

HISTORY

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs began construction on the State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake in 2009.

The \$11 million project was a partnership between the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal VA Cemetery Construction Grant Program.

\$28.00 from the purchase and renewal of Armed Forces License Plates is tax deductible and helps pay for the maintenance and operation of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.

Veterans, active duty, guard, reserve and their family members are eligible to purchase plates at any vehicle licensing office.

Find out more at: www.dva.wa.gov
or call 800-562-0132 opt 1.



Pre-Need Forms and Applications for Interment are available on the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs Website at:

dva.wa.gov/cemetery

Or contact us directly at:

Office: (509) 299-6280

Fax: (509) 299-6286

E-mail: cemetery@dva.wa.gov

21702 West Espanola Road
Medical Lake, WA 99022

Please contact the Cemetery Office if you have any questions or need further information.

WASHINGTON STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



"Serving Those Who Served"

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ABOUT THE CEMETERY

Grounds are open for public visitation from 8:00 am to sunset daily. Office hours Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

An electronic grave locator is available in the administration building daily.

SCHEDULING AN INTERMENT

Interment services are conducted Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm in a committal shelter. Grave-side services are not offered. Guests requiring unique ADA accommodations should inform staff upon arrival.

Individuals may pre-register to establish interment eligibility.

Cemetery staff arrange military funeral honors for veterans and retirees.



BURIAL BENEFITS

Eligibility for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. In general, U.S. veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and their spouses and dependent children are eligible.

More information on National Veterans Cemetery Eligibility Requirements is available at cem.va.gov or by contacting a WDVA Benefits Specialist at (800) 562-2308.

INTERMENT COSTS

For spouses or dependent children, \$300.00 will be collected on the day of interment. For veterans, the Federal VA provides the following:

- Burial plot or columbarium niche
- Concrete liner for casket burials
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- Inscribed gravestone
- 30 minute committal service

All other funeral expenses are paid by the Veteran's family or estate.

Some Veterans or their widows/widowers may be eligible for additional Federal VA benefits. To determine whether the veteran or family member is eligible for additional benefits please call 800-562-2308.

TYPES OF INTERMENT OFFERED

The State Veterans Cemetery provides for in-ground casket burial sites and cremation interments. Columbarium niches, in-ground cremation interment and a scattering garden are available for cremation interments.



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

There are many opportunities for individuals to give their time or resources at the State Veterans Cemetery.

- Honor Guard Rifle Team
- Buglers
- Ministers
- Ladies & Gentlemen of the Cemetery
- Cortege Leaders
- Avenue of Flags
- Memorial Wreaths

POLICIES

- Out of respect to all families pets, alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping devices and marijuana use are not allowed on Cemetery grounds (premises).
- Artificial flowers are permitted November through March. Fresh cut flowers all other times.

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