

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



DALLAS FORT WORTH NATIONAL CEMETERY
2000 MOUNTAIN CREEK PARKWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75211

Phone: 214.467.3374

Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Please contact the office for holiday closings.

Visitation Hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset.



General Information for Families interested in choosing the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery was dedicated and opened for burials on May 12, 2000.

The cemetery is situated on a 638.5-acre parcel of land that overlooks picturesque Mountain Creek Lake. The gently rolling hills provide a pastoral setting for visitors as they proceed along the central boulevard to the small lake adjacent to the assembly area and committal shelters.

WHO CAN BE BURIED AT THE CEMETERY? A final resting place for both casketed remains and cremated remains are available for any honorably discharged veteran, their spouse and any minor/dependant or adult disabled child of the veteran. Ground burial including space, government marker, and government burial liner are provided for casketed burials. Cremated remains may be placed in ground with a flat marker or in one of the above ground columbariums.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A BURIAL. Your Funeral Director will need a copy of the veteran's discharge and/or service information. Discharge documentation is then faxed to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office in St. Louis, Missouri. A follow up phone call by the Funeral Director will confirm first the eligibility and then request a time and day for the burial to occur at the cemetery. The cemetery schedules service from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at regular intervals according to the cemetery's current schedule at the time of the telephone conversation to the St. Louis office.

WHERE DOES THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS MEET TO ATTEND THE SERVICE? All funeral processions including the funeral home, family, clergy, and friends gather at the Public Information Center near the front gate of the cemetery in an assigned lane determined by the cemetery staff the day before the scheduled service. A cemetery representative then comes and meets the Funeral Director and Next of Kin briefly, and then all will proceed to the designated shelter. All attendees should meet in the assigned lane no more than 30 minutes and not less than 15 minutes prior to the set time of service.



WHERE ARE THE SERVICES CONDUCTED? Committal services and military honors when applicable, are held in the assigned Pavilion. At the conclusion of the services, all attendees, including the family and funeral home staff, are dismissed and the cemetery staff take into their care the casketed or cremated remains and transfer the deceased to the final resting place. The family can return to the cemetery after 4:00 p.m. that day to visit the grave or niche.

HOW DOES ONE FIND THE GRAVESPACE OR COLUMBARIUM NICHE?



There are two locations. The Public Information Center (PIC) Kiosk is available during visitation hours and the Administration Office Kiosk is available during business hours only. The Kiosk will generate a printed map with the name of the decedent and their grave location. Volunteers also staff the PIC Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS. Memorial Day Ceremony (May), Veterans Day Ceremony (November) and Wreaths Across America (December). Please contact the office for dates (214.467.3374)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas



NOTABLE PERSONS RESTING HERE

Medal of Honor Recipients

Colonel (then First Lieutenant) James L. Stone, (Korean War), U.S. Army, company E, 8th Calvary Regiment, 1st Calvary Division. Near Sokkogae, Korea, Nov. 21 and 22, 1951. (Section 76, Grave 1658L).

Sgt. Candelario Garcia Jr. (Vietnam War), US Army, Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. In Lai Khe, Republic of Vietnam, December 8, 1968. (Section 107, Grave 209).

Others

Cloyde Pinson, Sr., Founder of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation (Section 76, Grave 1702B).

Bobbie Joe Cavnar was the 22-year-old pilot of the big four-engine Douglas C-54 that rescued a stranded crew of the wrecked B-29 "Kee Bird" from the far northwest tip of Greenland in February 1947. Cavnar landed his transport plane on a small frozen glacial lake near the wreck. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions and personally congratulated by President Harry S. Truman. He retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1964. (Section 11, Grave 99)

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PLANNING A COMMITTAL FOR CASKET OR URN

scheduling

- A copy of Veteran's Discharge (stating 'Honorable') is faxed to Centralized Scheduling Office in St. Louis, Missouri
- The Funeral Director will call to arrange Day/Time (M-F / 9AM-3PM)

honors

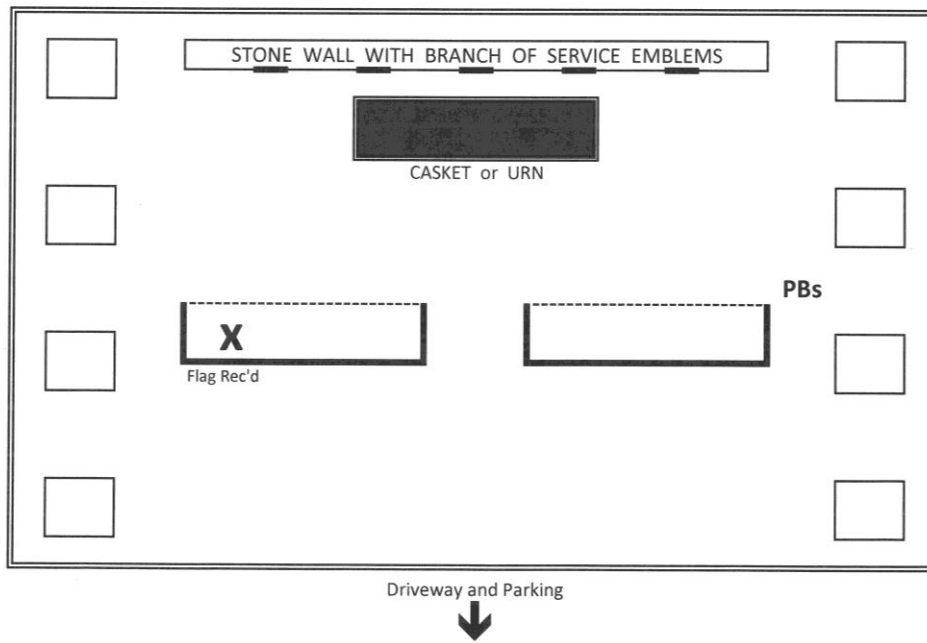
- The Funeral Director will call the proper Honors Detail to arrange
- 2-3 person Honors Team for Veterans serving less than 20 years
- Full Honors Team (flag/casket bearers/rifle bearers) is available for Retired and Duty Death Veterans
- Funeral Director can request Private Full Honors and/or Patriot Guard Flag Line

