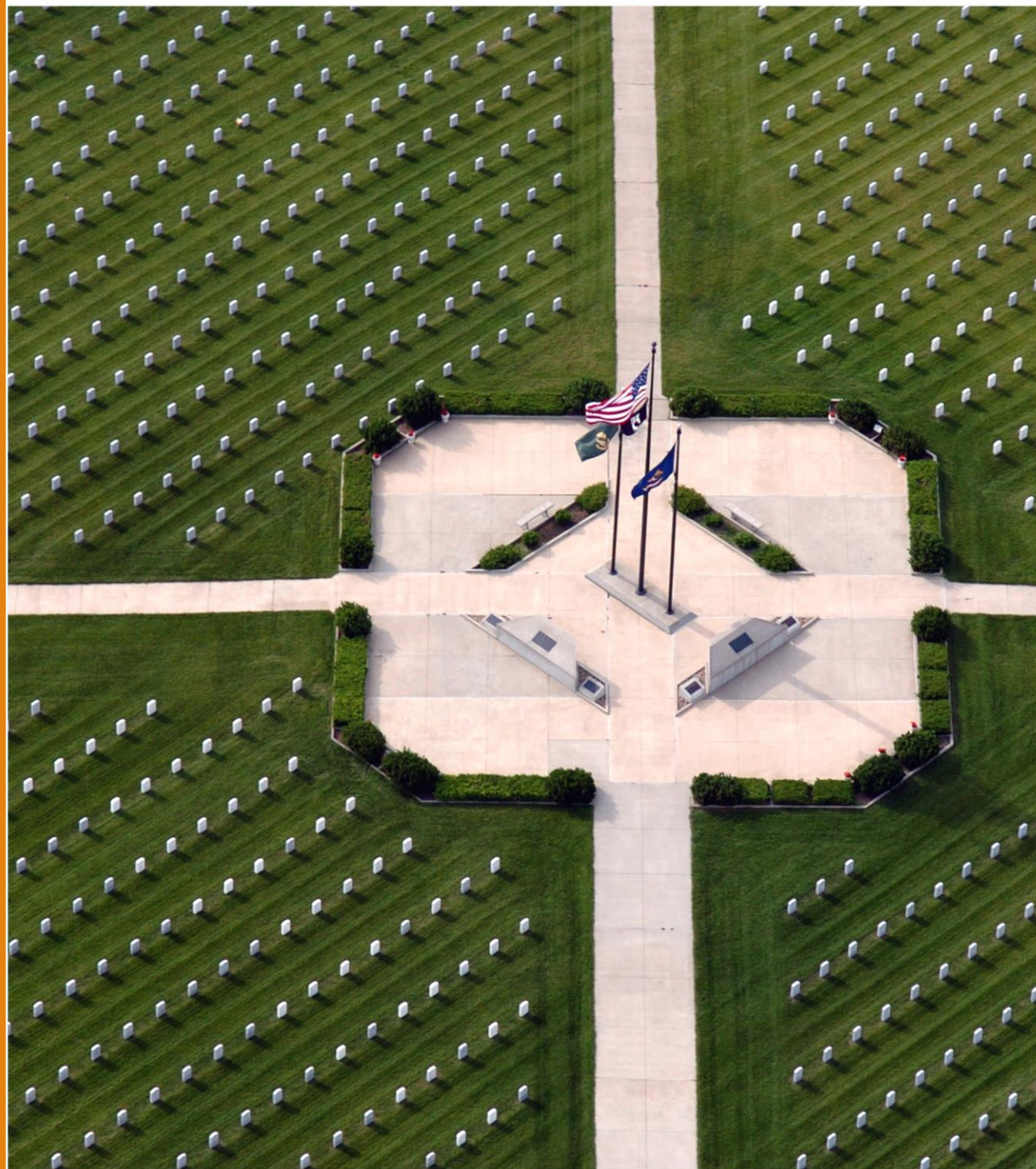


NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY

Veterans Service Officer
Fall 2023 Meeting

4606 HIGHWAY 1806

MANDAN, ND



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VETERAN *1				RESERVE				VETERAN/DEPENDANTS		FEMALE/MALE RATIO		
US Coast Guard		27	0%	Air Force Reserve		13	2%	Spouse	3564	Female		3726
US Air Force		882	12%	Army Reserve		89	12%	Dependents	78	Male		7662
US Army		4567	62%	Navy Reserve		11	2%	Veteran	7473			
US Marine Corps		404	5%	ANG		66	9%	Reserve	37			
US Navy		1541	21%	ARNG		541	75%	Guard	236			
TOTAL		7421	100%	TOTAL		720	100%	TOTAL	11388	TOTAL		11388

