

What is the State Veterans Cemetery?

The State Veterans' Cemetery in Middletown, CT is the largest State-operated veterans' cemetery in the State. It is under the administrative control of the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs and its Commissioner.

The Cemetery consists of 23.57 acres that will yield an expected 16,573 graves, or a number sufficient to last until the year 2032.

Who is Eligible for Burial?

All veterans who served at least 90 days of active duty and were released from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions and who either entered the service as a resident of the state of Connecticut or died as a resident of the state of Connecticut and their spouses are eligible for burial. Honorable service in the Armed Forces of any country allied with the United States is also acceptable.

What if the Spouse of a Veteran Expires First?

The spouse of a qualifying veteran can be buried first at the State Veterans' Cemetery.

What are the Costs Involved?

There are no charges for the plot (cremains, single or double-depth) for the opening/closing of the grave, or for the perpetual care of the grave. Also, the required headstone (white, upright marble marker) will be provided by the Federal Government free of charge and will be installed at no cost by cemetery personnel.

Can I Reserve a Space Before My Death?

Yes. You may reserve a space at the cemetery while you are still living. However, your actual gravesite will not be assigned until after your death. You must make your request in writing to:

Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs
Office of Cemetery & Memorial Services
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

You must include a copy of your discharge papers to demonstrate your eligibility. Family and friends should be made aware of your intentions.

What are the Rules of the Cemetery Regarding Visitation?

- The Cemetery will be open each day from 7:30 am to sunset.
- There are no animals, bicycles, motorcycles, or snowmobiles allowed.
- There is no hunting, fishing, or firearms (excluding military honor guards) allowed.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages or food is not allowed.
- The planting of shrubs, trees, or flowers by the public is prohibited.
- Artificial flowers are allowed from December 1 to April 30 (to be removed at the discretion of the cemetery personnel).
- Cut natural flowers placed on the grave are allowed any time (to be removed at the discretion of the cemetery personnel).
- All persons within the cemetery will conduct themselves in a manner befitting a sacred place.

Who Should I Contact With Additional Questions?

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Veterans' Affairs
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Hours: Mon-Fri., 8am—4:30pm

Phone: (860) 616-3688

Fax: (860) 616-3561

****Burials on Saturdays by special arrangements only.***

