Honor

Laying our Nation's veterans and their eligible family members to rest with dignity and honor, while treating their loved ones with respect and compassion, is the cornerstone of Arlington National Cemetery's mission.

As you walk through the cemetery, you may see a horse-drawn caisson carrying an American flag-draped casket, hear the firing of three rifle volleys in the distance, or feel a lump in your throat as a lone bugler plays the 24 lingering notes of Taps. These honors remind us of service, sacrifice and valor – and are examples of the dignified way we take care of those who have defended and protected our freedoms.

Remember

Monuments, memorials and dedicated trees commemorating individuals and significant events in our Nation's history are interspersed throughout the cemetery among the headstones of service members for whom Arlington is the final resting place. They honor events and members from all branches of the military, and also pay respect to astronauts, nurses, chaplains, war correspondents and unknowns, just to name a few. These men and women will never be forgotten – their legacies will live on and forever be a part of our national fabric.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, one of Arlington's most well-known memorials, includes the remains of unknown service members from World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) keep a 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year vigil at the Tomb, with an elaborate ritual to change the guard every hour (or half-hour from April 1 through September 30).

Explore

Arlington National Cemetery encapsulates America's history – a living tribute to our Nation's past and how it continues to thrive through the service and sacrifice of those willing to dedicate their life to its ideals.

We encourage you to use *ANC Explorer*, a web-based application to locate gravesites and places of interest, obtain walking directions and photos, and find events. The app is available on the cemetery's website, on-site kiosks or through online app stores.

While here, be sure to explore America's rich history, witness the time-honored ceremonies, and take in the scenic grounds and landscapes. We also hope you make time to visit areas less traveled – wander through the headstones and monuments, reflect on the names, and ponder the stories each person could tell.

A bit of history

Arlington National Cemetery is comprised of land that once belonged to George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and adopted son of George Washington. In 1857, Custis willed the 1,100-acre property to his only surviving daughter Mary Anna Randolph Custis, who was married to Robert E. Lee. After the Lee family vacated the estate in 1861 at the onset of the Civil War, federal troops occupied the property as a camp and headquarters.

In 1863, the government established Freedman's Village on a portion of the estate as a way to assist slaves transitioning to freedom. The village provided housing, education, training, and medical care.

As the number of Civil War casualties was outpacing other local Washington, D.C.-based cemeteries, the property became a burial location. The first military burial took place on May 13, 1864, for Private William Christman. On June 15, the War Department officially set aside approximately 200 acres of the property to use as a cemetery. By the end of the war, thousands of service members and former slaves were buried here. Ultimately, the Lee family was compensated for the property and the land remained with the War Department.

Arlington today

Arlington National Cemetery has evolved from a place of necessity to a national shrine to those who have honorably served our Nation during times of war – including every military conflict in American history – and during times of peace. The cemetery is the final resting place for more than 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families. "Service to country" is the common thread that binds all who are honored and remembered here.

The cemetery remains active with funeral services Monday through Saturday (except federal holidays), conducting between 27 and 30 services each week day and between 6 and 8 services each Saturday. Information on burial eligibility and military honors is available on the cemetery's website.

More than 3,000 ceremonies and memorial services also take place at the cemetery each year, including national observances for Memorial Day and Veterans Day held at the Memorial Amphitheater.

Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year

October 1 – March 31	*April 1 – September 30*
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	**8 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

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Map of Arlington National Cemetery

Places of Interest*

Section 1
- Pan Am Flight 103 Memorial

Section 2
- Chaplains Hill and Monuments
- Gold Star Mothers Memorial Tree

Section 4
- U.S. Coast Guard Memorial

Section 16
- Confederate Memorial

Section 18
- Argonne Cross (WWI)

Section 21
- Spanish American War Nurses
- Nurses Memorial
- Battle of the Bulge Memorial

Section 22
- Spanish American War Memorial
- Rough Riders Memorial

Section 24
- USS Maine Memorial

Section 26
- Civil War Unknowns Monument

Section 28
- Vietnam War Memorial Tree

Section 33
- McClellan Gate

Section 34
- USS Serpens Monument
- World War I Memorial Tree

Section 36
- World War II Memorial Tree

Section 35
- Woodhull Memorial Flagstaff

Section 46
- Canadian Cross of Sacrifice Memorial
- Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial
- Iran Rescue Mission Monument
- Space Shuttle Columbia Memorial

Section 48
- Korean War Contemplative Bench
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Section 59
- Beirut Barracks Memorial Tree

*These listings and areas highlighted on map are not exhaustive; other places of interest and historical figures are included on the Arlington National Cemetery website and *ANC Explorer*.

