



NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY

MANDAN, ND

HISTORY OF NDVC

- Established in 1989
 - Fall under command of NG
- Broke Ground April 1990
- First Burial July 1992
- First full year buried 113
- Now yearly average 505

NDVC BURIALS PER YEAR

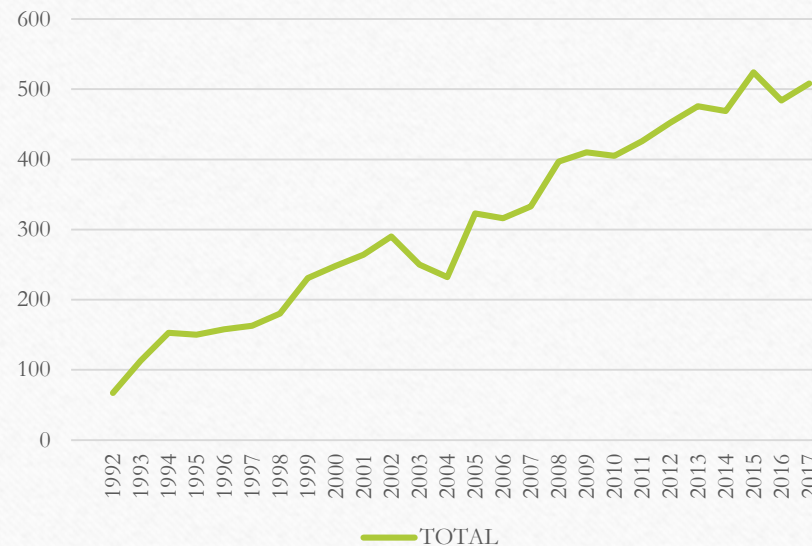
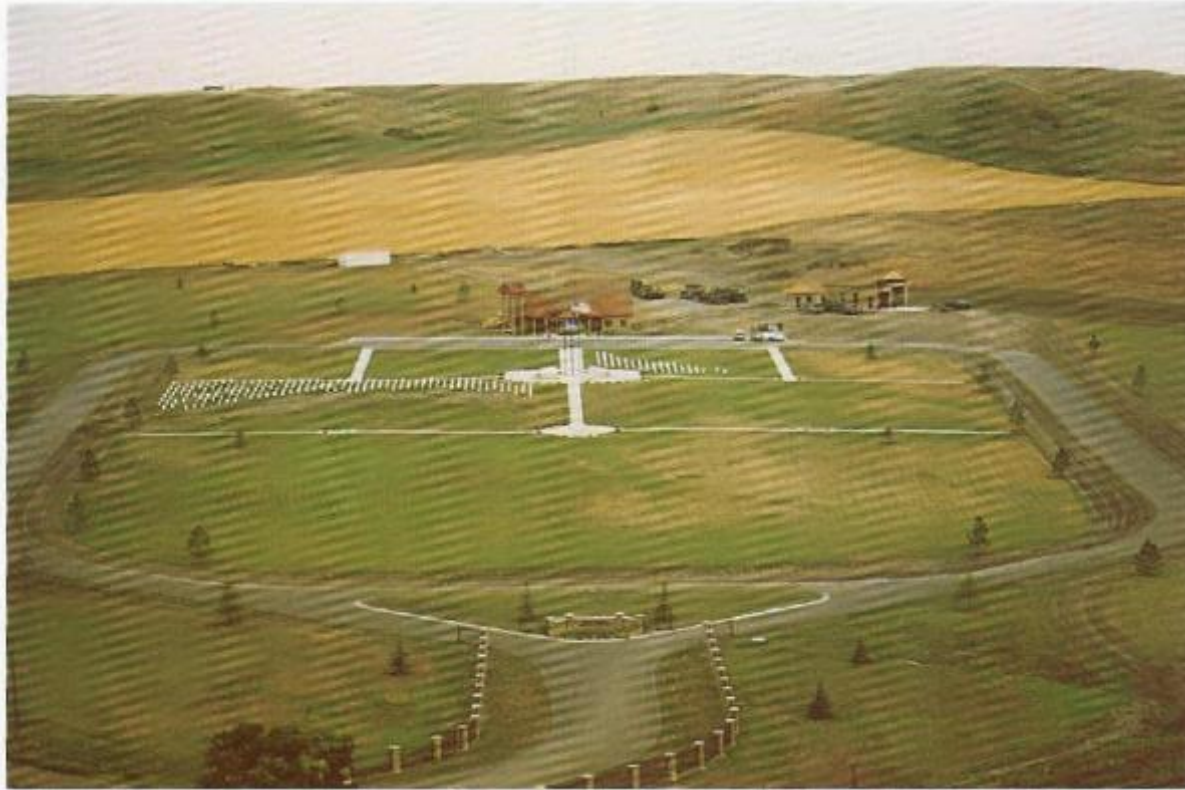


