



Montana Board of Veteran Affairs

May 26th, 2021

2:00 p.m.

VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

GREG GIANFORTE, GOVERNOR



STATE OF MONTANA

May 21, 2021

TO: MT Board of Veterans Affairs Members and VSO Leadership

FROM: Kelly Ackerman, Administrator

SUBJECT: May Zoom Board Meeting

In preparation for our May 26th Board meeting, provided is the information to attend the Board meeting. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. and will be held at the Disaster Emergency Services Conference Room 132 at 1956 Mt Majo St., Fort Harrison, MT 59636.

Due to limited seating in the conference room, we are asking for guests and board members to call via Zoom video conference or Zoom phone conference. Call-in information for both video and phone conferencing can be found in the attached agenda. Please review all attachments and read thoroughly before the Board meeting.

If you have any questions or issues that you want added to the agenda, please contact me at 324-3741 or Kelly.ackerman@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Kelly Ackerman

Kelly Ackerman

Enclosures:

1. Board Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes – September 24th, 2020
3. MVAD Contact Listing
4. Board Member Contact Listing
5. Memorial Day Program
6. MVAD Brochures (x4)
7. State Veteran Cemeteries Stats

Montana Board of Veteran Affairs

Meeting Agenda

May 2021 Board Meeting

Date	May 26 th , 2021
Time	2:00 p.m.
Location	1956 Mt Majo St., Conference Room #132, Fort Harrison, MT 59636
Join Zoom Meeting	https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85996361873?pwd=bHNhbnVudm50Zm5mOWw5d1pPRHNFUT09
Dial by Telephone	+1 646 558 8656 or +1 406 444 9999
Meeting ID	859 9636 1873
Password	120293

Attendance

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clancy Sivertsen • Mike Stone • Barb Skelton • Brett Cusker • Richard Klose • Ryan Luchau • Ryan Beston • Klayton Carroll • Jennifer Dalrymple • Dean Rehbein • Charlotte Snyder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Finch • Duane Cunningham • MG John Hronek • Joren Underdahl • Marvin Weatherwax, Jr. • Anson Nygaard • Denny Lenoir
Staff	Executive Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taryn Phillips, Administrative Support • Kelly Garber, Budget Analyst • Matt Manning, Cemetery Bureau Chief • Ryan Keeler, Veteran Services Bureau Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clancy Sivertsen, Chairman • Mike Stone, Vice-Chairman • Kelly Ackerman, MVAD Administrator

Agenda

Chairman Sivertsen	Meeting Call to Order
All	Pledge of Allegiance
All	Roll Call / Introductions
Chairman Sivertsen	Approval of Minutes

Discussion Topics	
Duane Cunningham	VHA Update
Administrator Ackerman	Staffing Changes
MG Hronek	DMA and Legislative Update
Administrator Ackerman	2021 Legislative Outcome
Taryn Phillips	Website Launch and Updates
Administrator Ackerman	EMSVC Expansion Project update
Administrator Ackerman	Budget Overview
Joren Underdahl	Veterans Home Update
Administrator Ackerman	Fort Harrison Headquarters Temporary Relocated
Matt Manning	Montana State Cemetery Update (new manager)
Chairman Sivertsen	Board Member Vacancies / Ending Terms
All	Issues / Comments / Questions
Chairman Sivertsen	Public Comment / Questions / Issues
Chairman Sivertsen	Next Meeting Date and Location
Chairman Sivertsen	Meeting Adjournment
Chairman Sivertsen	Executive Session (as necessary)

Montana Board of Veteran Affairs

Meeting Minutes

September 2020 Board Meeting	
Date	September 24, 2020
Time	2:00 p.m.
Location	94 th Troop Command, Fort Harrison, MT 59636 Zoom Tele-Conference

Attendance	
Members	Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chairman Clancy Sivertsen • Ronald Milam • Gary Swartz • Mitch Godfrey • Mike Stone • Ryan Beston • Paul Little Light 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Ackerman, Administrator • Taryn Phillips, Administrative Support • Casey McInerney, Budget Analyst
	Guest
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary White, Adjutant, American Legion • Col. Lee Hyslop, Special Forces Association • Eric Powers
Non-Voting Members	Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Smith • Thomas Finch • Duane Cunningham • Joren Underdahl • Mike Waters • Denny Lenoir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Member Brenda York • Non-Voting Member MG Matthew Quinn • Non-Voting Member Marvin Weatherwax Jr. • Chairman Peter Olson

