or his or her title, and (4) proceed only after recognition by the Chair.

**Rule 3:** Debate shall be limited to 5 minutes for each speaker, except by a two-thirds consent of the body.

**Rule 4:** Not more than two delegates from any one chapter delegation shall be permitted to discuss any one subject, except by a two-thirds consent of the body.

**Rule 5:** Recognition shall be granted only once to any one speaker on any one subject, except that a rebuttal of not more than 3 minutes may be permitted. Additional recognition may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the body.

**Rule 6:** No person who has talked for or against any motion, resolution, or report on the Convention floor shall be permitted to make a motion to table it. A motion to table is not debatable and shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the body. A tabled motion may be taken from the table, for reconsideration, by a majority vote of the body.

**Rule 7 (a):** Resolutions from chapters and state departments must be submitted to and received at the office of the National Adjutant in electronic or printed form, signed by the sponsoring chapter or state department, not later than fourteen days prior to the opening of the National Convention.

**(b):** Resolutions sponsored by chapters must have the approval of the department executive committee or state convention, except where there is no state department, in which event resolutions may be submitted to National Headquarters for transmittal to the Convention Committee on Assignment and Coordination.

#### **Composition of Committees and Meetings**

**Rule 8 (a):** Each Convention committee shall be composed of one member or alternate from each of the national districts and one member or alternate from the Blind Veterans' National Chapter.

**(b):** Each National Executive Committee Member shall on the day before the opening session of the Convention have posted the time and place of the first meeting of the delegates in such district. Such meeting may be held on the day prior to the opening session of the Convention but must be held no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first business day of the Convention. At such meeting the delegates in each district shall elect one member and one alternate for each convention committee and shall not later than 10:00 a.m. on the first business day of the Convention advise the National Adjutant of such election; otherwise, the National Commander shall designate the membership of such committees. The National Commander, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, shall appoint no more than two advisors to each Convention committee, whose duties it shall be to call as soon as possible, and attend, the first meeting of such committee, and also to

receive resolutions pertaining to such committee. Advisors will be assigned to each committee because of their knowledge of the subject matter under consideration. They may enter into committee discussions without the privilege of voting. They are subject to the call of the committee for advice and counsel. At the first meeting, the members of each Convention committee shall elect a chairman and a secretary by majority vote.

**(c):** The National Commander shall appoint a Committee on Assignment and Coordination at least 48 hours prior to the opening session of the Convention, and shall deliver all resolutions to such Committee for speedy reference to the appropriate Convention committee. Resolutions shall be delivered or referred to the appropriate Convention committee advisors by 8:00 a.m. on the first business day of the Convention, regardless of whether all districts have elected their members to Convention committees so long as a majority of the districts has elected its members to Convention committees. The Convention committees may meet, consider and act on resolutions starting with the first day of the Convention, regardless of whether all districts have elected their members to such committees so long as a majority of the districts have done so.

**Rule 9 (a):** No resolution can be discussed by the Convention until the same has been reported by a Convention Committee, except by unanimous consent. Resolutions referred to, but not favorably reported by such committee, are in order and may be called up for consideration by proponents when a motion to discharge the committee has been made but before it has been acted upon. The Chair will advise the delegates when to make their request.

**(b):** If such resolution proposes to amend the Constitution or Bylaws, it may not be considered unless the proponent had it read at the time the resolutions favorably reported by the Convention Constitution and Bylaws Committee were read to the Convention in accordance with Section 3.10, Rule 21 (d).

**Rule 10:** Convention committees may originate such resolutions as they desire to sponsor, which pertain to the subject with which they are charged.

**Rule 11:** Each chapter delegation shall select a chairman who shall announce the vote of the delegation.

**Rule 12:** In viva voce voting on any subject before the Convention, no person shall participate except fully accredited delegates or alternates acting as delegates, who have registered and paid the registration fee. Visitors shall be segregated.

**Rule 13:** In case any delegation is entitled to cast more votes than the number of delegates present, the vote of those absent shall be cast in the same proportion as the votes of those present.

**Rule 14:** Voting shall be viva voce, except in the case of the election of national officers, and except when a roll call is demanded by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Convention, or by at least 25 delegation units, but not more than 5 from any one state department; provided, however, that the election of national officers may be made by viva voce when there is no contest. All roll calls shall be in alphabetical order by states in odd-numbered years, and in reverse alphabetical order in even-numbered years.



**Rule 15:** Nominations for national officers shall be made by the Committee on Nomination of National Officers and from the floor.

**Rule 16:** Only one nominating speech and only one seconding speech shall be permitted for each candidate for an elective national office.

**Rule 17:** In the event two or more candidates are nominated for the same office, roll calls shall continue until completed. The candidate receiving a majority vote of the body shall be elected.

**Rule 18:** Discussion of personal grievances, local conditions, or claims concerning one individual only, with respect to his or her personal interest, shall not be in order before the convention, but may be discussed before the committees of the convention with the approval of the respective committees.

**Rule 19:** The national officers shall serve as the officers of the Convention. The National Adjutant shall serve as the Adjutant and Secretary of the Convention.

**Rule 20:** The National Sergeant at Arms shall be the Sergeant at Arms of the Convention. He or she shall be assisted by Assistant Sergeants at Arms, appointed by the National Commander.

### **The Convention Committees**

**Rule 21:** The following committees are hereby provided as the standing committees of the Convention: They shall meet at the call of the Convention, the National Commander, the chairman of the committee, or the committee advisors. After the first meeting, each committee secretary shall notify all committee members, the Committee on Assignment and Coordination, and the National Adjutant as to time and place of each meeting. Each committee chairman shall report the conclusions of his or her committee in writing and return all resolutions to the Committee on Assignment and Coordination for the purpose of having partial or final committee reports placed on the convention agenda. Each committee chairman shall present his or her committee's report to the Convention when called for by the Chair, the report to be signed by a majority of the committee.

**(a): Credentials Committee:** This Committee shall in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws and the Convention Rules determine the eligibility of all persons seated and voting in the National Convention and shall specifically notify the Convention and the delegates as to the number of votes to which each delegation is entitled.

**(b): Committee on General Resolutions and Membership:** This Committee shall consider all matters which are not covered by the resolutions referable to other committees of this Convention, and shall formulate and give expressions of thanks, appreciation and condolences, in resolution form. It shall consider all matters referred to it which pertain to citizenship, Americanism, national defense or the security of the United States. It shall consider all matters concerning membership activities and eligibility requirements and all other matters in which public and private agencies charged with the improvement of disabled veterans and their dependents are concerned.

**(c): Committee on Legislation and Veterans Rights:** This Committee shall consider all resolutions proposing or requiring

legislation on compensation, pensions, legal and guardianship matters and appeals, as well as on all matters of policy and procedure with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, including problems involving National Service Life Insurance. It shall consider all resolutions not requiring legislation on compensation, pensions, legal and guardianship matters and appeals.

**(d): Committee on Constitution and Bylaws:** This Committee shall give consideration to those resolutions which pertain to the proposed amendments to the National Constitution and the National Bylaws. It shall give advice to National Headquarters on the Official Ritual and also consider all matters relative to DAV auxiliaries and other subordinate units of the Disabled American Veterans insofar as they may affect proposed amendments to the National Constitution and Bylaws. All proposed amendments shall be presented to the Convention no later than the second day prior to the scheduled day of adjournment of the Convention, and voting thereon shall begin the following business day, except proposals referred to that committee by other convention committees too late for presentation on that date, or resolutions originating in the committee; such amendments shall be presented and voted upon on the day of adjournment.

**(e): Committee on Employment:** This Committee shall consider all matters concerning all forms of employment of disabled veterans as well as preference rights in examination, appointments, retention, promotions or employment or reemployment rights in Federal Civil Service and in state, county, and city governments. This Committee will also consider matters relating to vocational rehabilitation, education and training for veterans and their eligible dependents.

**(f): Committee on Hospital and Voluntary Services:** This Committee shall consider questions concerning the standards of medical care delivery by VA hospitals and outpatient clinics, and all matters pertaining to the DAV voluntary service programs.

**(g): Committee on Nomination of National Officers:** This Committee shall consider and present to the National Convention a slate of candidates which it shall nominate for national officers.

**Rule 22 (a): Committee Reports:** Convention committee reports covering favorably considered resolutions must be submitted by reference to their number, and a brief statement as to their content.

**(b):** The final report of the Credentials Committee, the report of the Committee on Nomination of National Officers, and the election of national officers as designated in Article 7, Section 7.1 of these Bylaws, shall be in that order, the last order of business, on the last day of the Convention.

**Rule 23:** All National Executive Committee Members shall be provided all proposed resolutions to all Convention Committees before the convening of their respective District meetings.





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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** DAV 98th National Convention Delegates, Members,  
and Guests

**FROM:** J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant

**SUBJECT:** DAV 2018 Financial Information and 2020 Proposed Budget

**DATE:** August 2, 2019

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Attached are Disabled American Veterans' (DAV) General and Life Membership Fund financial information for the year ending December 31, 2018. The complete financial statements have been audited by Deloitte & Touche, LLP and received an unqualified opinion. Copies of the audited financial statements and independent auditors' report are available upon request from DAV National Headquarters.

Some financial highlights are as follows:

- DAV spent \$235.2 million on Program Services, representing 84.5% of Total Expenses and demonstrating DAV's continued commitment of service to ill and injured veterans and their families. It also significantly exceeds the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance's (BBB WGA) minimum requirement of 65%.
- DAV incurred \$34.3 million in Fund Raising costs to raise Total Support of \$260.2 million. Our Fundraising Staff continued to implement strategic changes in campaign timing and design and new sources of support. The resulting fund raising ratio of 13.2% demonstrates the efficiency of our fund raising program and is considerably lower than the BBB WGA's maximum limitation of 35%.
- Our Unrestricted Net Assets (net worth) were \$312.8 million at December 31, 2018.

The DAV 2018 Annual Report can be viewed at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

Also find attached DAV's 2020 proposed budget which was approved by the DAV Board of Directors on May 22, 2019, and the Treasurer will present to the Convention Body for ratification during this National Convention.

J. MARC BURGESS  
National Adjutant

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Disabled American Veterans  
National Headquarters  
Statement of Financial Position  
As of December 31

NEC Exhibit 1

	2018	2017	Variance From Last Year	% Variance From Last Year
Unrestricted Net Assets				
Cash	\$4,007,915	\$6,128,898	(\$2,120,983)	-34.61%
Short Term Investments	10,269,104	11,059,107	(790,002)	-7.14%
Accounts Receivable	5,552,329	4,996,234	556,096	11.13%
Inventory	1,913,832	2,145,946	(232,114)	-10.82%
Prepaid Expense	4,470,753	4,913,504	(442,751)	-9.01%
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>26,213,933</b>	<b>29,243,688</b>	<b>(3,029,755)</b>	<b>-10.36%</b>
Long Term Investments				
Cost	314,816,986	317,307,457	(2,490,471)	-0.78%
Accum Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	38,222,348	76,839,237	(38,616,889)	-50.26%
<b>Market Value</b>	<b>353,039,333</b>	<b>394,146,694</b>	<b>(41,107,360)</b>	<b>-10.43%</b>
Fixed Assets				
Land, Buildings & Equipment	42,088,161	40,195,521	1,892,639	4.71%
Accumulated Depreciation	(34,218,285)	(32,276,760)	(1,941,526)	6.02%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>7,869,875</b>	<b>7,918,762</b>	<b>(48,886)</b>	<b>-0.62%</b>
Other Assets	183,000	383,000	(200,000)	-52.22%
Endowment Investments				
Cost	3,426,459	0	3,426,459	0.00%
Accum Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(256,585)	0	(256,585)	0.00%
Market Value	3,169,874	0	3,169,874	0.00%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>390,476,016</b>	<b>431,692,144</b>	<b>(41,216,128)</b>	<b>-9.55%</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Accounts Payable	6,994,022	12,221,435	(5,227,414)	-42.77%
Accrued Salaries	3,074,521	2,788,723	285,798	10.25%
Accrued Pension	16,129,057	14,974,203	1,154,854	7.71%
Postretirement Obligation	47,750,818	52,326,224	(4,575,406)	-8.74%
Deferred Income	3,696,045	7,426,844	(3,730,798)	-50.23%
Other Liabilities	15,097	218,690	(203,593)	-93.10%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>77,659,560</b>	<b>89,956,119</b>	<b>(12,296,560)</b>	<b>-13.67%</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Without Donor Restrictions				
Unrestricted Net Assets	307,318,279	341,736,025	(34,417,746)	-10.07%
With Donor Restrictions				
Purpose Restrictions	2,325,955	0	2,325,955	0.00%
Endowments	3,172,223	0	3,172,223	0.00%
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	5,498,178	0	5,498,178	0.00%
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>312,816,457</b>	<b>341,736,025</b>	<b>(28,919,568)</b>	<b>-8.46%</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>390,476,016</b>	<b>431,692,144</b>	<b>(41,216,128)</b>	<b>-9.55%</b>



Disabled American Veterans  
National Headquarters  
Statement of Activities  
January 1 to December 31

NEC Exhibit 2

	Without Donor Restrctions	With Donor Restrictions Purpose Restrictions	Endowment Funds	2018 Total	2017	Variance From Last Year	% Variance From Last Year
<b>Support</b>							
Direct Marketing Contributions	\$84,587,591	\$564,393		\$85,151,984	\$89,716,457	(\$4,564,473)	-5.09%
Corporate Development	864,471	2,431,014		3,295,485	1,553,911	1,741,574	112.08%
Development Support	21,988,421	1,363,783	1,562,953	24,915,157	13,797,699	11,117,458	80.57%
Miscellaneous Contributions	79,761	8,448,693		8,528,454	3,118,462	5,409,992	173.48%
Contributed Services and Facilities	47,135,258			47,135,258	47,929,003	(793,745)	-1.66%
Contributed Media and Materials	91,195,809			91,195,809	88,454,605	2,741,204	3.10%
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	10,481,928	(10,481,928)					
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>256,333,238</b>	<b>2,325,955</b>	<b>1,562,953</b>	<b>260,222,146</b>	<b>244,570,136</b>	<b>15,652,010</b>	<b>6.40%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>							
Membership Dues	6,983,481			6,983,481	6,951,769	31,712	0.46%
Net Investment Return							
Investment Income	9,492,612		47,073	9,539,684	8,799,735	739,950	8.41%
Realized Gain/Loss	10,254,623		(4,431)	10,250,193	11,385,959	(1,135,766)	-9.98%
Unrealized Gain/Loss	(38,616,889)		(256,585)	(38,873,475)	33,188,221	(72,061,695)	-217.13%
List Royalties	814,412			814,412	566,549	247,862	43.75%
Miscellaneous Income	974,068			974,068	891,955	82,113	9.21%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(10,097,694)</b>		<b>(213,943)</b>	<b>(10,311,637)</b>	<b>61,784,188</b>	<b>(72,095,825)</b>	<b>-116.69%</b>
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>246,235,545</b>	<b>2,325,955</b>	<b>1,349,010</b>	<b>249,910,509</b>	<b>306,354,324</b>	<b>(56,443,815)</b>	<b>-18.42%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
National Service Program	42,645,301			42,645,301	41,799,165	846,136	2.02%
Employment Program	1,529,399			1,529,399	1,449,858	79,540	5.49%
Legislative	2,189,205			2,189,205	2,033,071	156,134	7.68%
Voluntary Services	48,228,765			48,228,765	48,031,268	197,497	0.41%
Disaster, State Service & Memorials	6,078,928			6,078,928	5,986,607	92,321	1.54%
Communication	6,968,973			6,968,973	6,795,500	173,473	2.55%
DAV Magazine	2,112,749			2,112,749	2,025,691	87,059	4.30%
Public Service Announcement Program, primarily Contributed Medi	91,958,174			91,958,174	89,675,009	2,283,165	2.55%
Membership Services							
Membership Department	4,420,782			4,420,782	5,478,641	(1,057,859)	-19.31%
Nat'l Commander & Committees	638,263			638,263	681,348	(43,085)	-6.32%
Convention	532,735			532,735	755,670	(222,935)	-29.50%
Public Awareness	26,591,204			26,591,204	28,157,034	(1,565,830)	-5.56%
5K Events	1,332,170			1,332,170	1,518,005	(185,835)	-12.24%
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>235,226,648</b>			<b>235,226,648</b>	<b>234,386,867</b>	<b>839,780</b>	<b>0.36%</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>							
Direct Marketing	30,647,412			30,647,412	33,083,657	(2,436,245)	-7.36%
Corporate Development	502,924			502,924	492,198	10,726	2.18%
Development Support	1,411,204			1,411,204	1,198,730	212,474	17.72%
Remittance Processing	528,808			528,808	550,219	(21,412)	-3.89%
Donor Relations	1,218,499			1,218,499	1,036,250	182,250	17.59%



**Disabled American Veterans**  
**Life Membership Fund**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31**

	YTD 12/31/2018	YTD 11/30/2018	Last YTD 12/31/2017	Variance From Last Month	Variance From Last Year
Unrestricted Net Assets					
Cash	\$2,251,514	\$1,929,540	\$2,137,951	\$321,974	\$113,562
Accrued Interest and Dividends	17,888	0	0	17,888	17,888
Accounts Receivable	2,627	0	445	2,627	2,182
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2,272,028</b>	<b>1,929,540</b>	<b>2,138,396</b>	<b>342,488</b>	<b>133,632</b>
Long Term Investments					
Cost	38,228,722	37,862,670	41,268,735	366,052	(3,040,013)
Accum Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	4,613,033	7,355,092	10,228,938	(2,742,060)	(5,615,906)
<b>Market Value</b>	<b>42,841,755</b>	<b>45,217,762</b>	<b>51,497,674</b>	<b>(2,376,007)</b>	<b>(8,655,919)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>45,113,783</b>	<b>47,147,302</b>	<b>53,636,070</b>	<b>(2,033,519)</b>	<b>(8,522,287)</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Accounts Payable Trade	8,175	0	15,796	8,175	(7,621)
Accounts Payable Interco	124,884	110,523	134,769	14,361	(9,885)
Accounts Payable Depts	51,196	46,809	122,552	4,387	(71,356)
Accounts Payable Chapters	84,130	84,168	19,528	(38)	64,602
Collections In Suspense	(540)	(540)	(540)	0	0
Accounts Payable Misc	64,615	60,124	29,994	4,491	34,621
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>332,460</b>	<b>301,085</b>	<b>322,098</b>	<b>31,375</b>	<b>10,362</b>
Life Membership Reserve					
Life Membership Reserve	44,781,323	46,846,217	53,313,972	(2,064,894)	(8,532,649)
<b>Total Life Membership Reserve</b>	<b>44,781,323</b>	<b>46,846,217</b>	<b>53,313,972</b>	<b>(2,064,894)</b>	<b>(8,532,649)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; LIFE MEMBERSHIP RESERVE</b>	<b>45,113,783</b>	<b>47,147,302</b>	<b>53,636,070</b>	<b>(2,033,519)</b>	<b>(8,522,287)</b>



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED SUPPORT, REVENUE & EXPENSES  
CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BUDGET

	<i><b>BUDGET 2020</b></i>
<b>Support</b>	
Direct Marketing Contributions	91,253,170
Corporate Development	2,399,991
Development Support	18,692,600
Miscellaneous Contributions	8,180,548
Contributed Services and Facilities	46,235,400
Contributed Media and Materials	50,040,500
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>216,802,209</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Membership Dues	6,227,700
Net Investment Return	
Investment Income	8,822,400
Budgeted Incremental Spending Rate Addition	10,774,200
List Royalties	600,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,245,404
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>27,669,704</b>
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>244,471,913</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
National Service Program	43,689,872
Employment Program	1,656,350
Legislative	2,092,290
Voluntary Services	47,443,050
Disaster, State Service & Memorials	5,133,208
Communication	6,856,980
DAV Magazine	2,174,750
Public Service Announcement Program	51,420,000
Membership Services	
Membership Department	5,780,370
Nat'l Commander & Committees	659,500
Convention	826,375
Public Awareness	29,029,250
5K Events	200,050
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>196,962,045</b>
Fund Raising	
Direct Marketing	32,450,987
Corporate Development	779,200
Development Support	2,247,800
Remittance Processing	582,400
Donor Relations	1,436,425
Total Fundraising Costs	37,496,812
Administration	10,013,056
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>47,509,868</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>244,471,913</b>
Change in Net Assets Before Pension & Post-Retirement Benefit Changes	0
Pension & Post-Retirement Benefit Changes	(2,400,000)
<b>Total Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(2,400,000)</b>





## ESTATE GIVING SEMINAR

# DREAMING BEYOND THIS WORLD

## Leave a Lasting Legacy of Your Love and Care for Veterans

Monday, August 5, 4:00 p.m. | Conway, Level 1

Learn how ordinary people like you are doing extraordinary things through their estate plans, ensuring DAV stays strong for future generations while first taking care of their loved ones. Bequests and other estate gifts are more than one third of DAV's net revenue, and are increasingly important to our work. These are the most important gifts most people can ever make.

This seminar will highlight:

- 15-minute estate gifts: beneficiary designations through retirement plans, financial accounts, or beneficiary designations;
- Ways to create or update a will at no cost;
- Charitable gift annuities: gifts that provide a generous fixed income, plus tax benefits;
- IRA and stock gifts: tax-wise gifts that are often overlooked;
- Real estate gifts today, or through your estate plans; and
- Recognition opportunities, including through the Guardian Society.

Attendees will receive a **free** Estate Planning folder.

Can't attend? Visit the Fundraising table in the Gatlin Pre-Function area to receive a folder.

# WE SUPPORT VICTORIES FOR VETERANS



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED





## Services DAV provides to veterans and their families

### National Service Program

DAV service officers offer counseling on veterans benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including disability compensation, health care, pension, survivors' benefits, employment rights, education and more.

DAV also provides disaster relief to disabled veterans affected by catastrophes such as tornadoes, hurricanes or floods.

In about 100 offices throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico, DAV employs a corps of professional benefits experts who represent veterans and their families with claims for benefits from the VA, the Department of Defense and other government agencies.

All of the professional services DAV provides are offered at no cost or obligation to veterans, their families and survivors of all generations. Veterans do not have to join DAV to benefit from our mission. DAV service offices can be contacted through [dav.org](http://dav.org).

### National Employment Program

The journey from injury to recovery is not complete until a veteran is able to find meaning in his or her life. For those who are able, that means getting back to work to care for their families. As the nation winds down from more than a decade of war, thousands are making the transition from military to civilian life.

DAV is committed to ensuring the men and women who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment.

DAV's employment program connects transitioning active duty, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their spouses with employers.

Through our traditional VA benefits and claims assistance available at hiring expos and by co-hosting Veterans Career Fairs, DAV is helping to address one of the greatest needs facing our nation's heroes. Information on employment services and a schedule of career fairs can be found at [jobs.dav.org](http://jobs.dav.org).



## Legislative Program

As a nonpartisan organization, it is DAV's policy to seek reasonable, responsible legislation to assist disabled veterans and their families and survivors.

Concentrating on issues such as disability compensation, medical care, employment and training programs, burial benefits, education, and survivors' benefits, DAV's legislative goals are set by the organization's members.

## Voluntary Services Program

DAV provides a wide range of services for veterans that include transportation to medical appointments, support in VA medical facilities and special assistance to veterans in need in communities nationwide.

Interested volunteer drivers and those who would like to work in VA medical facilities can email [vavs@dav.org](mailto:vavs@dav.org) to learn more about opportunities in your area.

Veterans with special needs, their caregivers and those interested in community support can visit [volunteerforveterans.org](http://volunteerforveterans.org).

These services can be as simple as helping veterans or caregivers with home maintenance to participating in initiatives that assist our nation's heroes at the local level.



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## What is DAV?

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is a nonprofit organization of more than 1 million U.S. military veterans who suffered some degree of disability while serving in time of war or armed conflict. DAV was founded in 1920 and chartered by Congress in 1932.

### Membership Program

Membership is the lifeblood of DAV. Our community of more than 1 million veterans stands together to ensure our nation keeps its promises to the men and women who served our country. At no time since DAV was formed by World War I veterans has the fight for the future of veterans care and benefits been more critical. Joining and supporting DAV helps us protect the health, disability and financial benefits that veterans have earned.

DAV members get exclusive discounts and benefits, stay informed through a free subscription to *DAV Magazine* and support DAV's mission by showing lawmakers you're willing to stand up for veterans.

