

# **A**RLINGTON National Cemetery

**HONOR ★ REMEMBER ★ EXPLORE**



## **Events and Ceremonies Update**

**May 2018**

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# Agenda

- **Who We are**
- **Mission**
- **Cemetery Highlights**
- **Questions**



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Arlington is...

"Our Nation's unique and iconic resting place for those who have made a significant sacrifice and commitment to the defense of our country in the Armed Services."

– Honor Subcommittee,  
Advisory Committee on Arlington  
National Cemetery

*The Eternal Bivouac of  
our Nation's Honored dead...  
A place of Remembrance for all  
citizens...  
A connection to our rich National  
history...*

*Part of the fabric of our Nation...*

*A holy place...*

*A National Shrine...*



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## Our focus...

**Mission:** On behalf of the American people, lay to rest those who have served our nation with dignity and honor, treating their families with respect and compassion; in addition, connect visitors to the rich tapestry of the cemeteries living history while maintaining the hallowed grounds in a manner befitting the sacrifice of all those who rest there in solemn repose.

**Primary focus:** Taking care of veterans and their families

## *Being perfect - every service, every day*

### Readiness

Our sacred mission  
Ready equipment, ready people  
Right resources, right time  
Sustainment, always



### Taking care of people

Managing OPTEMPO  
Training right people, right job  
Enhancing security  
Enhancing technology  
Building team relations



### Future of ANC

Increasing the lifetime  
Cemetery expansions  
Eligibility





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## Connecting visitors to a rich history

- ❑ ~ 4 Million visitors a year - Open 365 days
  - Security Enhancements
  - Historic tours
- ❑ Two national events: Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- ❑ Hundreds of media events
  - International and national
  - Photographers and film crews
  - Responses to queries
- ❑ Distinguished visitor/public events
  - 33 Congressional engagements
  - Symbolic visit for many world leaders
  - 2600 Public wreath ceremonies
  - 700+ Honor Flight buses
  - 100+ DV wreath ceremonies
- ❑ Hosting miscellaneous events
  - Wreaths Across America (WAA)
  - Organizational annual memorial services



A continuous challenge to strike a balance:  
Funeral services (private) and a National Shrine (public)



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## DEC 2016-NOV 2017 Visitor Screening #s