Meeting Minutes		
Discussion Topic	Speaker	Time
Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, introductions, and welcome	Vice-Chairman Sivertsen	14:01
Chairman Nominations and Election	Administrator Ackerman	14:10
<p>Previous chairman, Peter Olson, termed out August 1st, 2020. One application was submitted by Vice-Chairman Clancy Sivertsen for the Chairman position. Vice-Chairman Clancy was excused from the conference room. There were no nominations for Chairman. The following is the voting results:</p> <p>Peter Olson (Ron Milam by Proxy) - Yea Ronald Milam – Yea Gary Swartz – Yea Mitch Godfrey – Yea Mike Stone – Yea Ryan Beston – Nay Paul Little Light – Nay</p>		

Vice-Chairman Clancy Sivertsen was elected as Chairman for the Montana Board of Veteran Affairs.		
Vice-Chairman Nominations and Election	Administrator Ackerman	14:13
<p>One application was submitted by Voting Member Mike Stone for the Vice-Chairman position. Mike was excused from the conference room. There were no nominations for Vice-Chairman. The following is the voting results:</p> <p>Peter Olson (Ron Milam by Proxy) - Yea Clancy Sivertsen - Yea Ronald Milam - Yea Gary Swartz - Yea Mitch Godfrey - Yea Ryan Beston - Yea Paul Little Light - Yea</p> <p>Voting Member Mike Stone was elected as Vice-Chairman for the Montana Board of Veteran Affairs.</p>		
VHA Updates	Duane Cunningham	14:15
Duane Cunningham gave a brief update on the VHA regarding COVID-19, Flu Clinics, billing, shipping of medications, and the Mission Act.		
Staffing Changes	Administrator Ackerman	14:29
<p>The Veteran Service Program Manager, Cheryl Heald, retired in July 2020 after thirty years in the agency. The Western Regional Veteran Service Officer, Ryan Keeler, replaced her in July 2020. Ryan works in the Kalispell office and is a retired US Marine. MVAD has not replaced the full time Veteran Service Officer in Billings.</p> <p>The Cemetery Program is currently fully staffed but will have a position open starting September 30th, 2020. The Cemetery Program Manager, Curt Aasved, is retiring after fourteen years in the division. The Cemetery Program Manager position has been advertised and interviews will be held early October. The position can be filled at any three of the cemeteries.</p> <p>Vacancies in the division include a Veteran Service Office in Helena and Billings. The Governor's office has advised all state agencies to hold off recruiting. MVAD will not be filling positions until Legislature comes down with next biennial budget.</p>		
Grievance Status	Administrator Ackerman	14:33
In 2019, there was a grievance filed against MVAD leadership and that grievance has been resolved with no cause.		
2021 Legislative Update	Administrator Ackerman	14:34
<p>MVAD submitted two proposals for the next legislative session. One proposal which was accepted is to increase the percent of license plate revenue to the cemetery program by reducing the revenue going to VA services. The second proposal was submitted and denied by the Governor's office. The proposal was for the Patriotic License Plate fee to increase from \$15 to \$20. The Governor's office denied the proposal not wanting to burden the taxpayers with an increased fee during a pandemic. MVAD is hoping for a legislator to review the proposal and carry it.</p> <p>Gary Swartz asked what the Patriotic License Plate looked like and who can purchase them. Kelly explained that the Patriotic License Plate is for civilians, and Taryn Phillips presented a picture of the license plate.</p> <p>Gary Swartz asked if Montana has proposed to have military retirement exempt from taxes. Gary White explained for the past nine legislative sessions, the American Legion has fought to pass military retirement being exempt from state taxes. The 2019 session proposed for a 50% tax exemption, it moved through the committee, but was short two votes to pass. The American Legion plans on proposing it again this session.</p>		
Biennial Report	Casey McInerney	14:45
Casey McInerney reviewed the Biennial Report provided in the board meeting packet. Casey asked if there were any questions. Administrator Ackerman mentioned Casey and Taryn built a new format for the Biennial Report and this format will be used from now on. Administrator		

Ackerman reviewed the financial impact in fiscal year 2020. Administrator Ackerman then reviewed the statistics of burials and gave an update to the COVID-19 procedures of burials. The VA expansion grant for the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery will be finished October 1st, 2020.