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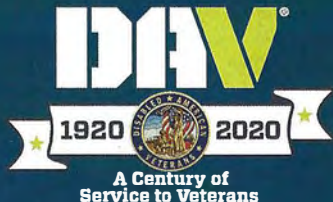
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A Century of  
Service to Veterans

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DAV is turning 100! Will you join us in our celebration by pledging your birthday to DAV in 2020? Instead of getting gifts on your birthday, ask your friends and family to donate to DAV. When you do, you're helping ill and injured veterans across the country. For 100 years DAV has been empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. Join us in 2020 and give your birthday party a purpose.

[DAV.ORG/BIRTHDAY](https://dva.org/birthday)





# All honorably discharged Veterans are eligible to shop their military exchanges online, tax-free for life.

*This benefit saves Veterans money  
and helps the military community by  
generating earnings in support of  
critical Quality-of-Life programs.*

*Verify your eligibility today at  
[ShopMyExchange.com/Vets](http://ShopMyExchange.com/Vets)*

**WELCOME HOME, VETERANS**



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**Starting January 1, 2020  
the Department of Defense  
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exchange and commissary  
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- **PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS**
- **FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR**
- **ALL VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES**
- **CAREGIVERS OR FAMILY CAREGIVERS REGISTERED AS THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER FOR A VETERAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

*Information is available at [ShopMyExchange.com/Vets](https://ShopMyExchange.com/Vets)*

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## MEMBERSHIP BY NATIONAL COMMANDER TERMS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>ELECTED AT</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>LIFE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1921-1922	Robert S. Marx	Detroit	17,486		17,486
1922-1923	C. Hamilton Cook	San Francisco	43,388		43,388
1923-1924	James McFarland	Minneapolis	44,255		44,255
1924-1925	Frank J. Irwin	Salt Lake City	37,813		37,813
1925-1926	John W. Mahan	Omaha	29,123		29,123
1926-1927	John V. Clinnin	Atlanta	22,676		22,676
1927-1928	William E. Tate	El Paso	23,691		23,691
1928-1929	Millard W. Rice	Denver	25,780		25,780
1929-1930	William J. Murphy	Detroit	32,827		32,827
1930-1931	Herrnan H. Weirner	New Orleans	42,980		42,980
1931-1932	E. Claude Babcock	Wilkes-Barre	47,215		47,215
1932-1933	William Conley	San Diego	41,426		41,426
1933-1934	Joe W. McQueen	Cincinnati	39,926		39,926
1934-1935	Volney P. Mooney, Jr.	Colorado Springs	39,226		39,226
1935-1936	Marvin A. Harlan	New Haven	42,737		42,737
1936-1937	M. Froome Barbour	Milwaukee	44,471		44,471
1937-1938	Maple T. Harl	Columbus	39,093		39,093
1938-1939	Owen A. Galvin	Grand Rapids	31,745	10,325	42,070
1939-1940	Lewis J. Murphy	Boston	25,433	16,021	41,454
1940-1941	Vincent Schoeck	Green Bay	22,584	18,963	41,547
1941-1942	Lawrence R. Melton	Louisville	21,648	21,272	42,920
1942-1943	William Dodd	----	22,828	21,358	44,186
1943-1944	James L. Monnaham	New York	29,329	24,203	53,532
1944-1945	Milton D. Cohn	Denver	48,031	25,514	73,545
1945-1946	Dow V. Walker	Chicago	76,712	28,322	105,034
1946-1947	Lloyd F. Oleson	Portland	96,041	31,000	127,041
1947-1948	John L. Golob	Las Vegas	100,868	33,655	134,523
1948-1949	Jonathan Wainwright	New York	105,321	36,040	141,361
1949-1950	David M. Brown	Cleveland	116,979	39,804	156,783
1950-1951	Boniface R. Maile	San Francisco	114,908	43,695	158,603
1951-1952	Ewing W. Mays	Milwaukee	119,300	50,154	169,454
1952-1953	Floyd L. Ming	Boston	126,430	56,793	183,223
1953-1954	Howard W. Watts	Kansas City	126,338	61,161	187,499
1954-1955	Alfred L. English	Miami Beach	128,546	63,539	192,085
1955-1956	Maj. Gen. Melvin Maas	Des Moines	127,187	64,390	191,577
1956-1957	Joseph F. Burke	San Antonio	131,385	65,375	196,760
1957-1958	Paul E. Frederick	Buffalo	132,650	65,974	198,624
1958-1959	David B. Williams	Louisville	139,720	68,342	208,062
1959-1960	Bill H. Fribley	Miami Beach	134,817	72,825	207,642
1960-1961	William O. Cooper	Seattle	132,520	76,361	208,881
1961-1962	Francis R. Buono	St. Louis	129,623	79,544	209,167
1962-1963	Peter L. Dye	Atlantic City	131,398	82,219	213,617
1963-1964	Douglas L. McGarrity	Miami Beach	131,263	83,865	215,128
1964-1965	William Dwyer	Phoenix	136,900	86,401	223,301
1965-1966	Claude Callegary	New Orleans	143,221	88,992	232,313
1966-1967	John W. Unger, Sr.	New York	145,194	93,214	238,408
1967-1968	Francis J. Beaton	Denver	144,648	101,156	245,804
1968-1969	Wayne Sheirbon	Philadelphia	150,217	106,404	281,976
1969-1970	Raymond P. Neal	Miami Beach	166,473	113,702	295,112

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1970-1971	Cecil W. Stevenson	Los Angeles	213,005	132,148	352,766
1971-1972	Edward T. Conroy	Detroit	220,809	143,420	377,779
1972-1973	Jack O. Hicks	St. Louis	241,656	156,261	426,837
1973-1974	John T. Soave	Miami Beach	263,052	165,889	452,839
1974-1975	Walter T. Greaney	New Orleans	269,384	206,765	476,149

1975-1976	Lyle C. Pearson	Honolulu	278,466	238,675	517,141
1976-1977	Frank J. Randazzo	Miami Beach	276,464	272,587	549,051
1977-1978	Oliver E. Meadows	Las Vegas	273,057	301,893	574,950
1978-1979	Billy O. Hightower	San Francisco	294,223	328,853	623,076
1979-1980	Paul L. Thompson	Boston	319,740	349,751	669,491
1980-1981	Stan Pealer	Honolulu	332,231	366,429	698,660
1981-1982	Sherman E. Roodzant	Miami Beach	330,720	390,020	720,740
1982-1983	Edward G. Galian	Las Vegas	326,756	460,054	786,810
1983-1984	Dennis A. Joyner	Los Angeles	331,953	551,306	883,259
1984-1985	Chad Colley	Washington, DC	430,280	586,210	1,016,490
1985-1986	Albert H. Linden, Jr.	New Orleans	379,341	672,972	1,052,313
1986-1987	Kenneth G. Musselmann	Reno	315,968	749,493	1,065,461
1987-1988	Gene A. Murphy	Atlanta	261,320	817,223	1,078,543
1988-1989	Billy E. Kirby	Dallas	242,598	869,926	1,112,524
1989-1990	Vernon V. Cardoso	Las Vegas	239,064	907,567	1,146,631
1990-1991	Joseph E. Andry	Anaheim	282,547	910,012	1,192,559
1991-1992	Cleveland Jordan	New Orleans	271,877	942,445	1,214,322
1992-1993	Joseph C. Zengerle	Reno	287,196	951,601	1,238,797
1993-1994	Richard E. Marbes	San Francisco	240,743	904,103	1,196,789

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>ELECTED AT</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>LIFE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1994-1995*	Donald A. Sioos	Chicago	215,822	837,979	1,053,801
1995-1996	Thomas A. McMasters, III	Las Vegas	229,076	853,362	1,082,438
1996-1997	Gregory C. Reed	New Orleans	215,568	871,854	1,087,422
1997-1998	Harry R. McDonald, Jr.	Las Vegas	205,973	884,110	1,090,083
1998-1999	Andrew A. Kistler	Las Vegas	146,657	893,437	1,040,094
1999-2000	Michael E. Dobmeier	Orlando	167,444	904,240	1,071,684
2000-2001	Armando C. Albarran	Reno	279,239	902,469	1,181,708
2001-2002	George H. Steese, Jr.	Miami Beach	335,310	917,283	1,252,593
2002-2003	Edward R. Heath, Sr.	Dallas	306,069	950,526	1,256,595
2003-2004	Alan W. Bowers	New Orleans	310,525	953,656	1,264,181
2004-2005	James E. Sursely	Reno	314,090	986,637	1,300,727
2005-2006	Paul W. Jackson	Las Vegas	362,756	1,006,941	1,369,697
2006-2007	Bradley S. Barton	Chicago	364,631	1,034,292	1,398,923

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>ELECTED AT</u>	<u>TRIAL MEMBERS</u>	<u>PART LIFE MEMBERS</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2007-2008	Robert T. Reynolds	New Orleans	158,585	230,421	1,051,860	1,440,866
2008-2009	Raymond E. Dempsey	Las Vegas	162,884	214,578	876,522	1,253,984
2009-2010	Roberto Barrera	Denver	169,251	214,090	847,306	1,230,647
2010-2011	Wallace E. Tyson	Atlanta	175,318	210,110	836,566	1,221,994
2011-2012	Donald L. Samuels	New Orleans	189,332	206,392	826,297	1,222,021
2012-2013	Larry A. Polzin	Las Vegas	197,920	212,685	837,545	1,248,150
2013-2014	Joseph W. Johnston	Orlando	207,173	215,572	856,646	1,279,391
2014-2015	Ron F. Hope	Las Vegas	213,118	217,788	870,633	1,301,539
2015-2016	Moses A. McIntosh, Jr.	Denver	218,573	220,306	883,977	1,322,856
2016-2017	David W. Riley	Atlanta	225,882	218,594	898,380	1,342,856
2017-2018	Delphine Metcalf-Foster	New Orleans	189,585	217,363	912,170	1,319,118
2018-2019	Dennis R. Nixon	Reno	16,526	134,731	899,322	1,050,579

\* DENOTES CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGE DELETING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP





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## MEMBER ADVANTAGES

Did you know that with your DAV membership, you can get **great savings and discounts** from brands such as these?



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Stop by our booth near Gatlin to learn more about these amazing deals.

For more information: [dav.org/membership/member-advantages](http://dav.org/membership/member-advantages)

# A NEW, INTERACTIVE RESOURCE FOR VETERANS

The image shows a woman with red dreadlocks smiling in front of a computer screen. The screen displays the 'MAKE THE CONNECTION' website, which is a resource for veterans. The website has a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'About Us', 'Life After Service', 'Veterans & Support', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Browse Video Gallery' section with a grid of video thumbnails. Some of the thumbnails are labeled with names like 'Tim' and 'BRYAN'. There are also several larger video player windows showing various veterans' stories. One window shows a man in a military uniform, another shows a man in a civilian shirt, and another shows a man in a military uniform. The website also features a search bar and a 'Filter' button.

## MAKE THE CONNECTION

*Shared experiences and support for Veterans*



U.S. Department  
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[www.MakeTheConnection.net](http://www.MakeTheConnection.net)





Transitioning from Service

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PTSD

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Treatment and Recovery

SHARE



### Treatment works and recovery is possible

Hear Veterans just like you tell their stories of strength, resilience, and recovery. Although their individual problems may differ, these Veterans share similar experiences of reaching out for support from loved ones, fellow Veterans, and the professionals at VA. They all were able to find solutions that worked for them and get back on track.

[Watch Now](#) | [See all Stories of Connection](#)

## Information, resources, and Veterans' stories

Powerful personal stories and testimonials from Veterans of all service eras, genders, and backgrounds are at the heart of ***Make the Connection***, illustrating how Veterans and their families face and overcome issues and challenges.

These stories and testimonials, available at this free, completely confidential website, provide compelling examples of the positive outcomes for treatment and recovery, and the many paths to more fulfilling lives.

**Learn more at:**

**[www.MakeTheConnection.net](http://www.MakeTheConnection.net)**



## At *MakeTheConnection.net*, you can:



• **View** hundreds of candid video testimonials told by Veterans and their families

• **Learn** more about the issues you may be facing—and what works to address them

**CUSTOMIZE THIS SITE FOR YOU**

I am ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

I served during

I served in

I was exposed to combat ☐ YES ☐ NO

**CUSTOMIZE NOW** WHAT'S THIS?

• **Customize** content relevant to your own experiences

• **Explore** easy-to-navigate information about finding solutions in plain language



• **Locate** resources, programs, and services near you





## **Your Story. Your Connection.**

***MakeTheConnection.net*** helps Veterans and their families recognize that they are not alone—there are people out there like them who are going through similar experiences, overcoming challenges, reaching positive outcomes for treatment and recovery, and finding paths to fulfilling lives. These messages are conveyed by the most credible sources of all—the voices of other Veterans.

Many of our Nation's Veterans—from those who served in World War II to those who served more recently—can benefit from hearing the stories of others and gaining greater awareness of the resources that are available to help them move forward with their lives.

Join the ***Make the Connection*** online conversation:



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## Veterans Community Care Program

Providing Access to Care When and Where You Need It

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides eligible Veterans with trusted, easy-to-access, high-quality care at VA health care facilities and in the community. Health care is available for Veterans when and where they need it.

### — ★ VA AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WORKING TOGETHER ★ —

Eligible Veterans can use VA health care providers nationwide. Health care professionals in the local community are also proudly caring for Veterans as part of the strong network of providers supporting VA's mission.

### — ★ ACCESSING ROUTINE CARE ★ —

For non-urgent, routine health care needs:

1. **Confirm Eligibility.** To receive care from VA or a community provider, you must be enrolled in VA health care. Apply online, by mail, or in person.
  - For more information, visit: [www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply](http://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply).
2. **Seek Authorization.** If appropriate, a VA provider will refer you to the community network and a timely appointment will be scheduled. Care must be first authorized by VA before you can receive care from a community provider.
3. **Visit the Community Care Provider.** You will go to the appointment where care is authorized. The community care provider then sends medical documentation back to your local VA facility and bills TriWest for services.

### — ★ ACCESSING URGENT CARE ★ —

VA health care includes urgent care access through a network of urgent care and retail locations in the community.

1. **Confirm Eligibility.** To be covered by this benefit, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from VA within the 24 months prior to seeking urgent care. Call toll-free to check eligibility for the Urgent Care Benefit: 1-833-4VETNOW (1-833-483-8669).
2. **Find an Urgent Care/Retail Location in TriWest's Network.** Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) to find a network clinic nearby. If you seek urgent care outside the network, you will not be able to use your VA benefits for urgent care services.
3. **Visit the Clinic.** After seeking the urgent care you need, the community provider then sends medical documentation back to your local VA facility and bills TriWest for services.

Visit [www.va.gov/communitycare](http://www.va.gov/communitycare) or [missionact.va.gov](http://missionact.va.gov) for more details.

Call TriWest **1-855-PCCCVET** (1-855-722-2838)

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# Free flu shots

## to VA-enrolled veterans\*



**For veterans enrolled in the VA health care system,  
getting a flu shot at Walgreens or Duane Reade is easy**

**Be a Flu Fighter today**

1. Fill out the flu vaccination form below.
2. Bring the completed form, your VA ID card and a photo ID to your neighborhood Walgreens or Duane Reade location.
3. Walgreens or Duane Reade will automatically update your VA electronic health record in the VA health care system.

**No-cost flu shots are for quadrivalent flu vaccine only.**

Information below must be completed prior to receiving your shot.

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

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Plan ID: VAFLU

Recipient # (Social Security number): \_\_\_\_\_

Patients will also be asked to complete a vaccine consent form at time of service.

**Walgreens pharmacist:**

- Only veterans enrolled in the VA health care system are eligible. Family members and Tricare members are NOT eligible.
- Verify information by checking VA ID card and a photo ID.
- Use the Social Security number in the Recipient # field.
- This voucher is for quadrivalent vaccine only.

To find a location near you, call 800-WALGREENS (800-925-4733)  
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For questions or more information about the program, call 866-964-1812 or go to  
[www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp)

\*This wellness benefit is only for veterans enrolled in the VA health care system. Family members and Tricare members are not eligible. No-cost flu shot option is for quadrivalent vaccine only, available now through March 31, 2020. Vaccines subject to availability. State-, age- and health-related restrictions may apply. Vaccine may be in limited supply after March 1, 2020. This does not constitute an endorsement of Walgreens or Walgreens products. Patients will also be asked to complete a vaccine consent form at time of service.

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## MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES & TOOLS



Over the past many years, DAV staff have developed numerous tools to help chapters and departments fulfill their roles as DAV custodians in their local communities. In that regard, we ask that you become intimately familiar with the “Membership-Member Only” section of the DAV website [dav.org/membership/members](https://dav.org/membership/members), which contains countless resources and tools designed to help chapters and departments flourish in every aspect of DAV existence. For example:

- Are you looking for ways to increase member activity? The “New Member Orientation Mentoring Guide” and “New Member Orientation Webinar Presentation” were designed to do just that.
- Do you want to get free DAV public service announcements on your local airwaves? The “Chapter and Department Outreach” and “Public Service Advertising Toolkit” sections provide you everything you will need.
- Does your chapter or department need additional funds to operate your free programs and services? The “Drive 4 UR Community” and “Vehicle Donation Toolkit” sections tell you how.
- Do you think an E-Newsletter would be an efficient way to keep your members informed about local DAV initiatives and activities? The “Membership E-Newsletter Toolkit” will help you get it published.
- Does your community need a few more volunteer drivers? Take a look at the “How To Recruit Volunteer Drivers Toolkit”.

These are only a few of the many resources available to help chapters and departments fulfill their essential roles as local DAV ambassadors. It is paramount that our member leaders know these tools were developed specifically for their communities and that DAV’s organizational success is dependent upon their use.

Thank you for your critical roles as both national and local leaders. We know we can count on you.

To learn more about the resources available to you:

Communications Seminar | Monday, August 5 | 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. | Gatlin D (Level 1)



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JOIN US FOR FLAG PLACEMENT THE DAY  
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Each Memorial Day**

**Our Mission**

Our NON-PROFIT MISSION was established on May 14TH, 2012 for the purpose of ensuring an American Flag is placed upon EVERY Veterans Grave Site at EACH National Cemetery in the Country for Memorial Day. Since that date we have placed more than a million flags, at nine National Cemeteries in various states. Four of those Cemeteries are in Florida, and the largest is Florida national in Bushnell. Through Private and Corporate Donations, Volunteerism, and the Education of our Next Generation our organization will work towards NEVER allowing Americans to forget those who have served and sacrificed throughout our Country's History for the Freedoms we enjoy today.

**Flag Placement**

Enrollment Begins in January and can be done directly on our website. Prior to January, you can register on the website "Cemetery Notification Request" and you will be notified when enrollment begins. Flag placement is on the Sunday before Memorial Day and the Flag Removal is on the following Saturday.

**Donations**

Instructions for donations are on the website and may be made via check, credit car, or PayPal.

**[flagsforfallenvets.com](http://flagsforfallenvets.com)**

*We are not here to "decorate graves" We're here to remember not their deaths, but their lives.*

# **Remember Our Fallen Veterans**

*Our Mission is to:*

**Remember  
Honor  
Teach**



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***Florida National Cemetery  
December 14, 2019***



*A person dies twice: once when they take their last breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken.  
**'Say their name'***



Help us to:  
Remember Our Fallen Veterans  
December 14, 2019



## *Remember ~ Honor ~ Teach*

*Please sponsor a wreath today, so we can **Remember** our fallen Veterans, **Honor** those that have served and are serving our great nation, and to **Teach** our children about patriotism, and how our veterans provide the freedom that we enjoy.*

*There are over 100,000 fallen veterans buried at Florida National Cemetery, we would love to place a wreath on each and every grave. Please sponsor a wreath today and join us on December 14, 2019 to Remember our fallen Veterans!*

*Simply go to our web site: [wreathscrossamericabushnell.com](http://wreathscrossamericabushnell.com) or [wreathscrossamerica.org/#0015p](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/#0015p) to learn more about Wreaths Across America and how you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veterans grave. Like us on our Facebook page: Wreaths Across America Bushnell*





## ESTATE GIVING SEMINAR

# DREAMING BEYOND THIS WORLD

## Leave a Lasting Legacy of Your Love and Care for Veterans

Monday, August 5, 4:00 p.m. | Conway, Level 1

Learn how ordinary people like you are doing extraordinary things through their estate plans, ensuring DAV stays strong for future generations while first taking care of their loved ones. Bequests and other estate gifts are more than one third of DAV's net revenue, and are increasingly important to our work. These are the most important gifts most people can ever make.

This seminar will highlight:

- 15-minute estate gifts: beneficiary designations through retirement plans, financial accounts, or beneficiary designations.;
- Ways to create or update a will at no cost;
- Charitable gift annuities: gifts that provide a generous fixed income, plus tax benefits;
- IRA and stock gifts: tax-wise gifts that are often overlooked;
- Real estate gifts today, or through your estate plans; and
- Recognition opportunities, including through the Guardian Society.

Attendees will receive a **free** Estate Planning folder.

Can't attend? Visit the Fundraising table in the Gatlin Pre-Function area to receive a folder.





## Veterans Community Care Program

Providing Access to Care When and Where You Need It

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides eligible Veterans with trusted, easy-to-access, high-quality care at VA health care facilities and in the community. Health care is available for Veterans when and where they need it.

### — ★ VA AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WORKING TOGETHER ★ —

Eligible Veterans can use VA health care providers nationwide. Health care professionals in the local community are also proudly caring for Veterans as part of the strong network of providers supporting VA's mission.

### — ★ ACCESSING ROUTINE CARE ★ —

For non-urgent, routine health care needs:

1. **Confirm Eligibility.** To receive care from VA or a community provider, you must be enrolled in VA health care. Apply online, by mail, or in person.
  - For more information, visit: [www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply](http://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply).
2. **Seek Authorization.** If appropriate, a VA provider will refer you to the community network and a timely appointment will be scheduled. Care must be first authorized by VA before you can receive care from a community provider.
3. **Visit the Community Care Provider.** You will go to the appointment where care is authorized. The community care provider then sends medical documentation back to your local VA facility and bills TriWest for services.

### — ★ ACCESSING URGENT CARE ★ —

VA health care includes urgent care access through a network of urgent care and retail locations in the community.

1. **Confirm Eligibility.** To be covered by this benefit, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from VA within the 24 months prior to seeking urgent care. Call toll-free to check eligibility for the Urgent Care Benefit: 1-833-4VETNOW (1-833-483-8669).
2. **Find an Urgent Care/Retail Location in TriWest's Network.** Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) to find a network clinic nearby. If you seek urgent care outside the network, you will not be able to use your VA benefits for urgent care services.
3. **Visit the Clinic.** After seeking the urgent care you need, the community provider then sends medical documentation back to your local VA facility and bills TriWest for services.

Visit [www.va.gov/communitycare](http://www.va.gov/communitycare) or [missionact.va.gov](http://missionact.va.gov) for more details.

Call TriWest 1-855-PCCCVET (1-855-722-2838)

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**The American  
Veterans  
Disabled for  
Life Memorial**



**Their Courage Endures**







## A LASTING TRIBUTE TO THEIR SACRIFICE

They share dedication to the defense of freedom. Their sacrifices over the course of generations defend and define the concept "Home of the Brave." They are the valiant service members of our nation's armed forces. They are our American veterans.

Throughout our nation's history, these men and women have gone bravely into battle, risking their lives and livelihoods, sacrificing their safety to defend America. And when their duty is done, many return home to life as it was. Sadly, for veterans seriously injured in the line of duty, leaving the battlefield does not mark the end of conflict. These permanently disabled soldiers often carry home life-altering disabilities, stern reminders of the price of freedom.

America's veterans have honored us with their service and selfless duty. It is now our turn to honor them.

**"The story of America's disabled veterans is complex and multilayered, not easily told by a single statue or plaque. Not only does the memorial cover more than two centuries of heroism and struggle, but it also includes the untold stories of the family and friends of our country's wounded warriors."**

— Dennis Joyner  
president of the Disabled Veterans'  
Life Memorial Foundation



If you can't visit the memorial in person, go to [avdmlm.org](http://avdmlm.org) and experience the realistic virtual tour.





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## DONOR INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check payable to DVL MF enclosed. Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ AMEX ☐ MC

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial is located at 150 Washington Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024 or you can visit [avdlm.org](http://avdlm.org) to take a virtual tour of the memorial. You can also "Like" us on Facebook.

