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Arlington National Cemetery scheduling Saturday services

ARLINGTON, Va. -- For the first time in its history, Arlington National Cemetery is scheduling funeral services on Saturdays to improve service for our veterans and their families. Currently, Saturday services are for interments and inurnments of cremated remains that do not require military honors.

Families of military spouses and dependent children as well as families of veterans who wish to waive military honors have the option to conduct their loved one's service on Saturday. These services are available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"We are entrusted with the sacred duty of taking care of our nation's heroes and their families. The addition of Saturday services is just one of the ways for Arlington to better meet the wishes of our families in their time of need," said Patrick K. Hallinan, superintendent.

For information on scheduling a funeral service at Arlington, contact the call center at 1-877-907-8585. For more information on Arlington National Cemetery, please visit the website at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

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