PHOTO FROM THE EARLY YEARS



ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

- Who is Eligible?
 - Veterans, 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.

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.
- <http://nd.ng.mil/resources/vetcem>



SCHEDULING BURIALS

- You may call the NDVC office to schedule a burial at 701-667-1418 Monday-Friday 8am – 4pm.
- After hours please call Pam at 701-426-2742



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.

PAPERWORK/FEE'S REQUIRED

- ITEMS NEEDED PRIOR TO BURIAL

	<u>VETERAN</u>	<u>NATIONAL GUARD</u>	<u>SPOUSE/DEPENDENT</u>
1DD214	X		X
1NGB22		X	X
2BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT	X	X	X
3MEMORIAL FOLDER/OBIT.	X	X	X
\$550 BURIAL FEE			X
4\$300 HEADSTONE FEE		X	X
RELIGIOUS EMBLEM PREFERENCE	X	X	X

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.
- We do not have a Columbarium therefore all of our burials are underground burials.
- 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.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY

- We do require a licensed funeral director to be present for a full body burial.
 - We do ask the funeral director stays at the NDVC until the body is lowered into the gravesite.
 - We do not allow the family to gather around the grave as the burial is being completed for safety reasons. However; the family may watch from the roadway if they wish to do so. If they family chooses to watch the FB burial from a distance, we do ask the funeral director stay until the burial is complete, or the family has left, whichever comes first.
- Cremation burials we do allow the families to go to the gravesite if they wish to watch the remains being placed into the burial site.
 - The family may carry the urn to the gravesite and place it if they wish, or the cemetery staff will do so for them.
 - We will not fill the grave in until the family has left the burial site.

HEADSTONES

- We order the upright granite headstones
- Marble vs Granite
- Set 24-26” Above ground
- No fee for Veterans and their spouses
- There will be a \$300 fee for:
 - National Guard Soldiers & their spouses
 - With less than 20 years of service & no active duty time other than for training.



STATISTICS

- We perform 505 burials per year on the average
- Average number of burials per months is 42
- Average number of burials per work day is 2
- Most popular burial day is Friday
- Least popular burial day is Wednesday
- Currently have 8100+ burials

NDVC FOUNDATION (501c3)

www.ndvcf.org

- 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.

NDVC MONUMENTS

6 TOTAL MONUMENTS

188TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (WWII)