WAR SERVICE				TYPE OF INTERMENT			GRAVESITES			DISPOSITION		
Civil	1	0%		Interment	11116	98%	# Graves	15,030	100%	Burial		6370
Spanish	2	0%		Re-interment	257	2%	# Used	8,286	55%	Cremation		4913
WW 1	14	0%		Dis-interment	15	0%				Memorial		90
WW 2	2527	39%					TOTAL	6,744	45%	Dis-interment		15
Korea	2051	32%										
Vietnam	1723	26%					**Space available for **					
Persian Gulf	144	2%					the next	16.83	**Years			
Iraq/Afghanistan	43	1%										
TOTAL	6505			TOTAL	11388					TOTAL		11388

*1 Veterans that served in multiple branches of service are counted accordingly

March 2019 corrected Guard/Reserve/Veterans and logged properly

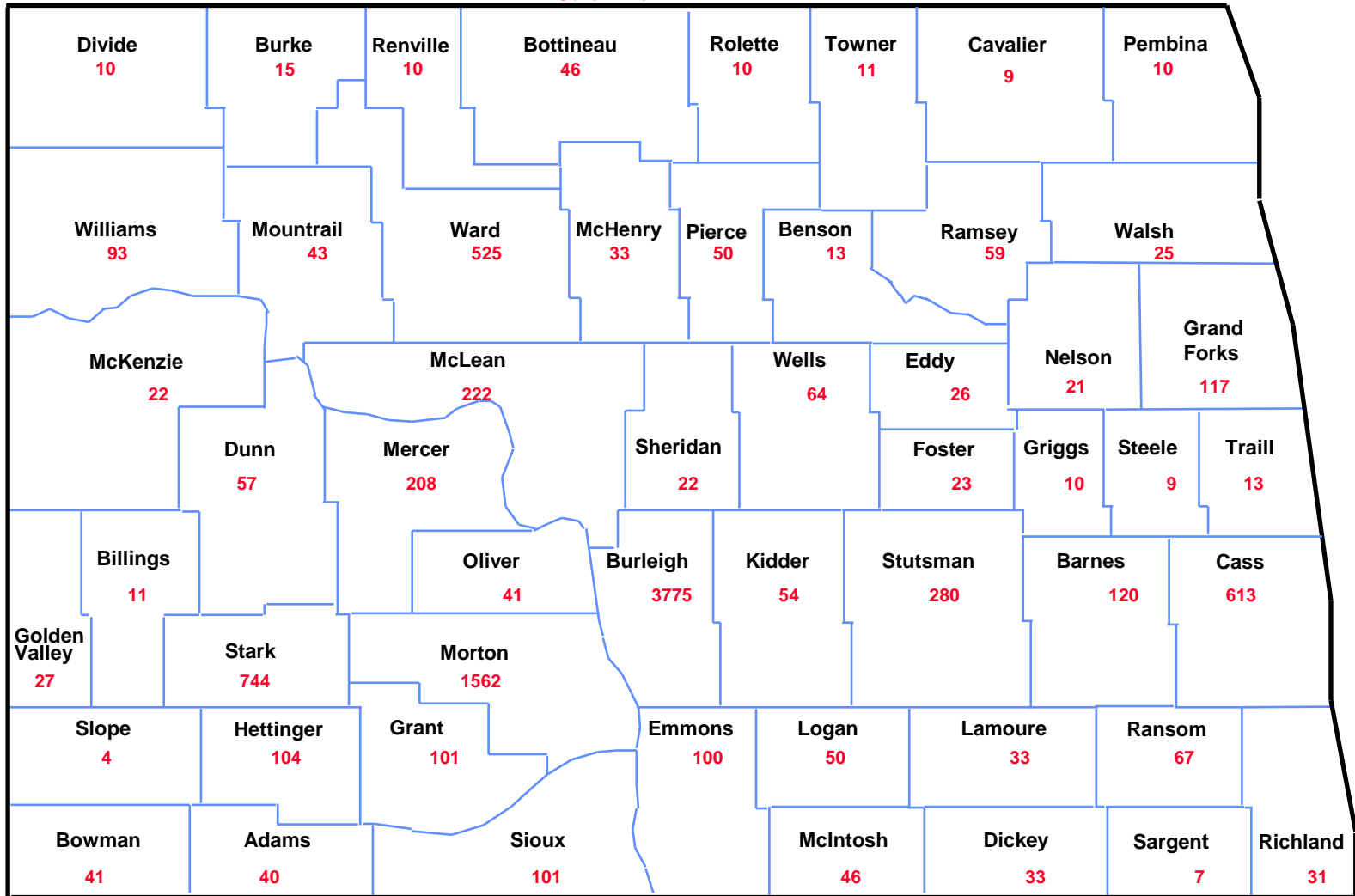
16.83 years with established 35 acres, we own a total of 75 acres, so that will give us many more years of space.

