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Memorial Arboretum and Horticulture Program



Memorial Arboretum at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is a living tribute to those who have honorably served their nation. Rolling green hills, majestic trees and a diverse collection of ornamental plants create a rich natural tapestry on these hallowed grounds. The cemetery's 639 acres blend formal and informal landscapes and feature more than 9,000 native and exotic trees. Some of the oldest trees, at nearly 250 years old, predate the first burials. Intimate gardens enhance the cemetery's beauty and sense of peace. More than 140 memorial trees commemorate veterans (including Medal of Honor recipients), military units and battles. ANC also has five state champion or co-champion trees.

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) was awarded Level III Arboretum accreditation in June 2018, and its Level III status was renewed in 2023. Only 45 renowned institutions worldwide maintain this prestigious accreditation. ArbNet (an interactive, international community of arboreta) created its Arboretum Accreditation Program to establish and share recognized industry standards for the arboretum community. Accreditation reflects an arboretum's level of achievement of specific standards—including planning, governance, number of species, staff or volunteer support, education, public programming, tree science research, and conservation.



ANC's horticulture professionals contribute to the arboretum community, tree science, and urban forestry through numerous collaborative research projects. They also actively engage in public outreach efforts, including public walking tours that focus on topics ranging from seasonal highlights to sustainability practices.



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Arlington National Cemetery is committed to maintaining the formal integrity of older and more established landscapes. At the same time, ANC promotes conservation and sustainability by designing landscapes that serve ecological functions; selecting trees not only for their aesthetic qualities, but also for their disease resistance; striving for diversity in all plantings; and incorporating rain gardens (*pictured at right*) to reduce nutrient and sediment run-off.



We are proud to preserve and interpret this iconic landscape for generations to come.

For more information about Memorial Arboretum and ANC's horticulture program, please visit: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore-the-Cemetery/Memorial-Arboretum-and-Horticulture/>.

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- Memorial Arboretum: <https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Themes/Memorial-Arboretum>
- The Environment at ANC: <https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Themes/The-Environment-at-ANC>

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