



About the Cemetery

The cemetery was made possible at this location by a generous donation of 52 acres by the George B. Franklin Jr. family. We are designed to accommodate more than 31,000 veterans along with spouses and eligible dependents.

All services are held in our committal shelter equipped with sound and movable walls in the event of inclement weather. Services are held Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Our Carillon Bell Tower was donated by the American Veterans (AMVETS) National Foundation and our Louisiana AMVETS. Chimes are played on the hour, and song are played at different hours throughout the day.

The Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery held its first interment on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2015. In July of 2019, we were awarded the National Cemetery Administration Operational Excellence Award. It is an honor and a privilege to serve our veterans and their families.

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The cemetery is open for visiting during
daylight hours seven days per week.

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NORTHEAST LOUISIANA VETERANS CEMETERY

a final resting place of honor



A Place of Honor

Louisiana's five state-run veterans cemeteries offer burial sites for in-ground casketed and cremated remains and above-ground cremated remains. Each burial site is double occupancy, and the final resting place for both the veteran and non-veteran eligible dependent. VA granite markers are provided at no cost for the eligible veteran and for a nominal fee for the eligible dependent. Veterans and eligible dependents will share the provided marker.



In-ground casketed and cremated remains



Columbarium wall for cremated remains



Committal shelter

Our Services

Each veteran and eligible dependent is entitled to a committal service. This is not a funeral.

All services are held at the committal shelter, an open-air covered pavilion with seating. No one goes to the gravesite on the day of the committal.

The committal service lasts between 15 and 30 minutes and consists of a vehicle procession, a committal prayer and military honors if the deceased is a veteran.

Interments are scheduled Monday through Friday. Contact the cemetery directly for availability. The cemetery is open for visiting during daylight hours including weekends and holidays.

Due to time constraints for the committal service, we do suggest holding a funeral, memorial or celebration of life for your loved one either before or after the committal service.

Eligibility

Pre-eligibility requests are encouraged, but are not required. This does not reserve or guarantee a burial space in the future.

There are certain requirements to be buried in a veterans cemetery:

- The veteran must have served on active duty, not in a training status, for at least one day prior to 1980, or two consecutive years after 1980.
- For Reserve or National Guard service, the veteran must be retired, have died while in training, received a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or have been activated under Title 10 for a specific national operation.
- The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions.
- Eligible dependents may be interred with the veteran.



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