



### Our Mission

To provide a final resting place for veterans and to create a lasting monument to their achievements and sacrifices on behalf of our grateful nation. The Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs operates and maintains three veterans cemeteries.

Wisconsin’s first state veterans cemetery was established in King, Wisconsin in June of 1888. Located adjacent to the Veterans Home the cemetery has been serving Wisconsin’s veterans for more than 100 years. Established in 1996 next to the Southern Wisconsin Center campus in Union Grove, Wisconsin, the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery began accepting burials in September of that year. The Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery located just off Highway 53 near Spooner, Wisconsin was established in November of 2000.

The cemetery grounds are open to the public for visitation from sunrise to sunset daily.

## Contact Information

**Southern Wisconsin  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
21731 Spring St.  
Union Grove, WI 53182

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Phone: (262) 878-5660  
Toll-free: (888) 823-3789  
Fax: (262) 878-5664  
Email: [swvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:swvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov)

**Northern Wisconsin  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
N4063 Veterans Way  
Spooner, WI 54801

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Phone: (715) 635-5360  
Fax: (715) 635-5363  
Email: [nwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:nwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov)

**Central Wisconsin  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
N2665 Highway QQ  
King, WI 54946

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Phone: (715) 256-5000  
Fax: (715) 256-3207  
Email: [cwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:cwvmc@dva.wisconsin.gov)

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# Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries

Union Grove — Spooner — King

## Eligibility Requirements

Veterans who meet one of the following service requirements and one of the following residency requirements are eligible for burial in state cemeteries operated by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Spouses and dependent children of eligible veterans also may be eligible for burial.

*Military service requirement for burial in Wisconsin state veterans cemeteries must be in accordance with the eligibility standards as set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, at a minimum must meet one of the following:*

- Veteran was discharged from “active duty” under other than dishonorable conditions, *or*
- Veteran died while on “active duty”, *or*
- Veteran served at least 20 years in the National Guard or Reserves and qualified for military retirement pay (or would have qualified except death occurred before age 60).

*Wisconsin state residency requirement for burial in state veterans cemeteries must meet one of the following:*

- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry or re-entry into military service, *or*
- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident at the time of death, *or*
- Veteran was a Wisconsin resident for at least 12 consecutive months after entering or reentering service on “active duty.”

**Note:** *There is no residency requirement for a veteran who dies while on active duty or person who is a member of the Veterans Home at King, Union Grove or Chippewa Falls.*

Spouses and dependent children of veterans who were eligible for burial may also be interred in state veterans cemeteries.

**If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact any of the cemeteries for a determination**



## Burial Options

There are four burial options at the veterans cemeteries located in Union Grove and Spooner. They include in ground burial of caskets and cremated remains, above ground placement of cremated remains in a columbarium wall, and placement of cremated remains in a scattering garden. Both of these cemeteries currently provide pre-set liners for casket burials.

The veterans cemetery in King conducts in ground casket and cremation burials. Pre-set liners are not available for casket burial at King.

All Wisconsin state veterans cemeteries accept outside dealer vaults for casket burials; additional fees apply.



## Burial Fees

There is no charge for the burial of an eligible veteran with use of the burial items supplied by the cemetery. A fee applies for a non-veteran spouse or dependent child of an eligible veteran. Please contact the cemetery for current information regarding these fees.

## Pre-Registration

Veterans may establish in advance their eligibility for burial at the cemetery. There is no cost or obligation to pre-register. By taking a few minutes to complete a pre-registration form, veterans and their families can plan their interment and gain peace of mind. Call, write or email the cemetery of your choice to obtain a pre-registration form. The pre-registration form is also available to submit online or download from our website at [www.WisVets.com](http://www.WisVets.com).



## Donations

Donation programs have been established at each of the cemeteries. These programs allow families, friends and organizations to memorialize their loved ones through the beautification of the cemetery grounds. Please contact the cemeteries directly to find out what donation programs are currently available. Examples of donation programs include: Avenue of Flags, Medal Displays, Commemorative Benches, Patriot and Tribute Stones, and engraved Walkway Stones. Call for details and brochures.



## Military Funeral Honors

You or your funeral director can arrange for military honors by calling toll-free 877-944-6667. Veteran's service organizations that wish to provide honors should also coordinate with the Military Honors Program. This coordination will ensure that any additional resources requested for honors, buglers, or flag folders for example, will be provided if available.

## Floral Policies

Each cemetery maintains strict floral policies to ensure that the cemetery grounds are maintained to the highest possible standard. These policies are available upon request and are available online at [www.WisVets.com](http://www.WisVets.com).

