

**A**RLINGTON  
National Cemetery  
HONOR ★ REMEMBER ★ EXPLORE



**Arlington National Cemetery**

**Update to the Advisory Committee on Arlington National  
Cemetery and Guests**

**September 2018**

High demand and the eligible population (past, current, & future)

- Active duty
- High award recipients
- Retirees
- Traditional Veterans
- Special categories

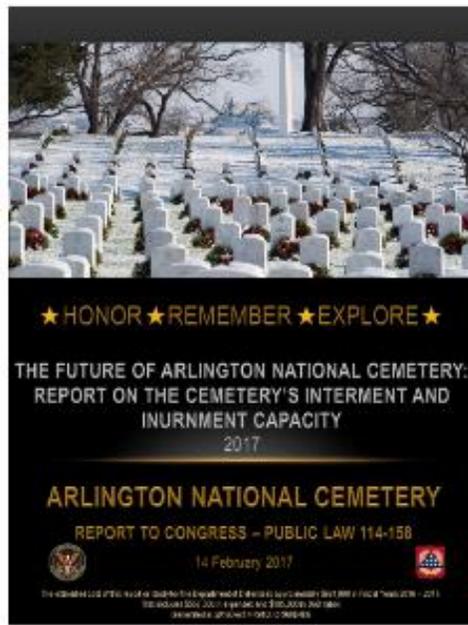
Capacity & available space

- Millennium
- Southern Expansion
- Other adjacent areas?

**100% capacity**  
in ~23 years



PL 114-158



## The National Dialogue

- 1<sup>st</sup> survey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> survey
- Face-to-face
- Media engagement

Feasible, acceptable, and suitable options and/or actions

## Evaluation Criteria

- Creates new capacity
- Ensures access for certain groups
- Avoids disenfranchising groups
- Maintains iconic look
- Maintains current physical space
- Expands with contiguous land
- Time to implement
- Cost to the taxpayer

## John S. McCain NDAA

H. R. 5515

FY2019

One Hundred Fifteenth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Passed and Held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,  
the third day of January, two thousand and eighteen.

### An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in this or any other Act to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” shall be deemed to be a reference to the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS, TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into four divisions as follows:

- (1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.
- (2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.
- (3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.
- (4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions, table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Appropriation defense activities.
- Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

TITLE I—REQUIREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization Of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. National Guard and reserve component equipment report.

Sec. 112. Deployment by the Army of an interim cross tactical defense capability.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

Sec. 121. Departmental authority for Ford class aircraft carrier program.

Sec. 122. Full ship stock trial for Ford class aircraft carrier.

Sec. 123. Sense of Congress on accelerated production of aircraft carriers.

Sec. 124. Multiyear procurement authority for F-35 fighter jets.