Should you wish to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please navigate to the website to make a secure online donation to the Disabled Veterans Life Memorial Foundation (DVL MF). Your contribution to this foundation will assist in maintaining the memorial in perpetuity. Your donation is also tax-deductible to the extent the law allows as DVL MF is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## ABOUT THE MEMORIAL

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial includes a number of symbolic features, including 48 etched glass panels sharing veterans' experiences through quotations and photographs; a star-shaped fountain and triangular reflecting pool intended to remind us of how disabled veterans can overcome personal obstacles and find new meaning and purpose in their lives; a ceremonial flame burning as an eternal tribute to veterans' strength and sacrifice; a memorial grove of 69 ginkgo and 23 cypress trees signifying hope and growth; and four large bronze silhouette sculptures that compare and contrast the ideals and realities of the journey taken by all disabled veterans. All these features are framed by two granite walls, inscribed with the words of Presidents George Washington and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The memorial holds a special place in the hearts of all Americans and serves as a never-ending reminder to all of the cost of human conflict.



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**Leads with Confidence**

**Inspires to Impact  
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# Andy Marshall for Higher Office

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**Jump in with Andy**



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## **ANDY MARSHALL**

Andy is a native of Huntington, West Virginia. He was attending Marshall University when he was drafted into the United States Army in August 1969.

Following basic training at Fort Benning, GA and Advance Infantry Training at Fort Gordon, GA, Andy returned to Ft. Benning for airborne training.

After arriving in Vietnam in May 1970, Andy was assigned to the Americal Division. He also served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. Andy was wounded in December 1970 and again in January 1971. As a result of his severe combat wounds, he was medically retired from the Army in April 1972 after 15 months of recuperation and rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Andy was awarded the Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts, 2 Army Commendation medals plus other awards and decorations.

After being medically retired from the Army, Andy returned to Marshall University continuing with paralegal studies.

Andy and his wife Susan have been married for 33 years and reside in Palm Harbor, FL. He has one daughter, Brittany.

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## **DAV Biography**

Andy was hired as a DAV NSO Trainee in 1975. During his extensive 40 year DAV career, he served in many capacities in a number of different states. Andy retired as NSO Supervisor, St. Petersburg, FL and National Area 5 Supervisor in February 2016.

While working for the DAV at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, he presented numerous oral arguments before the court. Two of his case presentations resulted in huge impacts in providing improved service for disabled veterans. *Murphy vs. Derwinski* ultimately resulted in the establishment of the VA's "Duty to Assist" requirements and *Sursely vs. Peake* has provided additional clothing allowances for severely injured veterans with multiple disabilities.

He has held numerous chapter level positions, including Chapter Commander. He is a Past Department Commander, is a Department Service Officer and currently serves as Department of Florida Adjutant. Andy served on the Columbia Trust Advisory Committee and has been actively involved in National and State legislative issues regarding veterans. At DAV's 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada, Andy was selected as the National 2nd Junior Vice Commander.

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# **Andy Marshall for Higher Office**



**Jump in with Andy**



MINNESOTA PROUDLY PRESENTS

Stephen "Butch"

Whitehead

FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER





Stephen "Butch" Whitehead is currently DAV's National Senior Vice Commander and is a disabled Minnesota Army National Guard Veteran of the Iraq War. In 2019, he retired from the Minnesota Army National Guard at the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

He is a DAV life member of Chapter 10 in Mankato, MN., and is an active leader in his chapter. His full time job, he is the DAV Department of Minnesota Adjutant and Executive Director of the DAV Minnesota Foundation., as well as chair on multiple department-level committees.

Whitehead joined the Army in 1991. He has two overseas deployments. He received a Bronze Star in 2007 for service in Iraq. Other military awards include a Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, five army Achievement Medals, The Iraq Campaign Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. In 2012, he was awarded the Veterans Voices award by then Governor Mark Dayton of Minnesota.

He was recently appointed to the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center Consumer Advisory Board where he will serve for three years.

Whitehead is seeking election to higher office.



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## **The National Cemetery Administration**

In the summer of 1862, George F. Root was putting the finishing touches on the words and music of the "Battle Cry of Freedom" that would be adopted as a national anthem (in different versions) by both the Union and the Confederacy. It was the second summer of a terrible war that few had believed would last more than several months. Thousands had already died at places like Wilson's Creek, Bull Run, Shiloh, and Fort Donelson.

On July 17 of that year, Congress enacted legislation that authorized the President to purchase "cemetery grounds" to be used as national cemeteries "for soldiers who shall have died in the service of the country." Fourteen cemeteries were established that first year, including one in the sleepy Maryland town of Sharpsburg where 4,476 Union soldiers were laid to rest after the one day of terrible slaughter that was the Battle of Antietam. (By way of comparison, approximately 3,000 Americans, British and Canadians died on June 6, 1944, in the invasion of Normandy).

By 1870, the remains of nearly 300,000 Union dead had been buried in 73 national cemeteries. Most of the cemeteries were located in the southeast, near the battlefields and campgrounds of the Civil War. After the war, Army crews scoured the countryside to locate the remains of soldiers who had died in battle. They were buried with honor in the new national cemeteries, which were enclosed by brick walls and entered by means of ornate gates. Tragically, however, the identities of nearly half of those who died in service to the Union and are buried in national cemeteries are unknown.

The National Cemetery Administration has evolved slowly since the initial period of great challenge associated with the Civil War. All honorably discharged Veterans became eligible for burial in 1873. Cemeteries associated with military posts on the western frontier, such as Fort McPherson, Nebraska, were added to the system in the late 19th century.

In the 1930s, new national cemeteries were established to serve Veterans living in major metropolitan areas such as New York, Baltimore, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Antonio. Several, closely associated with battlefields such as Gettysburg, were transferred to the National Park Service because of their value in interpreting the historical significance of the battles. In 1973, Public Law 93-43 authorized the transfer of 82 national cemeteries from the Department of the Army to the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Joining with 21 VA Veterans cemeteries located at hospitals and nursing homes, the National Cemetery System comprised 103 cemeteries after the transfer.

On Nov. 11, 1998, the President signed the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 changing the name of the National Cemetery System (NCS) to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

In 1999 and 2003, Congress passed two laws directing VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries: One in Oklahoma; two in Pennsylvania; one in Michigan; one in Georgia; one in Alabama; one in South Carolina; two in California; and three in Florida.

Today, there are 151 national cemeteries in all. VA, through its National Cemetery Administration, administers 135 of them. Two national Cemeteries – Arlington and Soldiers Home – are still administered by the Army. Fourteen national cemeteries are maintained by the Department of the Interior.

Nearly 4 million people, including Veterans of every war and conflict – from the Revolutionary War to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan – are honored by burial in VA's national cemeteries. More than 20,000 acres of land from Hawaii to Maine, and from Alaska to Puerto Rico are devoted to the memorialization of those who served this nation. More than 350 recipients of the Medal of Honor are buried in VA's national cemeteries.

In August 2016, VA opened its 135th cemetery – Omaha National Cemetery. Of the 135 national cemeteries, 75 are open to all interments; 17 can accommodate cremated remains and the remains of family members for interment in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member; and 41 will perform only interments of family members in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member.

In addition to providing a gravesite and a graveliner, VA opens and closes the grave, provides a headstone or marker, a Presidential Memorial Certificate, a U.S. Flag, and perpetually cares for the grave at no cost to the Veteran's family.

Today, there are more than 22 million living Veterans who have earned the honor of burial in a national cemetery. Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and with with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children may be eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. Those who die on active duty may also be buried in a national cemetery.

For more information or to confirm eligibility, please contact the nearest national cemetery or visit [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).





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## **Arranging for Burial in a VA National Cemetery**

- Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty under certain circumstances are also eligible for burial, as are service members and former service members who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran.
- VA provides determinations of eligibility for burial in a national cemetery prior to the time of need to assist Veterans and their families with end-of-life planning. Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, along with a copy of supporting documentation of military service such as a DD 214, if readily available, by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to [eligibility.preneed@va.gov](mailto:eligibility.preneed@va.gov); or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.
- If the discharge document is not available, a copy may be obtained from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records Office, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138. Additional information about requesting military personnel records is available at the National Archives website, [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).
- Gravesites in VA national cemeteries cannot be reserved in advance of need. At the time of need, a funeral director or the next of kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office. Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117. It is important to have all eligibility documentation available prior to calling.
- At the time of need, VA will provide – at no cost to the Veteran's family – a gravesite, headstone or marker, Presidential Memorial Certificate, U.S. flag, perpetual care of the gravesite and will open and close the grave. Fees for services provided by funeral directors and other related costs must be paid for by the Veteran's family.
- The Veterans Benefits Administration pays a burial and plot allowance for those Veterans who are eligible by law. For information, please contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/Burial.pdf>.

- The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors (playing TAPS and folding Flag). The DOD program "Honoring Those Who Served" calls for funeral directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veteran's family. Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) may assist in providing military funeral honors. Additional information is available on the Internet by visiting [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil).
- Formal funeral services are not held at national cemeteries, but a final committal service may be performed at the cemetery. For safety reasons, these services are held in committal shelters located away from the gravesite. Burial will take place following the committal service. Immediate family members may be allowed to witness the interment only if arrangements have been made in advance with the cemetery director.
- National cemeteries do not normally conduct burials on weekends or federal holidays. However, weekend callers may schedule burials for the upcoming week.
- A limited number of floral arrangements may accompany the casket or urn and will be placed on the grave after burial. Floral arrangements are removed at a later date in accordance with VA's Floral/Grounds Policy.

Updated January 2017



Department of Veterans Affairs

# APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY

**NOTE:** Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper.

**Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by:**  
**Mail:** to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151; or  
**Fax:** to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299

**IMPORTANT:** Pre-Need means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. Time of Need means time of death. **DO NOT** complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.

**\*REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*)**

## SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER

*(Claims for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veteran/Servicemember's military service)*

*1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME <i>(Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial)</i>		*2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE <i>(Include Suffix) (If different than Item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name)</i>		3. MAILING ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>	
*4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER <i>(If different from SSN)</i>		6. VA CLAIM NUMBER <i>(If known)</i>		*7. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
8. DATE OF BIRTH <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>	9. PLACE OF BIRTH <i>(City, State or Territory)</i>		*10. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW		11. DATE OF DEATH <i>(If applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>
*12. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		*13. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER <i>(See instructions)</i>			

## MILITARY SERVICE DATA

*14. BRANCH OF SERVICE	15. DATE OF ENTRY	16. DATE OF DISCHARGE	17. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE <i>(See instructions)</i>	18. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED <i>(No pay grades)</i>	19. STATE <i>(Abbrev.) (National Guard Service Only)</i>
20. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN'S/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(Complete Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(Skip Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <i>(Skip Item 21)</i>			21. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED		
22. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(See instructions for information on recommended documentation.)</i>					

## SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION

*(Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested)*

*23. CLAIMANT <i>(See instructions) (**Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007)</i>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span>(Name) Last</span><span>First</span><span>Middle</span></div>		*24. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) (If different from item 3)</i>	
WHO IS <i>(check one)</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> A. THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAMED IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. THE SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. AN UNMARRIED ADULT CHILD OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER <i>(Please specify)</i>		25. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
29. DESIRED VA NATIONAL CEMETERY <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>		*26. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <i>(If different from item 4)</i>	
		*27. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH <i>(MM/DD/YYYY) (If different from item 8)</i>	
		*28. CLAIMANT'S MAIDEN NAME <i>(If applicable)</i>	
		30. EMAIL ADDRESS <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>	

## SECTION III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

**CERTIFICATION:** By signing below, I certify that I am the Claimant identified in item 23, or an individual signing for the Claimant identified in Item 34. All of the information entered on this form about the Claimant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a national cemetery or receiving other benefits from the VA could result in disinterment from that national cemetery and other penalties in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial for committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. VA will therefore validate a previous determination of eligibility at the time of need to check for those bars in addition to law changes or Claimant status changes that may affect eligibility of the Claimant.

*31. YOUR SIGNATURE	*32. DATE	*33. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT IN ITEM 23 <i>(Check one; See instructions)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. SELF <i>(Stop here. Leave Items 34-37 blank)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> B. INDIVIDUAL SIGNING FOR THE CLAIMANT who is under 18 years of age, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application <i>(Complete items 34 through 37)</i>
*34. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL FROM ITEM 33B COMPLETING FOR THE CLAIMANT <i>(Last, First, Middle Name)</i>		*35. MAILING ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM FOR THE CLAIMANT <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>
*36. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i>		37. EMAIL ADDRESS <i>(Optional)</i>



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-10007 APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY

For more complete information on eligibility requirements for burial in a VA national cemetery, visit the National Cemetery Administration online at [http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial\\_benefits/eligible.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/eligible.asp) or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. For the purposes of this form, the term burial includes inurnment (above ground remains placement in a columbarium) and scattering of ashes, (if the cemetery chosen offers those options). **A Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific VA national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the Time of Need.** In order to assist in completing this form, specific instructions and explanations for certain items are given below.

## SECTION I: VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER

Eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery is based on the qualifying service of a Veteran/Service member. This section of the form is used to determine if qualifying service exists. Not all items are mandatory, however, answers to questions will aid VA in searching for records in archives to support the claim.

- Item 13** **Military status used to apply for eligibility determination:** For VA benefit purposes, a Veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. VA will determine on a case-by-case basis whether certain Reserve duty qualifies. If eligibility derives from a status not listed, or if the individual is not certain of the status, check "Other" and submit evidence of service and VA will provide appropriate assistance. Servicemembers who die on active duty are eligible for burial. If you are arranging burial for an active duty Servicemember or his or her dependents, you should contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.
- Item 17** **Discharge - Character of Service:** Please indicate one type of "Discharge - Character of Service": Honorable; General; Entry Level Separation/Uncharacterized; Other Than Honorable; Bad Conduct; or Dishonorable. If uncertain of the type of discharge or character of service, indicate "Other" and include available supporting documents.
- Item 22** **Supporting military service documents:** VA recommends that you attach photocopies of readily available supporting documents so that we can make the determination quickly. Documents may include the most recent discharge document (DD Form 214) showing the highest rank and valor awards and decorations, active duty service records other than for training purposes, or active duty for a minimum of 24 continuous months for enlisted Servicemembers after September 7, 1980; for officers, after October 16, 1981, or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make a determination.

## SECTION II: CLAIMANT INFORMATION

- Item 23** **Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007.**
- 23b. Spouse means a person who is or was legally married to a Veteran. Surviving Spouse mean a person who was legally married to a Veteran at the time of the Veteran's death and includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent remarriage. A non-Veteran spouse of a Veteran whose marriage to the Veteran was dissolved by divorce or annulment issued by an authoritative court is not eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.
- 23c. An unmarried adult child of the Veteran is an individual who became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 years of age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution. If you are making a claim for an unmarried adult child, please provide supporting documentation such as recent medical documentation pertaining to the disability, date of onset of the disability, and the age of the child when diagnosed with this disability. VA recommends that you provide photocopies. *Note: Minor children of eligible Veterans are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. The minor child of an eligible Veteran is a child who is unmarried and who is under 21 years of age; or who is under 23 years of age and is pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.*
- 23d. Please explain your Claimant status or relationship to the Veteran/Service member.
- Items 29 and 30** A list of VA national cemeteries is available online at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/allnational.asp>. **A favorable Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the time of need.** If you provide an email address, VA may use your email address to communicate with you about your claim and burial benefits.

## SECTION III: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- Items 31 and 32** **The pre-need application must be signed (Item 31) and dated (Item 32) for VA to process.**
- Item 33** **You must indicate your relationship to the claimant in Item 33.**
- 33a. Check (A) if you are the claimant**
- 33b. Check (B) and complete Items 34-37 if you are signing for a claimant who has not attained the age of 18 years, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application.** You may be a court-appointed representative, a person who is responsible for the care of the individual (including a spouse or other relative), or an attorney in fact or agent authorized to act on behalf of the claimant under a durable power of attorney. If the claimant is in the care of an institution, a manager or principal officer of the institution may sign the form. Please attach supporting documents or an affidavit establishing your position relative to the claimant.

**Privacy Act Information:** VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 175VA41A, published in the Federal Register. VA considers the requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law.

**Respondent Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, and complete and review the collection of information. The obligation to respond is voluntary and not required to obtain or retain benefits.



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## **Military Funeral Honors "Honoring Those Who Served"**

The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors. "Honoring Those Who Served" is the title of the DOD program for providing dignified military funeral honors to Veterans who have defended our nation.

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony, to include folding and presenting the United States burial flag and the playing of "Taps." The law defines a military funeral honors detail as consisting of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the Veteran's parent service of the armed forces.

The DOD program calls for funeral home directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veteran's family. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration cemetery staff can also assist with arranging military funeral honors at VA national cemeteries. Veterans organizations may also assist in providing military funeral honors.

The DOD began the implementation plan for providing military funeral honors for eligible Veterans on Jan. 1, 2000.

The military funeral honors website is located at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>. Questions or comments concerning the DOD military funeral honors program may be sent to the address listed below:

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Military Community and Family Policy)  
4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 5A726  
Washington, DC 20380-4000





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## Burial Flags

### Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for an other than dishonorably discharged:

- Veteran who served during wartime
- Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- Peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951
- Certain former members of the Selected Reserves



### Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of Veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays. The Avenue of Flags is a display of respect for the service performed by our nation's Veterans, and usually lines the main entrance way of a national cemetery on Memorial Day, Veterans Day or other days of national significance. Whenever possible, the flags used in the display are casket flags donated by families of Veterans who rest in the cemetery.

### How Can You Apply?

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. U.S. Post Offices are the primary issuing point for burial flags. Generally, the funeral director can help you obtain a flag. Call and confirm with the post office in advance. Not all local post offices have burial flags on hand but they should be able to direct you to the closest issuing post office. Regional VA Offices can also help identify local issuing points.

### Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows us to issue one flag for a Veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen, however, some Veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

### How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?

For a full description of the proper use and display of the flag read VA Form 27-2008. You can find the form at [http://www.cem.va.gov/burial\\_benefits/burial\\_flags.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp).





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## **Presidential Memorial Certificate**

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold-embossed paper certificate bearing the official signature of the President of the United States. It honors the memory of a deceased Veteran and expresses the country's grateful recognition of his or her service in the Armed Forces.

### **HISTORY**

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by each subsequent President.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program through the National Cemetery Administration.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible recipients include the deceased Veteran's next of kin, relatives and friends, or an authorized service representative acting on their behalf.

### **REQUESTS**

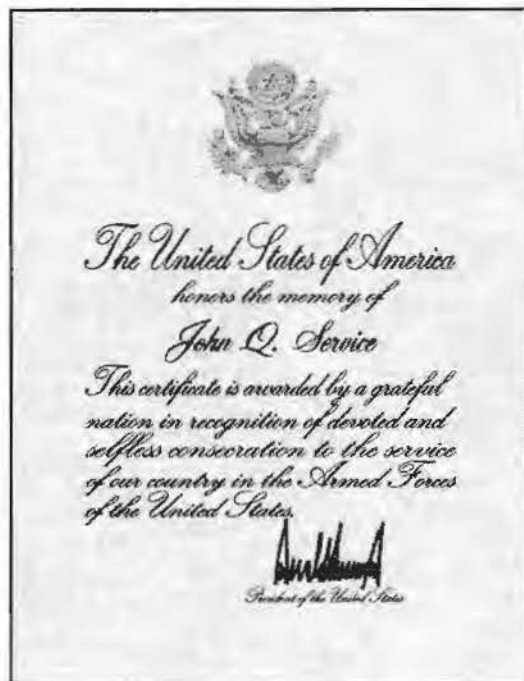
A copy of the deceased Veteran's military discharge document along with a copy of the death certificate must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office, by U.S. mail or by toll-free fax.

A request form is available on the National Cemetery Administration website, [www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp).

By Mail:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

By Toll-Free Fax:  
(800) 455-7143



**To check on the status of your request please call (202) 632-7300.**



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## PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, and complete and review the collection of information. The obligation to respond is voluntary and not required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for the Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) Program is 38 U.S.C. 112. The information requested is approved under OMB Control Number 2900-0567, and is necessary to allow eligible recipients (next of kin, other relatives or friends) to request PMC.

The National Cemetery Administration does not give, sell or transfer any personal information outside of the agency. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Responding to this collection is voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to VA Clearance Officer (005G2), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. **SEND COMMENTS ONLY.** Please do not send applications for benefits to this address.

### SECTION I - INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-0247, PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

**Military/Discharge Documents:** VA recommends that you attach photocopies of readily available supporting documents so that we can make the determination quickly. Documents may include the most recent discharge document (DD Form 214) showing active duty service records other than for training purposes, or active duty for a minimum of 24 continuous months for enlisted Servicemembers after September 7, 1980; for officers, after October 16, 1981, or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make a determination.

**Name of Veteran:** DO NOT include nicknames, military rank or civilian title(s).

**Name and Mailing Address of Person Requesting Certificate:** Provide the full name and complete mailing address to avoid delays in delivery.

We strongly recommend you complete this form online (<http://www.ecm.va.gov/pmc.asp>) and print and sign before you submit your request.

**Complete a new VA Form 40-0247 for each additional address where certificates will be mailed to.**

**Privacy Act Information:** VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 175VA41A published in the Federal Register.

### SECTION II - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER INFORMATION

1. NAME OF VETERAN (First, Middle, Last)	2. VETERAN SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER OR VA FILE NUMBER (Required)
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### SECTION III - PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

3. NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE	4. MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE
5. HOME OR WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)	
6. REQUESTOR EMAIL ADDRESS	7. NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES REQUESTED

### SECTION IV - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offense that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense for which he or she was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment.

8. SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE (Required)

### SECTION V - MAILING ADDRESS AND FAX NUMBER

**PLEASE SEND ANY MILITARY DOCUMENTS AND SIGNED FORM TO:**

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)  
National Cemetery Administration  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

Or

Fax To: 1 (800) 455-7143

*(The blocks below are for official use only)*

9. CASE MANAGER NAME	10. PMC ID NUMBER	11. CASE MANAGER EMAIL
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NOV 2017 **40-0247**

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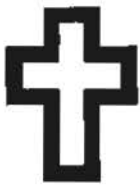
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CROSS



(2) BUDDHIST



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(STAR OF DAVID)



(4) PRESBYTERIAN  
CROSS



(5) RUSSIAN  
ORTHODOX CROSS



(6) LUTHERAN  
CROSS



(7) EPISCOPAL  
CROSS



(8) UNITARIAN  
(FLAMING CHALICE)



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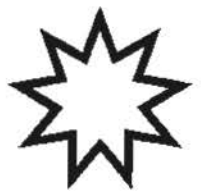
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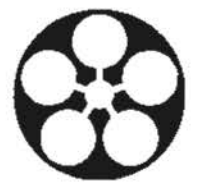
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OF WORLD  
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(25) UNITED CHURCH  
OF RELIGIOUS  
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(27) UNITED  
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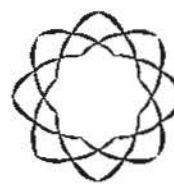
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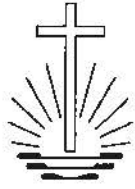
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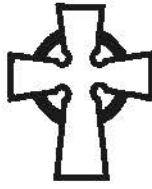
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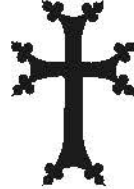
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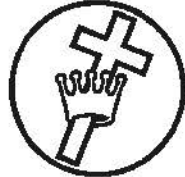
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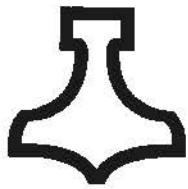
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GOD



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(60) MESSIANIC



(61) SHINTO



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ANCESTRAL  
TRADITIONALIST



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(65) DRUID (AWEN)



(66) WISCONSIN  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
SYNOD



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



(68) GUARDIAN ANGEL



(69) HEART



(70) SHEPHERD AND  
FLAG

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## Medallion Benefit

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a medallion, by request, to be affixed to an existing, privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran.

This device is furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or grave marker for those Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.



**Why choose a medallion:** Bronze medallions are durable and can be easily affixed to privately purchased headstones by anyone, avoiding headstone or marker setting fees. The medallion also offers a way to identify the grave as that of a Veteran when a cemetery only allows one headstone per grave, preventing the use of a standard VA marker as a footstone.

**Sizes:** The medallion is available in three sizes: **Large** (6-3/8"W x 4-3/4"H x 1/2"D), **Medium** (3-3/4"W x 2-7/8"H x 1/4"D) and **Small** (2"W x 1-1/2"H x 1/3"D). Each medallion is inscribed with the word "VETERAN" across the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Once a claim for a medallion is received and approved, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

**Important:** This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible Veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both.

To request a medallion, please use VA Form 40 - 1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery, which is available on the National Cemetery Administration website at: [http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order\\_instructions.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp). The Veteran's Next of Kin (NOK), a person authorized in writing by the NOK or a representative authorized in writing by the deceased Veteran may order the medallion.