VETERANS CEMETERY INTERMENTS BY COUNTY

AT TIME OF DEATH

30 September 2023

Other = 1627



BURIAL ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

- Veterans, National Guard & Reservists, and their spouses and in some cases, dependents .

Eligibility is determined based off of the Veterans discharge (DD 214 or equivalent)

- Must be **honorable, under honorable or general conditions** for character of service

Spouses of the veteran are eligible for burial and dependents are eligible under the following circumstances:

- Minor children of eligible veteran
 - Who is 21 years of age or younger at the time of passing
 - Who is 23 Years of age and pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.
- The unmarried adult child of an eligible Veteran of any age but became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 based off the above stated criteria. Proper supporting documentation must be provided.

NDVC FEE'S

The open & closing of the gravesite, burial and headstone are all free of charge for a Veteran, eligible spouse and eligible dependent of a Veteran.

In past years there was a burial fee for the eligible spouses & dependents. However, In the 66th legislative assembly, SB 2195 was passed, this was a bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for Veterans' spouses & dependents burial fees effective 1 Mar 2020.

There is a headstone fee, current rate of \$380, for National Guard and Reservists and their eligible spouses & dependents if they do not meet Veteran status under VA guidelines.

BURIAL EQUITY FOR GUARD AND RESERVES ACT

Bill allowing all state and tribal Veteran Cemeteries to have the option to inter National Guard and Reservists if they do not meet Veteran status according to the VA guidelines.

Passed and signed by the President in March 2022

We have always interred National Guard and Reservist, as long as they served their enlistment term and as long as they received a good character of service.

The passing of this bill allows all other state and tribal Veteran Cemeteries to do the same.

Headstone fee under these eligibility guidelines applies. Current fee is \$380.00.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BURIAL

The NDVC does allow for pre-registration

We will need a copy of the discharge

- DD 214 or Equivalent

Subject to final eligibility determined at time of death

Not a requirement

Gravesites assigned at time of death.

www.ndguard.nd.gov/veterans-cemetery

RAPPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN THE NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY

4606 Highway 1806, Mandan, ND 58554
Phone (701) 667-1418 Fax (701) 667-1419
ng.nd.ndarng.list.vetcem@army.mil

VETERAN INFORMATION		DATE OF APPLICATION:	
FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME – LAST NAME	PHONE NUMBER	SOC. SEC. NUMBER	SEX
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)		DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MMM/YYYY)	PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE)
MILITARY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED NATIONAL GUARD	DATE ENTERED SERVICE (DD/MMM/YYYY)		DATE RELEASED FROM SERVICE (DD/MMM/YYYY)
	HIGHEST RANK HELD	BRANCH	PERIOD OF WAR (WW II, KOREA, VIETNAM, PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ)
TYPE OF BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CASKET <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION IN GROUND <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION COLUMBARIUM <input type="checkbox"/> MEMORIAL			
SPOUSE INFORMATION			
FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME – LAST NAME	SOC. SEC. NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MMM/YYYY)	SEX
MAIDEN NAME		PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE)	
TYPE OF BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CASKET <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION IN GROUND <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION COLUMBARIUM <input type="checkbox"/> MEMORIAL			
MONUMENT INFORMATION			
EMBLEM OF BELIEF DESIRED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		EMBLEM NUMBER <input type="text"/>	
SEE REVERSE FOR AVAILABLE EMBLEMS →			
(FOR CEMETERY OFFICE USE ONLY)			
_____ VERIFIED BY AND DATE (Signature of Cemetery Official)			
Include (Copy) of FORM 53-55 or DD214 or NGB 22 (Showing Character of Discharge) with application			



BURIAL HOURS

We do our burials Monday – Friday on the hour, every hour from 9am – 3pm CST.