Available on the App Store

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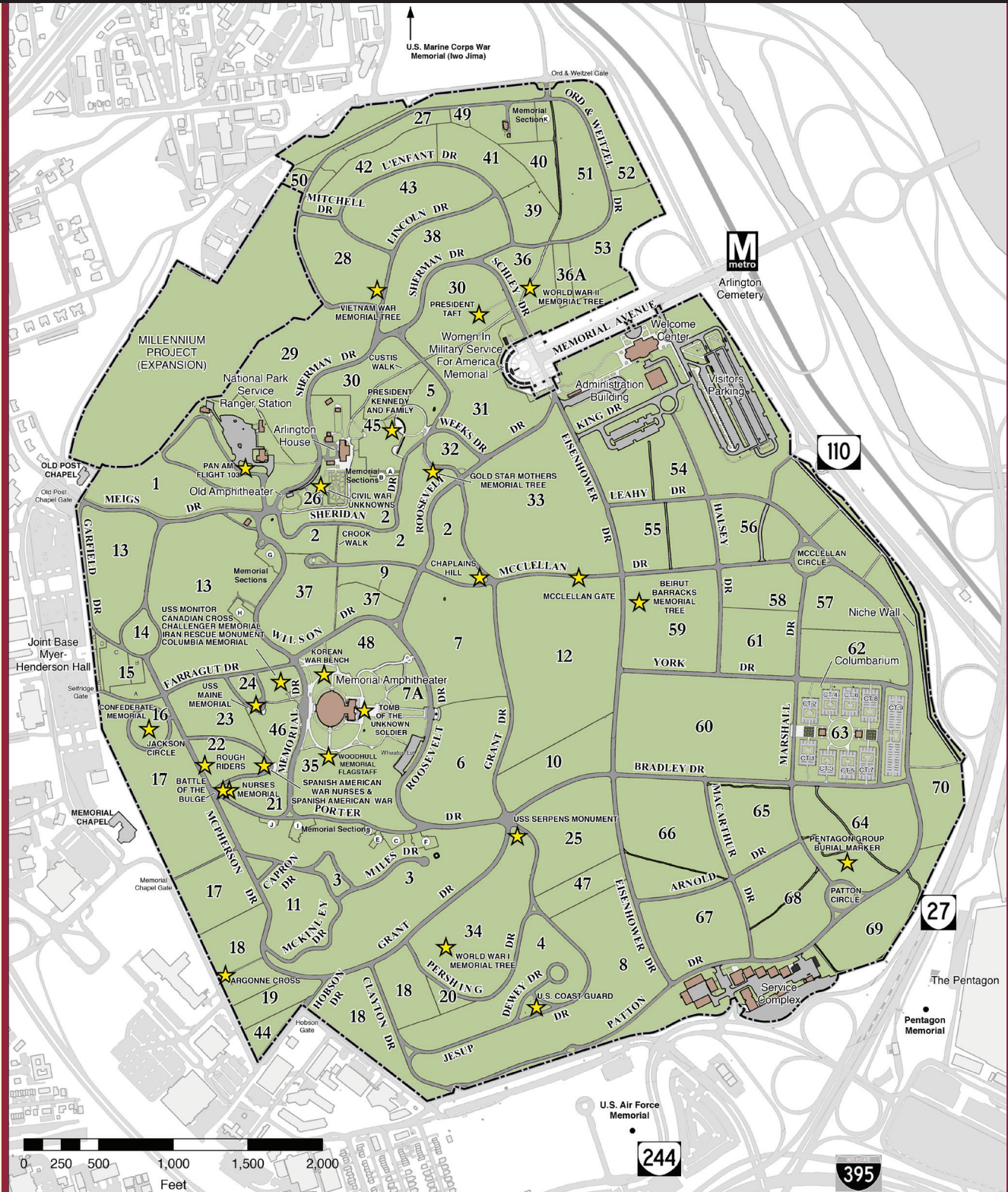

Notable Graves*

Section 1
- Abner Doubleday, grave 61
- Anita Newcomb McGee, grave 526-B
- Montgomery C. Meigs, grave 1-EH

Section 2
- Claire L. Chennault, grave 873-3-4
- William F. "Bull" Halsey, Jr., grave 1184
- Pierre C. L'Enfant, grave S-3
- Robert S. McNamara, grave 1233-A
- James Tanner, grave 877

Section 3
- Roger B. Chaffee, grave 2502-F
- Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, grave 2503-E
- Walter Reed, grave 1864

Section 5
- Thurgood Marshall, grave 40-3

Section 6
- John A. Lejeune, grave 5682

Section 7
- George C. Marshall, grave 8198

Section 7A
- Joe "Louis" Barrow, grave 177
- James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, grave 110

Section 8
- Robert Edwin Peary, grave S-15

Section 12
- John Basilone, grave 384
- Michael Strank, grave 7179

Section 13
- George Washington Parke Curtis, grave 6513

Section 27
- William Christman, grave 19

Section 30
- Omar Nelson Bradley, grave 428-1-2
- President William H. Taft, grave S-14
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr., grave 418-LH

Section 31
- Robert Todd Lincoln, grave S-13

Section 34
- Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, grave 44-A
- Ira H. Hayes, grave 479-A
- John J. Pershing, grave S-19-LH

Section 36
- Medgar W. Evers, grave 1431

Section 45
- President John F. Kennedy and family, grave S-45

Section 46
- USS Monitor Group Burial Marker, grave 1145-2
- Audie L. Murphy, grave 366-11

Section 51
- Rene A. Gagnon, grave 543

Section 64
- Pentagon Group Burial Marker