



Thomas J. Saadi
Commissioner

State Veterans Cemetery Rules and Regulations

(Adopted December 19, 2018)

Please comply with the following rules and all posted cemetery signs so that we may respect the service of our Veterans laid to rest in this place of honor.

A. Hours of operation:

1. The cemetery is open to visitors from sunset to dusk seven days per week.

B. Visitors and Pets:

1. All persons in the cemetery shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting a sacred place and demonstrate respect to other visitors and the honored Veterans laid to rest.
2. NO pets and domestic animals are permitted except for personal service animals and animals approved by the DVA for participation in funeral, memorial and other bona fide ceremonies.
3. The posted speed limit of 15 mph shall not be exceeded and drivers must follow the posted directions of the roadways.
4. Driving or parking on the lawn areas, or on the Columbarium concrete area is prohibited.
5. NO double parking in the cemetery at any time.
6. Public gatherings not approved by the DVA are prohibited including use of the cemetery as a picnic area. NO alcoholic beverages. They are prohibited at all times.


C. Flags, flowers, plants, decorations and medallions:

1. Potted plants no more than 8" in diameter are permitted at gravesites five days prior to and five days after the following holidays:
 - a. Easter
 - b. Mother's Day
 - c. Memorial Day
 - d. Father's Day
2. Plastic cone vases are available throughout the cemetery to be used to place cut flowers with plastic wrapping removed. No soil shall be placed in these plastic vases. These vases are property of the state and are not to be removed by visitors from the cemetery.
3. Florists may deliver flowers to grave location for Funerals and other occasions consistent with the requirements of this section and only as long as all boxes and packaging material are removed prior to placement.

4. NO permanent plantings/artificial flowers, statues, candles, flammable items, vigil lights, rosary beads, breakable objects and other commemorative items at gravesites at any time.
5. The following are prohibited at all times:
 - a. decorative pinecones
 - b. branches, berries
 - c. palms, cemetery logs
 - d. grave blankets
 - e. window boxes
6. NO objects of any kind are to be attached to a headstone or niche cover.
7. The cemetery staff and volunteers will place American flags on each gravesite the Saturday before Memorial Day and before Veterans Day each year and will remove the flags the following Saturday. No other flags aside from those placed by cemetery staff are permitted.

D. Additional Provisions:

1. Wreaths Across America is an annual event that takes place in early December which includes a ceremony and placement of a wreath on gravesites by family, friends and cemetery staff. The wreaths and all other holiday accouterments will be removed on the 3rd Saturday in January.
2. NO person except Cemetery staff or authorized personnel may cut, break, or otherwise damage and cemetery trees, shrubs, grass or other plantings.

Approved by: 
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Date: December 19, 2018