2020 Annual Training

Administrator Ackerman

14:57

Administrator Ackerman explained annual training was cancelled for 2020. The training was cancelled due to COVID and wanting to keep everyone safe. In lieu of annual training, Ryan Keeler, Veteran Service Bureau Chief, will travel to each region to conduct safety, PII, IT and benefits training.

Budget Overview

Casey McInerney

14:59

Budget Analyst, Casey McInerney, reviewed MVAD budget for fiscal year 2020 (July 2019-June 2020) and 2021 (July 2020-June 2021). MVAD is on track this FY with a healthy budget. There was a large payout to Cheryl Heald when she retired at the beginning of fiscal year 2021. Looking at fiscal year 2020, the Honor and Remember Medallion Fund was not utilized. It was decided to produce advertising materials. After research, it will be cheaper for MVAD to design, print and distribute advertising materials rather than using a third-party. Taryn Phillips presented the advertising materials developed on the projector.

Board Member Vacancies / Ending Terms

Chairman

15:06

Chairman Peter Olson's term ended August 1st, 2020. The Region 5 Representative position is vacant.

Dr. Dan Edelman resigned from his voting member position on September 24th, 2020. His position as Region 4 Representative is vacant.

Veterans at Large position is vacant.

Issues / Comments / Questions

Joren Underdahl gave an update on the Southwest Montana Veterans Home located in Butte, MT. The veterans home is about 45 days behind but is scheduled for completion Fall 2020. More information can be found at www.swmvh.mt.gov.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Next Meeting

January 7th, 2021 at 14:00 via Zoom and telephone.

Adjournment

Chairman Sivertsen adjourned the meeting at 15:15.


Taryn Phillips, Recorder


Clancy Sivertsen, Chairman

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STATE OF MONTANA

Board of Veterans Affairs

					Initial	Term	
					Appointment	Ends	Qualifications
VOTING MEMBERS							
STONE, Mike	249 O'Brien Ter N	Big Fork, MT 59911	406-260-1954	12stoneman@gmail.com	2/28/2020	8/1/2023	Region 1
SKELTON, Barb	7256 US Hwy 3	Billings, MT 59106	406-689-9121		3/1/2021	7/31/2023	Experience with Veterans Issues
CUSKER, Brett	836 Hyalite View Dr	Bozeman, MT 59718	406-570-0731	colcusker@gmail.com	3/1/2021	7/31/2022	Region 2
KLOSE, Richard A	511 Cottonwood Ave	Laurel, MT 59044	406-671-1814	kloserichard@yahoo.com	11/13/2020	8/1/2022	Region 4
LUCHAU, Ryan	6035 Shawn Dr.	Helena, MT 59601	406-444-4926	ryanluchau@gmail.com	3/1/2021	7/31/2022	Experience with Veterans Issues
BESTON, Ryan	PO Box 939	Poplar, MT 59255	406-561-7431	ryanbeston@yahoo.com	2/28/2020	8/1/2023	Tribal Government Representative
CARROLL, Klayton	PO Box 970	Sidney, MT 59270	719-331-1119	klaycarroll@msn.com	3/1/2021	8/1/2024	Region 5
DALRYMPLE, Jennifer	113 Ravenwood Ridge Rd	Townsend, MT 59644	406-949-3660	dymples43@gmail.com	11/6/2020	8/1/2023	Veterans at Large
REHBEIN, Dean	2002 Diamond Lil Cluster	Missoula, MT 59808	406-207-0144	deanrehbein@aol.com	3/1/2021	7/31/2022	Experience with Veterans Issues
SIVERTSEN, Clancy	P.O. Box 137	Belt, MT 59412	(406) 868-0760	clancy@3rivers.net	8/1/2013	8/1/2021	Region 3
VACANT							Tribal Member
SNYDER, Charlotte	403 Harris St.	Helena, MT 59601	(406) 461-0042	char@mostwantedrealestate.net	8/1/2021	7/31/2025	Region 3
NON VOTING MEMBERS							
VACANT							Office of Indian Affairs
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UNDERDAHL, Joren	P.O. Box 250	Columbia Falls, MT 59912	(406) 249-3229	junderdahl@mt.gov	8/28/2014	8/1/2022	Public Health and Human Services Rep.
WEATHERWAX, Marvin Jr.	P.O. Box 2828	Browning, MT 59417	(406) 338-7741	marvin.weatherwax@mtleg.gov	7/3/2019	8/1/2022	State Adm/Veterans Affairs Committee
NYGAARD, Anson- Senator Tester	208 N. Montana, Ste.202	Helena, MT 59601	406-603-0101	Anson_Nygaard@tester.senate.gov	8/1/2020	8/1/2024	Senator Tester's Office
							Congressman Office
LENOIR, Denny-Senator Daines	30 W. 14th St. Suite 206	Helena, MT 59601	406-502-1435	Denny_Lenoir@daines.senate.gov	8/1/2020	8/1/2024	Senator Daines' Office
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL							
SIVERTSEN, Clancy - Chairman	P.O. Box 137	Belt, MT 59412	(406) 868-0760	clancy@3rivers.net		8/1/2021	
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ACKERMAN, Kelly, MVAD Administrator	P.O. Box 5715	Helena, MT 59604	(406) 324-3741	kelly.ackerman@mt.gov			

