





Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery 23 March 2023



ACANC Agenda 23 March



Time	Location	Event	Leads(s)
0900	ANC	Opening Remarks	DFO / Co- Chairs
0905-0935	ANC	Remember and Explore Subcommittee update	Chair
0935-1000	ANC	Honor Subcommittee update	Chair
1000-1110	ANC	National Cemeteries Administration Update	NCA
1110-1130	ANC	Veterans Legacy Memorial	NCA
1130-1200	ANC	Military Funeral Honor Support	TOG
1200-1300	ANC	Lunch	Co-Chairs
1300-1330	ANC	Burial Exceptions to Policy	Interments
1330-1430	ANC	Public Comments	Co-Chairs
1430-1445	ANC	Committee Discussion	Co-Chairs/DFO
1445	ANC	Meeting Adjourned	Co-Chairs



Remember and Explore Subcommittee Update







Honor Subcommittee Update





NCA Update





National Cemetery Administration Overview and Updates

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery
March 23, 2023

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Deputy Under Secretary
Field Programs and Cemetery Operations
National Cemetery Administration





National Cemetery Administration

OVERVIEW





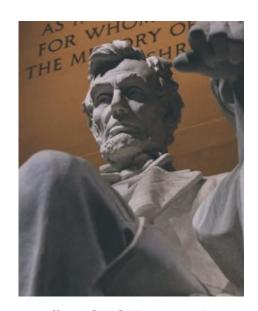
Mission and Priorities

Mission

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

Priorities

- Ensure a workplace where every employee is respected and valued
- Properly memorializing our nation's heroes by maintaining our cemeteries as national shrines
- Continue working toward 95% coverage for all Veterans
- Continue cultivating relationships with state, territorial and tribal cemeteries



"To fulfill President
Lincoln's promise to
care for those who
have served in our
nation's military and
for their families,
caregivers, and
survivors."





Interments, Headstones and Markers

- NCA maintains 4.11 million graves
- 155 National Cemeteries
 - 87 open for all interments
 - 22 open for cremated remains
 - 46 closed to new interments
- 150,574 interments conducted in FY 2022
 - > 8,328 at Riverside N.C.
 - ▶ 6,612 at Florida N.C.
 - > 5,409 at Ft. Snelling N.C.
 - > 5,019 at Jefferson Barracks N.C.
 - > 4,945 at Calverton N.C
- 347,361 headstones and markers furnished in FY22



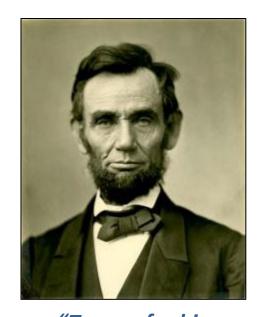
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery





History

- The Omnibus bill of 1862, signed into law on July 17, authorized President Lincoln to purchase grounds for use as national cemeteries
- Twelve national cemeteries were established in 1862
- Previously soldiers were generally buried very near where they fell
- 118 national cemeteries were established by 1950
- No national cemeteries were established between 1951 and 1975



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





History

The National Cemeteries Act of 1973

- June 18 President Richard Nixon signed the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (PL 93-43)
- September 1 The Veterans Administration (VA) became the steward of the National Cemetery System
 - 103 national cemeteries
 - 82 national cemeteries transferred from the Army
 - 32 additional burial and monument sites from Army
 - 21 existing VA Veterans cemeteries
 - Responsibility for procurement of government headstones and markers





Federal Partners

- Office of Army Cemeteries
- The Service Branches:
 - Cemeteries
 - Casualty and funeral honors
 - Records
- National Park Service
- American Battle Monuments Commission
- Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
- National Archives









If You've Seen One National Cemetery ...





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... You've Seen One National Cemetery.





Funeral Honors at NCA National Cemeteries



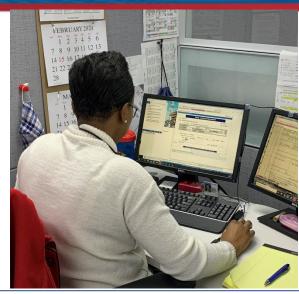






Eligibility and Scheduling

- Any service member who dies on active duty or Veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable
- National Guard members and Reservists who were called to Federal active duty or are entitled to retired pay
- Spouses, dependent children and certain parents
- Pre-Need Eligibility
 Determinations



The National Cemetery Scheduling Office serves all VA national cemeteries, seven days a week, 362 days a year

Toll Free Number



1-800-535-1117 PRESS OPTION 1



https://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/need.asp



Burial and Memorial Benefits

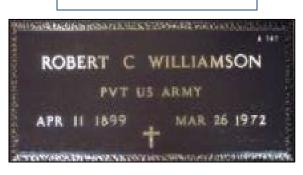


Upright Headstone



Niche Covers







"In Memory of..."