If there are two Veterans interred, two medallions can be affixed to the privately purchased headstone.



## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Bushnell, FL 33513

Phone: (352) 793-7740

Fax: (352) 793-9560

[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)





FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY  
6502 SW 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Office Hours - The cemetery office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Federal holidays.

Visitation - The cemetery is open to the public daily from dawn until dusk for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites can be found using an automated gravesite locator kiosk in the public information center near the cemetery entrance. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>. Visitors to specific gravesites may park along the curb near the gravesite they are visiting. Please park on paved surfaces to avoid damage to the turf and irrigation systems and secure your vehicle while visiting. Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the public information center.

General cemetery information is available at the public information center, at the administration building, or on our website at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

While we invite visitors to Florida National Cemetery, we remind them of the solemn purpose of these grounds and ask that they act in a dignified manner while on the cemetery grounds. For this reason, sports or recreational activities are not permitted, including:

- Bicycle riding
- Jogging
- Picnicking
- Public gatherings of a partisan nature
- Roller blading/skating
- Walking of pets
- For your safety – No guns, knives, or other weapons are allowed

Fresh-cut flowers are welcome throughout the year; flower containers are available for gravesite displays as a courtesy. Cemetery floral policies are posted on the floral storage receptacles located throughout the cemetery. Once the flowers become unsightly, they are removed. They also may be removed for routine mowing or other maintenance. Large flower stands are not authorized at the grave site due to safety regulations.

Seasonal Holiday Adornments such as Christmas wreaths, potted plants and poinsettias and other seasonal adornments may be placed on graves from Dec. 1 through Jan. 20. Artificial flowers and potted plants will be allowed on graves for a period extending 10 days before through 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.

To maintain the dignity of the cemetery, permanent plantings, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects and similar items are not permitted on the graves. The Department of Veterans Affairs does not permit adornments that are considered offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery, or considered hazardous to cemetery personnel. For example, items incorporating wires may become entangled in mowers or other equipment and cause injury.



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## **The National Cemetery Administration**

In the summer of 1862, George F. Root was putting the finishing touches on the words and music of the "Battle Cry of Freedom" that would be adopted as a national anthem (in different versions) by both the Union and the Confederacy. It was the second summer of a terrible war that few had believed would last more than several months. Thousands had already died at places like Wilson's Creek, Bull Run, Shiloh, and Fort Donelson.

On July 17 of that year, Congress enacted legislation that authorized the President to purchase "cemetery grounds" to be used as national cemeteries "for soldiers who shall have died in the service of the country." Fourteen cemeteries were established that first year, including one in the sleepy Maryland town of Sharpsburg where 4,476 Union soldiers were laid to rest after the one day of terrible slaughter that was the Battle of Antietam. (By way of comparison, approximately 3,000 Americans, British and Canadians died on June 6, 1944, in the invasion of Normandy).

By 1870, the remains of nearly 300,000 Union dead had been buried in 73 national cemeteries. Most of the cemeteries were located in the southeast, near the battlefields and campgrounds of the Civil War. After the war, Army crews scoured the countryside to locate the remains of soldiers who had died in battle. They were buried with honor in the new national cemeteries, which were enclosed by brick walls and entered by means of ornate gates. Tragically, however, the identities of nearly half of those who died in service to the Union and are buried in national cemeteries are unknown.

The National Cemetery Administration has evolved slowly since the initial period of great challenge associated with the Civil War. All honorably discharged Veterans became eligible for burial in 1873. Cemeteries associated with military posts on the western frontier, such as Fort McPherson, Nebraska, were added to the system in the late 19th century.

In the 1930s, new national cemeteries were established to serve Veterans living in major metropolitan areas such as New York, Baltimore, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Antonio. Several, closely associated with battlefields such as Gettysburg, were transferred to the National Park Service because of their value in interpreting the historical significance of the battles. In 1973, Public Law 93-43 authorized the transfer of 82 national cemeteries from the Department of the Army to the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Joining with 21 VA Veterans cemeteries located at hospitals and nursing homes, the National Cemetery System comprised 103 cemeteries after the transfer.

On Nov. 11, 1998, the President signed the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 changing the name of the National Cemetery System (NCS) to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

In 1999 and 2003, Congress passed two laws directing VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries: One in Oklahoma; two in Pennsylvania; one in Michigan; one in Georgia; one in Alabama; one in South Carolina; two in California; and three in Florida.

Today, there are 151 national cemeteries in all. VA, through its National Cemetery Administration, administers 135 of them. Two national Cemeteries – Arlington and Soldiers Home – are still administered by the Army. Fourteen national cemeteries are maintained by the Department of the Interior.

Nearly 4 million people, including Veterans of every war and conflict – from the Revolutionary War to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan – are honored by burial in VA's national cemeteries. More than 20,000 acres of land from Hawaii to Maine, and from Alaska to Puerto Rico are devoted to the memorialization of those who served this nation. More than 350 recipients of the Medal of Honor are buried in VA's national cemeteries.

In August 2016, VA opened its 135th cemetery – Omaha National Cemetery. Of the 135 national cemeteries, 75 are open to all interments; 17 can accommodate cremated remains and the remains of family members for interment in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member; and 41 will perform only interments of family members in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member.

In addition to providing a gravesite and a graveliner, VA opens and closes the grave, provides a headstone or marker, a Presidential Memorial Certificate, a U.S. Flag, and perpetually cares for the grave at no cost to the Veteran's family.

Today, there are more than 22 million living Veterans who have earned the honor of burial in a national cemetery. Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and with with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children may be eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. Those who die on active duty may also be buried in a national cemetery.

For more information or to confirm eligibility, please contact the nearest national cemetery or visit [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).





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## **Arranging for Burial in a VA National Cemetery**

- Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty under certain circumstances are also eligible for burial, as are service members and former service members who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran.
- VA provides determinations of eligibility for burial in a national cemetery prior to the time of need to assist Veterans and their families with end-of-life planning. Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, along with a copy of supporting documentation of military service such as a DD 214, if readily available, by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to [eligibility.preneed@va.gov](mailto:eligibility.preneed@va.gov); or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.
- If the discharge document is not available, a copy may be obtained from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records Office, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138. Additional information about requesting military personnel records is available at the National Archives website, [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).
- Gravesites in VA national cemeteries cannot be reserved in advance of need. At the time of need, a funeral director or the next of kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office. Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117. It is important to have all eligibility documentation available prior to calling.
- At the time of need, VA will provide – at no cost to the Veteran's family – a gravesite, headstone or marker, Presidential Memorial Certificate, U.S. flag, perpetual care of the gravesite and will open and close the grave. Fees for services provided by funeral directors and other related costs must be paid for by the Veteran's family.
- The Veterans Benefits Administration pays a burial and plot allowance for those Veterans who are eligible by law. For information, please contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/Burial.pdf>.

- The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors (playing TAPS and folding Flag). The DOD program "Honoring Those Who Served" calls for funeral directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veteran's family. Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) may assist in providing military funeral honors. Additional information is available on the Internet by visiting [www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil).
- Formal funeral services are not held at national cemeteries, but a final committal service may be performed at the cemetery. For safety reasons, these services are held in committal shelters located away from the gravesite. Burial will take place following the committal service. Immediate family members may be allowed to witness the interment only if arrangements have been made in advance with the cemetery director.
- National cemeteries do not normally conduct burials on weekends or federal holidays. However, weekend callers may schedule burials for the upcoming week.
- A limited number of floral arrangements may accompany the casket or urn and will be placed on the grave after burial. Floral arrangements are removed at a later date in accordance with VA's Floral/Grounds Policy.

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<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>		<b>APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY</b>	
<b>NOTE: Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet of paper.</b>		<b>Submit Application and Supporting Documentation to VA by:</b> <b>Mail:</b> to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151; or <b>Fax:</b> to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (855) 840-8299	
<b>IMPORTANT: Pre-Need means before death. Only complete this form if you are applying for a Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. Time of Need means time of death. DO NOT complete this form if the individual is already deceased; instead, contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.</b>			
<b>*REQUIRED ITEMS: YOU MUST COMPLETE THOSE ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK (*)</b>			
<b>SECTION I - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER</b> <i>(Claims for eligibility for burial are based upon the Veterans/Servicemember's military service)</i>			
<b>*1. VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAME</b> <i>(Include Suffix) (Last, First, Middle Name or Initial)</i>		<b>*2. NAME USED DURING MILITARY SERVICE</b> <i>(Include Suffix)</i> <i>(If different than Item 1) (Last, First, Middle Name)</i>	
<b>*4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b>		<b>*3. MAILING ADDRESS</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>	
<b>5. MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER</b> <i>(If different from SSN)</i>		<b>6. VA CLAIM NUMBER</b> <i>(If known)</i>	
<b>8. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>		<b>*7. GENDER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
<b>9. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(City, State or Territory)</i>		<b>*10. IS VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER DECEASED?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW	
<b>*12. MARITAL STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		<b>*13. MILITARY STATUS USED TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION</b> <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> B. RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> C. DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> D. RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> E. RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> F. DEATH RELATED TO INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> G. OTHER <i>(See instructions)</i>	
<b>MILITARY SERVICE DATA</b>			
<b>*14. BRANCH OF SERVICE</b>		<b>15. DATE OF ENTRY</b>	
<b>16. DATE OF DISCHARGE</b>		<b>17. DISCHARGE - CHARACTER OF SERVICE</b> <i>(See instructions)</i>	
<b>18. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED</b> <i>(No pay grades)</i>		<b>19. STATE</b> <i>(Abbrev.) (National Guard Service Only)</i>	
<b>20. IS THERE ANYONE CURRENTLY BURIED IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY UNDER THIS VETERAN'S/SERVICEMEMBER'S ELIGIBILITY?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(Complete Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(Skip Item 21)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW <i>(Skip Item 21)</i>		<b>21. NAME OF DECEDENT(S) AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE BURIED</b>	
<b>22. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(See instructions for information on recommended documentation.)</i>			
<b>SECTION II - CLAIMANT INFORMATION</b> <i>(Information about the individual for whom determination for eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery is requested)</i>			
<b>*23. CLAIMANT</b> <i>(See instructions) (***) Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007</i>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>(Name) Last</span> <span>First</span> <span>Middle</span> </div>		<b>*24. CLAIMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.) (If different from item 3)</i>	
<b>WHO IS (check one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A. THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER NAMED IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. THE SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. AN UNMARRIED ADULT CHILD OF THE VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER IN ITEM 1 <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER <i>(Please specify)</i>		<b>25. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
<b>29. DESIRED VA NATIONAL CEMETERY</b> <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>		<b>*26. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> <i>(If different from item 4)</i>	
		<b>*27. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(MM/DD/YYYY) (If different from item 8)</i>	
		<b>*28. CLAIMANT'S MAIDEN NAME</b> <i>(If applicable)</i>	
		<b>30. EMAIL ADDRESS</b> <i>(Optional - See instructions)</i>	
<b>SECTION III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE</b>			
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> By signing below, I certify that I am the Claimant identified in item 23, or an individual signing for the Claimant identified in Item 34. All of the information entered on this form about the Claimant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A fraudulent statement that leads to burial in a national cemetery or receiving other benefits from the VA could result in disinterment from that national cemetery and other penalties in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that otherwise eligible individuals may be barred from burial for committing certain serious crimes, as provided under 38 U.S.C. § 2411. VA will therefore validate a previous determination of eligibility at the time of need to check for those bars in addition to law changes or Claimant status changes that may affect eligibility of the Claimant.			
<b>*31. YOUR SIGNATURE</b>		<b>*32. DATE</b>	
		<b>*33. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT IN ITEM 23</b> <i>(Check one; See instructions)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> A. SELF <i>(Stop here. Leave Items 34-37 blank)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> B. INDIVIDUAL SIGNING FOR THE CLAIMANT who is under 18 years of age, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application <i>(Complete items 34 through 37)</i>	
<b>*34. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL FROM ITEM 33B COMPLETING FOR THE CLAIMANT</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Name)</i>		<b>*35. MAILING ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM FOR THE CLAIMANT</b> <i>(Street, City, State, and Zip Code, P.O. Box, Rural Route, etc.)</i>	
<b>*36. TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> <i>(Include Area Code)</i>		<b>37. EMAIL ADDRESS</b> <i>(Optional)</i>	



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-10007 APPLICATION FOR PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY

For more complete information on eligibility requirements for burial in a VA national cemetery, visit the National Cemetery Administration online at [http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial\\_benefits/eligible.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/eligible.asp) or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. For the purposes of this form, the term burial includes inurnment (above ground remains placement in a columbarium) and scattering of ashes, (if the cemetery chosen offers those options). **A Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific VA national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the Time of Need.** In order to assist in completing this form, specific instructions and explanations for certain items are given below.

## SECTION I: VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER

Eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery is based on the qualifying service of a Veteran/Servicemember. This section of the form is used to determine if qualifying service exists. Not all items are mandatory, however, answers to questions will aid VA in searching for records in archives to support the claim.

- Item 13** **Military status used to apply for eligibility determination:** For VA benefit purposes, a Veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. VA will determine on a case-by-case basis whether certain Reserve duty qualifies. If eligibility derives from a status not listed, or if the individual is not certain of the status, check "Other" and submit evidence of service and VA will provide appropriate assistance. Servicemembers who die on active duty are eligible for burial. If you are arranging burial for an active duty Servicemember or his or her dependents, you should contact a local funeral home or the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117 to expedite processing.
- Item 17** **Discharge - Character of Service:** Please indicate one type of "Discharge - Character of Service": Honorable; General; Entry Level Separation/Uncharacterized; Other Than Honorable; Bad Conduct; or Dishonorable. If uncertain of the type of discharge or character of service, indicate "Other" and include available supporting documents.
- Item 22** **Supporting military service documents:** VA recommends that you attach photocopies of readily available supporting documents so that we can make the determination quickly. Documents may include the most recent discharge document (DD Form 214) showing the highest rank and valor awards and decorations, active duty service records other than for training purposes, or active duty for a minimum of 24 continuous months for enlisted Servicemembers after September 7, 1980; for officers, after October 16, 1981, or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make a determination.

## SECTION II: CLAIMANT INFORMATION

- Item 23** **Each Claimant requires a separate VA Form 40-10007.**
- 23b. Spouse means a person who is or was legally married to a Veteran. Surviving Spouse mean a person who was legally married to a Veteran at the time of the Veteran's death and includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent remarriage. A non-Veteran spouse of a Veteran whose marriage to the Veteran was dissolved by divorce or annulment issued by an authoritative court is not eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery.
- 23c. An unmarried adult child of the Veteran is an individual who became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, *or* before reaching 23 years of age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution. If you are making a claim for an unmarried adult child, please provide supporting documentation such as recent medical documentation pertaining to the disability, date of onset of the disability, and the age of the child when diagnosed with this disability. VA recommends that you provide photocopies. *Note: Minor children of eligible Veterans are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. The minor child of an eligible Veteran is a child who is unmarried and who is under 21 years of age; or who is under 23 years of age and is pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.*
- 23d. Please explain your Claimant status or relationship to the Veteran/Servicemember.
- Items 29 and 30** A list of VA national cemeteries is available online at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/allnational.asp> **A favorable Pre-Need determination of eligibility does not guarantee burial in a specific national cemetery. Burial in a specific VA national cemetery will be scheduled at the time of need.** If you provide an email address, VA may use your email address to communicate with you about your claim and burial benefits.

## SECTION III: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- Items 31 and 32** **The pre-need application must be signed (Item 31) and dated (Item 32) for VA to process.**
- Item 33** You must indicate **your relationship to the claimant** in Item 33.
- 33a. Check (A) if you are the claimant**
- 33b. Check (B) and complete Items 34-37** if your are signing for a claimant who has not attained the age of 18 years, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to sign the pre-need application. You may be a court-appointed representative, a person who is responsible for the care of the individual (including a spouse or other relative), or an attorney in fact or agent authorized to act on behalf of the claimant under a durable power or attorney. If the claimant is in the care of an institution, a manager or principal officer of the institution may sign the form. Please attach supporting documents or an affidavit establishing your position relative to the claimant.

**Privacy Act Information:** VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 175VA41A, published in the Federal Register. VA considers the requested information relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law.

**Respondent Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, and complete and review the collection of information. The obligation to respond is voluntary and not required to obtain or retain benefits.



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## **Military Funeral Honors "Honoring Those Who Served"**

The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors. "Honoring Those Who Served" is the title of the DOD program for providing dignified military funeral honors to Veterans who have defended our nation.

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible Veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony, to include folding and presenting the United States burial flag and the playing of "Taps." The law defines a military funeral honors detail as consisting of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the Veteran's parent service of the armed forces.

The DOD program calls for funeral home directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veteran's family. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration cemetery staff can also assist with arranging military funeral honors at VA national cemeteries. Veterans organizations may also assist in providing military funeral honors.

The DOD began the implementation plan for providing military funeral honors for eligible Veterans on Jan. 1, 2000.

The military funeral honors website is located at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>. Questions or comments concerning the DOD military funeral honors program may be sent to the address listed below:

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Military Community and Family Policy)  
4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 5A726  
Washington, DC 20380-4000



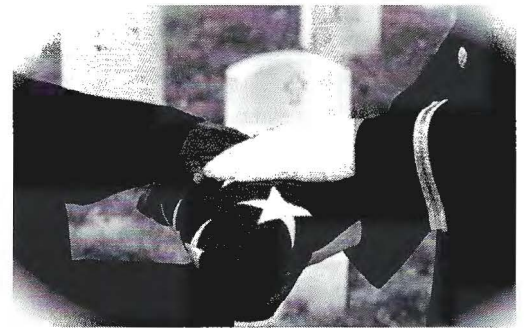
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## Burial Flags

### Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for an other than dishonorably discharged:

- Veteran who served during wartime
- Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- Peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- Certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951
- Certain former members of the Selected Reserves



### Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of Veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays. The Avenue of Flags is a display of respect for the service performed by our nation's Veterans, and usually lines the main entrance way of a national cemetery on Memorial Day, Veterans Day or other days of national significance. Whenever possible, the flags used in the display are casket flags donated by families of Veterans who rest in the cemetery.

### How Can You Apply?

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 27-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. U.S. Post Offices are the primary issuing point for burial flags. Generally, the funeral director can help you obtain a flag. Call and confirm with the post office in advance. Not all local post offices have burial flags on hand but they should be able to direct you to the closest issuing post office. Regional VA Offices can also help identify local issuing points.

### Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows us to issue one flag for a Veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen, however, some Veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

### How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?

For a full description of the proper use and display of the flag read VA Form 27-2008. You can find the form at [http://www.cem.va.gov/burial\\_benefits/burial\\_flags.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp).





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## **Presidential Memorial Certificate**

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold-embossed paper certificate bearing the official signature of the President of the United States. It honors the memory of a deceased Veteran and expresses the country's grateful recognition of his or her service in the Armed Forces.

### **HISTORY**

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by each subsequent President.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program through the National Cemetery Administration.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible recipients include the deceased Veteran's next of kin, relatives and friends, or an authorized service representative acting on their behalf.

### **REQUESTS**

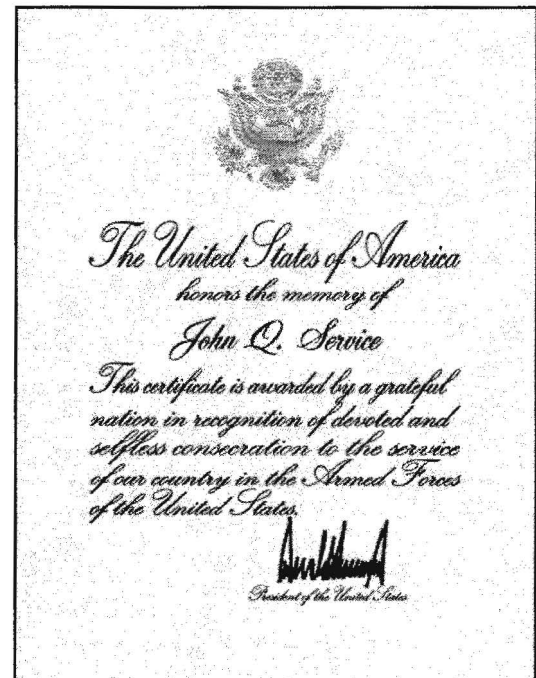
A copy of the deceased Veteran's military discharge document along with a copy of the death certificate must be provided when requesting a PMC. Eligible recipients may request a PMC in person at any VA Regional Office, by U.S. mail or by toll-free fax.

A request form is available on the National Cemetery Administration website, [www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp).

By Mail:

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

By Toll-Free Fax:  
(800) 455-7143



**To check on the status of your request please call (202) 632-7300.**



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## PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather the necessary data, and complete and review the collection of information. The obligation to respond is voluntary and not required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for the Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) Program is 38 U.S.C. 112. The information requested is approved under OMB Control Number 2900-0567, and is necessary to allow eligible recipients (next of kin, other relatives or friends) to request PMC.

The National Cemetery Administration does not give, sell or transfer any personal information outside of the agency. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Responding to this collection is voluntary. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to VA Clearance Officer (005G2), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. **SEND COMMENTS ONLY.** Please do not send applications for benefits to this address.

### SECTION I - INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING VA FORM 40-0247, PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

**Military/Discharge Documents:** VA recommends that you attach photocopies of readily available supporting documents so that we can make the determination quickly. Documents may include the most recent discharge document (DD Form 214) showing active duty service records other than for training purposes, or active duty for a minimum of 24 continuous months for enlisted Servicemembers after September 7, 1980; for officers, after October 16, 1981, or the full period for which the person was called to active duty. If you are unable to locate copies of military records, apply anyway, as VA will attempt to obtain records necessary to make a determination.

**Name of Veteran:** DO NOT include nicknames, military rank or civilian title(s).

**Name and Mailing Address of Person Requesting Certificate:** Provide the full name and complete mailing address to avoid delays in delivery.

We strongly recommend you complete this form online (<http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp>) and print and sign before you submit your request.

**Complete a new VA Form 40-0247 for each additional address where certificates will be mailed to.**

**Privacy Act Information:** VA considers the responses you submit confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may only disclose this information outside the VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 175VA41A published in the Federal Register.

### SECTION II - VETERAN/SERVICEMEMBER INFORMATION

1. NAME OF VETERAN (First, Middle, Last)	2. VETERAN SSN OR SERVICE NUMBER OR VA FILE NUMBER (Required)
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### SECTION III - PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

3. NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE	4. MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE
5. HOME OR WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)	
6. REQUESTOR EMAIL ADDRESS	7. NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES REQUESTED

### SECTION IV - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the decedent has never committed a serious crime, such as murder or other offense that could have resulted in imprisonment for life, has never been convicted of a serious crime, and has never been convicted of a sexual offense for which he or she was sentenced to a minimum of life imprisonment.

8. SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFICATE (Required)

### SECTION V - MAILING ADDRESS AND FAX NUMBER

**PLEASE SEND ANY MILITARY DOCUMENTS AND SIGNED FORM TO:**

Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)  
National Cemetery Administration  
5109 Russell Road  
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

Or

Fax To: 1 (800) 455-7143

(The blocks below are for official use only)

9. CASE MANAGER NAME	10. PMC ID NUMBER	11. CASE MANAGER EMAIL
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VA FORM  
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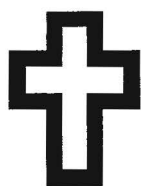
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(CHRISTIAN)  
CROSS



(2) BUDDHIST



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(STAR OF DAVID)



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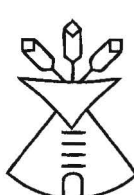
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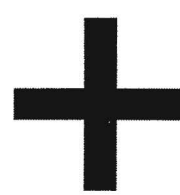
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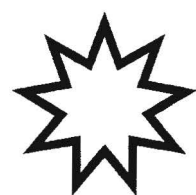
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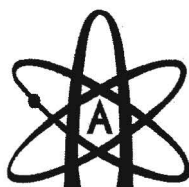
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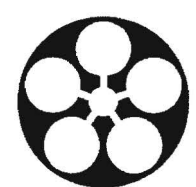
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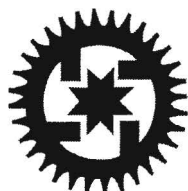
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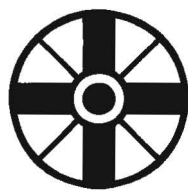
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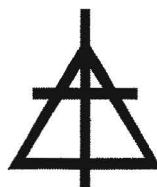
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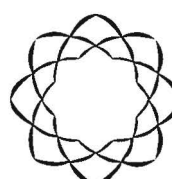
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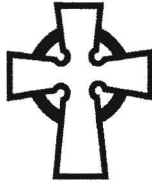
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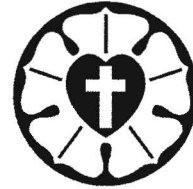
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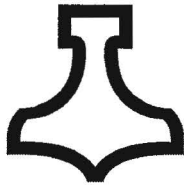
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration

## Medallion Benefit

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a medallion, by request, to be affixed to an existing, privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran.