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN P. HRONEK II

Major General John P. Hronek is Adjutant General for the State of Montana; serving as Commander of the Montana National Guard and the Director of the Department of Military Affairs. He is responsible to the Governor of Montana to provide Army and Air National Guard military forces that are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of national defense, homeland security, natural disasters, domestic emergencies, and military support to state and local governments. . As The Adjutant General Major General Hronek serves on the Governor's cabinet as the principal military advisor and is responsible to the Governor for State Disaster and Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Veteran Affairs, Counter-Drug Support to Civilian Law Enforcement, the Montana National Guard Youth Challenge Program and the STARBASE Program. Prior to his appointment as the Adjutant General he served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command. In this position he assisted with formulating, developing, and coordinating policies and programs impacting more than 107,700 Air National Guard members. The command operates more than 1,400 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 23 wings, 10 bases and five geographically separated units training more than 293,000 students per year.

He is a command pilot with over 4,100 hours in the F-106, F-16, F-15C, and C-130H. General Hronek served as the NGB Director of A5/8/9 Plans, Programs and Requirements, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Air National Guard, Chief of Staff, Montana Air National Guard and Commander of the 120th Airlift Wing in Great Falls, MT, where he led the Wing in two major aircraft conversions from the F-16C to the F-15C and the F-15C to the C-130H. He has served three combat tours in Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq and Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Note of Appreciation to: The 89th Montana Cavalry, the Lewis and Clark Veterans Council, Capital High Choir Students, Chaplain Daum, Bill White, MG John Hronek, II, and the Air Force Honor Guard.



Montana State Veterans Cemetery



Memorial Day 2021

American Legion Post 2

National Anthem—The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming.
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous
fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly
streaming.

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there.

Oh say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

God Bless America

God Bless America,
Land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

Capital High Choir Students

Katelyn Obert

Tristin Pierce

Sydney Johnson

Ethan Johnson

Rosie Michelotti

Gabe Beckman

Caden Vande Sandt

Darby Bushnell

Abi Vilhauer

Jordan Bird

Montana State Veterans Cemetery

Helena, Montana
Memorial Day Ceremony
12:00 Noon – May 27th, 2021

Opening Ceremony

Firing Cannon
Flag Raising

Maj. Hedges 89th Montana Cavalry
Lewis & Clark Veterans Council

National Anthem

Capital High Choir Students

Invocation

Chaplain Brian Daum – MT National
Guard Chaplain

Welcome

Bill White - American Legion Post 2
Commander

Guest Speaker

Major General John P. Hronek, II
Military Affairs Adjutant General

Wreath Ceremony

American Legion Post 2

Firing Detail

Lewis & Clark Veterans Council

Flag Folding & TAPS

Air Force Honor Guard – Malmstrom Air
Force Base

God Bless America

ALL

Benediction

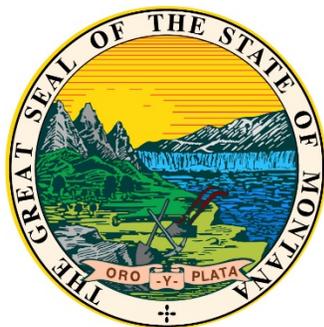
Chaplain Brian Daum – MT National
Guard Chaplain