Burial and Memorial Benefits



Burial Flag

Presidential Memorial Certificate

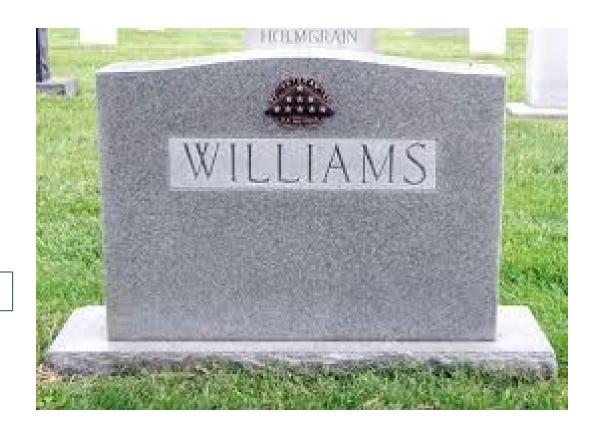




Burial and Memorial Benefits



Bronze Medallion





Commemorative Plaques and Urns

 Section 2207 of Public Law 116-315 amends 38 U.S. Code § 2306 -Headstones, markers, and burial receptacles - as follows

"In lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker under this section for a deceased individual ... the Secretary shall furnish, upon request and at the expense of the United States—

(A) an urnto signifystatus as a veteran, in which the remains of such individual may be placed.....; or

(B) a commemorative plaque signifying the individual's status as a veteran."

PL 116-315 further amends 38 U.S.C. 2306 as below

"If the Secretary furnishes an urn or commemorative plaque for an individual ... the Secretary may not provide for such individual—

- (A) a headstone or marker under this section; or
- (B) any burial benefit under section 2402 of this title."
- Individuals able to receive the plaque or urn are Veterans "whose remains were cremated and not interred in a national cemetery, a State
 veterans' cemetery, a tribal cemetery, a county cemetery, or a private cemetery."
- Effective date of Section 2207 is January 5, 2023



NCA Team Members

- 2,203 Team Members
 - 1,708 at Cemeteries and field offices outside of DC
 - 69.7% are Veterans (highest in federal government)
 - 9.13% are women Veterans

















Customer Satisfaction

In 2022, for the 8th consecutive time, NCA achieved the highest ranking of any participating organization public or private!







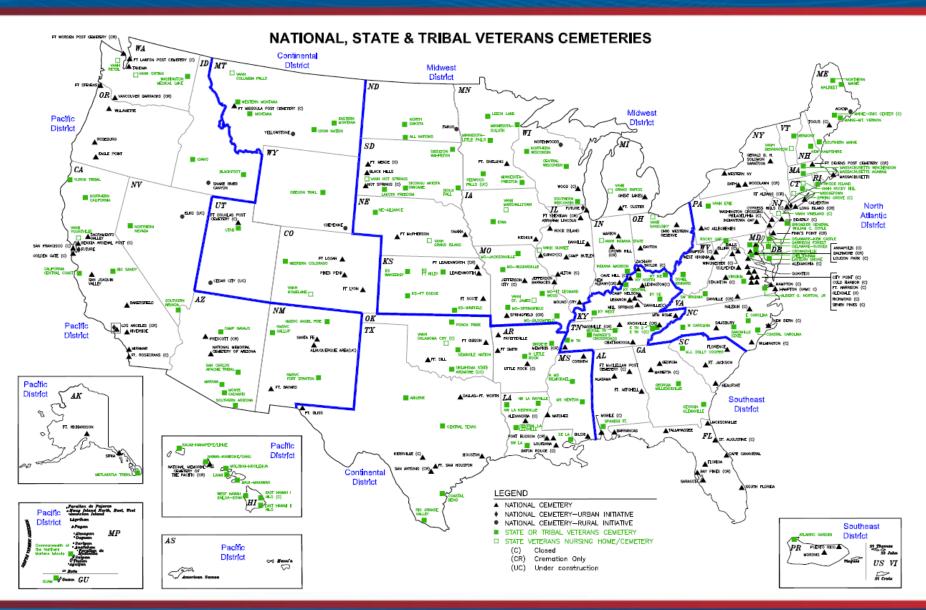
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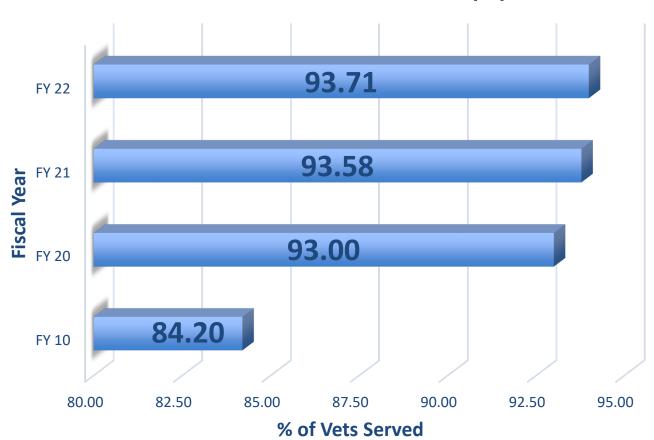
National, State and Tribal Cemeteries





Increasing Access

Burial Access for Veterans (%)



- NCA's goal is to achieve 95%.
- Access is defined as providing the Veteran population with reasonable access to a burial option within 75 miles of their homes.