We ask all services and sharing is done prior to coming to the NDVC. We only allow the final committal prayer and Military Funeral Honors.

The committal prayer should be 5-10 minutes and no longer so the cemetery staff has adequate time to complete the burial and prepare for the next one of the day.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Effective 1 July 2022, families may not go to the gravesite for cremation burials, until the burial is complete.

We have never allowed families at the gravesite for full body burials.

This was implemented for many reasons to include:
Safety and time management.

Funeral homes must call to schedule the burial and must be present for the committal service and/or military funeral honors.

The only time we will schedule a burial directly with the family, is if it is a cremation and the family has already had everything and is just bringing out the urn for a direct burial, nothing further.

HEADSTONES

VA's LITHOCHROME POLICY FOR ALL VA NATIONAL & STATE CEMETERIES

- For National Cemetery Administration (NCA)-administered cemeteries, NCA will not apply lithochrome to marble or granite headstones:
 - (1) in new cemeteries;
 - (2) in new burial sections or new columbaria in all cemeteries (unless the absence of lithochrome will detract from achieving consistency of appearance); and
 - (3) when the headstone is placed near other headstones where lithochrome was not used or the lithochrome on the surrounding headstones has faded.
- The VA will only authorize us to replace headstones in accordance with 38 CFR 38.630(b)(3). We cannot order replacements for faded lithochrome – it is not an authorized replacement reason.

OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES

Effective March 30, 2023 The VA is allowed to provide outer burial receptacles (OBRs) for casketed burials in grant-funded cemeteries and to use a voucher or other system of reimbursement for OBRs.

The Veterans Cemetery Grant Program (VCGP) project managers are currently working with FY 2023 and moving forward, for grant opportunities for states to pay for pre-placed crypts from VA Compensation and Pension funds instead of VCGP grant funds.

This simply means moving forward we will have the opportunity to apply for a grant when we open up a new full body burial section, to have pre-placed crypts so the Veteran does not have to purchase a vault.

TYPES OF BURIALS ALLOWED

We accommodate casketed and cremated remains.

Full body burials are stacked on top of one another, and cremations burials are placed side by side in the same gravesite.

At this time, we do not have a Columbarium therefore all of our burials are underground burials.**I will discuss more on this in a moment**

Full Body Burials

- We do require a vault that the family selects and purchases through the funeral home

Cremation Burials

- As long as the cremains are in some sort of container, that is our only requirement.
- Vaults are not required but accepted.

COLUMBARIUM

What is a Columbarium? A Columbarium is a place where urns of cremated human remains are interred in niches (above ground burial). The niche size will be 10 ½ " X 15" and 20" deep.

We were offered a grant up to \$1,860,775 from the National Cemetery Administration to help in building the columbarium. This will provide 1,440 niche units.

The North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation will support the build with additional funding so w will be able to build 2,240 niche units to have enough columbarium burial space for approximately 20 years.

