



CEMETERY INFORMATION

IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY - BOISE

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for interment in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery follows National Cemetery Administration eligibility requirements and Idaho law. Those terms include a prohibition of interment for an individual who has been convicted of or, in certain cases, committed a State or Federal Capital Crime or sexual offense, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 2411. There is no requirement to be a resident of Idaho.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Veteran, Guardsman or Reservist Discharge Papers and Spouse's Marriage Certificate (if applicable) are required.

The DD-214, or equivalent service record(s), must include **all the following information**:

- 1) **Active Duty Service, Retirement Status or Enlistment Term Completion**
- 2) **Character of Service**
- 3) **Dates of Entry into and Exit from Service**
- 4) **Highest Rank Achieved**

A minor child or disabled dependent, under certain conditions, may also be interred. Contact cemetery office for details.

There is **no** interment fee for eligible veterans. There is **an interment fee** for eligible veteran spouses, and dependent children, which is **due at time of interment**.

There is **an interment fee** for eligible Guardsman, Reservist, their spouses, and dependent children, which is **due at time of interment**.

Please submit COPIES of records (not originals) as documents will not be returned.

As a state agency, ISVC does not have access to VA databases, military service records, etc. **It is the responsibility of the service member or Next-of-Kin to acquire all necessary documentation.** Any missing information, such as the highest rank, retirement status, awards received, etc. will not be included for interment purposes until proof is provided. The absence of these documents will delay services until eligibility is confirmed.

Obtaining Military Service Records (National Archives)
Information on Eligibility Requirements
Find a VA Regional Office near you
Office of Veterans Advocacy

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>
<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/eligibility/>
1-800-827-1000 or <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>
208-780-1380 or <http://veterans.idaho.gov/advocacy>

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration is a means to **verify eligibility in advance** for those service members and their spouses/ dependents who are interested in interment in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. With the proof of eligibility on file, a family no longer has the burden of acquiring these records at the time of death. There is no cost for pre-registration, and it does not obligate you to be laid to rest at this cemetery, **nor does it reserve a specific plot.** Pre-Registration is not transferrable.

Individuals who submit a Pre-Registration Application will be contacted by mail regarding the status of their eligibility. If the family is unsure if the Veteran or Spouse is pre-registered, please call the cemetery office. **Please allow 4-8 weeks to process applications. If you think you may need to schedule an interment sooner, please contact the office directly.**

Pre-Registration does NOT constitute a "pre-needs arrangement contract" with this cemetery. If you have specific wishes, you would like your family to follow, we recommend that you create a will or burial plan.

REQUESTING INTERMENT AT THE TIME OF NEED

Refer to the "**Checklist for Next-of-Kin**," available on our website, for details.

1. **Contact a Funeral Director** to make funeral arrangements. They can coordinate with the Veterans Cemetery on your behalf, or you can meet with Cemetery Staff in person to make arrangements (after your initial meeting with the Funeral Director).
 - a. If the Deceased was not pre-registered, you will need to bring the required eligibility documents with you to this meeting. (See *Eligibility Requirements* above)
2. **Submit the "Request for Burial/ Inurnment"** and required documentation needed if not pre-registered.
3. **Schedule a Committal Service and/or Interment** with cemetery staff once *eligibility is verified & request received*.
 - a. Please have two preferences for date/time in mind when scheduling, as the cemetery calendar fills quickly.
4. **A confirmation & details will be emailed to the Primary Contact.** (*Primary Contact must provide an email address.*) Please ensure that you bring all necessary paperwork & items on the day of the interment or bring in beforehand.

BURIAL BENEFITS & FEES

The interment fee is equal to the current "VA Burial Plot Allowance" and is subject to change each fiscal year. The Veterans Cemetery staff will bill the VA directly for the eligible **Veteran's burial plot allowance**, which includes: Veteran's interment fee, grave marker, use of the committal shelter, and perpetual care of the site.

Interment fees **does not include** the following:

- **Funeral Home expenses/** preparation costs (must be arranged through a funeral home of your choice)
- **Interment fees for National Guard, Reservist, spouses, and dependents**
(Equal to the current plot allowance price set by the VA, see below)
- **Upper Casket Burial Fee (\$700 per person;** available for non-cremated remains)
- **National Guard, Reservist & their spouses Grave Marker:** \$400 Casket & \$250 Urn / Scatter

All cemetery fees are due on the day of interment. The cemetery is **unable** to accept pre-payments.

Current Plot Allowance/ Interment Fee: \$948* (Fiscal Year 2024)

Check, Cash or Money Order accepted made payable to Idaho State Veterans Cemetery; *prices subject to change each October 1st.

PLOT TYPES & GRAVE MARKERS (See Cemetery Map)

Casket Interments are provided a traditional gravesite that includes an inscribed granite headstone.

