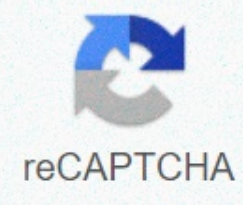




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## South florida national cemetery wreaths across america

HOURS Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:00.m to 16:30.m. Closed federal holidays. Visiting time: Open daily from sunrise to sunset. BURIAL GROUND This cemetery has space for the storage of coffins, cremated remains and memorial walls. Eligibility Burial in the National Cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met the minimum active duty requirement and have been released under conditions other than dishonest conditions. The husband of a veteran, widow or widower, minor children and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children can be buried even if they avoid a veteran. Members of the reserve forces of the armed forces who die in active service or who die in training or are entitled to a retired salary may also be eligible for burial. For more information, please visit our eligibility website. Directions from the nearest airport from the north: Via FL Turnpike: Exit Lake Worth Road (#93), turn left west until you reach SR 7/US 441. Head left to the south until you pass Lantana Road. The cemetery is on your right. From the south: Via FL Turnpike: Exit Boynton Beach Boulevard (#86), turn left west until you arrive at SR7/US 441. Head north to the right. The cemetery is to your left north of Hypoluxo Road. Via I-95: Exit Hypoluxo Road (#60), turn left west until you arrive at SR7/US 441. Head north to the right. The cemetery is on your left. Via I-95 from PBI: Exit Lantana Road/FL 812 (#61), turn right west until you get to SR7/US 441. Head left to the south. The cemetery is on your right. From Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) start west on Turnage Boulevard and then on to Australian Avenue South and take the ramp to Southern Boulevard. Connect to Southern Boulevard heading west and take that all the way to State Road 7/Highway 441. Turn left/south on 7/441 and then to the entrance to the cemetery on the right side one mile south of the intersection of Lantana Road. PLAN FUNERAL Fax all discharge documentation from the National Cemetery Planning Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call at 1-800-535-1117. Information about planned funerals in our national cemeteries can be found in the daily funeral schedule. GENERAL INFORMATION The new 313-acre South Florida National Cemetery will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is located in Palm Beach County in Lake Worth on State Road 7/U.S. 441 south of Lantana Road and north of Boynton Beach Boulevard. After death, funeral arrangements will be made, as with all national cemeteries. The VA doesn't use the grave. Veterans or spouses who wish to be buried in national cemeteries should have evidence of the Military Veterans Department eligibility, which requires non-dishonest discharge. Dependent children can also be buried. For educational materials and other information about this cemetery, please visit the education section below. FLORAL/GROUNDS POLICY Fresh cut flowers can be placed on graves at any time. On the day of the funeral, please limit one flower arrangements for cremation sites and three for coffin sites. The cemetery does not provide flower pots. However, there are compartments near the office with recycled containers for your use. Flowers and containers will be removed from graves when they become withered, faded or otherwise unsightly or facilitate cemetery operations. Plants in pots are allowed on graves 5 days before 5 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day. Unauthorised ornaments including permanent plantings, statues, wakefulness lights, broken objects of any kind, and similar commemorative objects are not permitted at any time. Nothing must be attached or placed on the tombstone. WEAPONS POLICY VA Regulations 38 CFR 1,218 prohibit the carrying of firearms (either openly or concealed), explosives or other dangerous or deadly weapons while on VA property, except for official purposes such as military funeral honors. Possession of firearms on any property under the direction and control of VA is prohibited. Offenders can be fined, expulsion from the premises or arrested. HISTORICAL INFORMATION South Florida National Cemetery is the fifth national cemetery built in Florida and the 125th National Cemetery. Historically, the site of the South Florida National Cemetery has been used as farmland, as evidenced by the historic canal systems used to irrigate the property. Parts of the site were used for cattle grazing until its purchase by the National Cemetery Administration in 2002. The development of Palm Beach County, and South Florida in general, has been sparked by investment in the local Henry Morrison Flagler rail system. As Standard Oil's first partner with John D. Rockefeller, Flagler left the company at the end of the 19th century. This railroad was a tool for the rapid growth of Palm Beach County in the 1920's. South Florida National Cemetery opened for funerals in 2007, and was formally dedicated on March 9, 2008. EDUCATION We are developing educational content for this national cemetery and will publish new materials as they are available. Visit the Veterans Legacy Training Program for details, or the Veterans Legacy Program and NCA History Program for more information. Thank you for your concern. What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? That means you're going to honor an American hero on one of the more than 1,200 locations nationwide this year for wreaths across America Day. It's a day that has been set aside to lay wreaths in places where we remember, honor and teach about our veterans: cemeteries, monuments, parks... Anywhere we can pay homage to their victims. But we can't do it without your support. Your sponsorship will ensure that the wreath is handmade from all-American balm and hand-tied with a red velvet bow here in Columbia Falls, Maine. It will then be sent to one of our participating sites, where a volunteer will place it on the mark of the fallen hero. This volunteer then puts out his name to ensure that the legacy of the duties, services and sacrifices of this veteran will never be forgotten. So, what does it mean to sponsor a wreath? This means that you have the opportunity to join the grateful nation in saying thank you to our veterans. \*Please note: Specific places marked as ceremonial only accept a limited number of sponsorships. Any additional sponsorships received in addition to those used for the ceremony will be distributed to other venues. Funeral section at South Florida National Cemetery. From the north: Via FL Turnpike: Exit Lake Worth Road (#93), turn left west until you arrive at SR 7/US 441. 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We welcome fresh-cut flowers all year round and provide floral containers for gravesite displays as a courtesy. As soon as the flowers become unsightly, we remove them. They can also be removed for normal scheduling or other maintenance. Limited floral arrangements accompanying the coffin or urn at the time of burial can be placed on the completed grave: three for the grave; two for inurnment Columbarium. Artificial flowers and plants in pots are (a) allowed in the Columbarium complex (non-sustic areas) and are disposed of by cemetery staff on the last Thursday and Friday of each month; and (b) also permitted in cemeteries only on a period that lasts five days before Easter Sunday and five days after Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Mother's and Father's Day and Yom Kippur. Otherwise, artificial flowers are not allowed in cemeteries due to the damage they can cause to artistsers and other equipment. Seasonal Holiday Ornaments for Christmas and Hanukkah such as wreaths, potted poinsettias and other seasonal items (without glass or ceramics) can be placed on graves from December 1 to January 20. Appropriate decorations are also allowed five days before and five days after Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Mother's and Father's Day, and Yom Kippur. (no glass or ceramics) To preserve the dignity of the cemetery, permanent plants, statues, balloons, windbreakers, vigil lights, broken objects and similar objects are not allowed on graves. The Department of Veterans Affairs does not allow ornaments that are deemed offensive, contrary to the dignity of the cemetery, or considered dangerous to cemetery staff. NOTHING IS ATTACHED OR PLACED ON THE TOMBSTONES AND COVERS OF THE NICHE. NO GLASS OR CERAMICS ALLOWED. South Florida National Cemetery is the fifth national cemetery built in Florida and the 125th National Cemetery. 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