



Eligibility for Burial and Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery’s eligibility requirements for burial and inurnment are different from those of other national cemeteries that are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery is the most stringent of all U.S. national cemeteries. However, most veterans who have **at least one day of active service** (other than for training) and **an honorable discharge** are eligible for above-ground inurnment. Eligibility is determined at the time of need.

Service Member with Honorable Discharge	Eligibility*	
	Inurnment in Columbarium Court or Niche Wall	In-Ground Burial (Casket)
Dies on Title 10 federal active duty (other than for training)	Yes	Yes
Dies on active duty for training only under Title 10	Yes	No
Veteran – retired from active duty and receiving retirement pay	Yes	Yes
Veteran – at least one day of active duty other than for training	Yes	No
Veteran – received Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force or Navy), Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star or Purple Heart	Yes	Yes
Any member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, whose death occurs under honorable conditions while on active duty for training or performing full-time service	Yes	No
Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval or air service; whose last period of service terminated honorably; and who died on or after Nov. 30, 1993	Yes	Yes

*Reflects current eligibility criteria in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 32, Part 553, Sections 12 and 13. More information on eligibility can be found at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral/Establishing-Eligibility.