This device is furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or grave marker for those Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.



**Why choose a medallion:** Bronze medallions are durable and can be easily affixed to privately purchased headstones by anyone, avoiding headstone or marker setting fees. The medallion also offers a way to identify the grave as that of a Veteran when a cemetery only allows one headstone per grave, preventing the use of a standard VA marker as a footstone.

**Sizes:** The medallion is available in three sizes: **Large** (6-3/8"W x 4-3/4"H x 1/2"D), **Medium** (3-3/4"W x 2-7/8"H x 1/4"D) and **Small** (2"W x 1-1/2"H x 1/3"D). Each medallion is inscribed with the word "VETERAN" across the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Once a claim for a medallion is received and approved, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

**Important:** This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible Veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both.

To request a medallion, please use VA Form 40 - 1330M, Claim for Government Medallion for Placement in a Private Cemetery, which is available on the National Cemetery Administration website at: [http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order\\_instructions.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/order_instructions.asp). The Veteran's Next of Kin (NOK), a person authorized in writing by the NOK or a representative authorized in writing by the deceased Veteran may order the medallion.

If there are two Veterans interred, two medallions can be affixed to the privately purchased headstone.



## Florida National Cemetery

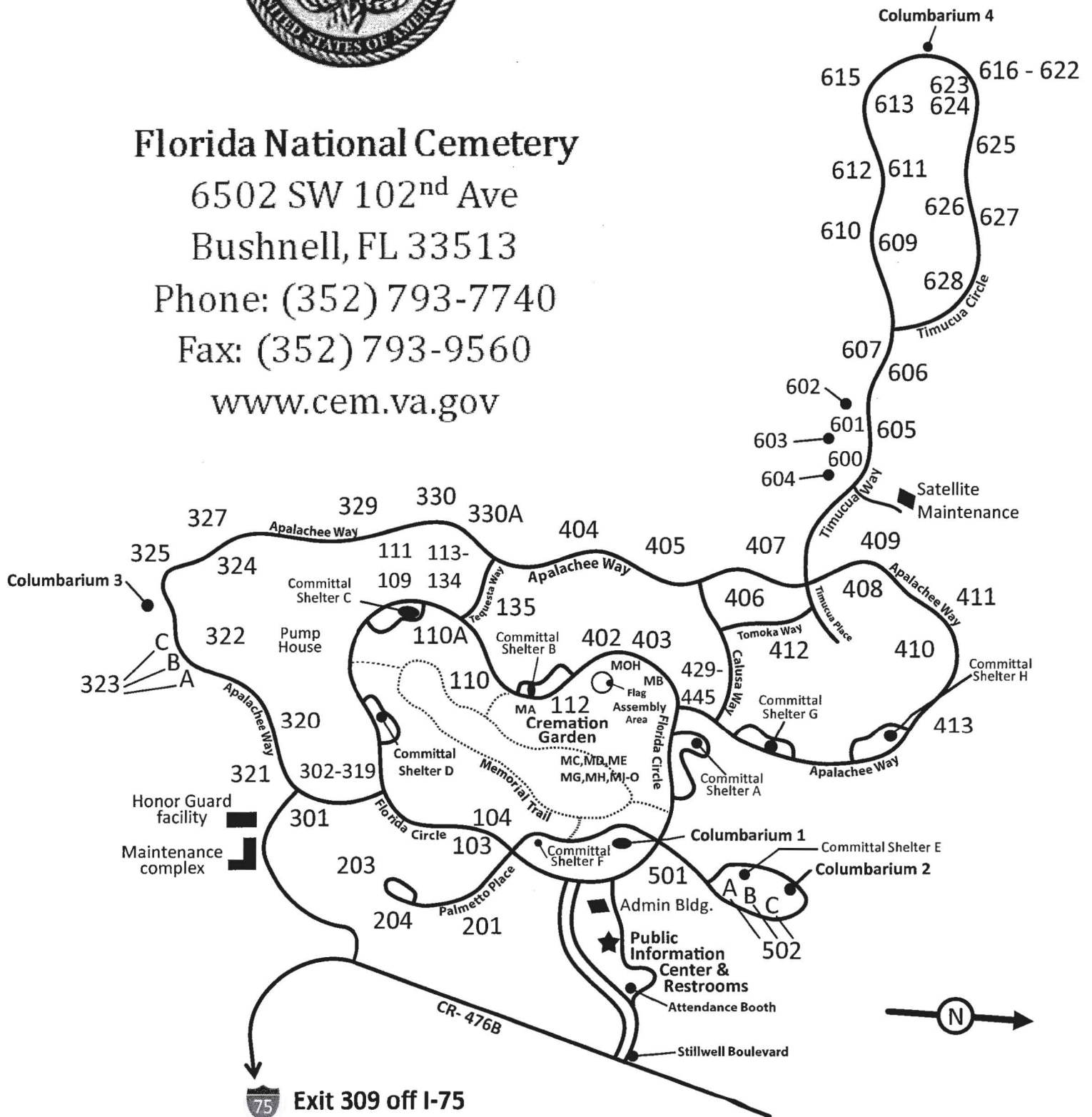
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FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY  
6502 SW 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours - The cemetery office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Federal holidays.

Visitation - The cemetery is open to the public daily from dawn until dusk for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites can be found using an automated gravesite locator kiosk in the public information center near the cemetery entrance. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>. Visitors to specific gravesites may park along the curb near the gravesite they are visiting. Please park on paved surfaces to avoid damage to the turf and irrigation systems and secure your vehicle while visiting. Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the public information center.

General cemetery information is available at the public information center, at the administration building, or on our website at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

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- Bicycle riding
- Jogging
- Picnicking
- Public gatherings of a partisan nature
- Roller blading/skating
- Walking of pets
- For your safety – No guns, knives, or other weapons are allowed

Fresh-cut flowers are welcome throughout the year; flower containers are available for gravesite displays as a courtesy. Cemetery floral policies are posted on the floral storage receptacles located throughout the cemetery. Once the flowers become unsightly, they are removed. They also may be removed for routine mowing or other maintenance. Large flower stands are not authorized at the grave site due to safety regulations.

Seasonal Holiday Adornments such as Christmas wreaths, potted plants and poinsettias and other seasonal adornments may be placed on graves from Dec. 1 through Jan. 20. Artificial flowers and potted plants will be allowed on graves for a period extending 10 days before through 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.

To maintain the dignity of the cemetery, permanent plantings, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects and similar items are not permitted on the graves. The Department of Veterans Affairs does not permit adornments that are considered offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery, or considered hazardous to cemetery personnel. For example, items incorporating wires may become entangled in mowers or other equipment and cause injury.

# FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY





## Message from the Florida National Cemetery Staff

Welcome to Florida National Cemetery. We hope you find peace amid these quiet and beautiful grounds and visit us again.

Families often contact us during a difficult time – after the loss of a loved one.

We're here to make the burial process as comfortable as possible. We encourage Veterans and their families to talk with us in advance for information or about any questions or concerns.

When the time comes, we will ensure the committal service and any other requests are handled respectfully. We pledge to honor the dignity and memory of each person and to provide excellent service to family and friends during this difficult time.

### *Our Mission*

The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation.



# Overview



- Florida National Cemetery was established on June 1, 1988.
- The cemetery serves over 1.9 million Veterans in the state of Florida.
- Situated on 517 acres, the cemetery accommodates casketed and cremated remains.
- Over 7,000 burials are conducted each year.
- Florida National Cemetery also maintains St. Augustine National Cemetery and Bay Pines National Cemetery.
- Florida National Cemetery is the second most active national cemetery in the National Cemetery Administration.

# Making Burial Arrangements

The funeral home or next-of-kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to make burial arrangements for Veterans and/or their eligible dependents.

The funeral home should fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117. If military discharge documents are not available, scheduling office representatives will assist the funeral home or next-of-kin with the verification process. This process may require 48 hours or more to determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery.

The scheduling office will be open seven (7) days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Central time, except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Please contact the cemetery directly to:

- Schedule active duty interments
- Schedule memorial services without interment
- Cancel or reschedule interments
- Change information initially provided to the scheduling office
- Request disinterment or relocation of remains

Burial benefits provided by the National Cemetery Administration, at no cost to the Veteran, include: burial plot; opening and closing of the gravesite; a government liner; headstone or marker with inscription; interment flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Funeral director's services are not covered.

Gravesites are assigned by the cemetery and cannot be selected in advance. Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors.

The Veteran and spouse are interred in the same grave. If both were Veterans, they may choose to be buried side-by-side in separate graves.

Military honors are provided by the Department of Defense and are to be arranged by the funeral director. If there is no funeral director, cemetery staff will assist the family in arranging for military honors.

Burials and interments are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except designated holidays. Out of respect for all persons buried at the cemetery the main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service of the day.

Florida National Cemetery has the following burial site options:

- Casket: in-ground only
- Cremation: in-ground
- Cremation: above-ground columbarium

The administration office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on designated holidays.



# Floral Policy

**Cemetery floral policies are posted** on the floral storage receptacles located throughout the cemetery. We welcome fresh-cut flowers throughout the year and provide flower containers for gravesite displays as a courtesy. Once the flowers become unsightly, they are removed. They also may be removed for routine mowing or other maintenance.

**Limited floral arrangements** accompanying the casket or urn at the time of burial will be placed on the completed grave.

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# History and Background

Florida National Cemetery is located in the Withlacoochee State Forest, approximately 50 miles north of Tampa in Sumter County, Florida.

Withlacoochee State Forest was acquired by the federal government from private landowners between 1936 and 1939 under the provisions of the U.S. Land Resettlement Administration.

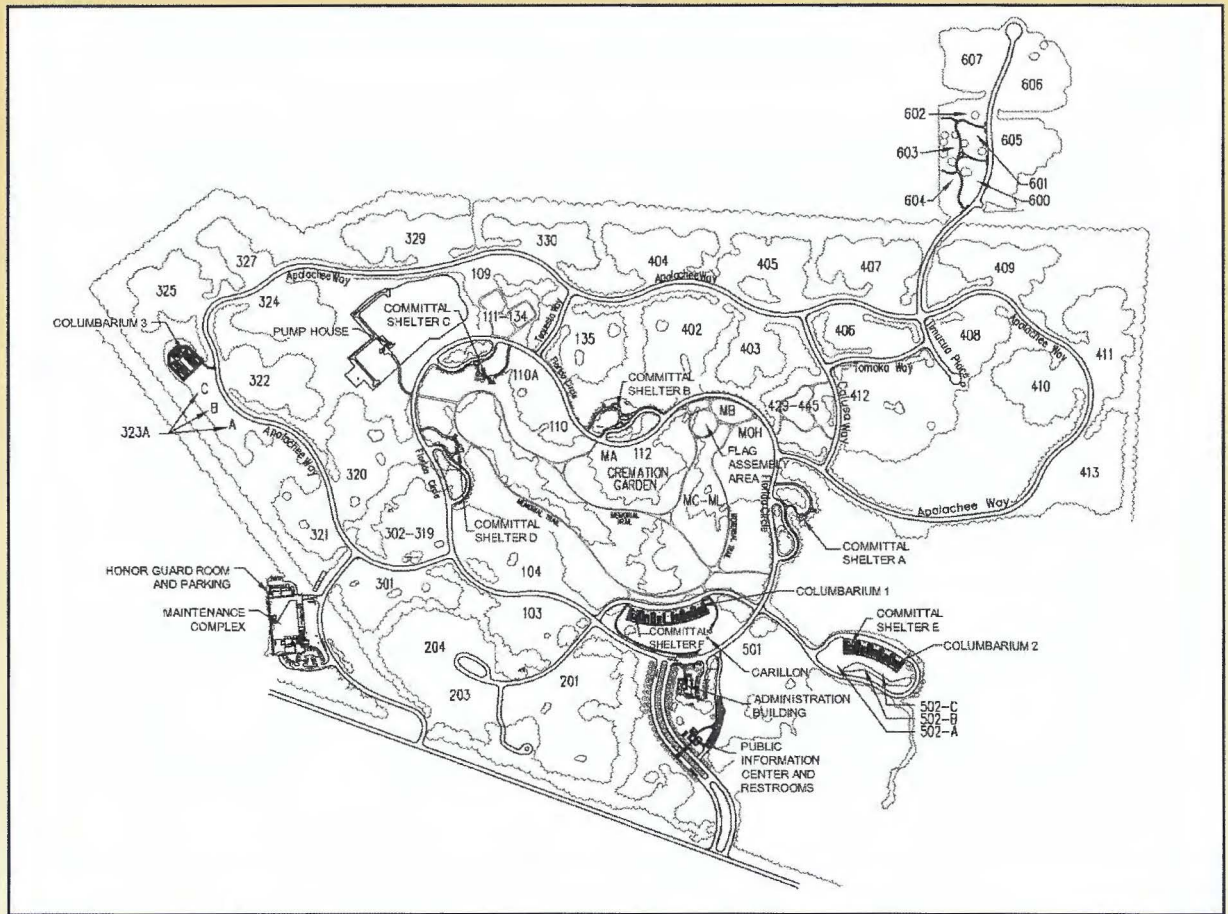
In 1980, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it would establish the fourth national cemetery in the state of Florida. On February 15, 1983, the state transferred land to the VA for the development of a Florida National Cemetery and the first interment was held in 1988.

The cemetery features a Memorial Pathway that is lined with a variety of memorials that honor America's Veterans of 20th-century conflicts.

The American Veterans (AMVETS) donated a carillon in 1993, which is located next to the administration building. The main assembly area is adorned with an open colonnade where Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies are held.



# Florida National Cemetery

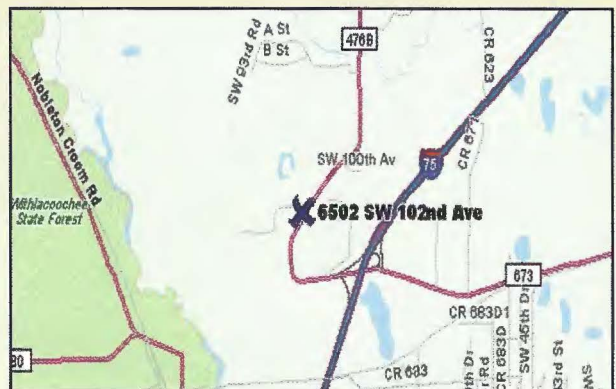


## Directions:

From Tampa International Airport, follow signs to 275 north.

Proceed on 275 north to Interstate 75.  
Travel approximately 50 miles to exit 309 (Webster), which places you on County Road 476B west.

The cemetery is about one mile on the left.



# Visiting the Cemetery

**Thousands of people visit** Florida National Cemetery each year. Many come for a committal service or to visit the gravesite of a loved one, others to attend special observances or to enjoy the peaceful setting. We welcome all visitors to this shrine for our nation's heroes.

**The cemetery is open to the public** daily from dawn until dusk for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites can be found using an automated gravesite locator kiosk in the public information center near the cemetery entrance. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

**General cemetery information** is available in the public information center or the administration building. Visitors to specific gravesites may park along the curb near the gravesite they are visiting. Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the public information center.

**Visitors attending committal services** should gather near the front entrance in the cortege lanes as directed by the cemetery representative attendant. Roadway parking is available throughout the cemetery and near the committal shelter during services. Special observances and ceremonies are held at the flag assembly area.



**A Memorial Day** ceremony is held annually the last Monday in May. For the time and date of the ceremony, call the cemetery office at (352) 793-7740.

While we invite visitors to Florida National Cemetery, we remind them of its solemn purpose and ask that they act in a dignified manner while on the cemetery grounds. For this reason, public gatherings of a partisan nature are not permitted. In addition, sports or recreational activities are not permitted, including:

- Bicycle riding
- Jogging
- Picnicking
- Roller blading
- Walking of pets
- Fishing or hunting



*"To care for  
him who shall  
have borne the  
battle and for his  
widow, and his  
orphan."*

*- Abraham Lincoln  
Second Inaugural Address  
March 4, 1865*



*For More Information:*

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NCA website: <http://www.cem.va.gov>



# NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION



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## *Burial Eligibility*

Burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements and have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Their spouse, minor children and, under certain conditions, dependent unmarried adult children are also eligible for burial even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or while performing training duty, or who have 20 years of service creditable for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial.



## *Benefits*

Burial benefits include a gravesite in any of our national cemeteries with available space, or a VA-funded state cemetery; the opening and closing of the grave; a government headstone or marker; perpetual care of the grave; a burial flag; and Presidential Memorial Certificates at no cost to the family. VA's Veterans Benefits Administration pays a burial and plot allowance for those Veterans eligible by law. For information, please contact the nearest VA Regional Office at 800-827-1000.

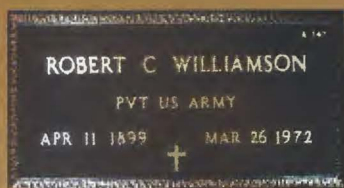


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## *Headstones & Markers*

VA provides headstones and markers:

- For the graves of eligible Veterans in private and government cemeteries around the world
- For eligible dependents of Veterans buried in national, post or state Veterans cemeteries
- For niches to mark columbaria used for the inurnment of cremated remains
- In a variety of styles — marble, granite and bronze flat markers; marble and granite upright headstones; marble and granite niche covers and bronze niche markers.
- Inscribed with the name, dates of birth and death and branch of service of the deceased
- With an emblem of belief
- With other approved optional text inscribed at government expense if space allows



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vice and sacrifice to our Nation.

## Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is inscribed with the Veteran's name and bears the President's signature to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased Veterans. Intended recipients include next of kin and loved ones.



## Bronze Medallions

VA provides a bronze medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran. The medallion comes in three sizes and is furnished in lieu of a traditional government headstone or marker.



## Military Funeral Honors

The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing military funeral honors. The DOD program, "Honoring Those Who Served," calls for funeral directors to request military funeral honors on behalf of the Veterans' families. Veterans organizations may assist in the provision of military funeral honors. In support of this program, VA national cemetery staff may assist in coordinating military funeral honors.



## *Burial Flag Program*

VA provides a U.S. flag to drape the casket of members of the armed forces and eligible Veterans. The flag is given to the next of kin and they may donate it to the cemetery's Avenue of Flags.



## *Nationwide Gravesite Locator*

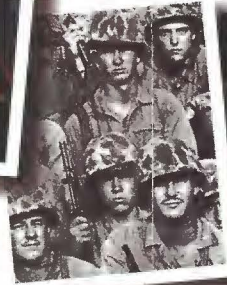
The burial locations of Veterans and their family members in VA national cemeteries, some state Veterans cemeteries and various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries may be accessed through the Nationwide Gravesite Locator. Gravesites in private cemeteries marked with a government furnished headstone or marker since 1997 may also be located. The gravesite locator can be accessed on the Web at:

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>; on mobile devices at [m.va.gov](http://m.va.gov); and at gravesite locator kiosks at the cemetery.

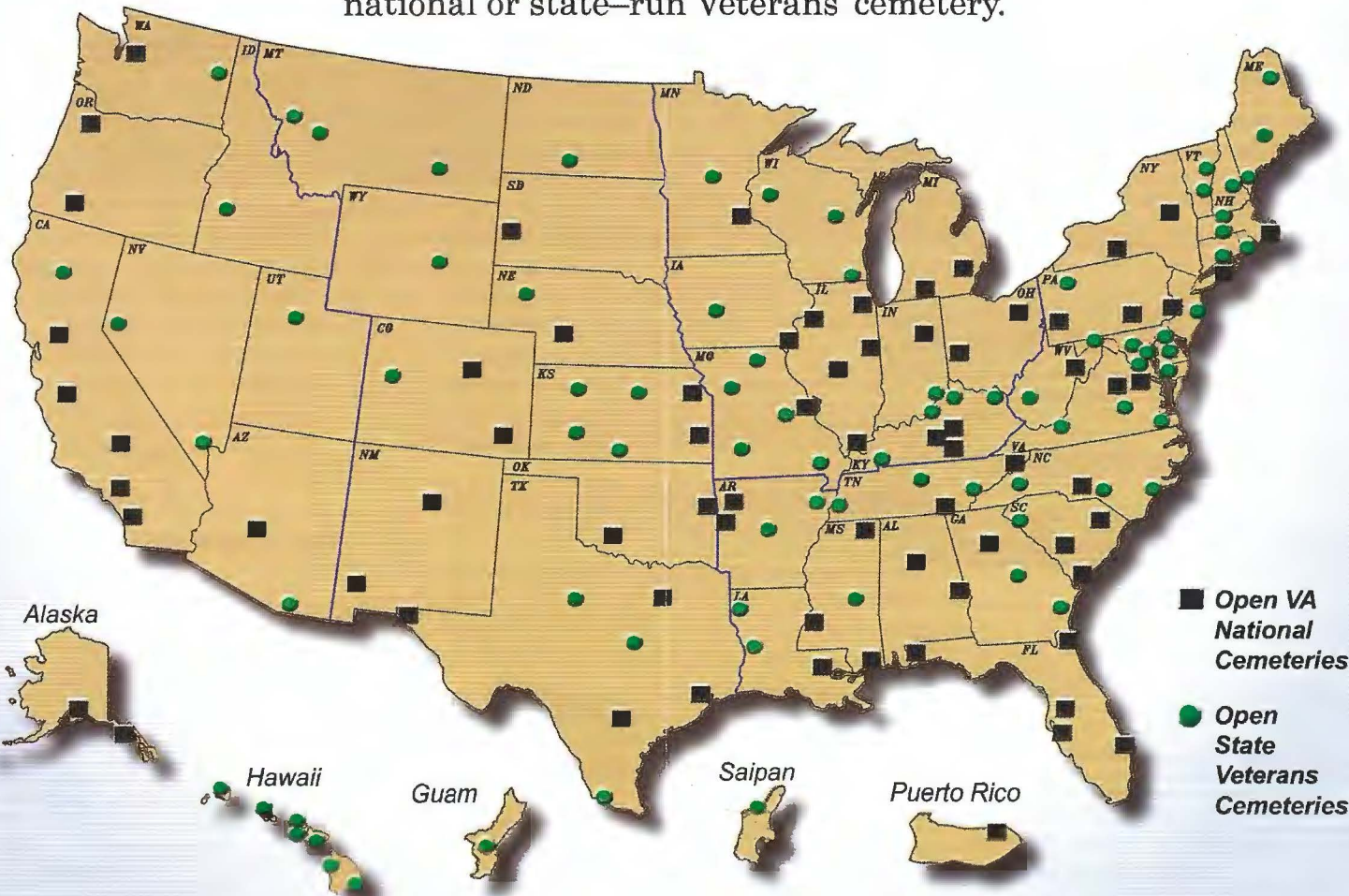




Nearly everyone discharged from active duty military service is eligible for VA burial benefits. Take a look inside at how you can access those benefits for you and your family members.



VA is committed to the development and expansion of cemeteries for Veterans. Today, approximately 90 percent of Veterans live within 75 miles of an open national or state-run Veterans' cemetery.





[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

Burial Arrangements: 800-535-1117

Headstones and Markers: 800-697-6947

Presidential Memorial Certificates:  
202-565-4964

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National Cemetery Administration (41C2)  
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Washington, DC 20420



*"To care for him who  
shall have borne the  
battle and for his widow,  
and his orphan."*



# **VA Benefits for Survivors**

***“...to care for him who shall have  
borne the battle, and for his widow  
and his orphan...”***

**- Abraham Lincoln -**

**VA Pamphlet 21-03-1  
July 2010**

This pamphlet provides brief information about benefits available to survivors of military Servicemembers and Veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)).

Contact VA to determine potential eligibility in specific cases and for current benefit rates.

## **BURIAL**

### **Reimbursement of Burial Expenses -**

A burial allowance may be paid to help offset expenses of the Veteran's funeral and burial. The allowance is payable for Veterans who:

- died of a service-connected disability, or
- were in receipt of compensation or pension, or retired pay in lieu thereof, or
- died in a VA facility.