- The **Lower Casket Burial** plots are located near the Visitor Center & have pre-placed concrete vault liners.
 - These sites are included in the Veteran's burial benefit.
- The **Upper Casket Burial** plots are incomplete, unlined gravesites and require a **\$700 per person** fee.
 - The additional fees are not included in the burial benefit and are **due on the day of interment.**

Cremation Inurnments are provided a site from the following options as part of the Veteran's burial benefit:

- **Columbarium Wall**, an above-ground concrete niche that includes an inscribed granite niche cover.
- **In Ground Urn**, unlined plot that includes an inscribed flat granite marker.
- **Cremation Scatter Garden**, a designated area for scattering cremains & an inscribed flat granite memorial marker.

Veteran, Guardsman, Reservist, and a Spouse will always share a plot and grave marker, as all sites are double plots.

If both spouses were eligible veterans, they may request side-by-side plots if they prefer. Though families may choose the plot type, gravesite selection is at the discretion of the Cemetery Staff and **cannot be pre-selected**. For first interments, the gravesite will be in the next available plot of the type selected by the Next-of-Kin, and for subsequent interments the Deceased will share the plot with his/her spouse who is already laid to rest here. Any fees will be due for each person at the time of need.

The **Cemetery Staff** is responsible for **ordering** a grave marker for you or your loved one according to the Marker Inscription Request form submitted on the day of interment. Memorial Markers are available for veterans, guardsman, reservist, and spouses whose final disposition did not allow for a grave marker and who do not have a memorial marker at any other location (see Memorial Marker Application for details; \$250 veteran & spouse; \$500 guardsman, reservist, and their spouse). The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery **cannot** order grave markers for someone interred in a different cemetery; the requestor must work directly with the VA and the relevant cemetery to make those arrangements.

COMMITTAL SERVICES & INTERMENTS

The Committal Shelter has been beautifully designed to provide a place of respectful remembrance. The Shelter provides limited protection from inclement weather, seating for the immediate family and ample standing room for others. Every committal service is organized by a team of Cemetery Volunteers, who assist the family with anything they may need before or during the service.

Committal services are available Monday - Friday. Services are conducted on the hour and are **limited to approx. 20 minutes, including Military Honors**. Please ensure that family and guests are prompt, as shelter use is often scheduled back-to-back, requiring that each service begin and end on time.

The committal service **differs** from a funeral or a graveside service in that:

- a) The main purpose of a committal service is to render military honors, and
- b) The final, brief good-byes are conducted in the committal shelter.

It is not intended to take the place of a funeral, memorial service, celebration of life, etc. if you choose to arrange that elsewhere. Details & scheduling for a committal service are coordinated through the cemetery office.

For families who prefer not to have a committal service at the Veterans Cemetery, they may choose a direct interment (the urn or casket is delivered to the cemetery office for placement without family present) or a simple placement (immediate family meets staff at the Columbarium Wall or Scatter Garden to witness the interment). With any option, your loved one will be **laid to rest on the same day** they arrive at the cemetery and family/ friends may visit the gravesite any time after 4:00 pm. The cemetery grounds are open to visitors daily 8 am - sunset.

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

The Cemetery Office **coordinates** all military honors for committal services taking place in our cemetery. Honors include the sounding of "Taps" and the folding and presentation of the service members' burial flag to the Next-of-Kin. An Honor Guard detail of at least two uniformed members of the armed services is provided for the committal service of the eligible veteran. For retired veterans and active-duty deaths, a 3-round rifle volley or pallbearers might also be provided, at the Honor Guard's discretion. It is important to note that Military Funeral Honors can only be **rendered once** per service member. Families may request to have the Military Honors rendered during the committal service at the cemetery, or they may choose to include them as part of the funeral, church, or memorial service instead.

The service member is entitled to one burial flag for presentation to the Next-of-Kin. The service member's burial flag can be obtained from the funeral home, as the cemetery does not have a supply of flags. Flags can also be acquired from most US post offices if the applicant supplies a copy of separation paperwork, Death Certificate and Veterans Affairs flag application.

FINDING A GRAVESITE

All interments are entered in and can be located on the [Idaho State Veteran's Cemetery Grave Locator Web App](#). Scan QR code at bottom of page for access too.

Each section of the cemetery is marked with curb markers. All gravesites are annotated by the Section, Row, and Site. For example, Plot # 12-J-155 is located in Section 12, Row J, Site 155. In the same way, Columbarium Wall Niches are annotated by the Wall, Row and Niche number. Therefore, Plot # D-A-59 is located at Wall D, Row A, Niche 59.

Refer to the Cemetery Map for details on gravesite locations. If you are unable to find the gravesite of your loved one, cemetery volunteers or staff can assist you.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

The cemetery observes these veteran-focused special events throughout the year:

Memorial Day ceremony on the last Monday in May

"Idaho Wreaths" from mid-December to mid-January (donations accepted year-round)

Missing in America / Group Military Honors on the last weekday before Veterans Day

In addition, the **Avenue of Flags** will be on display during special events.