Closing Remarks

Bill White - American Legion Post 2
Commander

Federal and State Programs and Benefits Offered to Veterans:

- ❖ Health Care
- ❖ Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- ❖ Pension
- ❖ Education and Training
- ❖ Burial and Survivor Benefits
- ❖ Employment Services
- ❖ Vehicle Registration Waiver
- ❖ Property Tax Waiver
- ❖ Home and Business Loans
- ❖ “Veteran” on State Driver’s License



Veterans Crisis Hotline

1-800-273-8255 press 1

Chat on-line @ www.VeteransCrisisLine.net

Send Text Message to 838255

Veterans Mental Health Info

www.MakeTheConnection.net

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Montana Veteran Affairs

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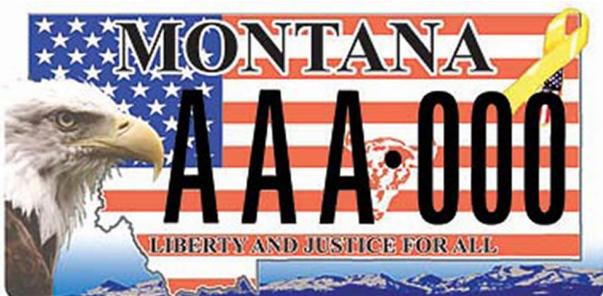
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Montana's Veteran and Patriot License Plate

As a veteran, you are eligible to purchase a **Veteran** vehicle license plate. The **Veteran** license plate costs \$10 annually, and its statewide sales are earmarked to maintain and operate our state veteran's cemetery program. There are three veterans' cemeteries: Fort Harrison (near Helena), Miles City and Missoula.

The **Patriot** vehicle license plate is available to all licensed drivers, and costs \$15 annually. The proceeds help fund our veterans' services program, which includes all our statewide service offices.



Contact Information

VA Medical Center – Fort Harrison
(406) 442-6410 or 1-877-468-8387

VA Regional Office – Fort Harrison
1-800-827-1000 or
Visit va.gov

**Montana Veterans Home –
Columbia Falls**
(406) 892-3256

**Eastern Montana Veterans Home –
Glendive**
(406) 345-8855

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Montana State Veteran Cemeteries



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STATE OF MONTANA VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM

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EASTERN MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

HIGHWAY 59 & CEMETERY RD. • MILES CITY

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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

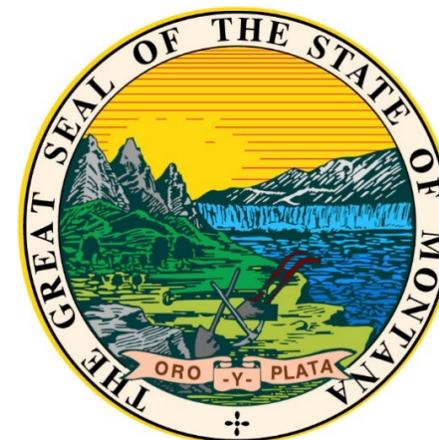
DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERIES CAN BE SENT TO:

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Fort Harrison, MT 59636

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MONTANA STATE VETERAN CEMETERIES



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Ft. Harrison • Missoula • Miles City

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?

Matt Manning

Cemetery Program Bureau Chief

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: (406) 721-2995

The 1991 Legislature enacted authority for issuance of veteran license plates. A motor vehicle owner and resident of Montana who is a veteran or the surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a veteran of the Armed Services of the United States, may be issued veteran license plates. National Guard/Reserve retirement eligible and surviving spouse (who has not remarried) also may have veteran license plates.

Montana Codes Annotated 61-3-458

Eligible participants must submit official discharge papers (DD 214) or retirement documentation to local County Treasurer. In addition to regular fees, there is a \$10.00 plate fee for the original application and all renewals. The entire \$10.00 supports the State Veterans Cemetery Program.

