# Message from the Board of Directors, North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation

The North Dakota Veterans Cemetery is dedicated to the men and women who have served this state and nation with unequaled distinction and honor.

The state of North Dakota, in tribute to the devotion shown by our veterans in defense of the ideals and values we hold so precious, honors these dedicated professionals by providing a site where they may find eternal peace in a serene setting rich in military history.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood-stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." — Ronald Reagan





### **Overview:**

- The North Dakota Veterans Cemetery was established by an act of the 1989 Legislative Assembly and is operated by the Office of the Adjutant General of North Dakota.
- It is located 6.5 miles south of Mandan, ND, adjacent to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, overlooking the Missouri River.
- The cemetery is situated on 35 acres and was opened in July 1992.
- Several thousand burials have been conducted with committal services held Monday thru Friday, except for state holidays.
- The cemetery accommodates both casketed and cremated remains.
- Re-interred remains are welcome. Currently there are Civil War and Spanish American War veterans, as well as Medal of Honor recipients who have all been re-interred from other cemeteries.
- There is a large Memorial Day celebration held each year at the cemetery where all are welcome to attend and honor these fallen heroes.
- Additional information can be found online at: <u>www.ndguard.com/benefits</u> (click on "Veterans Cemetery").

You or your organization can memorialize or honor a veteran by helping to support the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation.

Your gift is tax deductible and the interest generated from this long-term fund will be used to operate and maintain the cemetery. It will also be recognized by donor level on our Kiosk Donor Board located in the visitor's center. Gifts are tracked and cumulative totals are recognized.

Ways to Give: Direct gifts of cash (check), securities, real estate, and planned future giving through gift annuities, charitable trusts, life insurance and wills. Contact the cemetery office personnel for additional information.

## **Organizational Gifting Levels:**

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\$	500,000	Patriarch
\$	100,000	Diamond
\$	50,000	Platinum
\$	10,000	Gold
\$	5,000	Silver
\$	2,500	Founder
\$	1,000	Friend

## **Individual Gifting Levels:**

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\$25,000	Flag
\$20,000	Champion
\$15,000	Titan
\$10,000	Regent
\$ 5,000	Eagle
\$ 2,500	Patriot
\$ 1,000	Pioneer
\$ 500	Benefactor
\$ 100	Patron





Please complete this form and enclose it with your donation.

#### **DONOR INFORMATION:**

Name:
Address:
City:
State: Zip:
Amount enclosed:
Make checks payable to "North Dakota Veter ans Cemetery Foundation" (NDVCF) and mathem to:  NDVCF 1825 46 <sup>th</sup> Street Mandan, ND 58554  =================================
Name:  Please inform the next of kin listed below of this donation:
Name:
Address:

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a way to show the Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to the veterans' families. The tradition of providing Military Funeral Honors, in some form, began in ancient Greece and Rome. The funeral honors protocol of today traces its roots to these ancient ceremonies as well as to historical American experiences. Eligibility for Military Funeral Honors is the same as for interment in a Veterans Cemetery.



For further information on Interments or Military Funeral Honors, please contact:

> Phone: 701-667-1418 Fax 701-667-1419

E-mail: vetcemnd@ng.army.mil or visit our website: www.ndguard.com/benefits



# Who Is Eligible for Burial in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery?

- Any veteran of wartime or peacetime service who is eligible for burial in a "National Cemetery", in accordance with VA Publication VA-NCS-IS-1, regardless of state of residency.
- Present and past National Guard members and present and past members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve forces.
- All military personnel interred in the cemetery must have received a discharge shown as "Honorable", "Under Honorable" Conditions or "General".
- The eligible spouse, widow, or widower of any person listed above. Normally the veteran and spouse (and other eligible dependents of the veteran) will be interred in the same gravesite or an adjoining gravesite as appropriate.
- There is no cost to the veteran for burial. If a spouse or eligible dependent is to be interred, there is an interment fee.

# Making Cemetery Arrangements

Burial arrangements can be made through a funeral home or by the next-of-kin directly with the cemetery staff. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except for state holidays.

Burials will be scheduled on the hour, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Central Time. Committal services are held in our committal chapel. We provide a limited number of chairs for the immediate family.

Committal services are the only type of service we accommodate in the committal chapel. The intended purpose of the committal chapel is to provide a safe, comfortable gathering space, away from gravesites, for a brief committal service.

Services such as funeral services or memorial services are not allowed in the committal chapel or on the cemetery grounds at any time. Viewing open caskets is not allowed at any time.

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Cemetery Chapel and Visitor's Center



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