PUBLIC BEHAVIOR IN THE CEMETERY

To preserve the dignity, beauty, and serenity of the cemetery, we ask you to observe our cemetery restrictions. The following are **prohibited**:

- Recreational activities, such as jogging, skating, picnicking, or biking (except as a form of transportation)
- Pets are not allowed anywhere on cemetery property (easily identifiable, trained service animals are welcome)
- Smoking; Alcohol; Littering; Boisterous or Disruptive Behavior
- Damage/ Alterations to any grave markers, buildings, vegetation, or other cemetery property
- Partisan Activities, Public Events, or Gatherings that are not part of a committal service or gravesite visitation (unless pre-approved in writing by the Cemetery Bureau Chief)
- Commercial Videos / Photography (unless pre-approved in writing by the Cemetery Bureau Chief)

CEMETERY HOURS

Office Hours:	MON – FRI	8 am – 5 pm	(Closed weekends & holidays)
Cemetery Gates open to Visitors:	DAILY	8 am – Sunset	(Open weekends & holidays)

Scan QR code for information

For most phones, open your camera app & position the QR code in the viewfinder. Your phone will do the rest.



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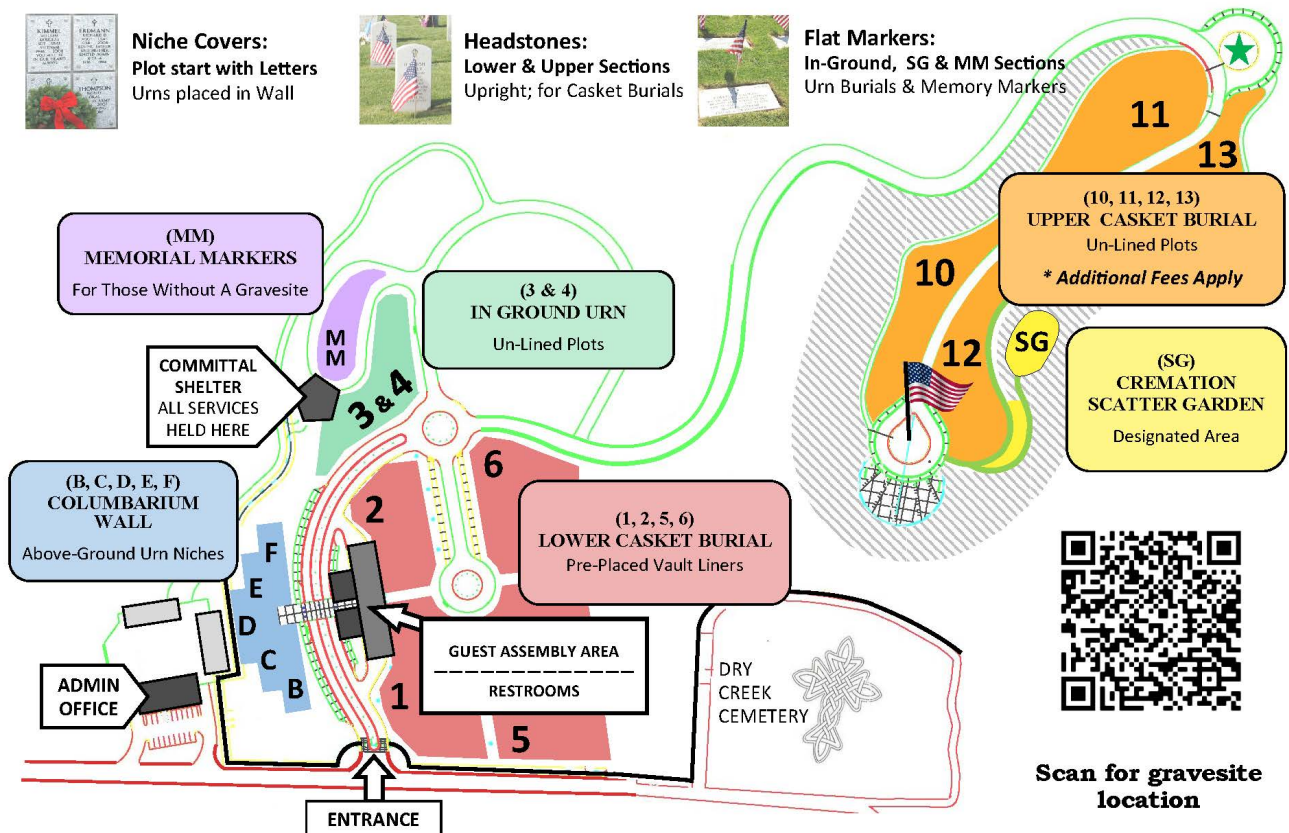
Niche Covers:
Plot start with Letters
Urns placed in Wall



Headstones:
Lower & Upper Sections
Upright; for Casket Burials



Flat Markers:
In-Ground, SG & MM Sections
Urn Burials & Memory Markers



Scan for gravesite location