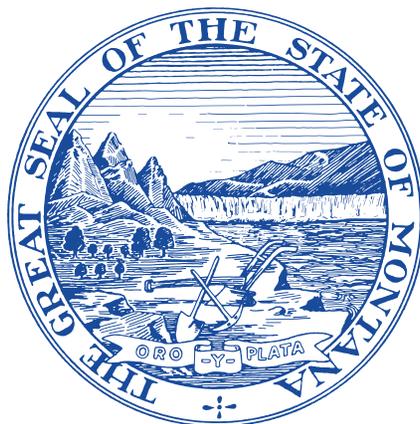
**Send donations to:
Montana State Veterans Cemetery
Program Fund
1956 Mt Majo St.
PO Box 4789
Fort Harrison, MT 59636**

All funds from veterans license plates sales and donations are used only for construction, maintenance, operations and administration of the Montana State Veterans Cemetery Program.

MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM

Interment Eligibility

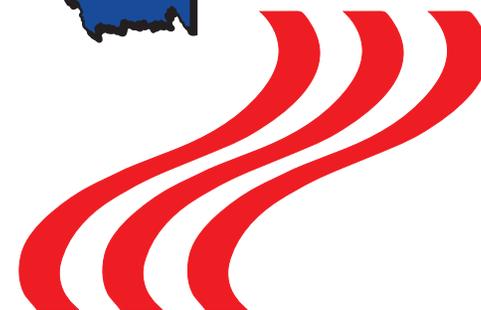
- ★ Any Veteran with an “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions” discharge.
- ★ Any National Guard or Reserve personnel retired or eligible for retirement.
- ★ Spouse of Veteran or eligible Guardsman/ Reservist.



**For additional information:
(406) 324-3742**

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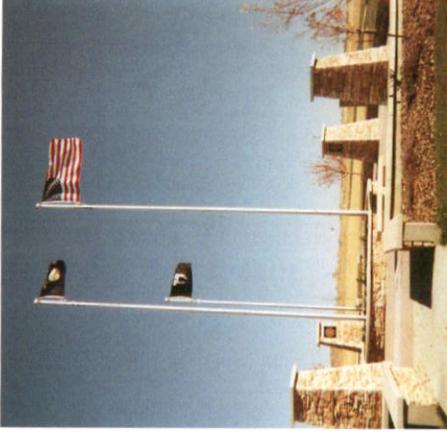
**MONTANA
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

BE VETERAN PROUD

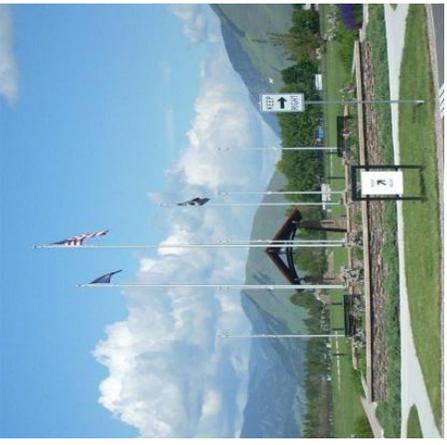
- ★ By donating to the Montana State Veterans Cemetery Program ★
- ★ By purchasing your Montana Veteran License Plates ★
- Take your discharge or DD-214 to the County Treasurer —



MSVC - Fort Harrison



EMSCV - Miles City



WMSVC - Missoula



MONTANA VETERANS FUND MEMORIAL GIFT

- I would like to donate to the Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Helena.
- I would like to donate to the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Miles City.
- I would like to donate to the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula

In loving memory of _____, my _____,
 I'm enclosing a memorial of \$ _____ for the Montana Veterans Cemetery fund.

Please notify: _____ My name is: _____
 address _____ address _____

Mail your donation to the Montana Veterans Affairs Division, P.O. Box 5715, Helena, MT 59604
 All proceeds support the Montana Veterans Cemetery Program Construction, Operation and Administration.
For more information, call (406) 324-3742

Where can I find an application?

- ★ <http://dma.mt.gov> "Veteran Affairs"
- ★ Montana Veteran Affairs Offices
- ★ Call 406-324-3742 to be mailed an application



Mail Applications to:

Montana Veteran Affairs Division
1956 Mt Majo St.
PO Box 4789
Fort Harrison, MT 59636

Or

Email Applications to:

MVAD@mt.gov

Or

Fax Applications to:

406-960-4403

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Montana Veteran Affairs

Honor and Remember Medallion

Montana Honor and Remember Act

MCA 10-2-8

What is an eligible service member?