Urban Initiative Cemeteries

NCA also expanding access to cemeteries for urban Veterans

- Crown Hill Nat'l Cemetery (Indianapolis)
 - Los Angeles National Cemetery
 - St. Albans Nat'l Cemetery (Queens)





Los Angeles National Cemetery Columbarium Expansion

Planned Urban Cemeteries / Expansions

- Chicago, IL
- Alameda, CA

Crown Hill Columbarium Annex



Rural Initiative Cemeteries



NCA Rural Initiative provides access to VA burial benefits for Veterans in rural areas who have not previously had reasonable access to a national or state Veterans cemetery

- Acadia National Cemetery (ME)
- Cheyenne National Cemetery (WY)
 - Fargo National Cemetery (ND)
- Northwoods National Cemetery (WI)
- Snake River Canyon National Cemetery (ID)
 - Yellowstone National Cemetery (MT)



Planned / Under Construction

- Cedar City, UT
 - Elko, NV



Veterans Cemetery Grants Program

- Since 1978 the Veterans
 Cemetery Grants Program (VCGP)
- Almost \$1 Billion in construction grants
- 121 state, tribal, and territory Veteran
 Cemeteries throughout the country
- 13 tribal Veteran cemeteries operational
- FY 2021, state, territory and tribal Veteran
 Cemeteries conducted over 44,000 interments



San Carlos Apache tribal Veterans cemetery Arizona Oct. 22, 2019





Veterans Cemetery Grants Program

National and State Veterans Cemeteries all must meet NCA's Operational Standards and Measures



Alexandria National Cemetery



Western Montana Veterans Cemetery





Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act

38 USC 2408 (i) – as amended by Public Law 117-103

The Secretary may not establish a condition for a grant under this section that restricts the ability of a State receiving such a grant to inter:

- (A) Any member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who was discharged ... under conditions other than dishonorable or whose death occurs under conditions other than dishonorable while a member of such a reserve component.
- (B) Any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard who was discharged ... under conditions other than dishonorable or whose death occurs under conditions other than dishonorable while a member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard.
- (C) Any member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps ... whose death occurs under conditions other than dishonorable while a member of the R.O.T.C.
- (D) Any spouse, minor child or unmarried adult child ... of any member described above.















View from Flagpole facing Memorial

View from Memorial facing Flagpole

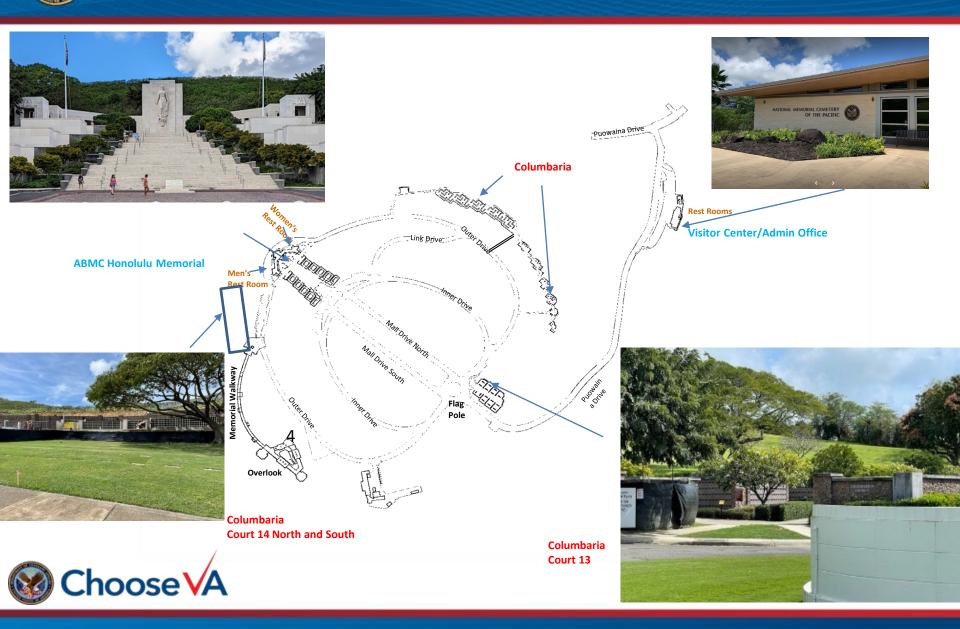














Former Army Post Cemeteries

11 Army Post Cemeteries
Transferred to VA
June 2019 – September 2020



- Fort Lawton Post Cemetery (WA)
- Fort Missoula Post Cemetery (MT)
- Fort Sheridan National Cemetery (IL)
- Fort Douglas Post Cemetery (UT)
- Vancouver Barracks Nat'l Cem (WA)
- Fort Worden Post Cemetery (WA)
- Fort Stevens National Cemetery (OR)
- Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery(CA)
- Fort Devens Post Cemetery (MA)
- Fort McClellan Post Cemetery (AL)

Fort Sheridan National Cemetery



National Cemetery Administration

MODERNIZING MEMORIALIZATION





Veterans Legacy Program





- Memorializes Veterans through educational outreach, engaging students, educators, and citizens with NCA cemeteries and the histories of the Veterans interred in them since 2016.
- Launched new Grants Program in 2021.
- Young Americans discovering the American Veteran tradition, at schools such as Texas A&M University, St. Ambrose University, Black Hills State University, and many others around country.





