



## **Welcome to the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana**

We are located at 15950 N. Lockett Rd. in Marana, Arizona. Take Exit 236, the main Marana exit, turn west onto Sandario Rd., then right on W. Marana Rd, and right on N. Lockett Rd. to the end.

The cemetery is located on 32 acres of high desert landscaped property. Phase one of the cemetery includes 1802 burial plots, 1638 cremated remains burial plots, and 1920 columbarium niches. Five phases are currently planned.

The cemetery was made possible by a grant from the Department of Veterans' Administration to the State of Arizona, authorizing the State to operate and maintain the Veterans' Cemetery.

Reservations are not accepted. Interment is on a first come, first served basis.

### **BURIAL BENEFITS**

Burial in the Veterans' Cemetery is open to all eligible members of the Armed Forces, and with certain exceptions, veterans discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable. The veteran's spouse and qualifying dependents are also eligible for burial. Eligible spouses may be buried even if they predecease the veteran. Also eligible for

burial are members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps who perish while on active duty training or performing service, or who have 20 years of service in reserve components of the Armed Forces creditable for retired pay.

Burial in the cemetery includes a gravesite, opening and closing of the gravesite, a concrete liner (casket burials only), government marker, and perpetual care at no cost. Spaces are assigned at the time of need and may not be reserved. AVMC-M provides two gravesite options: in-ground burial for casket or cremated remains or a columbaria for cremated remains.

### **COMMITTAL SERVICES**

All services are held at the committal shelter rather than at the gravesite. This insures the family's safety and provides a suitable location for military honors, along with the ability of our staff to continue burial operations. The date and time of committal services are scheduled once eligibility has been determined.

### **BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The next of kin or the family's funeral director of choice may make arrangements directly with AVMC-M staff. Before burial can take place, cemetery staff must verify the veteran's eligibility. To do this, the cemetery staff must be provided a copy of the veteran's properly signed discharge papers, or the veteran's service, social security, and VA claim numbers. There is no charge for interment for veterans, and a nominal fee eligible spouses and dependents.

### **HONOR GUARD AND CLERGY**

The engaging of clergy, buglers, and military honor guards is done by the family or the funeral home of the family's choosing. The cemetery does not provide these services.

### **MARKERS AND INSCRIPTIONS**

Immediately after the interment, each gravesite is marked with a temporary grave marker. Within five days, the permanent marker is electronically ordered based on information provided by the family on the interment application. Delivery and installation of the marker is normally completed within ninety (90) days.

### **CEMETERY PROCEDURES**

The cemetery serves as a national shrine and therefore, its procedures have been designed to ensure that its beauty, dignity, and reverent atmosphere are preserved. Please adhere to the following while on the cemetery grounds:

- Do not bring pets
- No picnicking
- Place all litter in refuse containers
- Place all flowers according to the floral policy

Please discuss specific questions with the cemetery staff or your funeral director.



## FLORAL POLICY

Fresh cut and artificial flowers are permitted at any time. Arrangements may not be more than 24 inches high.

All flowers will be removed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month for ground maintenance operations, or sooner if flowers become withered.

Temporary plastic containers are available and are located in bins located throughout the cemetery. No more than two (2) vases per site are permitted on the grave year round. We request guests to limit flowers to one temporary container so that there are some available for all of our visitors.

The artificial flowers will be removed and stored inside bins near the administration building for a period of one week.

Permanent plantings, potted plants, statues, vigil lights, or breakable objects of any nature and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time.

Small flags will be placed on graves by designated personnel one day before Memorial Day and removed one day thereafter. Flag standards will not be permitted at any time.

Holiday wreaths may be permitted from December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

No grave blankets are allowed at any time.

Floral items and other types of decorations attached to the headstone will not be permitted.

Florists will not be permitted to deliver flowers to a grave without taking away all boxes, wrapping paper or other packaging material.



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