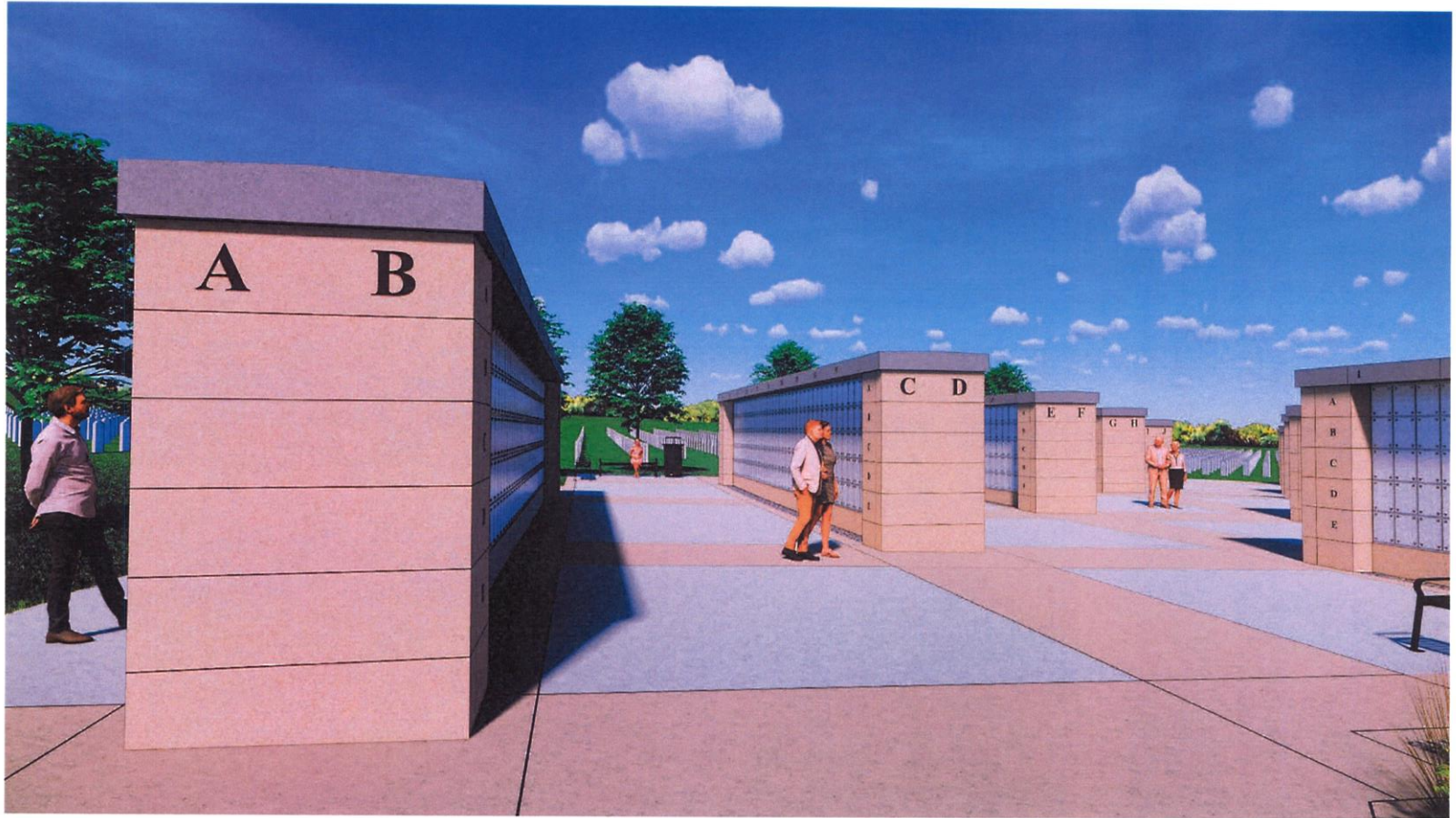
The project started June 1st and will be complete early to mid November 2023.