- Interactive Web Site honoring nearly 4.5 million Veterans resting in NCA cemeteries & VA-funded state/tribal/territory Veteran cemeteries
- Veteran pages include birth/death dates, emblem of belief, military service details, and cemetery info
- Users can contribute
 - Tributes (comments)
 - Photos
 - Biographies
 - Word Clouds
 - Career Milestones
 - Historical Documents





www.va.gov/remember

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- Web App launched in 2019 to honor Veterans in NCA National Cemeteries. Expanded in 2021 to include VA-grant funded state, tribal, territory Veteran cemeteries and again in 2022 to include 2 of the 14 National Park Service cemeteries.
- Site is fully interactive, and users can submit content to Veteran pages. All content is moderated before posting.
- Currently 4.5+ Million Veteran pages and 55K+ items posted.

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Tributes



Reflecting back how special my dad was how important he is still in my life. I am extremely proud of my father. Can't tell you how much I love you and miss you. As I try to find the beautiful words to express my feelings not because it's Memorial Day or if a birthday comes up or Father's Day most of all I am choked up because I am missing you so much. I honor my father today and I honor my father tomorrow. Just because I miss him so much. I love you dad.

Mementos









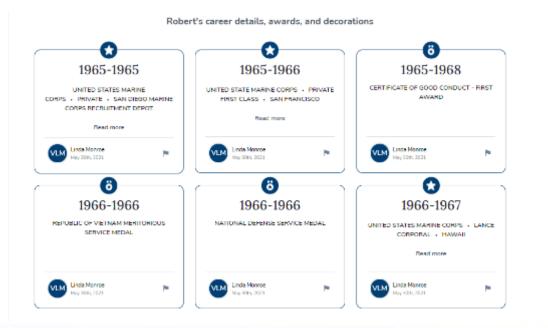


Words that describe Raymond

Word Cloud



Milestones





Biographies

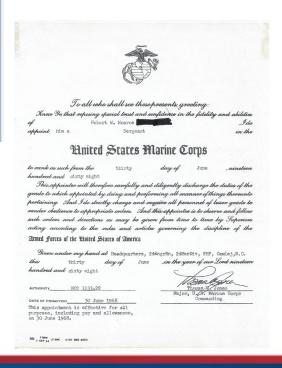


Fitzroy Newsum was born in Manhattan, New York on May 22, 1918. Shortly after, he moved to the Caribbean Island of Trinidad.[1] Newsum grew up on the island with his mother, who would often take him to the local airfield.[2] He became very fascinated with airplanes and flight, and it was here that he was inspired to one day become a heroic pilot that would serve his country in multiple wars.

Newsum returned to the United States for college where he attended the University of Maryland. He graduated from the College of Military Science there. After graduating, he returned to New York with the intention of joining the United States Air Corps. He was rejected, however, because he was black. This did not discourage his drive to fight for his country though. On February 16, 1939 he enlisted in the New York National Guard. He became a Second Lieutenant for the How Company of the 369th Infantry.[3] His infantry was deployed to Hawaii, where they commanded an anti-aircraft missile group. Newsum never gave up his dreams of flying. He joined the Tuskegee Airmen, the first group of African American military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps. The program was initiated by President Roosevelt, who at first arranged for 33 African American men already in service to take an entry test for the Army Air Corps. Newsum was chosen to take the test and was one of just 13 to pass it. Those who passed had the opportunity to

Historical Docs







What's Coming Next

Add 26 DoD-managed cemeteries in May: ~160K more pages*



ANC: 125K

Other Army (16 cemeteries): 33K

Navy (5 cemeteries): 700

AF (4 cemeteries): 2K

* IT development partnership between NCA and ANC using Army's EEIS database

Add private cemeteries in October (tent): ~5.5M more pages



Industry Awards

2022 Gold Quill of Excellence
 Communication for the Web



2022 Innovation Award



2022 Digital Government
 Experience Award



 2002 VA Customer Experience Innovation Award





VLM Demo





Military Funeral Honors Support





3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment Memorial Affairs in Arlington National Cemetery Information Brief



Agenda:

