

State Cemetery Interment Benefits?

- ❖ Gravesite, opening and closing of grave and perpetual care
- ❖ Headstones or niche covers are supplied by the Federal Government
- ❖ Presidential Memorial Certificate
- ❖ Burial Flag
- ❖ Military Honors
- ❖ VA Burial Allowance

DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERIES CAN BE SENT TO:

Montana Veteran Affairs Division
P.O. Box 5715
Helena, MT 59604

2021 Version

STATE OF MONTANA VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM

MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

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EASTERN MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

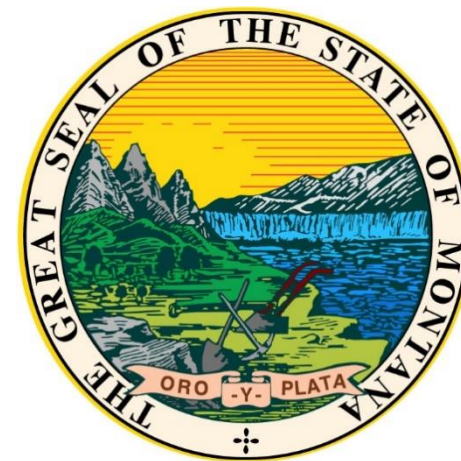
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MONTANA STATE VETERAN CEMETERIES



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Who is eligible for burial?

All veterans who serve at least 90 days of active duty and were released from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions. National Guardsman or Reservist are eligible with a 20 Year Letter or members that were ordered to Active Duty and a DD 214 was issued. Both the veteran and their spouses are eligible for burial.

What if the spouse of a veteran expires first?

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

What are the requirements and costs involved?

Requirements for both the Veteran and Spouse are the Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent), copy of the Death Certificate and a copy of the Burial Transit Permit or Cremation Certificate.

Veteran Fees

- ❖ Headstone Setting Fee
- ❖ Cremation Vault for in ground

Spouse Fees

- ❖ Opening and Closing Fee
- ❖ Headstone Setting Fee
- ❖ Cremation Vault for in ground

Call your desired cemetery for current pricing.

Can I reserve a space before my death?

No. Burials are conducted in the order they come into the cemetery. However, veterans and spouses can pre-register for interment. Contact the cemetery to get a Pre-Registration Application.

What type of burials are provided at the cemeteries?

Full-size (casket) burials and cremated remain burials at the cemeteries.

There are two options for the placement of cremated remains at the cemeteries.

- ❖ Above-ground columbarium niches for cremated remains.
- ❖ In-ground burial of cremated remains.

The choice for the placement of cremated remains will need to be determined by the next-of-kin.

How are committal services handled?

Cemeteries perform services from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. No services are performed on federal holidays. All interments are made immediately after the committal service.

What is the standard procedure at the cemeteries?

- ❖ The cemetery will be open each day from 8:00 a.m. to sunset
- ❖ There are no animals authorized on cemetery grounds
- ❖ The consumption of alcoholic beverages or food is not allowed
- ❖ The planting of shrubs, trees, or flowers by the public is prohibited
- ❖ Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature, are not permitted on graves at anytime
- ❖ Floral items and other types of decorations may not be secured to headstones or markers
- ❖ Artificial flowers are allowed from November 16 through March 15 (to be removed at the discretion of cemetery personnel)
- ❖ Cut natural flowers placed on the grave are allowed at any time (to be removed at the discretion of 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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