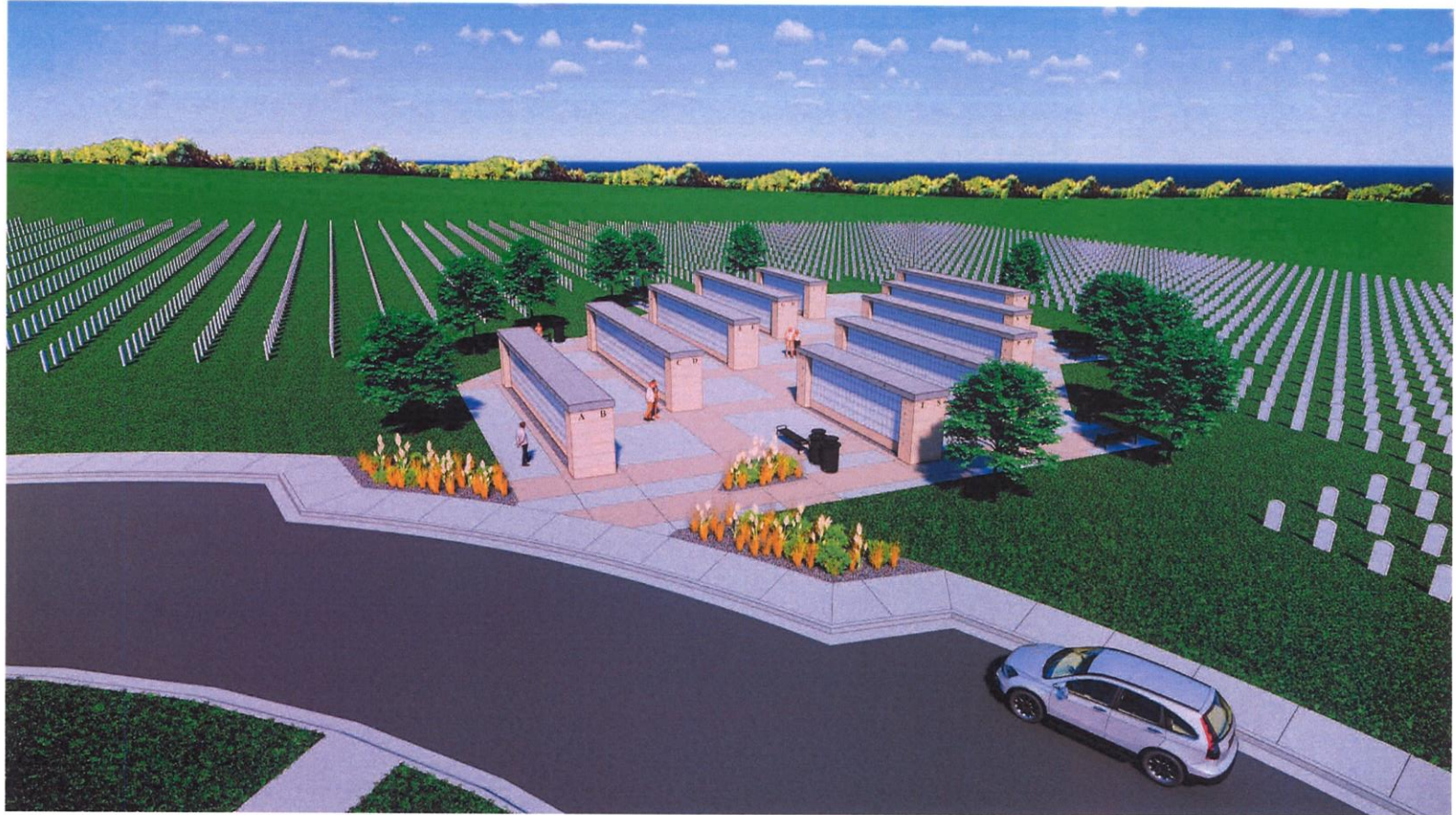












NDVC FOUNDATION (501c3)

www.ndvcf.org

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION



1989

Established in 1989 as the North Dakota Militia Fund




1992

Shortly after the NDVC Opened in 1992, the name was changed to The North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation.


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100% of the funds go toward perpetual care and maintenance of the NDVC.



The gift is tax deductible and the interest generated from the long-term fund will be used to operate and maintain the NDVC.



We recognize our donors on a kiosk donor board located in the visitor's center. Gifts are tracked and cumulative totals are recognized.



Ways to Give:

- Cash/check, securities, real estate and planned future giving through gift annuities, charitable trusts, life insurance and wills.

Fargo National Cemetery

Harwood, ND

Is the second Rural Initiative cemetery in the nation, and the first to be built by the VA's NCA. The VA purchased the land in June 2016 and awarded a contract to build the cemetery in July 2017. The cemetery was dedicated on September 7, 2019.

4.82 acre National Cemetery located in southeast ND.

Will serve the burial needs of more than 30,000 Veterans, spouses and eligible family members.

Phone number 701-451-4650



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Always held the 2nd or 3rd
Saturday in December.
Nationwide program run by the
Bismarck Civil Air Patrol.

Will be held on Saturday,
December 16, 2023 at 11:00am.



MEMORIAL DAY

Always held the last Monday in the month of May and the program begins at noon each year.

Our next Memorial Day is on May 27, 2024 at noon.

We do look for volunteers to help place flags at the gravesites at 8am and removal of flags at 8pm.





QUESTIONS??

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

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