**Plot Allowance -** If not buried in a national cemetery, a plot allowance may be payable for Veterans who:

- were discharged for disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, or
- were in receipt of compensation or pension, or retired pay in lieu thereof, or
- died in a VA facility.

**National Cemetery -** Most Veterans, their spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in one of VA's national cemeteries at no cost to the family. Many states have Veterans cemeteries, built with VA grants, with similar benefits.

**Headstone or Marker -** VA provides a headstone or marker for Veterans buried in any cemetery worldwide.

**Flag -** An American flag is provided to drape the casket or accompany the urn of an eligible Veteran. The flag is presented to the Veteran's next of kin upon burial.

**Presidential Memorial Certificates -** Family and other loved ones may request these personalized certificates.



## **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)**

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of Servicemembers who die during active military service, or Veterans who:

- die after military service because of a service connected disability, or
- were receiving or entitled to receive VA compensation for a service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling
  - for 10 years immediately preceding death, or
  - since the veteran's release from active duty and for five years immediately preceding death, or
  - for one year immediately preceding death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war

***\*See Restoration of Entitlement***

## **PARENTS' DIC**

This benefit is paid to parents of Veterans who die in service or as a result of a service-connected disability. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount payable varies based on the parents' other income.

## **DEATH PENSION**

Death pension is a monthly benefit paid to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of wartime Veterans whose death is not due to a service-connected disability. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount payable varies based on the amount of other income.

## **Aid and Attendance/Housebound**

Aid and attendance is paid to DIC and pension recipients who require regular assistance in eating, bathing, dressing, or taking care of the needs of nature. Individuals who are blind, a patient in a nursing home, or receiving care in an assisted living facility are included.

Housebound is paid to DIC and pension recipients who are permanently housebound (or confined to a ward or clinical area) because of disability.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The Dependents' Educational Assistance Program provides educational benefits to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of

- Servicemembers who die during active military service, or
- Veterans who die of a service-connected disability, or
- Veterans who were rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability at the time of death.

There are time limits for use of this benefit

- A surviving spouse has 10 years from the date eligibility is established, but 20 years if the Servicemember died while on active duty.
- Children are eligible from age 18 to 26.

A child or surviving spouse with disabilities may be eligible for special restorative training or specialized vocational training. Educational and vocational counseling and employment as a work-study student are also available.

### ***\*See Restoration of Entitlement***

### **Fry Scholarship under the Post 9/11 GI Bill**

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Program provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children of Servicemembers who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible children (between the ages of 18-33) attending school may receive up to the highest public, in-state, undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living allowance and books and supplies stipend. Please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for more information.

## **HOME LOAN GUARANTY**

The unmarried surviving spouse of a Veteran whose death was service connected is generally eligible for this program. VA guarantees loans to purchase a home, including a condominium or manufactured home, or to refinance an existing home loan.

### ***\*See Restoration of Entitlement***

## HEALTH CARE

The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) provides coverage for unmarried surviving spouses and children of Veterans who:

- died of a service-connected disability, or
- were permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability at the time of death, or
- died in service in the line of duty, and the dependents are not eligible for Department of Defense TRICARE benefits.

### ***Restoration of Entitlement***

***Entitlement may be restored for a surviving spouse who remarried after the Veteran's death if the remarriage ended in death, divorce, or annulment.***

***A surviving spouse who remarries at age 57 or older, or at age 55 or older for CHAMPVA entitlement, generally retains entitlement to DIC, home loan guaranty, and education and training benefits.***

## LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Veteran may have had active life insurance coverage with VA. Please see the Contact VA section of this pamphlet to find out where to call if you have insurance questions or need a claim form.

VA life insurance coverage:

- United States Government Life Insurance
- National Service Life Insurance
- Veterans Special Life Insurance
- Veterans Reopened Insurance
- Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
- Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance
- Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)\*
- Veterans's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)\*

\*Free financial counseling is available to SGLI and VGLI beneficiaries.



## **EDUCATION PROGRAM REFUND**

**Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)** - If the Veteran died while on active duty, or within one year of separation or discharge due to a service-connected disability, the beneficiary of the Veteran's SGLI or VGLI policy is eligible for a refund of the Veteran's MGIB military pay reductions which were not paid to the Veteran in benefits.

**Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)** - A Veteran's designated survivor is eligible to be refunded the Veteran's VEAP contributions that were not paid to the Veteran in benefits.

## **RELATED BENEFITS**

### **CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE**

The unmarried surviving spouse of certain deceased Veterans (for example, wartime Veterans) may qualify for hiring preference within the Federal government. The mother of a Veteran who died during military service is also eligible, VA provides an eligibility certification upon request.

### **COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES**

The Armed Forces provide commissary and exchange privileges to the unmarried surviving spouses of

- servicemembers who die on active duty
- military retirees
- Veterans whose service-connected disability was rated 100-percent or totally disabling at time of death,

VA provides an eligibility certification upon request.

## **CONTACT VA**

### ***Toll-Free Telephone Assistance***

For more information about specific benefits, visit the nearest VA regional office or call

**(800) 827-1000**

### ***Other VA Toll-Free Numbers***

CHAMPVA	(800) 733-8387
Education & Training	(888) 442-4551
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### ***Internet***

Information about the wide range of VA benefits and services, including benefit rates, is available at

**[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**

**Survivors.** For information specific to survivors, select "Benefits," then "Survivors' Benefits,"

**Inquiries.** A "Contact VA" link is available for e-mail inquiries.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM REFUND

**Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)** - If the Veteran died while on active duty, or within one year of separation or discharge due to a service-connected disability, the beneficiary of the Veteran's SGLI or VGLI policy is eligible for a refund of the Veteran's MGIB military pay reductions which were not paid to the Veteran in benefits.

**Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)** - A Veteran's designated survivor is eligible to be refunded the Veteran's VEAP contributions that were not paid to the Veteran in benefits.

## RELATED BENEFITS

### CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE

The unmarried surviving spouse of certain deceased Veterans (for example, wartime Veterans) may qualify for hiring preference within the Federal government. The mother of a Veteran who died during military service is also eligible, VA provides an eligibility certification upon request.

### COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

The Armed Forces provide commissary and exchange privileges to the unmarried surviving spouses of

- servicemembers who die on active duty
- military retirees
- Veterans whose service-connected disability was rated 100-percent or totally disabling at time of death,

VA provides an eligibility certification upon request.

## CONTACT VA

### Toll-Free Telephone Assistance

For more information about specific benefits, visit the nearest VA regional office or call

**(800) 827-1000**

### Other VA Toll-Free Numbers

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## VA Benefits for Survivors

***"...to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan..."***

- Abraham Lincoln -

RESCISSION: VA Pamphlet  
21-03-1, dated January 2006

VA Pamphlet 21-03-1  
July 2010



This pamphlet provides brief information about benefits available to survivors of military Servicemembers and Veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)).

Contact VA to determine potential eligibility in specific cases and for current benefit rates.

## BURIAL

### Reimbursement of Burial Expenses -

A burial allowance may be paid to help offset expenses of the Veteran's funeral and burial. The allowance is payable for Veterans who:

- died of a service-connected disability, or
- were in receipt of compensation or pension, or retired pay in lieu thereof, or
- died in a VA facility.

**Plot Allowance** - If not buried in a national cemetery, a plot allowance may be payable for Veterans who:

- were discharged for disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, or
- were in receipt of compensation or pension, or retired pay in lieu thereof, or
- died in a VA facility.

**National Cemetery** - Most Veterans, their spouses, and dependent children are eligible for burial in one of VA's national cemeteries at no cost to the family. Many states have Veterans cemeteries, built with VA grants, with similar benefits.

**Headstone or Marker** - VA provides a headstone or marker for Veterans buried in any cemetery worldwide.

**Flag** - An American flag is provided to drape the casket or accompany the urn of an eligible Veteran. The flag is presented to the Veteran's next of kin upon burial.

**Presidential Memorial Certificates** - Family and other loved ones may request these personalized certificates.

## DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of Servicemembers who die during active military service, or Veterans who:

- die after military service because of a service-connected disability, or
- were receiving or entitled to receive VA compensation for a service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling
  - for 10 years immediately preceding death, or
  - since the veteran's release from active duty and for five years immediately preceding death, or
  - for one year immediately preceding death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war

*\*See Restoration of Entitlement*

## PARENTS' DIC

This benefit is paid to parents of Veterans who die in service or as a result of a service-connected disability. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount payable varies based on the parents' other income.

## DEATH PENSION

Death pension is a monthly benefit paid to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of wartime Veterans whose death is not due to a service-connected disability. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount payable varies based on the amount of other income.

## Aid and Attendance/Housebound

Aid and attendance is paid to DIC and pension recipients who require regular assistance in eating, bathing, dressing, or taking care of the needs of nature. Individuals who are blind, a patient in a nursing home, or receiving care in an assisted living facility are included.

Housebound is paid to DIC and pension recipients who are permanently housebound (or confined to a ward or clinical area) because of disability.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Dependents' Educational Assistance Program provides educational benefits to unmarried surviving spouses and dependent children of

- Servicemembers who die during active military service, or
- Veterans who die of a service-connected disability, or
- Veterans who were rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability at the time of death.

There are time limits for use of this benefit

- A surviving spouse has 10 years from the date eligibility is established, but 20 years if the Servicemember died while on active duty.
- Children are eligible from age 18 to 26.

A child or surviving spouse with disabilities may be eligible for special restorative training or specialized vocational training. Educational and vocational counseling and employment as a work-study student are also available.

*\*See Restoration of Entitlement*

## Fry Scholarship under the Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Program provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children of Servicemembers who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible children (between the ages of 18-33) attending school may receive up to the highest public, in-state, undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living allowance and books and supplies stipend. Please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for more information.

## HOME LOAN GUARANTY

The unmarried surviving spouse of a Veteran whose death was service connected is generally eligible for this program. VA guarantees loans to purchase a home, including a condominium or manufactured home, or to refinance an existing home loan.

*\*See Restoration of Entitlement*

## HEALTH CARE

The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) provides coverage for unmarried surviving spouses and children of Veterans who:

- died of a service-connected disability, or
- were permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability at the time of death, or
- died in service in the line of duty, and the dependents are not eligible for Department of Defense TRICARE benefits.

## Restoration of Entitlement

*Entitlement may be restored for a surviving spouse who remarried after the Veteran's death if the remarriage ended in death, divorce, or annulment.*

*A surviving spouse who remarries at age 57 or older, or at age 55 or older for CHAMPVA entitlement, generally retains entitlement to DIC, home loan guaranty, and education and training benefits.*

## LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Veteran may have had active life insurance coverage with VA. Please see the Contact VA section of this pamphlet to find out where to call if you have insurance questions or need a claim form.

VA life insurance coverage:

- United States Government Life Insurance
- National Service Life Insurance
- Veterans Special Life Insurance
- Veterans Reopened Insurance
- Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
- Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance
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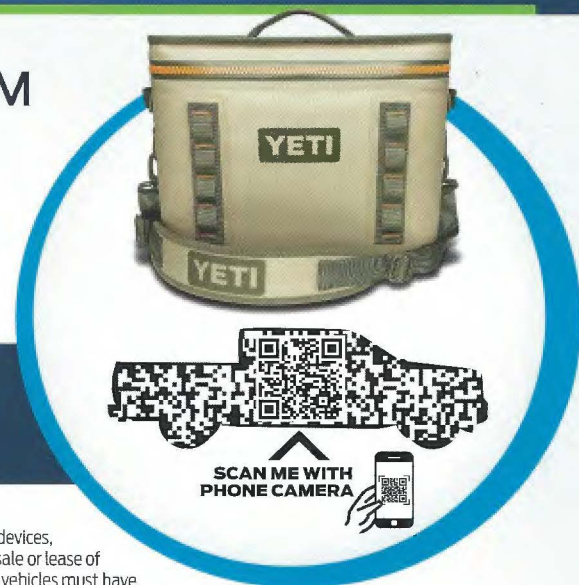


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Go Further



There are instances when you should contact a national cemetery directly for scheduling support. They are:

- Active duty interment scheduling
- Interment cancellation or rescheduling
- Change to information initially provided to Scheduling Office
- Request for disinterment and/or relocation to another national cemetery



### National Cemetery Administration Mission Statement

The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans and their families with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our nation.



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Second Inaugural Address  
March 4, 1865*



*For More Information:*

National Cemetery Scheduling Office  
St. Louis, Missouri

Fax: 1-866-900-6417  
Phone: 1-800-535-1117

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# NATIONAL CEMETERY SCHEDULING OFFICE





## Step 1:

**Fax 1-866-900-6417**

**Or Scan and Email**

**NCA.Scheduling@va.gov**

***Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 or Scan and Email the documentation to NCA.Scheduling@va.gov with the name of the Decedent in the subject line. Follow-up with a phone call to: 1-800-535-1117.***

It is important to have all eligibility documentation available prior to calling the Scheduling office. Burial in a national cemetery is based on military service. A copy of an official military discharge document bearing an official seal or other supporting documentation is usually sufficient to determine eligibility for burial. The document must show release from service was under conditions other than dishonorable. Discharge documentation is not usually needed for scheduling when a Veteran or eligible dependent is already interred in a national cemetery.

### ***If you have no eligibility documentation ...***

Scheduling Office Eligibility Agents will assist you with the verification process. Requests for eligibility determination when no military discharge documents are available may require 48 hours or more for verification. Scheduling Office personnel will contact you within 48 hours of the initial process with verification results or an explanation of the delay.

*Information gathered will only be used to determine eligibility and the National Cemetery Administration will not give, sell or transfer any personal information outside the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

## Step 2: Call 1-800-535-1117

***In order to assist you, please have the following information readily available:***

- Cemetery of choice
- First or subsequent burial (Veteran or dependent already buried)
- If subsequent interment, who is already interred, section and site # (if known)
- Decedent's full name, gender, SSN, date of death, date of birth & relationship (Veteran or dependent)
- Contact Info (funeral director's name as well as the name address, and E-mail address of funeral home)
- Next of kin info (name, relationship to deceased, SSN, phone number, address)
- Type of religious emblem for headstone (if known)
- Did the decedent reside within 75 miles of requested cemetery?
- ZIP code of decedent at time of death
- County of decedent at time of death
- Type of burial (casket or cremation)
- Marital status of deceased (if Veteran is buried in a private cemetery, must provide documentation of marital status of spouse at time of death)
- Casket size/liner size/urn size/urn vault size
- Is surviving spouse a Veteran?
- Any disabled children for future interment (must provide name and date of birth). If requesting immediate interment (must provide marital status, doctor's statement stating type of illness, date of onset of illness and capability of self-support).
- Military Honors requested



Researching Burial Information

The National Cemetery Scheduling Office provides interment scheduling service 7 days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Central Time. The Scheduling Office is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. As a service to all Veterans and their families, a national cemetery will never go more than two days without offering interment times and we will be able to advise you which days are open for interments when there is a three-day federal holiday.



National Cemetery Scheduling Agent assisting a caller



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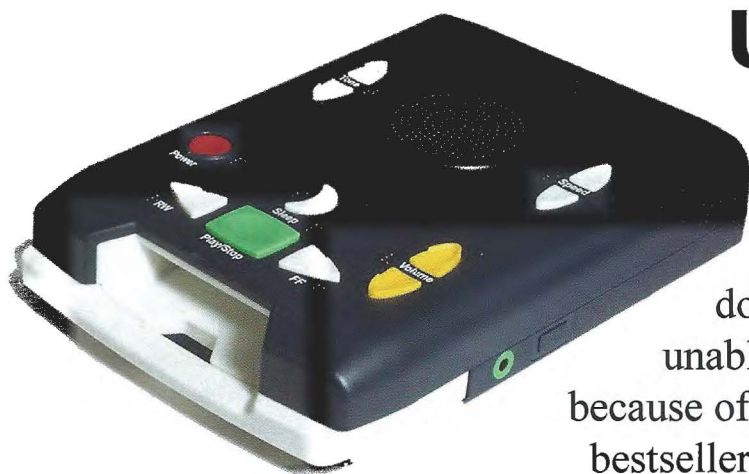


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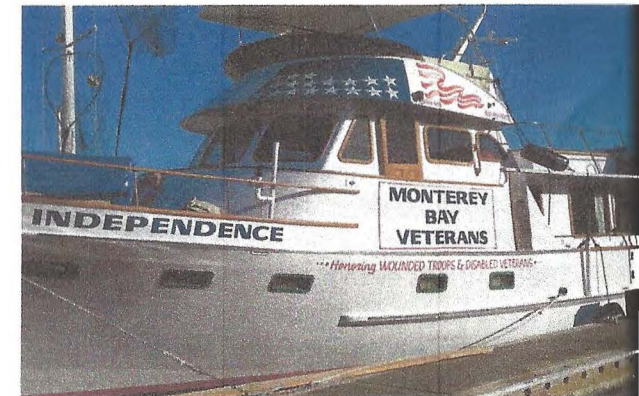
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## The Beginning

The Wheelchair Salmon Fishing Derby was born in 1987 when two busses of Veterans from the Palo Alto VA Medical Center and two handfuls of other Disabled Veterans participated. The event was so successful; a second derby was held in 1988 and was even more successful. The impact of sport fishing on rehabilitation was so enthusiastically received that the Wheelchair Salmon Fishing Derby became our annual event.

## Incorporation

In 1991 local veterans organized Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. as a 501(c) 3 non-profit on October 3, 1991. The Sports Rehab Center (SRC), a division of Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. provides a program of "Diversion Therapy", primarily ocean activities, specifically designed for wounded warriors and disabled veterans.

## The Sports Rehab Center (SRC)

The Sports Rehab Center operates a fleet of vessels for use in our sport fishing and scuba diving programs. These vessels are available by reservation for use by wounded troops and disabled veterans with a 40% or more physical disability. The SRC has an inventory of equipment, some specially designed for those severely disabled. Our objective is to provide a program of diversion therapy, specifically designed for all categories and levels of disability.

## Sports Rehab Center Programs

- Physically Challenged (PC) Access – transportation services for disabled at major events including Mazda/Laguna Seca Raceway, Pebble Beach AT&T Pro-Am, First Tee Open and Concourse d'Elegance, California Rodeo, California International Airshow, and Monterey fair & Jazz Fest.
- Freedom Dive Program - scuba diver training and ocean diving access aboard the Freedom, a 60' Pacifica refitted for every level of disability with a first-of-its-kind submerging dive platform.
- Independence Tour – the Independence, a 49' DeFever Pilothouse with wheelchair access, cruises to ports north and south to offer fishing, whale watching, and marine environmental education to hospital patients that cannot travel to us. We also offer the scattering of ashes at sea with military honors.

- Salmon Derby & Rock Cod Derby – held in spring and fall each year. The Salmon Derby draws hundreds of disabled Veterans out of homes and hospitals for a month-long competition. Participants and boat owners compete for honors, presented at the annual awards banquet. The Rock Cod Derby in the fall brings Veterans back together for another round of camaraderie and fishing.
- On Demand Services – by appointment
- Private Charters – by appointment

## Become a Sponsor = Impact

Funding for the Sports Rehab Center is totally dependent on charitable donations (cash & equipment), sponsorships, and grants. You or your business can make a huge difference for wounded Troops, Disabled Veterans and citizens. Doctors from Veterans hospitals have endorsed our organization for "providing excellent rehabilitation therapy" not only for the day of each event but also in preparation: strength conditioning, packing for the weekend, handling money, medications, and being with others that have been in their boots.

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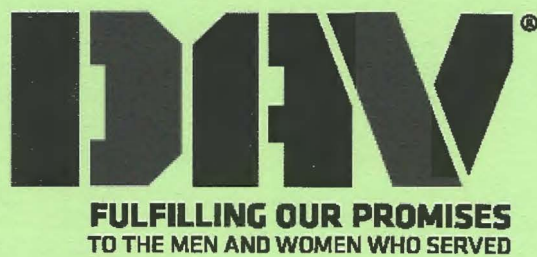
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# Vote Report

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Chapter	Members	Votes	Chapter	Members	Votes	Chapter	Members	Votes
<b>ALABAMA</b>			22. SCOTTSDALE #22	1,217	25	21. OZIE BOLER #21	677	15
1. TUSCALOOSA #1	866	18	24. STAR #24	1,162	24	23. JACK FISHER #23	2,820	57
3. LIZARD STATE #3	2,178	0	26. SAN PEDRO VLY #26	263	6	24. VENTURA #24	570	12
4. BIRMINGHAM #4	1,548	32	27. LONDON BRIDGE #27	473	10	25. BERKELEY #25	188	5
6. KLUG SMITH #6	320	7	28. THE WORKING CHAPTER #28	651	14	26. MODESTO #26	596	13
7. SHEHAN PAKE #7	1,499	31	36. PINAL COUNTY #36	384	9	28. CHARLOTTE W FAY #28	1,694	35
9. ENTERPRISE-COFFEE CO #9	1,956	40	Department		1	31. ATWATER-MERCED #31	362	8
11. W B HENDRIX #11	382	9	<b>Totals</b>	<b>21,678</b>	<b>372</b>	35. RAY CLARK #35	834	18
12. J PAUL PITTS #12	2,267	46	<b>ARKANSAS</b>			37. SANTA BARBARA #37	249	6
13. BILL NICHOLS #13	244	6	1. FT SMITH #1	560	12	39. MWF ANTELOPE VALLEY #39	890	19
14. TUSKEGEE #14	134	4	3. DR GANNON-FAYETTVL #3	341	8	45. MEMORIAL #45	449	10
18. FRANK L BRADFORD #18	324	7	4. BEAR STATE #4	2,711	0	46. WHITTIER #46	690	15
21. E J KIRKPATRICK #21	434	10	5. JAMES L WHITBY #5	680	15	48. SONOMA #48	935	20
26. HUNTSVILLE #26	1,382	29	6. BOONE CO #6	229	6	52. REV ED MUEGGE JR #52	377	9
27. A L MCLAUGHLIN #27	187	5	7. GREATER LITTLE ROCK #7	2,724	55	55. SIMI VALLEY #55	546	12
28. BLOUNT-CULLMAN COUNTY #28	465	10	10. JOHN H DUNN #10	425	10	56. GOLDEN STATE #56	16,697	0
31. MARENGO COUNTY #31	82	3	12. PINE BLUFF #12	354	8	59. GEORGE E MOREY #59	243	6
33. CHILTON COUNTY #33	183	5	13. MORRILTON #13	107	3	60. MORONGO BASIN #60	378	9
35. LEO DUBOSE #35	267	6	16. SPRINGDALE #16	259	6	63. KILLIAN SCHROTH #63	331	8
40. BARBOUR COUNTY #40	83	3	26. JONESBORO #26	671	14	66. PALM SPRINGS #66	395	9
45. ARNOLD BYERS #45	261	6	27. SIMPSON TURNER #27	415	9	68. BRUCE PATTERSON #68	315	7
50. CHOCTAW COUNTY #50	48	2	30. TWIN LAKES #30	412	9	70. THOMAS F DURBIN #70	1,850	38
51. JAMES L DANIELS #51	242	6	34. NEWPORT #34	86	3	73. BIRMINGHAM HOSP #73	1,596	33
53. WHITE LEE #53	118	3	39. THE PARIS #39	125	4	74. TURLOCK #74	194	5
61. WM H VEST #61	151	4	41. WHITE COUNTY #41	276	7	77. FREMONT NEWARK #77	659	14
63. MUSCLE SHOALS #63	630	14	46. OUACHITA #46	190	5	78. INDIO #78	330	8
66. R GEO ISAACS JR #66	423	9	47. EL DORADO #47	211	5	81. SUISUN FAIRFIELD #81	559	12
72. ANDREW G FAULK #72	158	4	56. GRANT COUNTY #56	142	4	82. SANTA MARIA #82	350	8
78. GEO WASH CARVER #78	205	5	57. G P HOUSTON MEM #57	263	6	83. LAKE COUNTY #83	207	5
87. DOTHAN #87	713	15	64. SILOAM SPRINGS #64	48	2	84. VACAVILLE #84	568	12
94. OZARK #94	581	13	Department		1	85. GEN J STILLWELL #85	1,377	29
95. TWIN CITIES #95	409	9	<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,229</b>	<b>192</b>	91. LOMPOC #91	340	8
98. ANNISTON-OXFORD #98	615	13	<b>BLIND NO DEPT</b>			92. BILL KINNARD #92	878	19
99. WIRE GRASS #99	105	3	1. BLIND VETERANS NATL #1	132	4	93. DICK BILYEU #93	995	21
Department		1	Department		0	95. TRI-CITIES #95	1,705	35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,460</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>4</b>	99. OXNARD #99	645	14
<b>ALASKA</b>			<b>CALIFORNIA</b>			106. PARADISE #106	220	5
2. FAIRBANKS #2	594	13	1. HOMER BLEVINS #1	1,887	39	115. J E WILSON #115	271	6
7. METRO #7	1,284	27	2. DICK COSGRIFF SAN DIEGO #2	9,277	187	117. OLD ADOBE #117	293	7
59. ALASKA AT LARGE #59	895	0	5. LOS ANGELES #5	2,785	57	118. IONE #118	145	4
Department		1	6. SACRAMENTO #6	2,816	57	119. SONORA #119	178	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>41</b>	7. OAKLAND #7	1,128	24	122. L H BENSON #122	373	8
<b>ARIZONA</b>			8. ALAMEDA #8	327	8	123. LILLIAN BUSHNELL #123	672	14
1. PHOENIX #1	2,496	51	9. MARYSVILLE #9	310	7	125. CHICO #125	369	8
4. TUCSON #4	915	19	11. SAN JOSE #11	1,574	32	154. MT DIABLO #154	773	16
5. SUNSHINE STATE #5	3,773	0	12. SAN BERNARDINO #12	1,333	28	Department		1
8. EAST VALLEY #8	2,965	60	13. CMP KRNY VAN NUY #13	755	16	<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,192</b>	<b>1,193</b>
11. LOUIS LEVY #11	832	18	15. AL JORDAN #15	776	17			
14. FRY #14	1,105	23	16. EDMUND PARROTT #16	701	15			
16. PRESCOTT #16	1,186	25	17. LONG BEACH #17	1,710	35			
18. RINCON RENEGADES #18	968	20	19. LAKEWOOD #19	1,247	26			
20. GLENDALE #20	3,288	67	20. BAKERSFIELD #20	783	17			



