



Montana State Veterans Cemetery
3550 Heroes Dr. Ft. Harrison, MT 59636
Application for Interment Request

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This form must be received by the Cemetery Office before an interment can be scheduled

DECEDENT'S INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Decedent Status ☐ Veteran ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent ☐ Active Duty/KIA

SSN _____ Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Marital Status ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widow/er ☐ Legally Separated ☐ Divorced

Interment Type - ☐ Casket ☐ Cremation In-Ground ☐ Cremation Niche Wall ☐ IMO

If Married will spouse be buried in this cemetery? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: ☐ Cremation ☐ Casket

Is the spouse already interred in this Cemetery? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the name: _____

Is the Veteran's spouse also an eligible veteran? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Preferred date/time of Service (subject to established reservations): _____

Has the Decedent ever been accused / convicted of a state or federal capital crime?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please contact the cemetery office (406-721-2995); further information will be requested.

VETERAN'S SERVICE RECORD (Form DD-214 or equivalent document MUST be attached)

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Branch of Service _____ Highest Rank _____

Date of Entry (MM/DD/YY) _____ Date of Separation (MM/DD/YY) _____

CONTACT INFORMATION / NEXT-OF-KIN

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Relationship to Decedent _____

FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION

Business Name _____ Contact _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Alt. Phone/Fax (_____) _____

AUTHORIZATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all the information provided is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date _____ Printed Name _____

INTERMENT INFORMATION

Veteran Burial Benefits

Eligibility for interment in the Montana State Veterans Cemetery follows National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements and Montana law. Those terms include a prohibition of interment for individuals who have been convicted of or, in certain cases, committed a State Capital Crime or Federal Capital Crimes as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 2411. There is no requirement to be a resident of the state of Montana.

The interment fee for eligible veterans, spouses and dependent children is equal to the current plot allowance fee set by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Interment fees for eligible veterans are paid by the VA. Associated funeral expenses and preparation are not included and are incurred by the Veteran's family or estate. Spousal/dependent interments are equal to the VA plot allowance and is subject to change each fiscal year (Oct – Sep). These fees are incurred by the Veteran's family or estate. Casket interments are provided an in-ground site in Section 3, 4 or 6 of the Cemetery that includes an upright marble marker. For cremation interments the following options are available:

- A columbarium niche that includes an inscribed, marble niche cover;
- An in-ground cremation interment that includes an upright marble marker.

Establishing Eligibility

In order to determine eligibility, the veteran's **Form DD-214 military discharge record or equivalent documentation** must accompany this application. If the decedent is the Spouse or a Dependent Child, a Marriage Certificate valid in Montana or proof of dependency must also be submitted in addition to the Veteran's discharge forms. If you don't have this document contact the National Archives at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/. **As a State cemetery, we do not have access to VA databases or veteran's military records. It is the responsibility of the applicant to acquire all the necessary military service records or other documentation.**

Scheduling the Interment Service

Once the Interment Request has been submitted to the Cemetery Office, you may contact them to schedule services. Interment services are held Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. **To accommodate the interment process, services will be scheduled a MINIMUM OF 3 - 4 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER the request was received by the office. Interment requests received after 4:00 pm will not begin processing until the following business day.**

Committal Shelter *Use is limited to 30 minutes per service. *

Unlike most private cemeteries, all MT State Veterans Cemetery interment services will be held in the Committal Shelter. The Committal Shelter has been beautifully designed to provide a place of respectful honor and peace. Because of safety concerns, graveside services are not available.

Military Funeral Honors

Military Funeral Honors are coordinated by the Funeral Home. Honors include the 3-round volley rifle salute, sounding of Taps, folding the flag and its presentation to the Next-of-Kin. An Honor Guard detail of at least two members of the Armed Services is provided for the interment service of the eligible veteran.

Headstone/Marker Ordering

Interment type determines whether an upright headstone or niche cover will honor the decedent's resting place. Inscription length and capacity varies for each marker type and are subject to Veterans Administration regulations. The Cemetery Office will work with the individual designated on the application as the "Point of Contact" to discuss details of the inscription.

Contacting the Cemetery Office

If you need further assistance, please call (406) 324-3742. Submit the completed application and copies of required documentation to:

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