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Special Guided Walking Tour

"Medal of Honor Recipients at Arlington National Cemetery"

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 10a.m. to 12 p.m.

ARLINGTON, Va. – In recognition of National Medal of Honor Day, Arlington National Cemetery announces a special guided walking tour of Arlington National Cemetery focusing on Medal of Honor recipients buried at Arlington, as well as the history of the Medal of Honor. Tom Sherlock, Arlington National Cemetery historian, and Timothy Frank, a historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command, will narrate the tour. Frank was a contract historian for the Medal of Honor Society from 2002 to 2004, and had the opportunity to interview 60 Medal of Honor recipients.

The tour is two hours in length and will visit important sites associated with the Medal of Honor. Tours will start at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center. The tour is free-of-charge, but reservations are required. Call (703) 614-0062 for reservations, or e-mail: ANCPAO@conus.army.mil. The Visitors Center is accessible via the Blue Line on the Metro. Parking is available at the Visitors Center parking lot (cash only).

Among the national cemeteries in the United States, Arlington National Cemetery is unique. It is the only national cemetery that routinely holds graveside services and provides full military honors for eligible veterans. It is a national military shrine, hosting 4 million visitors annually, as well as ceremonial functions involving foreign heads of state and other dignitaries. As the second largest cemetery in the country, Arlington National Cemetery oversees approximately 27-30 funeral services per day, five days a week. To better serve the needs of families, Arlington recently began supporting services on Saturdays for which military honors are not required or requested.

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