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

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TOTAL
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

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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 the 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

Dedicated to the gallant and heroically sacrificing men and women who participated in the Battle of the Bulge, 16 December 1944 through 27 January 1945, in Belgium and Luxembourg. This major conflict has been called the greatest battle ever fought by the United States Army. Ninety-nine officers and 6,987 American soldiers or wounded.

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 Sleteland – 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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