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<b>KENTUCKY</b>			15. ALVIN E ARMSTRONG #15	852	18			
1. LEXINGTON #1	1,195	25	17. LOUIS L LUST #17	864	18			
3. ELIZABETHTOWN #3	1,374	28	19. ACADIAN #19	194	5			
4. OWENSBORO #4	645	14	20. JACK REDELL MEM #20	592	13			
7. MILES MEREDITH #7	440	10	21. SABINE #21	248	6			
8. JOUETT HENRY #8	487	11	23. WESTBANK #23	679	15			
11. OHIO COUNTY #11	159	4	30. SHRVPRT BOSSIER #30	1,773	36			
12. WM MC CLANAHAN #12	125	4	32. TOXIE C CAMP #32	158	4			
15. SALYERSVILLE #15	117	3	33. JOHN P APRIL #33	719	15			
18. BIG SANDY #18	271	6	37. JEFFERSON #37	197	5			
19. FREDERICK R BRISTOL MEMOR	1,032	22	41. VILLE PLATTE #41	85	3			
20. GLASGOW #20	418	9	47. MANSURA #47	117	3			
23. CORNCRACKER STATE #23	3,574	0	50. FLORIDA PARISH #50	287	7			
32. WAND B DOYLE #32	314	7	51. GEN C CHENNAULT FLYING TIG	104	3			
41. CASEY COUNTY #41	144	4	52. ED GARY MEMORIAL #52	29	2			
51. J B GLOVER #51	140	4	Department		1			
55. MADISON COUNTY #55	316	7	<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,771</b>	<b>233</b>			
64. HAZARD #64	272	6	<b>MAINE</b>					
66. LONDON #66	462	10	1. JOHN F MCPHERSON #1	1,814	37			
89. H RICHARDSON MEM #89	2,014	41	2. PINE TREE STATE #2	454	0			
90. FRED DENTON #90	138	4	3. ALBERT S WORTHEN #3	810	17			
94. DANIEL BOONE #94	111	3	6. JOHN F KENNEDY #6	1,358	28			
101. SCREAMING EAGLES #101	408	9	9. PRNT-OUULT ST J VLY #9	183	5			
103. POWELL COUNTY #103	91	3	10. SMART - RICKER #10	492	11			
105. WAYNE COUNTY #105	267	6	11. EMILIEN HAMANN #11	858	18			
106. GRAVES COUNTY #106	153	4	15. LAVALLEE-GARRISON #15	573	12			
118. BENTON #118	89	3	19. THOMAS W BAZEMORE #19	681	15			
128. M VANDERPOOL MEM #128	233	6	Department		1			
129. DR E M BOARDMAN #129	69	2	<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>144</b>			
132. MORGAN COUNTY #132	113	3	<b>MARYLAND</b>					
133. LESLIE COUNTY #133	98	3	1. PAUL THOMPSON MEM #1	1,675	35			
134. PIKEVILLE #134	127	4	3. L L MERRILL SR #3	465	10			
137. MANCHESTER #137	149	4	4. ERNIE PYLE #4	861	18			
140. ELKHORN CITY #140	89	3	5. WASHINGTON - LEE #5	485	11			
141. BELFRY #141	129	4	6. OLD LINE STATE #6	1,349	0			
143. BATH COUNTY #143	134	4	7. OMAHA BCH #7	1,367	28			
147. GRAYSON #147	522	11	9. EDWARD T CONROY #9	177	5			
156. RADCLIFF #156	900	19	12. ROCKVILLE MEM #12	840	18			
158. KEAVY #158	184	5	13. GLEN BURNIE #13	1,261	26			
162. SCIENCE HILL #162	285	7	14. R S TAGG JR #14	556	12			
165. JACK WELCH #165	86	3	15. F MC LHINNEY #15	367	8			
166. JOHNS CREEK MEM #166	137	4	17. GEN M J MAAS #17	1,786	37			
169. BETSY LAYNE #169	288	7	18. TOWSON #18	714	15			
171. KNOTT COUNTY #171	244	6	22. OLD GLORY #22	416	9			
173. GOSHEN #173	50	2	26. ST MARYS #26	714	15			
Department		1	28. DANIEL DOC DOUGHERTY #28	199	5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,593</b>	<b>345</b>	30. BEL AIR #30	529	12			
<b>LOUISIANA</b>			33. SARGE WAREHIME #33	755	16			
2. LAFAYETTE #2	678	15	34. EASTERN SHORE #34	511	11			
5. CAPITAL CITY #5	980	21	36. PFC J DEMARR MEM #36	948	20			
7. PAUL P BENOIT MEM #7	1,025	22	Department		1			
8. MCCLENDON #8	549	12	<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,975</b>	<b>312</b>			
9. BAYOU #9	393	9						
11. CREOLE STATE #11	1,248	0						





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<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>			Department		1	139. HASTINGS #139	52	2
1. BAY STATE #1	3,547	0	<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,085</b>	<b>523</b>	Department		1
2. QUEEN CITY #2	507	11	<b>MICHIGAN</b>			<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,262</b>	<b>470</b>
3. SILVER STAR JFK MEM #3	1,696	35	1. KEANE-RANKIN M DET #1	1,581	33	<b>MINNESOTA</b>		
4. WORCESTER #4	1,341	28	2. WM A SMITH JR #2	1,239	26	1. MINNEAPOLIS #1	3,466	70
6. LAWRENCE J HERON #6	397	9	3. GENESEE #3	1,541	32	2. ST PAUL #2	1,915	39
7. DR C E BURT #7	772	16	4. SAGINAW #4	466	10	3. RUSSO-GOLOB #3	233	6
9. WM S GREENE #9	527	12	6. BUCK CROSBY #6	1,149	24	4. CLOVERLEAF #4	404	9
10. JOS R HAROLD MEM #10	1,030	22	7. CALHOUN CO #7	693	15	6. GILBERT W NORDMAN #6	1,029	22
11. WESTOVER #11	767	16	8. CAPITOL CITY #8	586	13	7. NORTH CENTRAL #7	659	14
15. PITTSFIELD #15	416	9	10. WM SPARKS #10	286	7	8. GOPHER STATE #8	620	0
20. HANNAH DUSTIN #20	263	6	11. WOOD-TAZELAAR #11	541	12	9. ST CLOUD #9	936	20
21. MYSTC VLY-GOLD ST #21	241	6	12. PORT HURON #12	599	13	10. LYLE C PEARSON SR #10	744	16
23. W J FARRELL #23	280	7	13. WASHTENAW CO #13	545	12	11. AITKIN #11	138	4
24. NOE P VALOIS MEM #24	409	9	14. HOLLAND #14	380	9	12. MORRISON CO #12	500	11
25. EDITH N ROGERS #25	864	18	17. TWIN CITIES #17	418	9	13. ITASCA COUNTY #13	463	10
27. SOMERVILLE #27	353	8	18. BIG RAPIDS #18	258	6	14. CROOKSTON #14	214	5
29. BRAINTREE #29	1,006	21	19. SO OAKLAND #19	563	12	15. NEW ULM #15	665	14
30. FITCHBURG #30	384	9	20. LENAWEE #20	317	7	16. GLAYDON IVERSON #16	214	5
33. SCOTT VETTERLING #33	257	6	22. MARQUETTE COUNTY #22	331	8	17. WASHINGTON CO #17	270	6
35. MARSHFIELD MEM #35	349	8	23. CLOVERLAND #23	274	6	18. CARLTON COUNTY #18	555	12
37. THOMAS HAYES MEM #37	445	10	24. DELTA COUNTY #24	244	6	20. FARIBAULT #20	339	8
40. E A TWOMEY SR #40	234	6	25. MENOMINEE CO #25	180	5	22. CROW WING CO #22	421	9
41. EDWARD DRAKE #41	342	8	26. MANISTIQUE #26	91	3	23. KOLSTAD #23	416	9
42. DEDHAM #42	304	7	33. WOLVERINE STATE #33	4,453	0	24. WESTERN #24	362	8
45. WALTHAM #45	372	8	38. GRAND TRAVERSE BAY AREA #	421	9	25. FERGUS FALLS #25	326	8
46. CHARLES MUSANTE #46	145	4	39. INLAND LAKES #39	347	8	27. ARNOLD BRANDT #27	236	6
47. BILLERICA #47	352	8	42. MONROE COUNTY #42	90	3	28. MAYO SOUTHEAST #28	1,184	25
50. ROCKLAND #50	302	7	43. SALT CITY #43	160	4	31. LAKE LAND #31	276	7
53. W J TIFF SZYNAL #53	355	8	51. CPL IAN M GRAY #51	415	9	32. SOUTH CENTRAL #32	362	8
56. WESTCOTT HOUGHTON #56	322	7	52. OCONNOR REINHART #52	199	5	33. SOUTHWEST #33	232	6
57. W F REARDON #57	694	15	61. THUNDER BAY #61	225	6	34. WEST CENTRAL #34	255	6
59. QUABOAG #59	228	6	63. SHIAWASSEE CO #63	200	5	37. HUTCHINSON #37	422	9
64. E F GILMORE #64	397	9	66. NORTHLAND #66	106	3	38. PARK RAPIDS #38	347	8
65. RALPH TALBOT #65	380	9	68. HILLSDALE CO #68	98	3	39. ANOKA #39	1,305	27
68. SPRINGFIELD #68	716	15	69. MUNISING #69	47	2	40. SOUTH METRO #40	43	2
72. WM J BONNEY MEM #72	403	9	73. OGE MAW HILLS #73	123	3	41. NORTHWEST MINNESOTA #41	26	2
74. GLOUCESTER #74	211	5	75. THUMB MEMORIAL #75	235	6	Department		1
81. FALMOUTH MEM #81	333	8	83. COL HAMTRAMCK #83	66	2	<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,577</b>	<b>412</b>
82. SALVATORE PADULA #82	291	7	88. JACK JOHNSTON #88	157	4			
84. SALEM #84	432	10	93. STRAITS #93	93	3			
85. D W CLIFFORD #85	589	13	94. MIDLAND COUNTY #94	267	6			
88. WOBURN #88	272	6	100. STANDISH #100	83	3			
90. NORWOOD #90	603	13	102. KARL H BROWN #102	988	21			
91. ATTLEBORO MEM #91	94	3	105. WILSON-BLACKMER #105	227	6			
92. NORTHAMPTON #92	325	8	114. LIVONIA #114	1,389	29			
96. CAPE COD #96	712	15	115. DR P H WILLSON #115	135	4			
100. PEABODY #100	241	6	117. HALEY BROTHERS #117	256	6			
110. TEWKSBURY #110	323	7	119. ST CLAIR SHORES #119	482	11			
113. WILLIAM HURLEY #113	208	5	125. DONALD R BURGETT #125	337	8			
114. EARL W HARVEY #114	584	13	127. BIEBUYCK-ROMANO #127	473	10			
115. SAUGUS #115	300	7	129. ROBERT H COX #129	617	13			
119. 1ST LT JOHN R FOX MEM #119	170	4	130. TAWAS BAY #130	162	4			
			137. French Town Newport #137	77	3			



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<b>OHIO</b>			85. CARROLL CO #85	85	3	92. STEPHENS COUNTY #92	83	3
1. CINCINNATI #1	1,275	27	87. NOBLE CO #87	46	2	93. JESSE JACK RENFRO #93	29	2
2. YOUNGSTOWN #2	764	16	88. CHARLES E MILLER #88	79	3	Department		1
3. CAPITAL CITY #3	1,719	35	89. FAYETTE COUNTY #89	162	4	<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,665</b>	<b>386</b>
6. CANTON #6	463	10	92. H R CARTWRIGHT #92	235	6	<b>OREGON</b>		
8. BUCKEYE STATE #8	6,391	0	93. MADISON CO #93	93	3	1. PORTLAND #1	1,545	32
9. DAYTON #9	1,511	31	100. THOROLD HEINLEN #100	117	3	4. OREGON CITY #4	452	10
10. PEERLESS #10	214	5	102. CHIC YOUNG #102	191	5	5. YAMHILL COUNTY #5	190	5
11. TRUMBULL COUNTY #11	643	14	104. LEWISBURG #104	155	4	6. SALEM #6	551	12
12. CLINT KRAMER #12	261	6	108. J N NEMETH MEM #108	1,105	23	7. WASHINGTON CO #7	269	6
13. CLARK CO #13	596	13	115. NORTHERN HILLS #115	696	15	8. JACKSON COUNTY #8	514	11
15. HAMILTON-FAIRFLD #15	567	12	116. BROOKLYN PARMA #116	1,773	36	10. WEBB FOOT STATE #10	1,177	0
16. JOHN P LAFENE #16	250	6	117. BELLAIRE #117	320	7	11. EDWARD C. MAZZA #11	452	10
18. ROSS COUNTY #18	238	6	120. W F BURT #120	125	4	12. DEWEY POWELL #12	573	12
19. ALLEN COUNTY #19	240	6	121. BARNESVILLE #121	56	2	14. RANDY L NEWMAN #14	477	11
20. LOUIS PAUL PROY #20	464	10	122. SALEM #122	129	4	17. WILLAMETTE #17	511	11
21. MANSFIELD #21	348	8	123. LLOYD C LUDWICK #123	136	4	18. D DAY #18	199	5
23. ROBERT L COX MEM #23	212	5	134. VICTORY #134	175	5	20. S R PYNE/EDWARDS #20	127	4
28. GUERNSEY #28	205	5	140. NORTHWEST DAYTON #140	309	7	23. FLORENCE #23	220	5
30. HENRY CO #30	87	3	141. DOVEL MYERS #141	78	3	25. DOW V WALKER #25	508	11
31. CHAMPAIGN CO #31	198	5	144. GROVE CITY #144	288	7	38. COOS COUNTY #38	253	6
33. FREMONT #33	144	4	145. MORGAN CO #145	46	2	39. BLUE MOUNTAIN #39	96	3
35. SUMMIT COUNTY #35	1,216	25	146. LUCAS COUNTY #146	66	2	42. SPRINGFIELD #42	603	13
36. DEFIANCE #36	217	5	Department		1	Department		1
38. MASSILLON #38	237	6	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32,174</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,717</b>	<b>168</b>
39. BOB SWANSON #39	296	7	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>					
40. LANCASTER #40	269	6	1. SOONER STATE #1	1,821	0			
42. LAKE COUNTY #42	786	17	3. MC INTOSH CO #3	261	6			
43. THE BUDDY #43	647	14	4. REDLANDS #4	253	6			
44. WAYNE CO #44	114	3	7. LOUIS L ANTHIS #7	968	20			
45. JACKSON CO #45	367	8	9. CREEK CO #9	519	11			
47. JOHN W COVERT #47	209	5	16. KAY CO #16	71	2			
48. SIDNEY #48	109	3	17. GRADY CO #17	409	9			
49. WALTER J KLEKOTA #49	517	11	18. ARBUCKLE #18	224	5			
50. ALLIANCE #50	344	8	19. GROVE #19	245	6			
51. H B DOC RILEY #51	132	4	20. PITTSBURG CO #20	1,353	28			
52. PIONEER CITY #52	203	5	26. JONES HUGHES #26	337	8			
53. MEIGS #53	198	5	29. WILL ROGERS #29	2,114	43			
54. VAN WERT #54	206	5	30. TOMMY HATTENSTY #30	288	7			
55. UNION CO #55	104	3	31. CHEROKEE #31	415	9			
57. DARKE CO #57	147	4	32. J E JIM BRACY #32	2,184	45			
59. WARREN CO #59	236	6	33. ALTUS #33	376	9			
62. HURON CO #62	149	4	39. CLARENCE H DIEHL #39	1,598	33			
63. CLERMONT COUNTY #63	646	14	43. MAYES CO #43	319	7			
70. PICKAWAY #70	88	3	44. ROGERS COUNTY #44	546	12			
71. ADAMS CO #71	210	5	50. OTTAWA CO #50	310	7			
72. WILLIE MARCUM #72	419	9	54. SHAWNEE #54	560	12			
73. AUGLAIZE CO #73	149	4	56. JOE MC CAIN #56	1,779	37			
74. COSHOCTON #74	120	3	57. ELK CITY #57	227	6			
76. MERCER CO #76	70	2	61. CLEVELAND COUNTY #61	419	9			
77. PUTNAM CO #77	79	3	63. LEFLORE COUNTY #63	419	9			
78. FULTON CO #78	76	3	65. WASHINGTON CO #65	548	12			
79. DELAWARE #79	139	4	66. NORTHWEST OK #66	501	11			
81. ASHLAND #81	112	3	88. WAGONER COUNTY #88	489	11			
83. WILLIAMS CO #83	108	3						



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<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>			Department		0	43. AIKEN #43	321	7
1. WM C MALIA #1	433	10	<b>Totals</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>7</b>	44. L MENDEL RIVERS #44	315	7
2. JOHNSTOWN #2	451	10	<b>PUERTO RICO</b>			46. YORK COUNTY #46	434	10
3. MOUNTAIN CITY #3	358	8	1. SFC A PENA GARCIA #1	2,113	43	47. HARTSVILLE #47	177	5
6. RUDDERW MAMMUCARI #6	756	16	3. SFC LUIS MORALES #3	413	9	50. CHERAW #50	124	3
7. LEHIGH VALLEY #7	1,205	25	4. PONCE #4	760	16	51. D - D WHITMAN #51	313	7
8. GR PITTSBURGH #8	1,214	25	5. CAGUAS #5	1,062	22	52. SHANDS LANFORD #52	135	4
10. READING-BERKS CO #10	519	11	6. MAYAGUEZ #6	350	8	54. JACK E DANIEL #54	124	3
11. MID VALLEY #11	582	13	7. FAJARDO #7	632	14	55. STRICKLAND #55	269	6
15. NAOMI #15	2,863	58	8. ARROYO #8	124	3	57. CONWAY #57	354	8
16. KEYSTONE STATE #16	4,939	0	11. SGT A BERMUDEZ #11	799	17	67. MANNING #67	277	7
17. DOYLESTOWN #17	236	6	13. PFC I S PLAUD #13	159	4	71. LAKE CITY #71	156	4
20. INDIANA #20	238	6	14. AGUADILLA #14	360	8	72. DARLINGTON CO #72	665	14
21. MARNE #21	355	8	16. CSM J RODRIGUEZ #16	1,466	30	77. ROD G PATTERSON #77	775	17
24. WM F KERSTETTER #24	178	5	21. SSGT C VELAZQUEZ #21	236	6	78. ST GEORGE #78	302	7
25. NORRISTOWN #25	828	18	55. P R AT LARGE #55	607	0	Department		1
31. ANDREW OSHINSKI #31	203	5	Department		1	<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,179</b>	<b>404</b>
34. ALTOONA #34	841	18	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,081</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>		
37. CRASH MEMORIAL #37	117	3	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>			1. ARTHUR H MUCHOW #1	1,832	38
47. SUSQUEHANNA VLY #47	253	6	1. G FOLCARELLI PROV #1	445	10	3. RAPID CITY #3	1,320	27
48. HERSHEY #48	166	4	2. LITTLE RHODY #2	932	0	4. COYOTE STATE #4	126	0
49. PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES #49	131	4	3. LAWRENCE REDMOND #3	237	6	6. WATERTOWN #6	210	5
50. WEST SHORE #50	1,104	23	6. JOSIAH BROADFOOT #6	249	6	7. MITCHELL #7	197	5
53. ALLEGHENY KISKI #53	752	16	9. EMILY E BAKER #9	509	11	11. NORTHERN HILLS #11	366	8
55. MERCER COUNTY #55	287	7	10. DOMENICK J ROMEO #10	284	7	13. SWANSON O CONNOR #13	262	6
58. FAYETTE #58	458	10	12. Poiss Cournyr Crpntr Bacon #12	332	8	18. OAHE #18	251	6
64. GEN BUTLER #64	468	10	15. LAWSON RAIOLA #15	429	10	19. MILBANK-SISSETON #19	100	3
65. UNKNOWN SOLDIERS #65	262	6	21. MT PLEASANT #21	869	18	22. BROOKINGS #22	150	4
72. MCKEAN COUNTY #72	174	4	22. ALMEIDA-HINES #22	206	5	Department		1
73. RBT JOHNS ERIE CO #73	822	17	Department		1	<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>103</b>
75. WARREN COUNTY #75	205	5	<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>82</b>			
76. COL S D FOSTER #76	1,925	40	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>					
78. CHARLES W MC CLEARY #78	331	8	1. ALVIN L WILSON #1	821	17			
80. RED ROSE #80	460	10	3. FRANK MONTGOMERY #3	644	14			
81. LEBCO #81	338	8	4. WOODROW WILSON #4	1,176	25			
85. VIETNAM MEMORIAL #85	369	8	5. GAMECOCK #5	884	19			
88. FRANCIS MARKER #88	182	5	7. PALMETTO STATE #7	705	0			
90. ORENDORFF-MATTHEW #90	451	10	11. F D ROOSEVELT #11	366	8			
102. GR WEST SIDE MEM #102	622	13	12. BEAUFORT #12	1,681	35			
103. VALLEY VIEW #103	57	2	13. JOHN W CREWS JR #13	1,569	32			
107. ALIQUIPPA #107	396	9	14. TRUMAN - HAZEL #14	230	6			
111. HANOVER #111	216	5	17. SWAMP FOX #17	1,331	28			
113. DELAWARE COUNTY #113	554	12	19. JAS D WESSINGER #19	118	3			
114. WAYNE CO MEM #114	215	5	20. 92ND BUFFALO #20	656	14			
115. BUX-MONT #115	502	11	21. LT JAMES MILLER #21	155	4			
127. BERLIN #127	128	4	28. CLAYTON DURHAM #28	1,223	25			
129. MOUNT CARMEL #129	151	4	30. CARROLL E PROSSER #30	1,202	25			
132. GEN GERALD SAJER MEM #132	73	2	37. SALUDA #37	148	4			
Department		1	39. MSG PRESTON B JOHNSON #39	386	9			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,368</b>	<b>514</b>	40. ANDERSON #40	643	14			
<b>PHILIPPINES No Dept</b>			41. LEWIS G WATKINS #41	185	5			
3. T B HOUSE MEM #3	320	7	42. GREENWOOD #42	315	7			