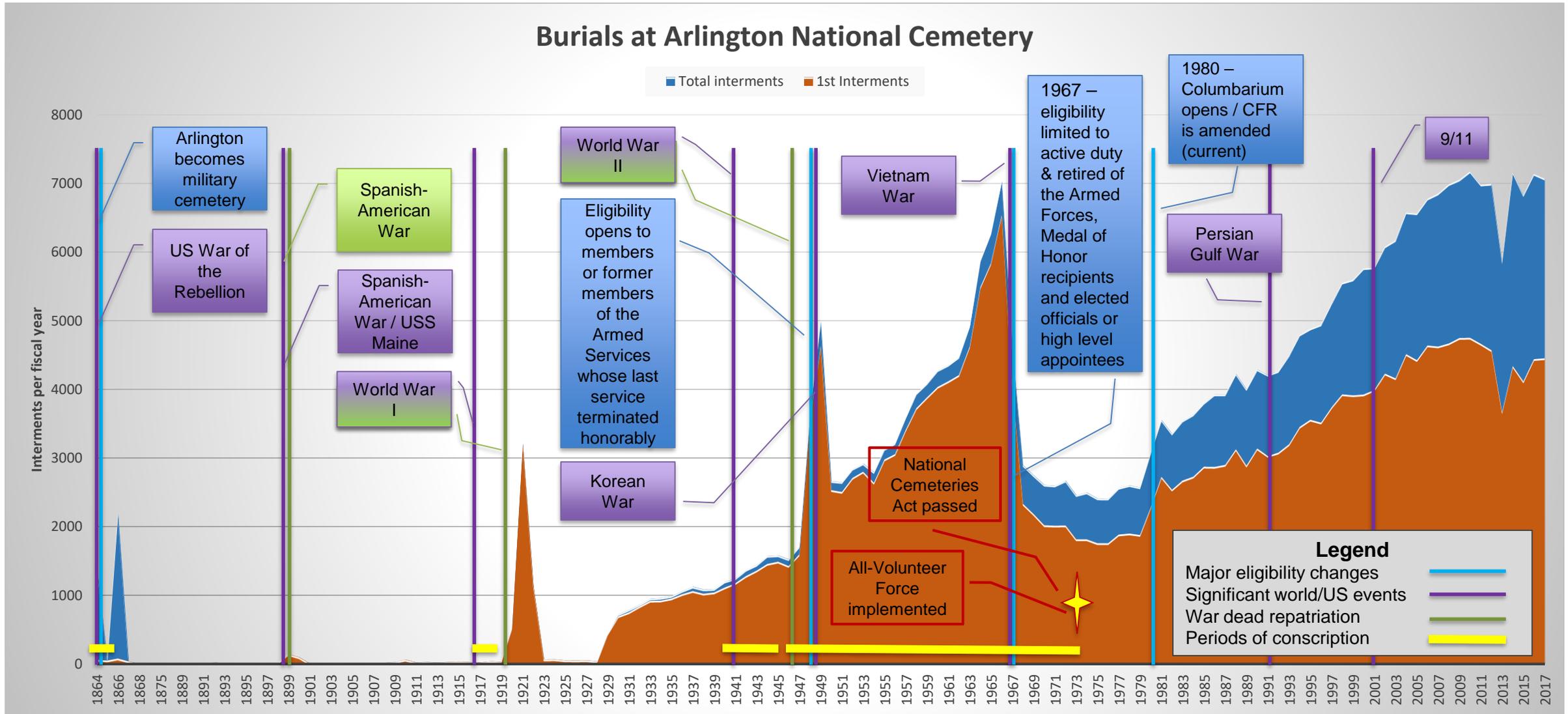
Sec. 125. Multiyear procurement authority for F-35 fighter jets.

Sec. 126. Multiyear procurement authority for EA-18G aircraft and EA-18G aircraft.

