Military Funeral Honors

The Military funeral Honors are automatically coordinated and provided for families, upon verification, when a burial is scheduled with the state veterans cemeteries.

For military funeral honors requested at locations other than at the state veterans cemeteries, funeral directors or families may call toll free 877-944-6667 to schedule. Once military service criteria is verified, military funeral honors will be scheduled at the location of the family’s request. This coordination will ensure that any additional resources requested for honors, buglers, or flag folders for example, will be provided if available.

Floral Regulations

Each cemetery maintains strict floral regulations to ensure that the cemetery grounds are maintained to the highest possible standard. These policies are available upon request from the cemetery offices and are available for download at: WisVets.com under “Cemeteries & Honors”.

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

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

Military service requirement for burial in Wisconsin state veterans cemeteries must be in accordance with the eligibility standards as set by 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 time of entry or re-entry into military service, or
• Veteran was a resident at time of death, or
• Veteran was a Wisconsin resident for at least 12 consecutive months after entering or re-entering service on "active duty".

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

Eligibility determinations may only be made upon submission of a pre-application form (WDVA 2111) or initial interment application and review of documents.

Burial Options

There are four burial options available at the veterans cemeteries located in Union Grove and Spooner. They include ground burial of casket 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 casketed remains.

Currently the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in King, WI conducts only in-ground casket and cremation burials. Future phased developments include addition of columbarium wall and pre-set liners (please call for current information).

Burial Fees

There is no charge for burial of an eligible veteran with use of 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.

All Wisconsin state veteran cemeteries accept outside dealer vaults for casket remains; additional fees apply.

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. Examples of donations programs available:

• Avenue of Flags, Medal Displays, Commemorative Benches, engraved Walkway Stones. Please contact the cemeteries directly for details and brochures.

Pre-Registration

Veterans may establish, in advance, their eligibility for burial at any of the State’s three veterans cemeteries. There is no cost or obligation to pre-register. By taking a few minutes to complete a pre-registration form WDVA 2111, 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 may also be downloaded from our website at: WisVets.com under “Cemeteries & Honors”.

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