arriving

- All attendees are to gather 15 minutes prior to scheduled time in assigned Lane located be Visitors Center
- In the Lane, all attendees will be met by a Cemetery Liason. The Next of Kin will be given folder containing Flower Rules, Grave/Niche Location map and general instructions for service and visiting grave or niche

the committal

- Flowers (limited to four) have been already delivered by funeral home staff at Committal Shelter
- When Flag presented to Next of Kin, that person is required to sit in a Designated Seat in order for Honors Detail Team to present flag
- Including time used by Honors Detail Team, a 10-15 minutes window is given for all activities/speaking to occur
- upon conclusion of committal all attendees are asked to leave committal site in preparation for the next scheduled family to use shared space



AVAILABLE EMBLEMS OF BELIEF FOR PLACEMENT ON GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES AND MARKERS



Emblem (98) MUSLIM (Islamic 5-Pointed Star)
is not shown due to copyright.

MARKER INFORMATION NEEDED BY THE CEMETERY, CHOSEN BY THE FAMILY

The purpose at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery is to offer directions on the Additional Inscription/Term of Endearment (AI/TOE) in order to avoid difficulty in creating and agreeing on a AI/TOE, and to avoid significant delays in the processing and receiving headstones. The following are some examples that the family may choose or they can choose to create a unique one of their own. However, depending on whether it is a headstone, marker, or niche cover and mandatory data required, the AI/TOE will only be offered if space permits.

SUGGESTED TERMS OF ENDEARMENT

**WE LOVE YOU
WE MISS YOU
AT PEACE
AT PEACE WITH GOD
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED
TOGETHER FOREVER
LOVING PARENTS
DEVOTED COUPLE
TILL WE MEET AGAIN
LIVED HIS/HER LIFE WELL
PROUDLY SERVED**

**BELOVED HUSBAND
AND FATHER**

**BELOVED HUSBAND
AND DAD**

**BELOVED WIFE
AND MOTHER**

**LOVING HUSBAND
AND FATHER**

**LOVING HUSBAND
AND DAD**

**LOVING WIFE
AND MOTHER**

**LOVING HUSBAND
DAD & GRANDDAD**

**LOVING WIFE
MOM & MIMI**

**LOVING WIFE
MOM & GIGI**

BELOVED HUSBAND

BELOVED WIFE

**BELOVED DAD
AND HUSBAND**

**BELOVED WIFE
AND MOTHER**

<p>All families may accept one of the above inscriptions or provide one of their own using the guidelines set. Terms deemed as offensive will not be accepted.</p>
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MONUMENT WORKSHEET

FAX TO 214-467-3316

BROWN'S MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
707 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75061
office 972.254.4242 | fax 972.253.2602

Date of Burial Service:	Funeral Home	
*Religious Emblem (Name & Number):	Decedent ID#	
*Decedent's First Name:	*Decedent's Middle Initial:	
*Decedent's Last Name:	*Suffix (e.g. Sr., Jr., III)	

*VETERAN'S DATA

*Highest Rank:	*Branch(s) of Service (provide discharge paperwork for each branch):	*War Periods (provide documentation to cover all war periods):

The following are the only awards authorized to be inscribed on the headstone/marker/niche cover at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Circle the awards that apply and be sure and provide documentation. The asterisk (*) denotes required information.

<i>AUTHORIZED AWARDS</i>	DSC – Distinguished Service Cross	NC – Navy Cross
MH – Congressional Medal of Honor	SS – Silver Star	BSM – Bronze Star Medal
AFC – Air Force Cross	PH –Purple Heart	POW or Ex-POW – Prisoner of War

Additional Inscription/Term of Endearment can include nicknames, titles, etc. The only punctuation marks available are the ampersand (&) and the colon (:).

NOTE: The number of lines for the Additional Inscription is subject to space availability.

FLAT MARKERS (In-Ground Cremations) 22 characters, including the spaces

UPRIGHT HEADSTONES (Caskets only) 2 lines with 15 characters, including the spaces, per line

COLUMBARIUM NICHE COVERS (Above ground cremated remains) up to 2 lines, depending on formatting of the marker, character spaces including the space between words

MONUMENT INFORMATION WAS VERIFIED BY THE NEXT OF KIN (NOK):

REQUIRED: Daytime telephone number for the NOK.	NOK'S PRINTED NAME:
	NOK'S SIGNATURE:
	DATE:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH NATIONAL CEMETERY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF BURIAL