

National Cemetery Administration FAQ

1. *What is the National Cemetery Administration?*
 - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA), honors Veterans and their eligible family members with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our nation.
 - As of the end of FY2019, of the 139 VA national cemeteries, 79 are open to all interments; 16 can accommodate cremated remains and the remains of family members for interment in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member; and 43 will accommodate only interments of family members in the same gravesite as a previously deceased family member.
2. *What can the national cemetery administration assist you with?*
 - Arranging burial
 - The funeral home or next-of-kin should contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office to make burial arrangements for Veterans, spouses and/or their eligible dependents. Fax all available military discharge documents to the scheduling office at 866-900-6417 and follow up with a call to 800-535-1117. The scheduling office representatives will assist with the verification process. It may require 48 hours to determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery.
 - Presidential Memorial Certificates
 - A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is inscribed with the Veteran's name and bears the President's signature to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased Veterans. Intended recipients include next-of-kin and loved ones.
 - To apply for Presidential Memorial Certificate please click, [here](#).
 - Headstone, Markers, and Medallions.
 - VA provides headstones and markers for the graves of eligible Veterans in private and government cemeteries around the world. VA also provides a bronze medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker. The medallion is furnished in lieu of a traditional government headstone or marker.
 - To apply for Headstone, Markers, and Medallions please click, [here](#).
3. Additional information regarding the National Cemetery Administration please click, [here](#).