

# WHAT YOU MUST KNOW: BURIAL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND VA NATIONAL CEMETERIES



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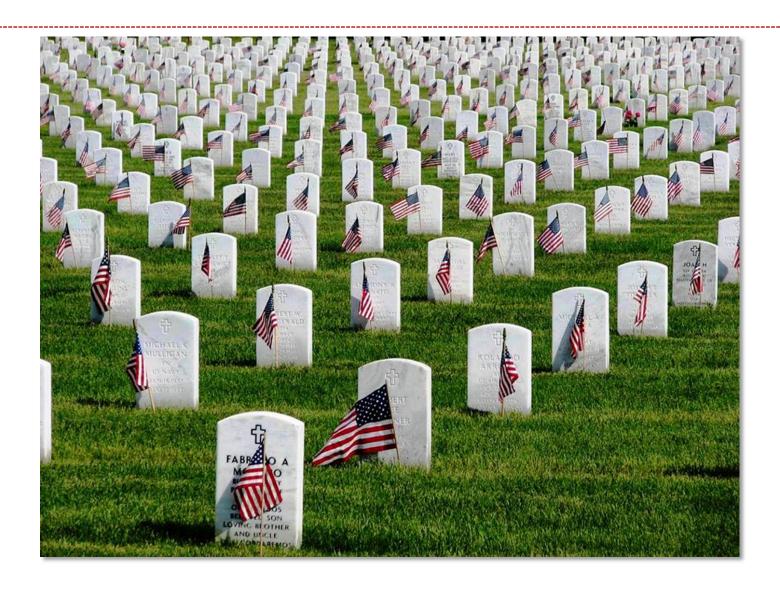


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### **VA National Cemeteries**





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#### **Burial Benefits**

Includes a gravesite, opening and closing the grave, perpetual care, government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, all at **no cost to the family**.





#### **Burial Flag**

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran.



#### **VA National Cemeteries**

Find VA
Cemeteries near
you at <a href="https://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>

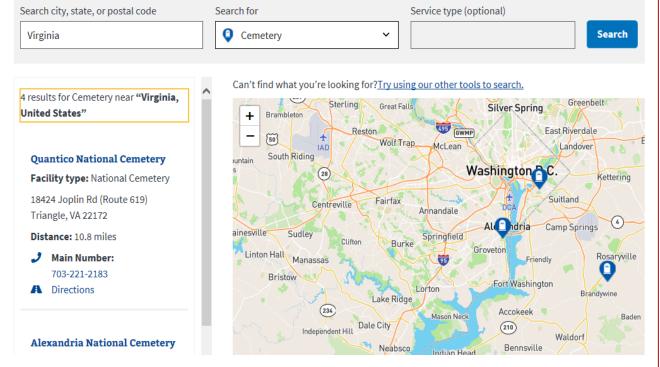
The VA maintains
136 national
cemeteries in 40
states

Verify that your preferred VA
National Cemetery is open to new interments

#### **Find VA Locations**

Find VA locations near you with our facility locator tool. You can search for your nearest VA medical center as well as other health facilities, benefit offices, cemeteries, community care providers and Vet Centers. You can also filter your results by service type to find locations that offer the specific service you're looking for.

**Need same-day care for a minor illness or injury?** Search for your nearest VA health facility. Or find <u>VA-approved urgent care locations and pharmacies</u> near you.





# **Pre-Need Burial Eligibility**

The Veteran's Administration offers a pre-need determination to **confirm eligibility** for burial in a VA National Cemetery **prior** to the veteran's death.

- ✓ Submit VA Form 40-10007 with DD Form 214
- ✓ Spouses submit copy of marriage certificate

Fax: 1-855-840-8299

Mail: National Cemetery Scheduling Office

P.O. Box 510543

St. Louis, MO 63151



# **Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Application**

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# **Pre-Need Burial Eligibility**

#### **Important to Note:**

- This program is no longer accepting applications by email.
- Due to the large number of applications received, there is currently a delay with the VA processing and approving Pre-Need Eligibility Forms.
- A favorable Pre-Need determination does *not* guarantee burial in a *specific* national cemetery. This is dependent on whether space is available at the time of need.
- This program does NOT include Arlington National Cemetery. The Department of the Army has jurisdiction over Arlington.



# **VA National Cemetery Preparations**

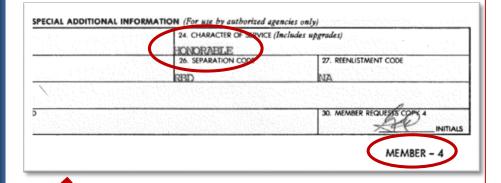
- Establish in writing your Primary Next of Kin or Person Authorized to Direct Disposition
- Keep the VA's decision letter on your burial eligibility in a safe place
- Required Documents
  - Copy DD214 #4 showing "honorable" discharge
  - Copy Marriage Certificate for spouse



# **DD 214 Certificate of Discharge**

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- ✓ Character of Service shows "Honorable"
- ✓ DD 214 #4





#### **VA State Cemeteries**

- Many states have established state veterans cemeteries
- Use Pre-Need Eligibility Determination application VA
   Form 40-10007
- Eligibility is similar to VA national cemeteries, but may include residency requirements
- Contact the specific cemetery for information



Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia



# **Arlington National Cemetery**





# **Arlington National Cemetery**

- Establish in writing your Primary Next of Kin or Person Authorized to Direct Disposition
- Required Documents
  - DD214 #4 showing "honorable" discharge
  - Death certificate or cremation certificate

- Takes longer to schedule burial with:
  - Military Funeral Honors with escort
  - Chapel Requests



# **Arlington National Cemetery**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- Arlington National Cemetery will not guarantee a location request for a burial plot
- Arlington no longer allows personally purchased markers. All new burials are marked with the standard government marker provided by the National Cemetery Administration
- Arlington offers one plot per family. In the case of a dual military couple there is one plot. More than two people can often be accommodated in one burial plot depending on the nature of the remains.



# **ANC Burial Promises No Longer Valid**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22211-5003

May 16, 1988



Interment Services Branch



Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D.C. 20319

Dear General

The records of this office have been annotated to reflect your desire for future interment in Grave Number Section Your wife will also be eligible for future interment in this same gravesite.

Enclosed for your convenience is a cemetery map on which the approximate location of this gravesite is indicated. I suggest that this letter be filed with your other important personal papers so that the above information will be available when needed.

Sincerely,

Superintendent



# Keep up with Arlington National Cemetery News

- Website
  - https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Media/Public-Affairs-Office
- Facebook
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- Twitter
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# **Important Documents**

- DD 214 #4 (shows Honorable discharge)
- Legal Documents
  - Will or Trust
  - Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains
- Marriage Certificate
- Military Retired Pay Statement
- VA award letter(s)
- Life Insurance Policies





#### **Life Insurance Policies**

Ensure all beneficiary information is current with the company, this includes name changes (marriage, divorce) and contact information





#### **Critical Communication**

#### Does your family know what to do?

- Location of your important documents
- ✓ Letter of Instruction
  - Funeral arrangements & funding
  - Organ Donor
- Military benefits and entitlements
  - VA Burial Benefits

AAFMAA Members with an active policy call 800-522-5221 for *Survivor Assistance Services* 





#### **VA Burial Reimbursements**

- Non Service connected death:
  - Burial Costs Reimbursed by VA up to \$300
- Service-connected death:
  - Burial Costs Reimbursed by VA up to \$2,000
  - Cause of death on death certificate
     is critical for establishing service connection
- No VA Disability Rating = No VA Burial Reimbursement





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The AAFMAA Member Benefits Team