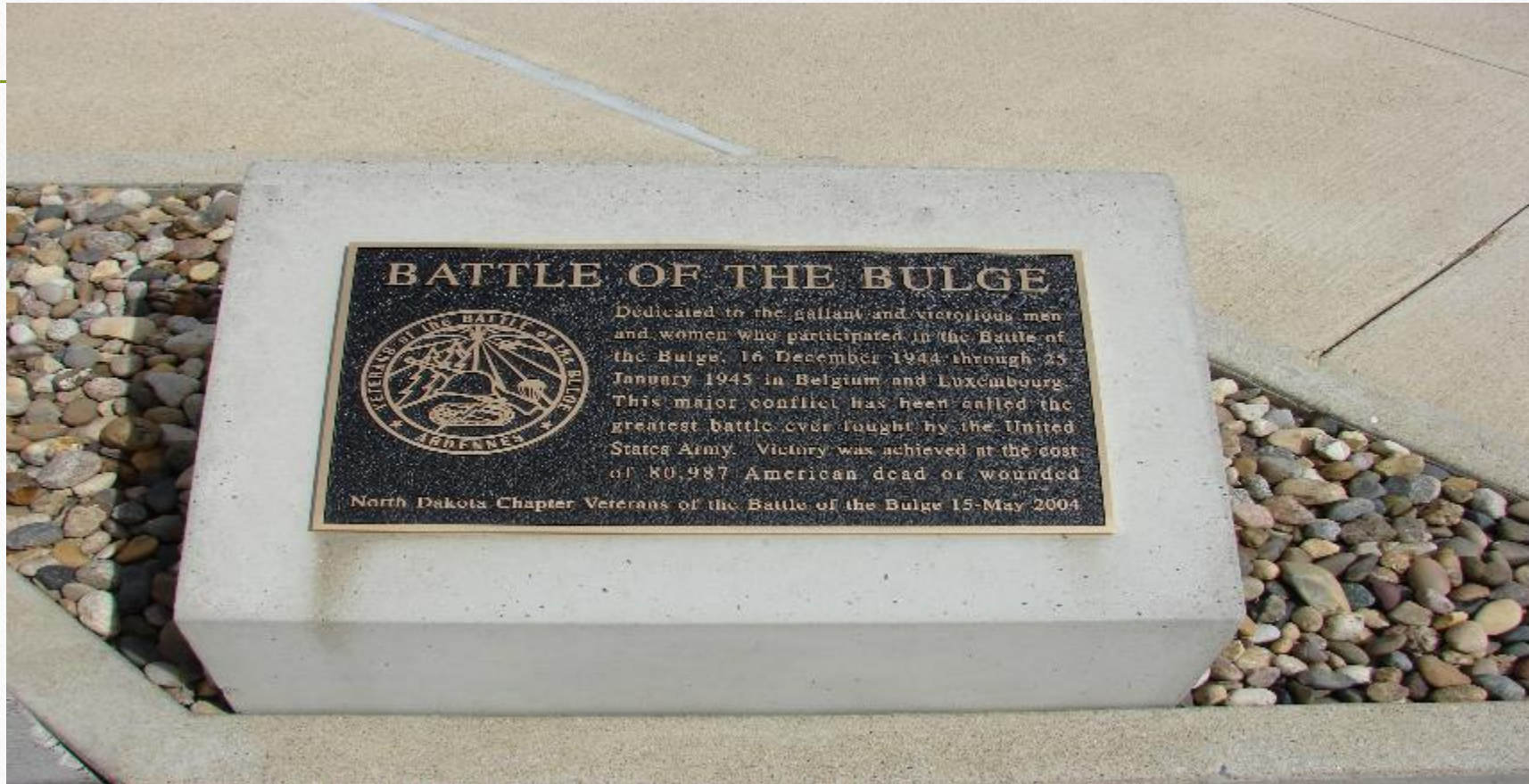
776TH TANK DESTROYER BN-WWII “VANDALS”



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BATTLE OF THE BULGE







164TH INFANTRY REGIMENT



POW/MIA MEMORIAL WALL



NDVC STAFF



NOTABLE GRAVES

- We do have (1) Civil War Veteran, John A. Murray
- We have (2) Spanish American War Veterans whom were both recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor
 - Charles P. Davis – Reinterred 22 September 1995
 - Thomas Sletteland – Reinterred 15 Nov 1995

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

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



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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



QUESTIONS??

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

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