An eligible service member is a member of the United States armed forces who:

- ★ Was killed in action or classified by the United States as missing in action on or after September 8th, 1939 while:
 - 🇺🇸 Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;
 - 🇺🇸 Serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States was not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force; or
 - 🇺🇸 Engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force
- ★ Was serving on federal military active duty orders
- ★ Was a legal resident of Montana at the time

What are the qualified United States armed forces?

“United States armed forces” means the active and reserve components of the United States:

- ★ Army
- ★ Marine Corps
- ★ Navy
- ★ Air Force
- ★ Coast Guard

Who is eligible to receive a medallion?

“Family member” means the spouse of an eligible service member or a person who is a:

- ★ Parent
- ★ Child
- ★ Brother
- ★ Sister
- ★ Grandparent

The family member can be by lineage, adoption, legal guardianship, or marriage.

How much does a Medallion cost?

Per state of Montana statutes, the first Honor and Remember Medallion issued to a deceased service-member’s authorized family member is at **no cost**.

After the first medallion has been provided to a family member, additional family members of the eligible service member may purchase additional medallions for **\$20.00 per medallion**.



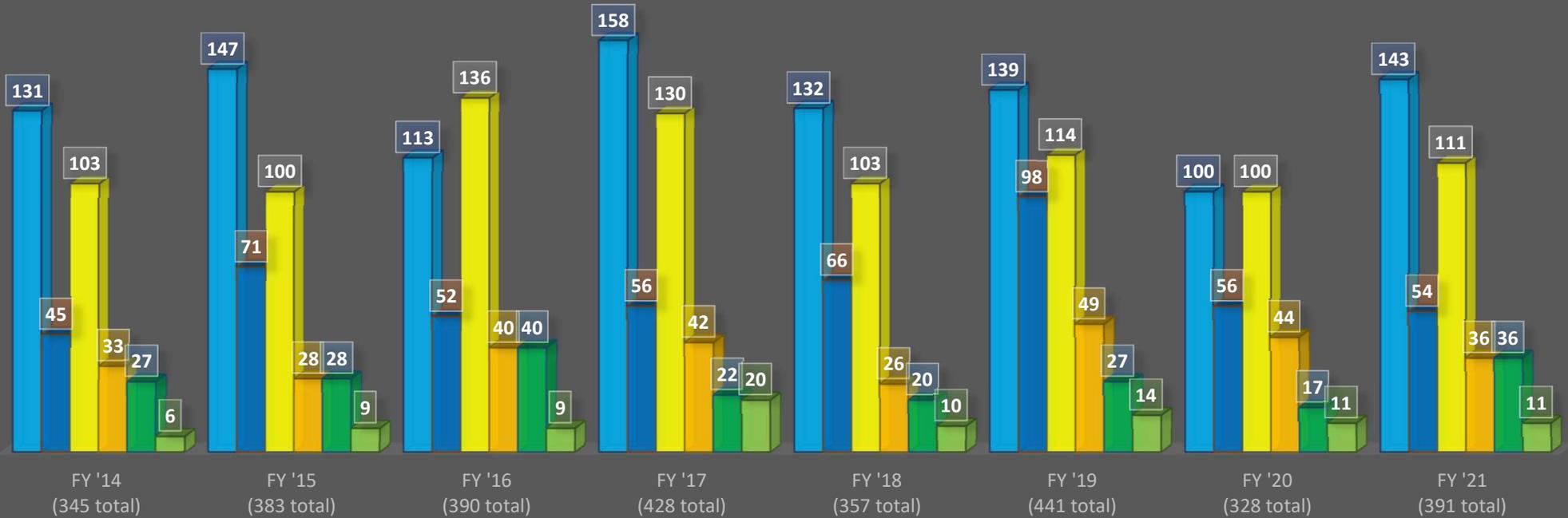


Annual Interment Trend



MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

MSVC-Veteran MSVC-Spouse WMSVC-Veteran WMSVC-Spouse EMSVC-Veteran EMSVC-Spouse



Current as of 21May2021



FY 2021 Monthly Totals



MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

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Current as of 21May2021

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN P. HRONEK II

Major General John P. Hronek is Adjutant General for the State of Montana; serving as Commander of the Montana National Guard and the Director of the Department of Military Affairs. He is responsible to the Governor of Montana to provide Army and Air National Guard military forces that are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of national defense, homeland security, natural disasters, domestic emergencies, and military support to state and local governments. . As The Adjutant General Major General Hronek serves on the Governor's cabinet as the principal military advisor and is responsible to the Governor for State Disaster and Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Veteran Affairs, Counter-Drug Support to Civilian Law Enforcement, the Montana National Guard Youth Challenge Program and the STARBASE Program. Prior to his appointment as the Adjutant General he served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command. In this position he assisted with formulating, developing, and coordinating policies and programs impacting more than 107,700 Air National Guard members. The command operates more than 1,400 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 23 wings, 10 bases and five geographically separated units training more than 293,000 students per year.



He is a command pilot with over 4,100 hours in the F-106, F-16, F-15C, and C-130H. General Hronek served as the NGB Director of A5/8/9 Plans, Programs and Requirements, Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Air National Guard, Chief of Staff, Montana Air National Guard and Commander of the 120th Airlift Wing in Great Falls, MT, where he led the Wing in two major aircraft conversions from the F-16C to the F-15C and the F-15C to the C-130H. He has served three combat tours in Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq and Balad Air Base, Iraq.

EDUCATION:

1982 Bachelor of Science in Business and Aviation Administration, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota
1994 Squadron Officer School (SOS), by correspondence
1997 Air Command and Staff College (ACSC), by correspondence
