Memorial Day Honors
The last Monday of May is set aside by our nation to remember those who have served in protecting our country’s freedom. Each Memorial Day, in conjunction with veterans service organizations, we plan and host Memorial Day ceremonies. We welcome volunteers for Flag-In on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America, on the second or third Saturday in December. More information at veterans.nv.gov.

Flowers and Decorations
Fresh cut flowers are permitted in approved vases at any time. Potted plants, baskets, artificial flowers, memorabilia, pinwheels, balloons, and glass of any kind are not permitted. Decorating freedom trees, benches, and headstones is not permitted. To receive a copy of the complete flowers, flags, and decorations policy please visit the cemetery administration office. Flowers are removed weekly on the designated cleanup day. Note: Items placed in violation of the policy will be removed and discarded. Cemetery staff is not responsible for any items left on the cemetery grounds.

For more information and virtual tour, go to veterans.nv.gov

~ Fred Wagar, Director
Nevada Department of Veterans Services

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Nevada State Veterans Cemeteries

In 1978, Congress established the State Cemetery program to complement the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration (NCA) system. Under this program, the federal government provides financial assistance to states that desire to construct and operate a State Veterans Cemetery. In 1987, the Nevada State Legislature approved funding for two such cemeteries, one located in Northern Nevada and one in Southern Nevada. Both Nevada Cemeteries opened in 1990 under the administration of the Nevada Commission for Veterans Affairs. Both are operated and maintained by the State of Nevada.

Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located in the quiet, peaceful town of Fernley, Nevada, which is 40 minutes from downtown Reno. The cemetery is located on the 40 acres owned and maintained by the State of Nevada. Since its opening, more than 12,500 veterans and family members of veterans have been placed to rest at the cemetery.

Eligibility

Eligibility for burial is similar to the criteria used by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. However, the cemetery is responsible for verifying eligibility and should be contacted directly for specifics by calling (775) 575-4441.

Reserve Components

Any member of a reserve component who has attained 20 years of service for retirement is eligible for burial at the cemetery. Any member of a reserve component, to include the Reserve Officer Training Corps, who dies under honorable conditions, while serving on active-duty or training, is also eligible for burial at the cemetery.

Dependents

Dependents of a veteran may be eligible for burial at the cemetery. Burials for veterans and their dependents are a stacked burial, in the same plot. Cremated burials are side-by-side, sharing the same plot. For information concerning dependent eligibility, contact the cemetery.

Costs

Veterans are buried at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at no charge. This includes the cemetery plot, opening and closing, concrete vault, headstone and perpetual care. A $450 fee (subject to change) is charged for the burial of a spouse or eligible dependent. Mortuary fees are not included.

Pre-Registration

There are no advance plot assignments at the cemetery; however, you can pre-register for a future need. Pre-registration allows the cemetery to make an advance determination as to eligibility. To pre-register you will need to provide the cemetery with a completed pre-registration form, a copy of your discharge documents, and a copy of your marriage certificate (if applicable). Pre-registration forms and instructions may be obtained at veterans.nv.gov, under Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, or visiting the cemetery during office hours, or by visiting the cemetery during office hours, or by calling (775) 575-4441.

Cemetery Plots

Cemetery plots are provided on an “as needed” basis, with one gravesite authorized for the interment of all eligible members of a family except where soil conditions require more than one site, or when the number of family decedents requires more than one grave. A gravesite cannot be assigned before it is needed for a burial.

Arrangements

Arrangement for burial at the cemetery can be made through your funeral director or by contacting the cemetery.