**Pedestrians**  
**2,951,377**

**Vehicles**  
**176,199**

**Yearly NET Visitors- 3,356,635**

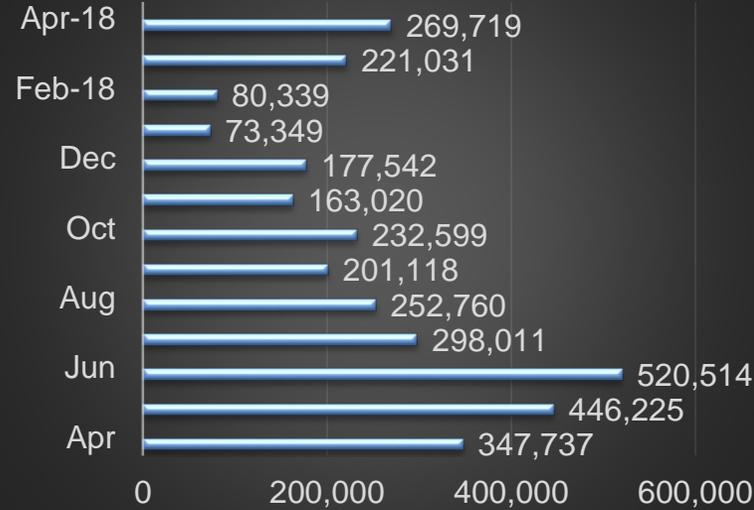
## FY17 Ceremonies/Events

**Full Honors**  
**44**

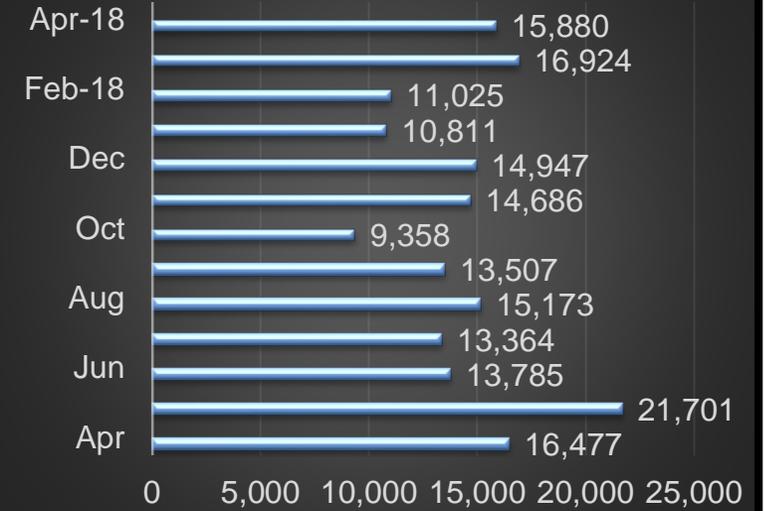
**Public Wreath**  
**3148**

**Other E&Cs**  
**289**

## Monthly Pedestrian Screening



## Monthly Vehicle Screening



## FY18 Visitor Screening #s as of 01 MAY 2018

**Pedestrians**  
**1,199,962**

**Vehicles**  
**90,095**

**NET Visitors- 1,407,180**

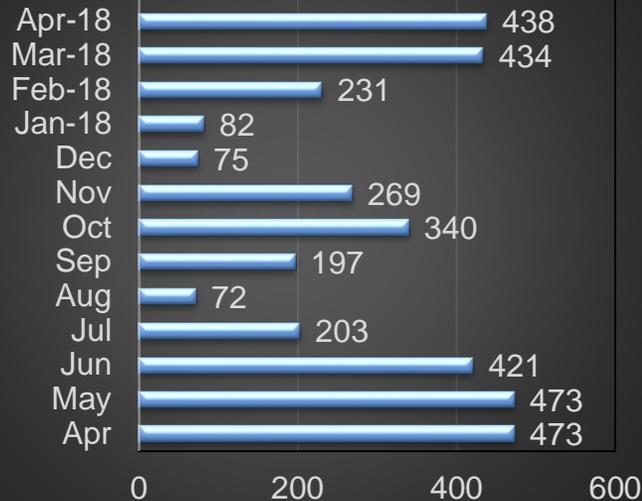
## FY18 Ceremonies/Events

**Full Honors**  
**13**

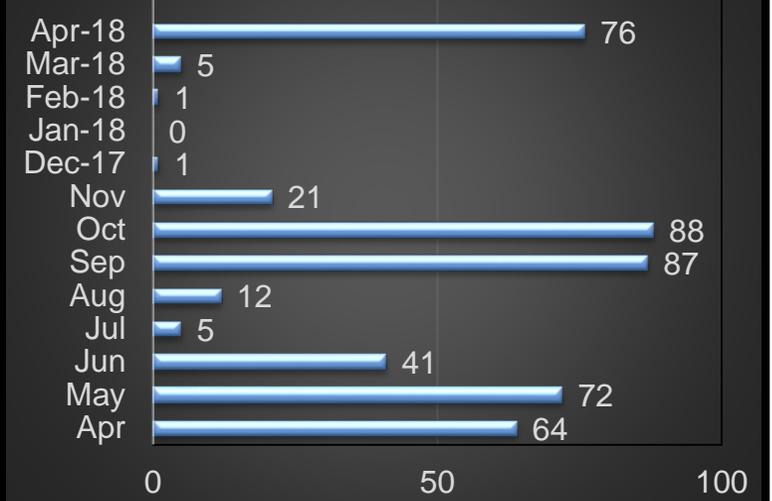
**Public Wreath**  
**1479**

**Other E&Cs**  
**134**

## Monthly Public Wreath



## Monthly Honor Flights





# Additional Burial Data Points

- **Burials (1 January - 30 April)**
  - **Active Duty - 25**
    - **WWII Repatriated - 6**
    - **Korea Repatriated - 6**
    - **Vietnam Repatriated - 2**
  - **Iraq (buried elsewhere but moved to ANC) - 2**



# 2018 Major Events

- Laid to Rest four Medal of Honor Recipients
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association Monument Dedication
- Flags-In / Flags-Out
- Wreaths Across America
- Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances
- RFK Memorial Event



**QUESTIONS?**