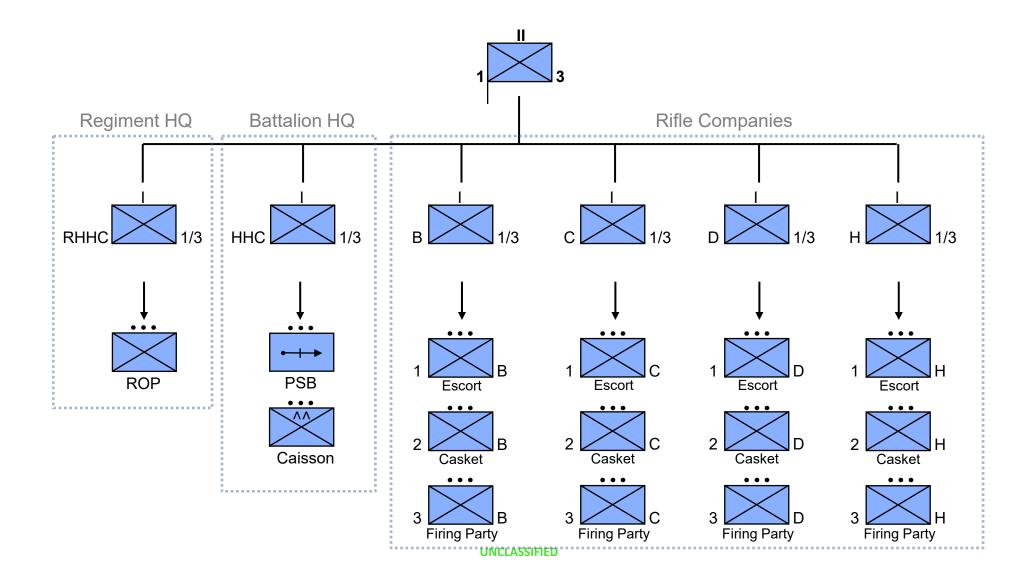
- Battalion Task Organization
- Funeral Types and Personnel Requirements
- P-Cycle Readiness Model
- Memorial Affairs (MA) Systems and Processes
- Daily Battle Rhythm
- Funeral "Finals"
- MA Risk Brief Example



Task Organization



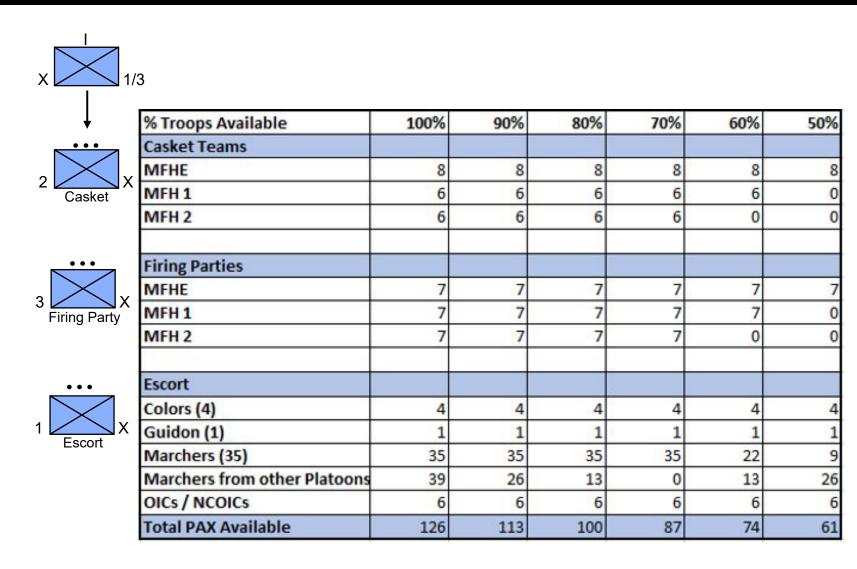
1st BN 3rd U.S. IN is comprised of four Infantry Rifle Companies (Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and Hotel), a Headquarters (HQ) Company, and the Regimental Headquarters Company.





Company Task Organization







Definitions & Background (MA)



Mission Manning Requirements & Definitions

- MFHE Military Funeral Honors with Escort "Full Honors"
- MFH Military Funeral Honors "Standard Honors"
- 6 C.B. Spouse dependent honors with 6 Casket Bearers
- 1 C.B. Spouse Dependent Honors with 1 urn bearer

Maximum Personnel Requirement in one hour block in ANC

- 1x 2 PLT MFHE [66], 2x MFH [30], 2x 1 C.B. [4] = 100

ANC Daily Funeral Scheduling (Army)

	MFHE	MFH 1 or 6 C.B.	MFH 2 or 6 C.B.	1 C.B. (1)	1 C.B. (2)
0900					
1000					
1100					
1200					
1300					
1400					
1500					

Funeral PAX Breakdown

MFHE (2PLT) PAX Requirement Breakdown				
Officers	2			
NCOs	13			
Enlisted	51			
Total	66			

MFHE (1PLT) PAX Requirement Breakdown				
Officers	2			
NCOs	13			
Enlisted	31			
Total	46			

MFH PAX Requirement Breakdown				
Officers	0/1*			
NCOs	3/2*			
Enlisted	12			
Total	15			

6 C.B. PAX Requirement Breakdown				
Officers	0/1*			
NCOs	2/1*			
Enlisted	5			
Total	7			

1 C.B. PAX Requirement Breakdown				
Officers	0/1*			
NCOs	1/0*			
Enlisted	1			
Total	2			



P-Cycle Readiness Model

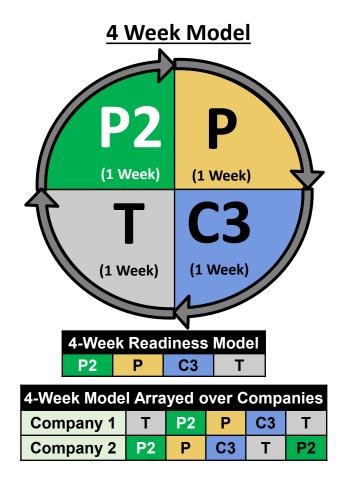


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Primary Company responsible for Memorial Affairs Operations in ANC.