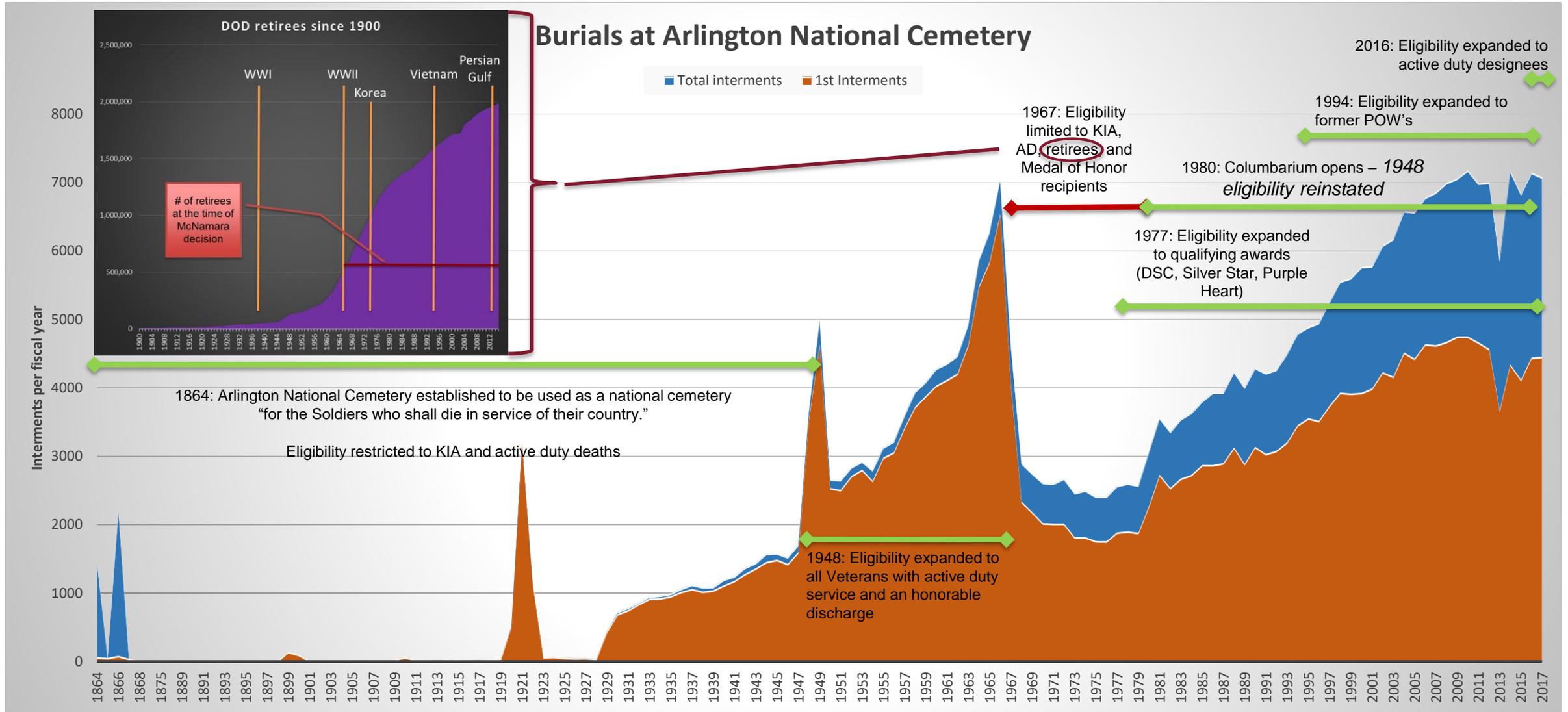
150 years

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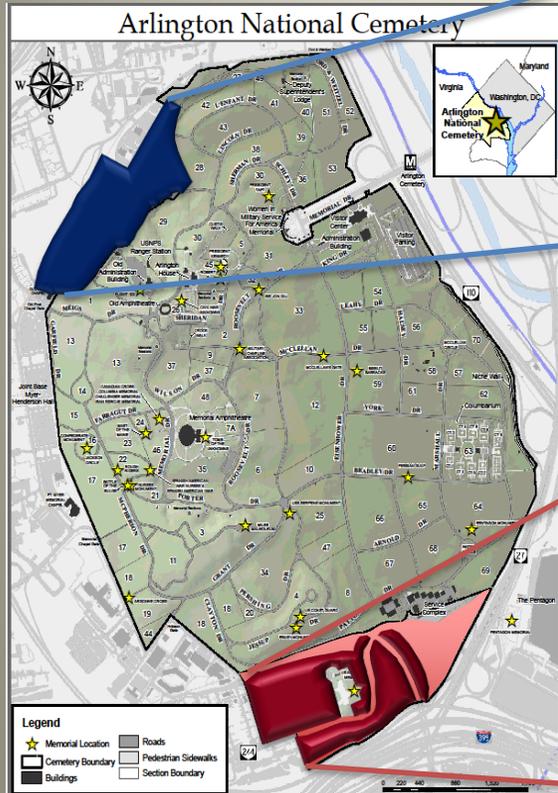
“...well into the future.”



# In the past...a review of eligibility



## Taking advantage of opportunities



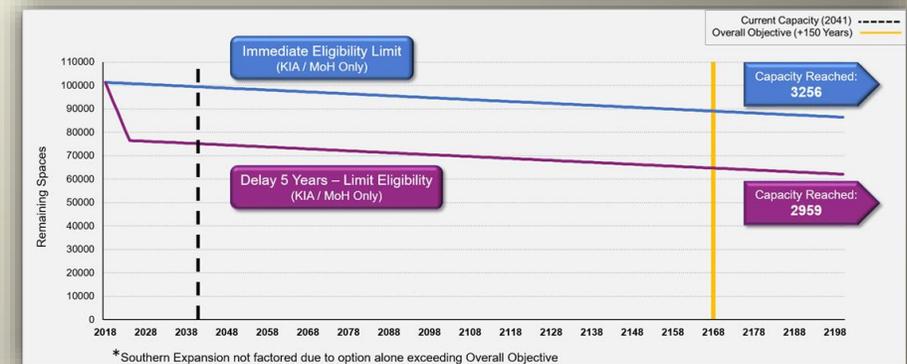
- 27,782 burial opportunities
- Extends capacity to early 2040s
- 27 acres
- Complete 2018