2001 Air War College (AWC), by fellowship
2004 Senior Leadership Electronic Warfare Course, by in residence
2010 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, by in residence
2014 Mobility Commanders Tactics Course, by in residence
2015 Dual Status Commanders Course (NORTHCOM), by in residence
2016 Continuous Process Improvement for Executives (CPIE), by in residence
2017 Director of Mobility Forces (DM4), by in residence
2019 National Security Studies Course, by in residence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1985 - April 1986, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. April 1986 - July 1986, Student, Fighter Lead-In Training, Holloman AFB, N. M.
3. July 1986 - November 1990, Alert Pilot, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
4. November 1990 - June 1992, Chief of Intelligence, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
5. June 1992 - May 1995, Chief of Scheduling, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
6. May 1995 - February 1996, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Flight Examiner, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
7. February 1996 - May 1998, Chief of Training, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
8. May 1998 - June 2000, Operations Support Flight Commander, Operations Officer, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
9. June 2000 - October 2001, Chief of Safety, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
10. October 2001 - May 2003, Logistics Group Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
11. May 2003 - March 2004, Maintenance Group Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
12. March 2004 - January 2006, Operations Group Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
13. January 2006 - June 2006, 506th Air Expeditionary Group Commander, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq
14. June 2006 - January 2008, Operations Group Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
15. January 2008 - June 2008, 332nd Deputy Operations Group Commander, Joint Base Balad, Iraq
16. June 2008 - July 2009, Operations Group Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
17. July 2009 - March 2014, 120th Fighter Wing Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
18. March 2014 - March 2015, 120th Airlift Wing Commander, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont.
19. March 2015 - December 2015, Vice Chief of the Joint Staff, Montana National Guard, Fort Harrison, Mont.
20. December 2015 – March 2018, Chief of Staff, JF HQ-MT (Air), Fort Harrison, Mont.
21. November 2017 – April 2018, Director NGB A-5/8/9, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
22. March 2018 – December 2019, Assistant Adjutant General, JF HQ-MT (Air), Fort Harrison, Mont.
23. November 2019 – August 2020, Director NGB A-5/8, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
24. September 2020 – December 2020, ANG Assistant AETC, JBSA Randolph, TX
25. January 2021 – Present, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard, Fort Harrison, Mont.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,100, including combat hours

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-106, F-16 ADF, F-16C, F-15C, C-130H

AWARDS:

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device & two Silver Oak Leaf Clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with two Silver Oak Leaf & Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars Global War on Terrorism Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Bolder and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

AF Longevity Service with Silver Oak Leaf and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass, "M" & 3 devices

Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Apr. 11, 1985

First Lieutenant Apr. 11, 1987

Captain Apr. 14, 1989

Major Jun. 28, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 14, 1998

Colonel Jun. 27, 2003

Brigadier General Feb. 6, 2016

Major General Sep. 1, 2020

(Current as of January 2021)