Responsible for Ceremonies and Special Events, Dover/Plane-side missions.

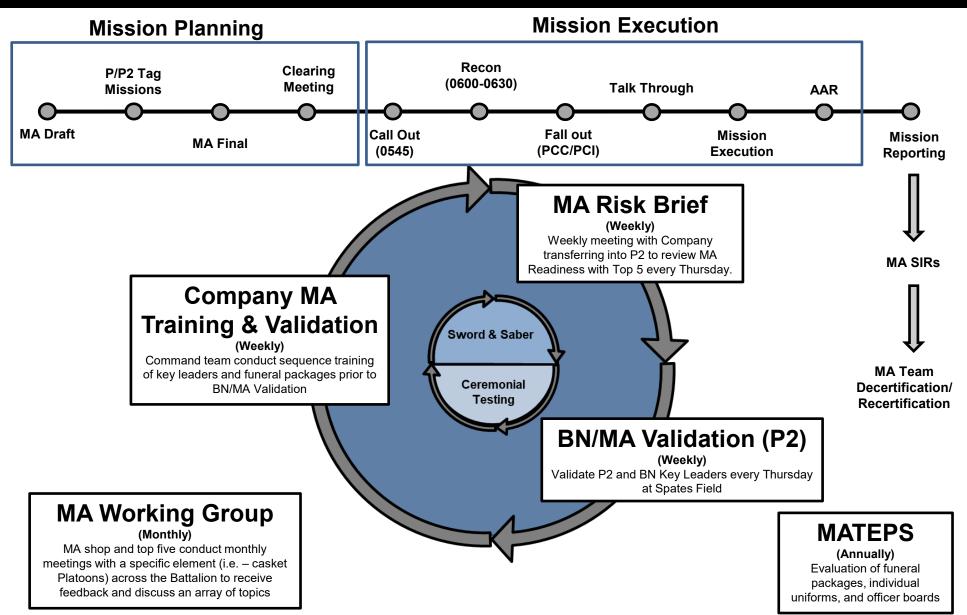
Conducts tactical training – FAPH & MCBQ, Weapons Qual, Drivers Training, maintenance, and RXLs.





Memorial Affairs Systems & Processes







MACSE Shop Internal Battle Rhythm





0900-1600: Track Missions in ANC - 1300: Publish Funeral Final -

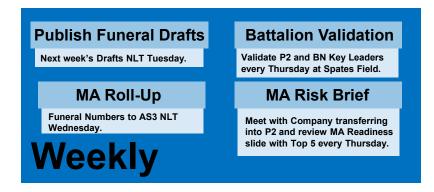
Receive reports of En Route, On Site, and Mission Complete from NCOIC or OIC of every mission as well as Section Leader of US Army Caisson Platoon.

Once signed Funeral Schedule for the next day's missions is published by ANC, update database and publish 1-3 Funeral Final for clearing meeting.

→ 1500: Clearing Meeting → Cemetery Clear

Host meeting of Primary Company, P2, Caisson, PSB, and Trans to sign for and coordinate all missions packages on Final.

Daily



ANC Interment Sync MACSE NCOIC and OIC meet with ANC Interment Services leadership to discuss issues and maintain communication between One Legion and ANC. Monthly

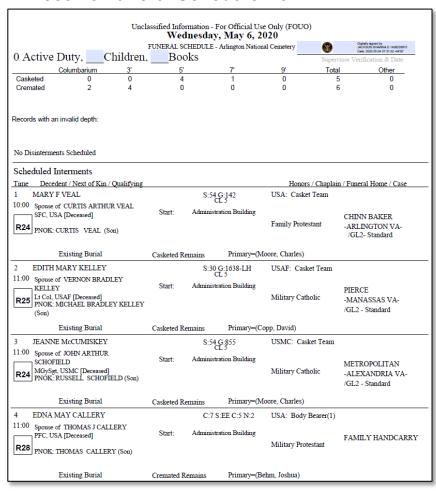


One Legion MACSE In-Brief



Final Publication

1. Receive Funeral Schedule from ANC



2. Produce MA Final for One Legion

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Memorial Affairs One Legion Risk Brief



Risk Brief Agenda

- Authorized/Assigned
- Highest Risk
- · Key Leaders
 - (OIC/NCOIC/EC/Sword/Guidon)
- 2nd PLT Caskets
 - MFHE
 - MFH Team 1
 - MFH Team 2
- 3rd PLT Firing Party
 - MFHE
 - MFH Team 1
 - MFH Team 2
- 1st PLT Escort
 - Colors Team 1
 - Colors Team 2
 - Escort Platoon 1
 - Escort Platoon 2
- Non-Available

