

ARLINGTON National Cemetery

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Fact Sheet



Eligibility

Arlington National Cemetery's eligibility requirements for burial and inurnment are different from other national cemeteries that are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery is the most stringent of all U.S. national cemeteries. However, most veterans, who have at least one day of active service (other than for training) and an honorable discharge, are eligible for above-ground inurnment. Eligibility is determined at the time of need. An honorable discharge is required for any interments at Arlington National Cemetery.

| Service Member With Honorable Discharge | Eligibility* | |
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| | Inurnment in Columbarium Court or Niche Wall | In-ground burial (Casket or Urn) |
| Dies on Title 10 Federal Active Duty (other than for training) | Yes | Yes |
| Dies on Active Duty for training only under Title X | Yes | No |
| Veteran – Retired from active duty; receiving retirement pay | Yes | Yes |
| Veteran – At least one day active duty other than for training | Yes | No |
| Veteran – Received Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force or Navy), Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, or Purple Heart | Yes | Yes |
| Any member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, whose death occurs under honorable conditions while on active duty for training or performing full-time service. | Yes | No |
| Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval, or air service; whose last period of service terminated honorably; and who died on or after Nov. 30, 1993 | Yes | Yes |

*Reflects current eligibility criteria, as of July 1, 2017, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 32, Part 553, Section 12 and 13.

More detailed information on eligibility can be found at:

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/FuneralInformation/EstablishServices.aspx>