- 40k – 60k burial opportunities
- Extends capacity to mid-2050s
- 37 acres
- In planning

## Beyond the Capacity Report: Analysis/Planning

KIA Retirees  
 Medal of Honor recipients  
 Purple Heart recipients  
 POWs  
 High award recipients  
 Active duty  
 Traditional Veterans  
 Eligible population growth  
 Cost  
 Time  
 Geographic space constraints  
 National Shrine  
 Nation's efforts – other military cemeteries  
 Unique funeral ceremonies  
 Feedback from stakeholders



# 150 Years

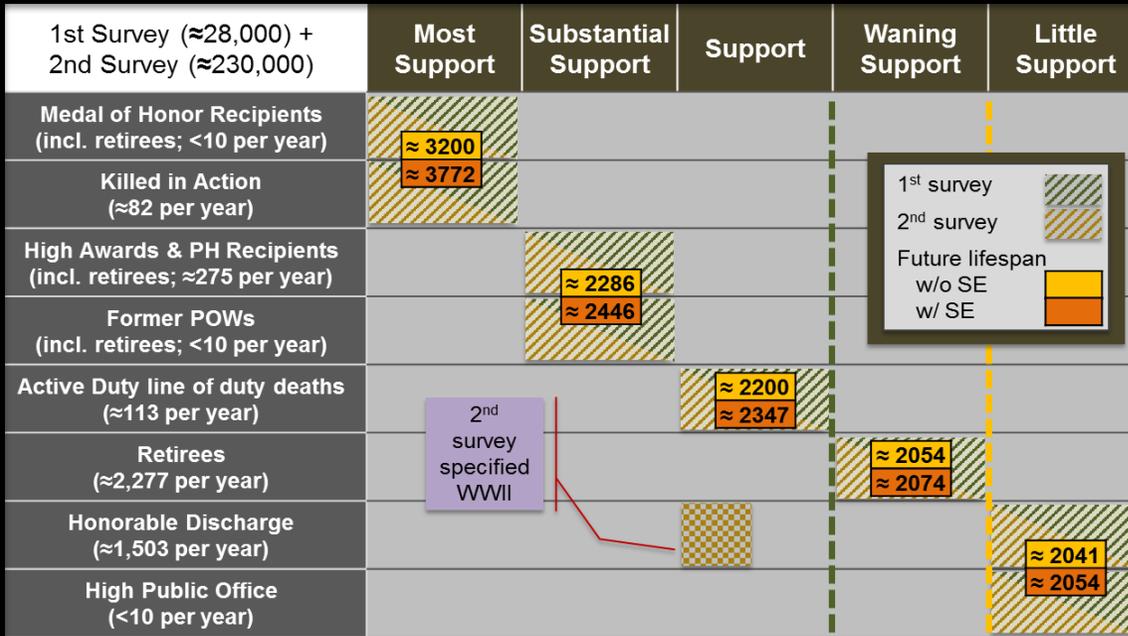
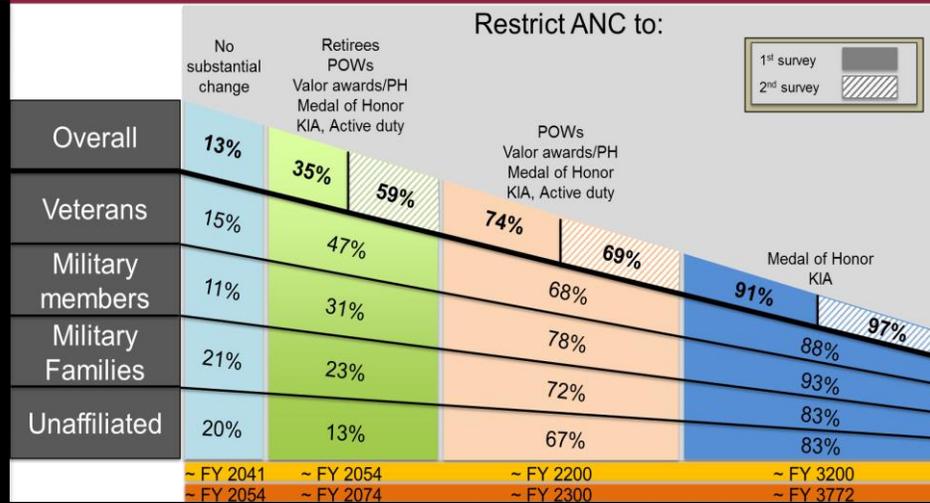
**Survey question:** If you believe rules should change, is there a group(s) of Veterans that you feel strongly should remain eligible?

