

# WASHINGTON STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

## ARMED FORCES LICENSE PLATES

\$28.00 from the purchase and renewal of Armed Forces License Plates is tax deductible and helps pay for the maintenance and operation of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.

Veterans, active duty, guard, reserve and their family members are eligible to purchase plates at any vehicle licensing office.

Find out more at:  
[www.dva.wa.gov/armed-forces-license-plates](http://www.dva.wa.gov/armed-forces-license-plates)



Pre-Need Forms/Interment Applications  
are available on the Washington State  
Department of Veterans Affairs Website at:

**[dva.wa.gov/cemetery](http://dva.wa.gov/cemetery)**

Or contact us directly at:

**Office: (509) 299-6280**

**Fax: (509) 299-6286**

**E-mail: [cemetery@dva.wa.gov](mailto:cemetery@dva.wa.gov)**

**21702 West Espanola Road  
Medical Lake, WA 99022**

**Please contact the Cemetery Office if you have  
any questions or need further information.**



WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF

**VETERANS  
AFFAIRS**



***"Serving Those Who Served"***

**800-562-2308**

**[WWW.DVA.WA.GOV](http://WWW.DVA.WA.GOV)**







## ABOUT THE CEMETERY

Office Hours Monday–Friday 8am to 4pm. Grounds are open for public visitation from 8am to sunset daily. *Please note severe winter weather may prohibit access to the grounds on affected weekends and holidays.*

National Gravesite Locator

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/> or

<https://m.va.gov/> via mobile app.

Veterans Legacy Memorial (online memorial)

<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov>

## SCHEDULING AN INTERMENT

Interment services are conducted Monday–Friday between 9am and 2:30pm in a committal shelter. Grave-side services are not offered. Guests requiring unique ADA accommodations should inform staff upon arrival. Individuals are encouraged to pre-register for interment eligibility.

Cemetery staff arrange military funeral honors for Veterans interred at this site.



## HISTORY

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs began construction on the State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake in 2009.

This program is a partnership between the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal VA Cemetery Grant Program which, to date, has invested \$22 million in federal funds.

## BURIAL BENEFITS

Eligibility for interment in the State Veterans Cemetery mirrors National Veterans Cemetery eligibility requirements. In general, U.S. Veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and their spouses are eligible. Dependent children may be eligible.

More information on National Veterans Cemetery Eligibility Requirements is available at [cem.va.gov](http://cem.va.gov) or by contacting a WDVA Benefits Specialist at (800) 562-2308, or a Veteran Service Officer.

## INTERMENT COSTS

WDVA provides the following benefits for Veterans and qualifying family members:

- Burial plot or columbarium niche
- Concrete Liner for casket burials
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- Inscribed gravestone
- 30 minute committal service

All other death related expenses are the responsibility of the Veteran's family/estate. There is a \$300 fee for qualifying family member interments which is subject to change.

## TYPES OF INTERMENT OFFERED

The State Veterans Cemetery provides for in-ground casket burial sites and cremation interments. Columbarium niches, in-ground cremation inurnment and a scattering garden are available for cremation interments.



## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

There are many opportunities for individuals to give their time or resources at the State Veterans Cemetery.

- Honor Guard Rifle Team
- Buglers
- Ministers
- Cortege Leaders
- Gravesite and Avenue Flags
- Holiday Memorial greenery

## POLICIES

- Out of respect to all families pets, alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping devices and marijuana use are not allowed on Cemetery grounds (premises).
- Artificial flowers are permitted November through March. Fresh cut flowers all other times.

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