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<b>TENNESSEE</b>			10. BORDERLAND #10	942	20	234. STEPHENVILLE #234	269	6
3. NASHVILLE #3	1,473	30	14. J EARLEY SAN ANTONIO #14	1,903	39	236. Vidor #236	125	4
5. HULL YORK MEM #5	175	5	16. BUN LILLY #16	235	6	237. JEWEL ARIOLA CHIPMAN #237	145	4
6. ROBERT LOVEDAY MEM #6	865	18	17. RANDOLPH AREA #17	1,731	36	238. GRANBURY MEMORIAL #238	49	2
7. JACKSON #7	350	8	20. BLUE BONNET #20	3,582	73	Department		1
8. RUTHERFORD CO #8	607	13	22. HARRY L AXLINE JR #22	430	10			
9. WASHINGTON COUNTY #9	453	10	25. ANTONIO HERNANDEZ #25	914	19	<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,364</b>	<b>1,143</b>
13. VOLUNTEER STATE #13	1,319	0	26. J E PIETZSCH #26	818	17	<b>UTAH</b>		
17. ELIZABETHTON #17	379	9	27. BEAUMONT #27	598	13	1. WASATCH #1	528	12
20. LAWRENCEBURG #20	222	5	29. S W LABOMBARD #29	2,729	56	4. PHIL P FICARRA #4	586	13
21. SPRINGFIELD #21	184	5	32. OAK CLIFF #32	1,136	24	5. BEE HIVE STATE #5	902	0
22. COLUMBIA #22	163	4	36. TAYLOR COUNTY #36	750	16	6. JAMES R THOMAS JR #6	1,317	27
24. KNOXVILLE #24	898	19	38. MC KINNEY #38	668	14	7. DIXIE #7	329	8
25. PAUL JONES MEM #25	408	9	39. ANGLETON #39	170	4	8. JOHN W HOLDEN #8	424	9
26. TRI-COUNTY #26	298	7	41. G REGISTR N CTRL #41	656	14	14. DAVIS COUNTY #14	712	15
28. HARRY MURRELL #28	367	8	42. GRAND PRAIRIE #42	1,309	27	16. CARBON #16	124	3
30. BELL MARSHBANKS #30	95	3	44. R L FERGUSON #44	1,058	22	18. BORGSTROM #18	121	3
32. CROSSVILLE #32	369	8	47. O NEAL-KUNKLE #47	422	9	20. JORDAN M BYRD #20	117	3
35. CLAIBORNE CO MEM #35	207	5	57. BIG D #57	778	17	Department		1
38. KINGSPORT #38	469	10	58. PERMIAN BASIN #58	496	11	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>94</b>
39. BRISTOL #39	409	9	61. DOUG HERRLE #61	1,096	23	<b>VERMONT</b>		
42. GREENE COUNTY #42	239	6	63. J W CANTRELL #63	755	16	2. GREEN MT STATE #2	659	0
43. SHELBYVILLE #43	150	4	70. DECATUR #70	213	5	3. BYRON MORRIS #3	728	16
44. FLOWERS TOLER #44	118	3	74. GATESVILLE #74	293	7	4. BENNINGTON #4	145	4
45. HARDY SHELBY #45	1,639	34	76. WEBB COUNTY #76	363	8	5. COL DONALD G COOK #5	477	11
46. DYERSBURG #46	250	6	78. MONTGOMERY COUNTY #78	872	18	9. LYLE D LITTLE #9	118	3
56. PERRY COUNTY #56	79	3	81. HUNT COUNTY #81	501	11	22. ORLEANS COUNTY #22	229	6
58. PARSONS #58	87	3	83. NACOGDOCHES MEM #83	264	6	Department		1
59. JERRY ALVIS #59	396	9	86. BURLESON COUNTY #86	114	3	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>41</b>
64. CENTERVILLE #64	36	2	89. PARIS #89	283	7			
70. SHELBY COUNTY #70	1,448	30	95. RAUL F LOPEZ #95	1,111	23			
71. WINCHESTER #71	183	5	106. DENTON MEM #106	611	13			
76. BLOUNT COUNTY #76	269	6	114. KEL-LAC #114	911	19			
86. ROANE COUNTY #86	112	3	121. WM BILL JOHNSON #121	626	14			
90. COFFEE COUNTY #90	269	6	126. BAYTOWN #126	428	10			
91. SCOTT COUNTY #91	75	3	128. ROY B HODGES #128	891	19			
93. MONROE COUNTY #93	163	4	137. GARLAND #137	1,136	24			
94. SMOKY MOUNTAIN #94	361	8	139. BRENNHAM #139	216	5			
95. GALLATIN #95	394	9	147. W R HOLD #147	1,538	32			
97. SAM DAVIS #97	86	3	150. ERNEST PERALES #150	846	18			
102. LCPL C ROBERTS #102	336	8	157. ARLINGTON #157	1,153	24			
104. HOUSTON COUNTY #104	85	3	165. SUNSHINE #165	875	19			
105. APPALACHIAN #105	194	5	167. GILLESPIE CO #167	244	6			
108. MARSHALL COUNTY #108	119	3	169. VICTORIA COUNTY #169	418	9			
116. MILLINGTON #116	398	9	175. ROBERT S CRITZ MEM #175	641	14			
117. COOKEVILLE #117	171	4	187. NORTHEAST #187	1,670	34			
Department		1	194. MEMORIAL PASADENA #194	953	20			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,367</b>	<b>365</b>	195. GOLD STAR #195	779	17			
<b>TEXAS</b>			198. HIGHLAND LAKES #198	263	6			
2. TEXAS STATE #2	15,511	0	200. BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION #200	372	8			
3. DAV HEART OF TEXAS #3	1,341	28	203. MS3 R M Santiago USN #203	191	5			
4. LONE STAR #4	836	18	204. UPSHUR COUNTY #204	479	11			
5. ALAMO #5	5,794	117	219. SGT JAMES ALLEN #219	825	18			
6. WOODROW WILSON #6	634	14	222. WAYNE L HARLAND #222	404	9			
			233. FORT BEND CTY #233	1,000	21			



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<b>VIRGINIA</b>			22. D J KERSTETTER #22	205	5	29. LINCOLN COUNTY #29	114	3
1. OLD DOMINION ST #1	7,054	0	23. W SEATTLE #23	932	20	30. SCHUMANN HEINK #30	267	6
2. LESTER S GORDON #2	1,035	22	32. HERMAN ROGERS #32	195	5	31. RIB RIVER #31	148	4
3. H H MACKENZIE #3	1,797	37	33. A ONE #33	941	20	32. RICHLAND CENTER #32	78	3
5. SUFFOLK #5	420	9	41. TUMWATER #41	1,544	32	33. RUSK COUNTY #33	101	3
6. MURRAY RHEA PNSLA #6	1,038	22	44. COMRADE #44	52	2	34. TWIN COUNTY #34	208	5
7. GEN WASHINGTON #7	1,452	30	46. TRI CITIES #46	613	13	38. H MANSKE-JUNEAU #38	90	3
9. STONEWALL JACKSON #9	413	9	47. WHIDBEY ISLAND #47	1,022	21	40. GRANT-CRAWFORD CO #40	139	4
10. ARLINGTON FAIRFAX #10	3,523	71	59. SKAGIT VALLEY #59	209	5	42. MARINETTE COUNTY #42	130	4
11. MT VERNON #11	1,032	22	60. SHELTON #60	94	3	43. FOREST COUNTY #43	147	4
13. YORK CO VICTORY #13	858	18	Department		1	44. MILWAUKEE #44	534	12
15. PRINCE WM COUNTY #15	912	19	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,366</b>	<b>350</b>	45. OCONTO COUNTY #45	393	9
17. KENNETH COX #17	1,008	21	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>			51. REDGRANITE #51	107	3
19. A T GAMMON #19	338	8	2. HUNTINGTON #2	1,301	27	52. BARRON COUNTY #52	225	6
20. VIRGINIA BEACH #20	2,629	54	3. LOGAN #3	235	6	53. MANAWA #53	360	8
21. BERNARD L HINES #21	570	12	4. NEW MARTINSVILLE #4	91	3	55. WISCONSIN RAPIDS #55	185	5
22. PORTSMOUTH FED #22	635	14	5. PRINGLE TREE #5	80	3	56. EAGLE RIVER #56	86	3
23. CARROLL COUNTY #23	156	4	8. EASTERN PANHANDLE #8	444	10	57. ELMER RAPP #57	156	4
24. HARRISONBURG #24	262	6	14. SNAKE STATE #14	1,609	0	58. WASHINGTON COUNTY #58	255	6
26. J ROBERT GRAHAM #26	1,098	23	28. KANAWHA #28	580	13	60. MID-WISCONSIN #60	132	4
27. PORTSMOUTH #27	258	6	31. MERCER/PRINCETON #31	410	9	62. RHINELANDER #62	195	5
28. SOUTHSIDE COMM #28	229	6	32. WOOD COUNTY #32	408	9	63. WATERTOWN #63	267	6
29. J M WAINWRIGHT #29	331	8	35. POCAHONTAS COUNTY #35	60	2	64. G C GRAVEEN #64	269	6
30. SKYLINE #30	180	5	36. FRENCH CREEK #36	161	4	65. CALUMET CO AL HERTEL #65	91	3
31. TAZEWEEL COUNTY #31	201	5	39. LINCOLN COUNTY #39	128	4	67. MINERAL POINT #67	129	4
33. CHARLOTTESVILLE #33	302	7	45. NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA #45	644	14	Department		1
34. PATRICK HENRY #34	549	12	46. NICHOLAS COUNTY #46	118	3	<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,640</b>	<b>312</b>
35. CLINTWOOD #35	127	4	51. LEWIS COUNTY #51	184	5	<b>WYOMING</b>		
40. BRISTOL #40	113	3	52. CEREDO-KENOVA #52	237	6	1. H J LEIK #1	231	6
41. CRADOCK #41	342	8	56. SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA #56	814	17	2. GUTHRIE BECK #2	603	13
45. COL C H HAGY #45	210	5	Department		1	4. C MULLOCK JR #4	67	2
47. PETERSBURG #47	620	13	<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,504</b>	<b>136</b>	8. WELDON D MOSS #8	140	4
48. EASTERN PRINCE WM #48	1,119	23	<b>WISCONSIN</b>			9. HARRISON-HALEY-HECKMAN #9	250	6
50. AL BARTRAW JR #50	709	15	1. C J ZABLOCKI MILWAUKEE #1	953	20	10. PIONEER STATE #10	263	0
52. PAUL R SHORTER #52	209	5	2. TOGSTAD GLENN #2	742	16	11. HEART MOUNTAIN #11	91	3
56. WISE #56	129	4	3. RUSSELL LEICHT #3	928	20	12. ROCK SPRINGS #12	98	3
57. JAMES E PETERS #57	221	5	4. EDWARD B FROELICH #4	218	5	Department		1
58. GEN ANTHONY WAYNE #58	437	10	5. WAUKESHA COUNTY #5	587	13	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>38</b>
60. FRANKLIN CTY SMITH MTN LAKE	278	7	8. BARABOO #8	164	4	<b>Grand Totals</b>		
61. EASTERN SHORE #61	51	2	9. BELLE CITY #9	264	6	<b>1,050,579</b>	<b>16,245</b>	
Department		1	11. WELLING WASHBUSH #11	236	6			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32,845</b>	<b>555</b>	12. LA CROSSE #12	364	8			
<b>WASHINGTON</b>			13. BADGER STATE #13	1,308	0			
1. TACOMA #1	982	21	14. ROCK COUNTY #14	450	10			
2. SEATTLE #2	1,356	28	17. R H FULLER WINNEBAGO CO #1	442	10			
4. VANCOUVER #4	600	13	18. WM F SPEEL OUTAGAMIE CTY #	363	8			
5. BREMERTON #5	1,859	38	19. WEST ALLIS #19	772	16			
6. ALTMN RUOFF OSIER #6	1,456	30	20. KENOSHA #20	406	9			
8. YAKIMA VALLEY #8	809	17	21. CHIPPEWA VALLEY #21	474	10			
9. CLARENCE M CASKEY #9	487	11	23. PAUL MARMES #23	143	4			
11. EVERGREEN STATE #11	5,865	0	24. ANDREW MILLER #24	415	9			
13. SNOHOMISH COUNTY #13	603	13	27. MONROE COUNTY #27	471	10			
18. HARMONY #18	2,121	43	28. MORRISON-ERICKSON #28	134	4			
19. BELLINGHAM #19	421	9						

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Daniel Contreras served in the US Army as a Medic and Licensed Practical Nurse from 1980 until his retirement in 1996, earning the prestigious Army Meritorious Medal and Expert Field Medical Badge. He began his career with DAV as a National Service Officer in 2000 and was promoted to National Western Area Supervisor for Area 9 in 2006. In 2007, Daniel was elected DAV Department of California State Commander, and served with distinction. He has been the CEO-Adjutant of the DAV Department of California since 2008, and also serves as the CFO of the DAV California Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc. Daniel has been a member of the National Executive Committee and a board member on the National Service Foundation since 2008. He feels that the role of DAV's National Leadership is to invest in DAV's legacy of serving veterans to the best of our abilities. During his time as CEO-Adjutant of the Department of California, he's focused on improving outreach services, infrastructure, support of the fraternal organization, and maximizing engagement with members. Because of this, the state has been financially strong, growing in membership and participation, and continues to improve in the area of volunteer recruitment and awareness. He considers it an honor to run for DAV National Office and is excited to continue serving veterans alongside such an incredible team and community as the DAV.



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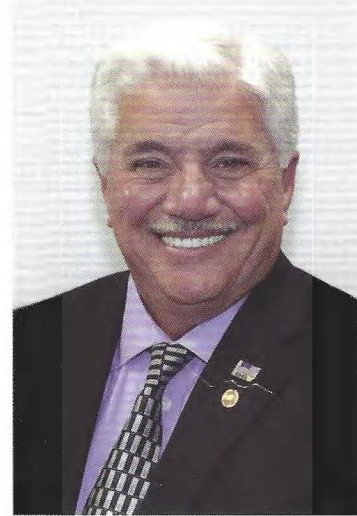
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## Biographical Info

### JOE PARSETICH

National 3rd Jr. Vice Commander  
DAV (Disabled American Veterans)

Joe Parsetich, an Air Force combat veteran of the Vietnam War, was elected National 3rd Junior Vice Commander of the over 1 million-member DAV (Disabled American Veterans) at the organization's 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada.



Parsetich joined the Air Force early in 1968, and requested assignment to Vietnam. He was stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base, Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, with the 377th Security Police Squadron. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1972.

Parsetich served on DAV's National Executive Committee for the 14th District from 2014 to 2016. He has been a Chapter Service Officer since 2009, and is a past DAV Department of Montana commander. He was named Volunteer of the Quarter by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2010. "The Black Eagle – Assiniboine Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution", named him "Outstanding Veteran Volunteer" for 2017. On June 19, 2018, the Marine Corps League in Great Falls, Montana, awarded him the "Distinguished Citizen Award". He was the first "non-Marine" to ever receive this honor from the League, and was told that it is the highest State honor that the League can award on the State-level.

Parsetich was appointed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin, to the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee in 2017, and continues to serve in that capacity under VA Secretary Robert Wilke.

Additionally, he serves as a mentor coordinator and mentor for the Veterans Treatment Court, and has had more than twenty of his veterans graduate the 18-month-program and successfully reintegrate back into society.

Parsetich is also a board member on the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in Great Falls. He serves on the board of the Cascade County Suicide Prevention Team and on the Montana Joint Community Forces Committee.

In addition to his various duties, he has also served as a DAV volunteer van driver and on the Military Funeral Honor Guard.

Parsetich and his wife, Meg, reside in Great Falls, Montana. Between them they have seven children, three foster children, 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED





## Services DAV provides to veterans and their families

### National Service Program

DAV service officers offer counseling on veterans benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including disability compensation, health care, pension, survivors' benefits, employment rights, education and more.

DAV also provides disaster relief to disabled veterans affected by catastrophes such as tornadoes, hurricanes or floods.

In about 100 offices throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico, DAV employs a corps of professional benefits experts who represent veterans and their families with claims for benefits from the VA, the Department of Defense and other government agencies.

All of the professional services DAV provides are offered at no cost or obligation to veterans, their families and survivors of all generations. Veterans do not have to join DAV to benefit from our mission. DAV service offices can be contacted through [dav.org](http://dav.org).

### National Employment Program

The journey from injury to recovery is not complete until a veteran is able to find meaning in his or her life. For those who are able, that means getting back to work to care for their families. As the nation winds down from more than a decade of war, thousands are making the transition from military to civilian life.

DAV is committed to ensuring the men and women who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment.

DAV's employment program connects transitioning active duty, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their spouses with employers.

Through our traditional VA benefits and claims assistance available at hiring expos and by co-hosting Veterans Career Fairs, DAV is helping to address one of the greatest needs facing our nation's heroes. Information on employment services and a schedule of career fairs can be found at [jobs.dav.org](http://jobs.dav.org).



## Legislative Program

As a nonpartisan organization, it is DAV's policy to seek reasonable, responsible legislation to assist disabled veterans and their families and survivors.

Concentrating on issues such as disability compensation, medical care, employment and training programs, burial benefits, education, and survivors' benefits, DAV's legislative goals are set by the organization's members.

## Voluntary Services Program

DAV provides a wide range of services for veterans that include transportation to medical appointments, support in VA medical facilities and special assistance to veterans in need in communities nationwide.

Interested volunteer drivers and those who would like to work in VA medical facilities can email [vavs@dav.org](mailto:vavs@dav.org) to learn more about opportunities in your area.

Veterans with special needs, their caregivers and those interested in community support can visit [volunteerforveterans.org](http://volunteerforveterans.org).

These services can be as simple as helping veterans or caregivers with home maintenance to participating in initiatives that assist our nation's heroes at the local level.



**All of the services DAV provides are offered at no cost or obligation to veterans, their families and survivors of all generations.**



## What is DAV?

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is a nonprofit organization of more than 1 million U.S. military veterans who suffered some degree of disability while serving in time of war or armed conflict. DAV was founded in 1920 and chartered by Congress in 1932.

### Membership Program

Membership is the lifeblood of DAV. Our community of more than 1 million veterans stands together to ensure our nation keeps its promises to the men and women who served our country. At no time since DAV was formed by World War I veterans has the fight for the future of veterans care and benefits been more critical. Joining and supporting DAV helps us protect the health, disability and financial benefits that veterans have earned.

DAV members get exclusive discounts and benefits, stay informed through a free subscription to *DAV Magazine* and support DAV's mission by showing lawmakers you're willing to stand up for veterans.

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## Message from the Bay Pines National Cemetery Staff

Welcome to Bay Pines National Cemetery. We hope you find peace amid these quiet and beautiful grounds and visit us again.

Families often contact us during a difficult time – after the loss of a loved one.

We're here to make the burial process as comfortable as possible. We encourage Veterans and their families to talk with us in advance for information or about any questions or concerns.

When the time comes we will ensure the committal service and any other requests are handled respectfully. We pledge to honor the dignity and memory of each person and to provide excellent service to family and friends during this difficult time.

### *Our Mission*

The National Cemetery Administration honors Veterans and their families with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our nation.

## Overview



- Bay Pines National Cemetery was established in April 1933.
- Situated on 31.3 acres, the cemetery serves over 300,000 Veterans in the state of Florida.
- Although the cemetery no longer has gravesites available for new casketed burials, it can accommodate the interment of eligible family members within a loved one's grave.
- The cemetery can accommodate the burial of cremated remains.
- Over 1,100 burials are conducted each year.



## Making Burial Arrangements

The funeral home or next-of-kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to make burial arrangements for Veterans and/or their eligible dependents.

The funeral home should fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at (866) 900-6417 and follow up with a call to (800) 535-1117. If military discharge documents are not available, scheduling office representatives will assist the funeral home or next-of-kin with the verification process. This process may require 48 hours or more to determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery.

The scheduling office will be open seven (7) days a week, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Central time, except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Please contact the cemetery directly to:

- Schedule active duty interments
- Schedule memorial services without interment
- Cancel or reschedule interments
- Change information initially provided to the scheduling office
- Request disinterment or relocation of remains

Burial benefits provided by the National Cemetery Administration, at no cost to the Veteran, include: burial plot; opening and closing of the gravesite; a government liner; headstone or marker with inscription; interment flag; perpetual care of the gravesite; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Funeral director's services are not covered.

Gravesites are assigned by the cemetery and cannot be selected in advance. Assignments are made without regard to rank, ethnic or religious background, branch of service or other factors.

The Veteran and spouse are interred in the same grave. If both were Veterans, they may choose to be buried side-by-side in separate graves.

Military honors are provided by the Department of Defense and are to be arranged by the funeral director. If there is no funeral director, cemetery staff will assist the family in arranging for military honors.

Burials and interments are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except designated holidays. Out of respect for all persons buried at the cemetery the main flag is lowered to half-staff 30 minutes before the first service, where it remains until 30 minutes following the last service of the day.

Bay Pines National Cemetery has the following burial site options:

- Cremation: in-ground
- Cremation: above-ground columbarium
- We may be able to accommodate casketed remains in the same gravesite of previously interred family members.

The administration office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on designated holidays.



*"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."*

*- Abraham Lincoln  
Second Inaugural Address  
March 4, 1865*



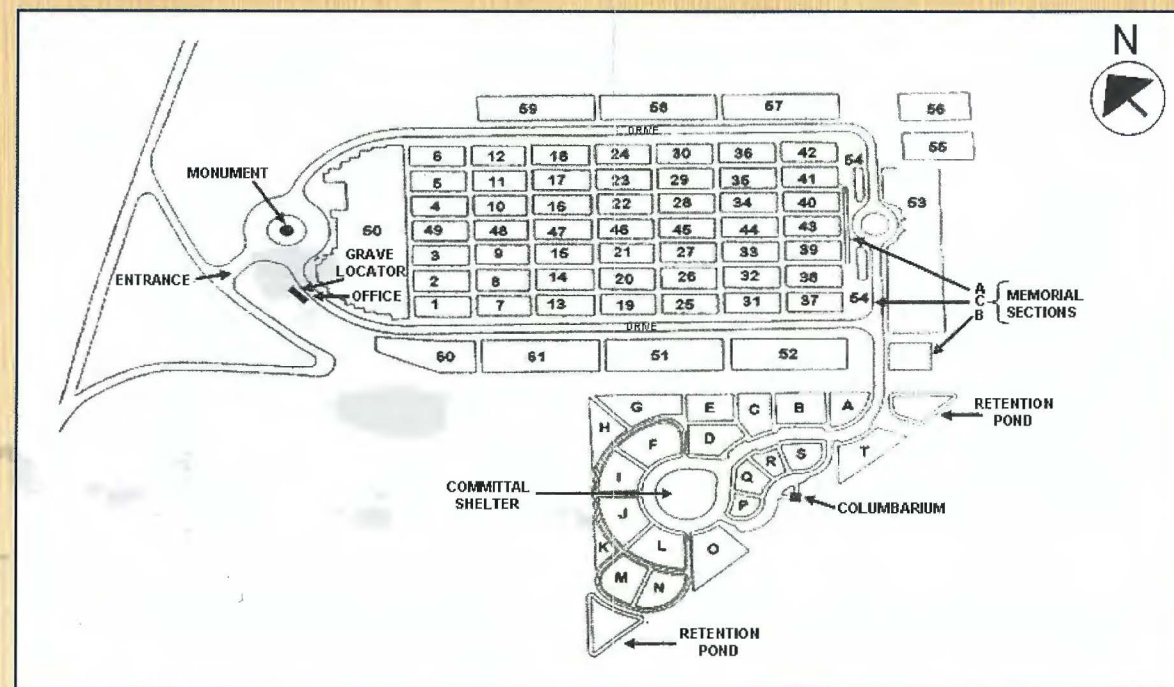
### *For More Information:*

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NCA website: <http://www.cem.va.gov/>

## Bay Pines National Cemetery



### Directions:

From Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, take Interstate 275 south approximately 20 miles to St. Petersburg.

Take exit 25 (38th Avenue north) and go west on 38th Avenue north about five miles to Tyrone Boulevard. Turn right onto Tyrone Boulevard and go approximately two miles. Go over the bridge to the first traffic light and turn left (this is the back entrance to the VA grounds).

Follow that road about a ¼ mile. The cemetery is on the left.



## Visiting the Cemetery

**Thousands of people visit** Bay Pines National Cemetery each year. Many come for a committal service or to visit the gravesite of a loved one, others to attend special observances or to enjoy the peaceful setting. We welcome all visitors to this shrine for our nation's heroes.

**The cemetery is open to the public** daily from dawn to dusk for visitation of cemetery grounds. Specific gravesites may be found using an automated gravesite locator kiosk found in front of the cemetery office. A Nationwide Gravesite Locator for national cemeteries is also available on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov>.

**General cemetery information** is available in the administration building. Visitors to specific gravesites may park along the curb near the gravesite they are visiting. Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the administration building.

**Visitors attending committal services** should gather at the administration building. Roadway parking is available throughout the cemetery and near the committal shelter during services. Special observances and ceremonies are held at the main flagpoles near the committal shelter.

**VA regulations 38 CFR 1.218** prohibits carrying firearms (either openly or concealed), explosives or other dangerous or deadly weapons while on VA property, except for official purposes, such as military funeral

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