Key Meeting Outputs:

- Highest Risk & Mitigation measures
- Primary week readiness
- Team validations & levels of experience
- Key leader validations & levels of experience

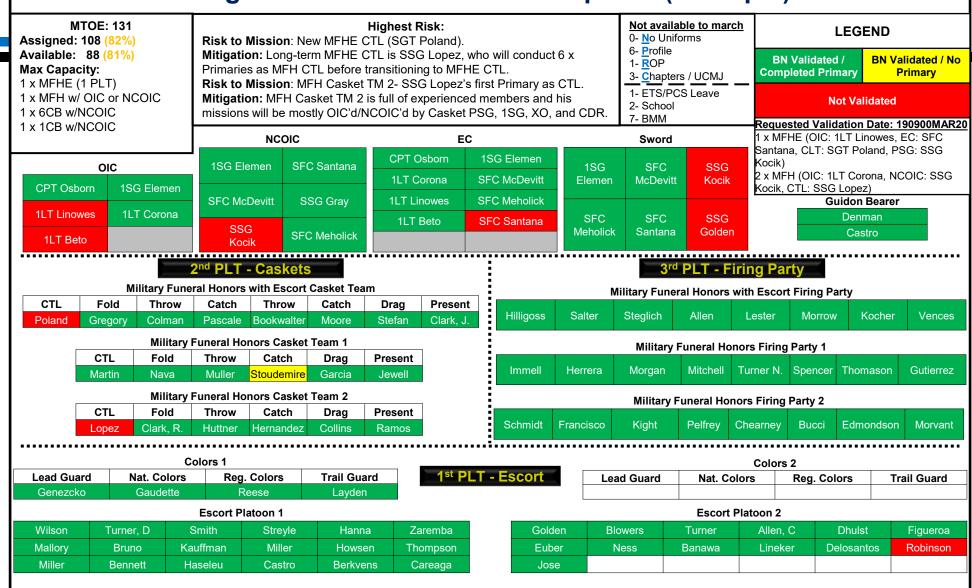
ONE LEGION **One Legion MA Capacity Chart** *Maximum Capacity: 4 x MFHE (1 PLT), 12 x MFH or SDH Hard Rock Dog House **Battle Hard** Military Funeral Honors with Escort Casket Team Military Funeral Honors with Escort Casket Team CTL Fold Throw Catch Throw Catch Drag Pre Military Funeral Honors with Escort Casket Team Fold Throw Catch Throw Catch Drag Present Fold Throw Catch Throw Catch Drag Present Military Funeral Honors with Escort Firing Party Military Funeral Honors with Escort Firing Party Military Funeral Honors with Escort Firing Party atten Hiers Mondoux Hawke Sloan Mullins Urey Vissch- Colors Lead Guard Nat. Colors Reg. Colors Trail Guard Martinez Rusch Penner Santiago Escort Platoon 1 OIC NCOIC Assist Guidon Assist Guidon CTL Fold Throw Catch Drag CTL Fold Throw Catch Drag Present Fold Throw Catch Drag Present Military Funeral Honors Firing Party 1 Military Funeral Honors Firing Party 1 Military Funeral Honors Casket Team 2 Military Funeral Honors Casket Team 2 Fold Throw Catch Drag Present Fold Throw Catch Drag Davis Brown Febus RileyA. Military Funeral Honors Firing Party 2 Military Funeral Honors Firing Party 2 Caisson PSB

Readiness Snapshot



Dog House- MA Readiness Snapshot (Example)





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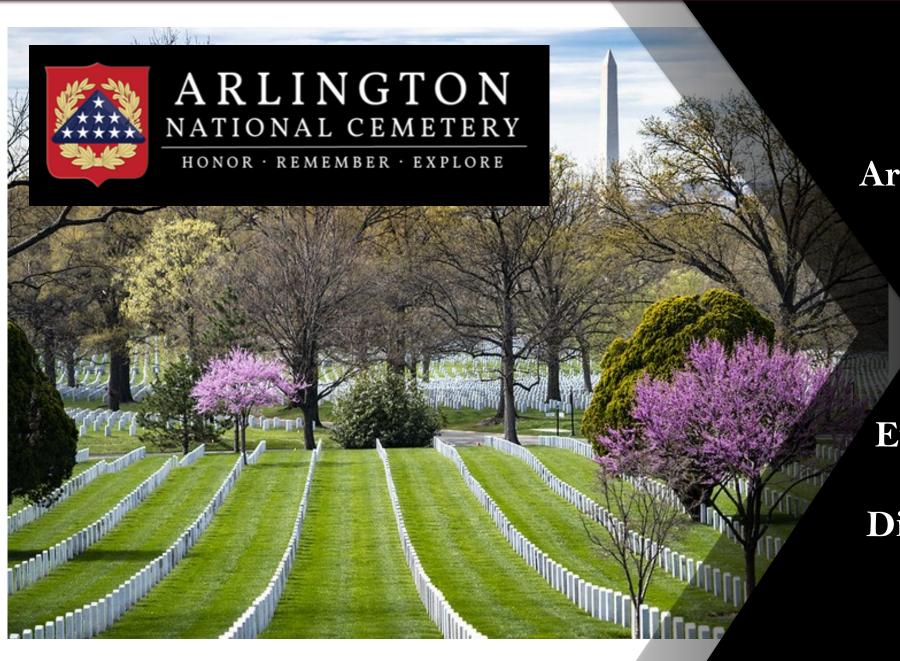
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Burial Exceptions to Policy