(select all that apply)

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Overall n=14,991	91%	90%	74%	71%	54%	35%	13%	7%	2%
Veterans n=2,828	88%	86%	68%	65%	53%	47%	15%	11%	2%
Service Members n=4,889	93%	93%	78%	73%	53%	31%	11%	6%	2%
Military Families n=1,075	83%	79%	72%	59%	56%	23%	21%	13%	3%
Unaffiliated n=138	83%	76%	67%	57%	54%	13%	20%	10%	6%

Most support from respondent groups

Least support from respondent groups



The New York Times



The Washington Post



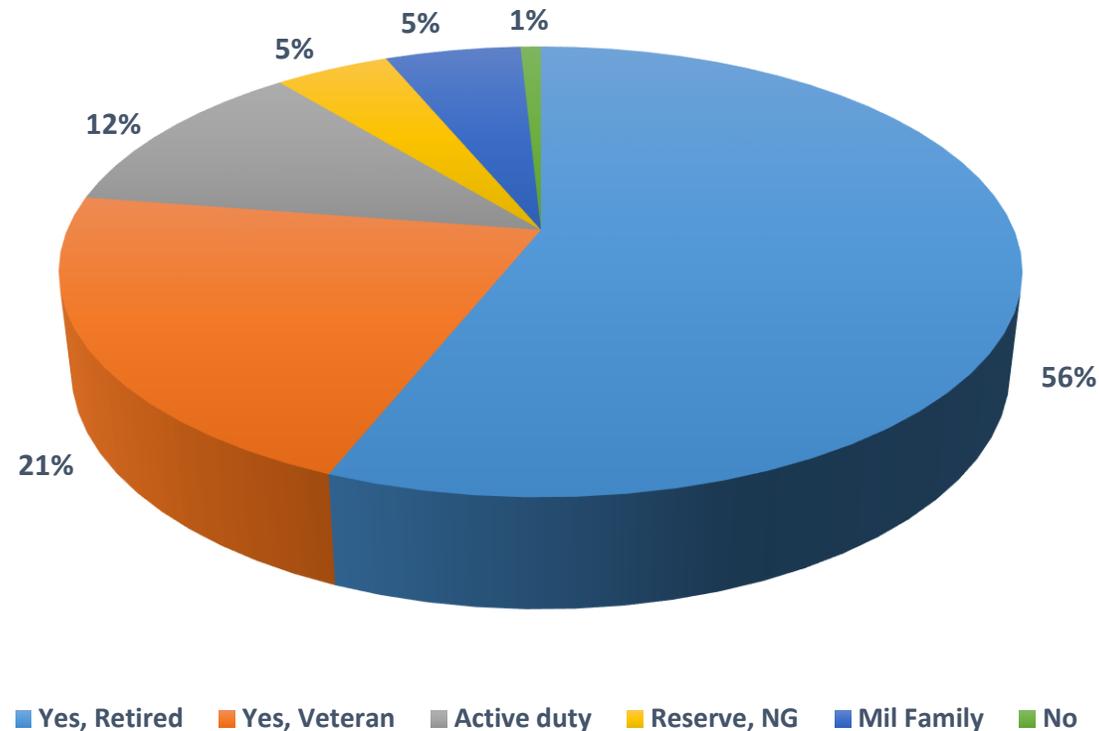
## Traditions of service and sacrifice...

128,840 total Retirees, 49,230 Veterans, 12,528 family members, and 37,418 current military responded

In addition to those who took the 1<sup>st</sup> survey...

12,542 total Veterans...21,742 family members...19,405 current military responded

*This tells us that many have a robust connection to the military...serving in many ways*



*Respondents overwhelmingly want Arlington National Cemetery to remain an active cemetery well into the future*

**93%**

**Veteran**

**36% of respondents**

**82%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible

**63%**

Agree: If no further geographic expansion were possible, ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials

**Service Member**

**49% of respondents**

**76%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible

**73%**

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**Military Family**

**14% of respondents**

**81%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible

**66%**

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**Unaffiliated**

**2% of respondents**

**80%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible

**69%**

Agree: If no further geographic expansion were possible, ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials

*Key Findings*

There is nearly unanimous support for keeping ANC active.