Office of Army
Cemeteries
and
Army National Military
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Process

Director, Interments

Neal McIntyre

March 23, 2023

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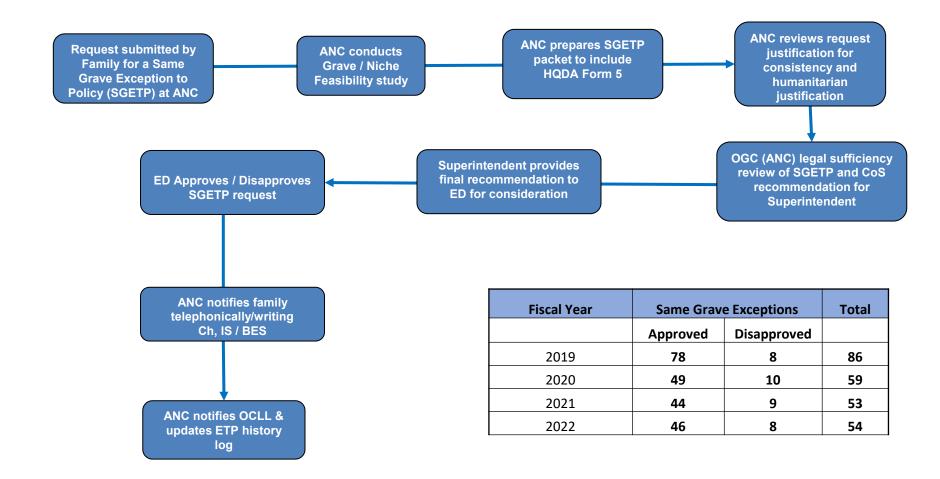
- 1) 32 Code of Federal Regulations Part B §553.22.
 - Eligibility for interment/inurnment at National Military Cemetery is based on honorable military service
 - ETP are only considered at time of need
 - PNOK is responsible for certifying/providing all documents
 - Disapprovals are reconsidered only upon receipt of new/substantive information
- SECARMY Memo: Updated Procedures for Considering Exceptions to Interment and Inurnment Eligibility Policy at Arlington National Cemetery
 - Superintendent's provides recommendation and forwards request to ED (SGE/NGE)
 - ED may approve/disapprove ETPs that will <u>not</u> displace an eligible Veteran (SGE)
 - SECARMY will act on ALL ETPs that displace an eligible Veteran (NGE)
 - ANC Advisory Group will review/provide recommendation for all ETP request that will displace an eligible Veteran
 - ANC Advisory Group Membership includes the Superintendent, ANC and a panel of HQDA General Officers and Senior Executive Service Civilians.

Common Characteristics

- 1) Same Grave Exceptions (SGE)
 - Remarried spouse
 - Eligible Veteran (Interment/Inurnment)
 - Ineligible Family member
 - No impact to otherwise eligible Veterans
 - Often preserves grave or niche for future use
- 2) New Grave Exceptions
 - Lack qualifying military experience
 - 1. No military experience
 - 2. Qualified for inurnment; requesting interment
 - Impacts otherwise eligible Veterans

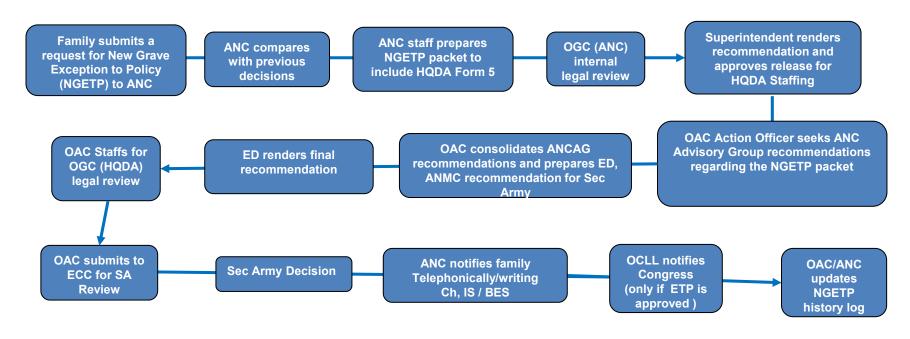


Same Grave Exception Process Map





New Grave Exception Process Map



Fiscal Year	New Grav	Total	
	Approved	Disapproved	
2019	0	10	10
2020	0	4	4
2021	0	3	3
2022	0	4	4

Questions & Discussion







Public Comments (As Required)



23 March 2023



Meeting Adjourned