MOH recipients and KIA have the most support for maintaining eligibility.

>50% of respondents in favor of expansion recognize need to restrict eligibility to keep ANC active.

70% of respondents support restricting eligibility criteria in some manner if expansion is not possible.

*Respondents overwhelmingly want Arlington National Cemetery to remain an active cemetery well into the future*

**96%**

**Veteran**

**77%** of respondents

**89%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible but limit eligibility when necessary

**76%**

Agree: ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials

**Service Member**

**17%** of respondents

**90%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible but limit eligibility when necessary

**78%**

Agree: ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials

**Military Family**

**5%** of respondents

**87%**

Agree: ANC should expand where possible but limit eligibility when necessary

**74%**

Agree: ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials

**Unaffiliated**

**1%** of respondents

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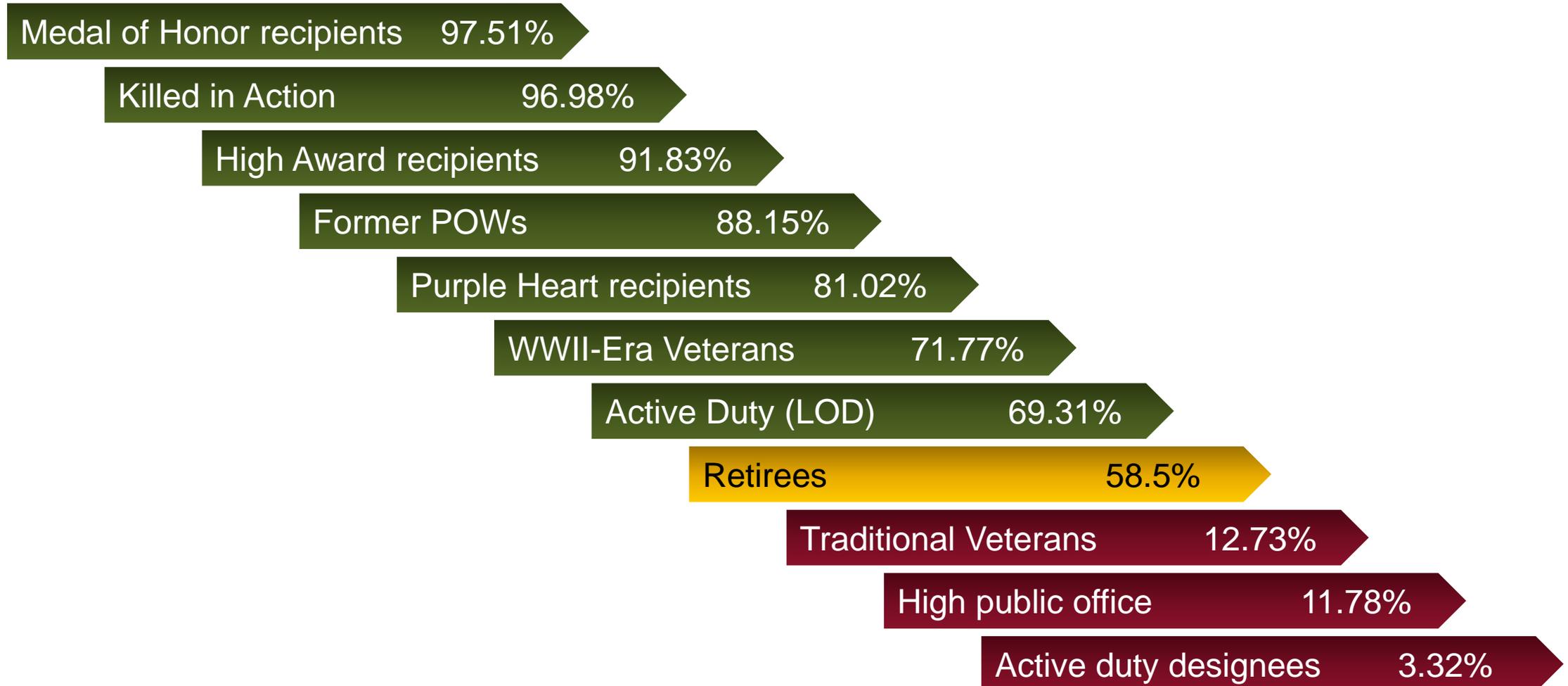
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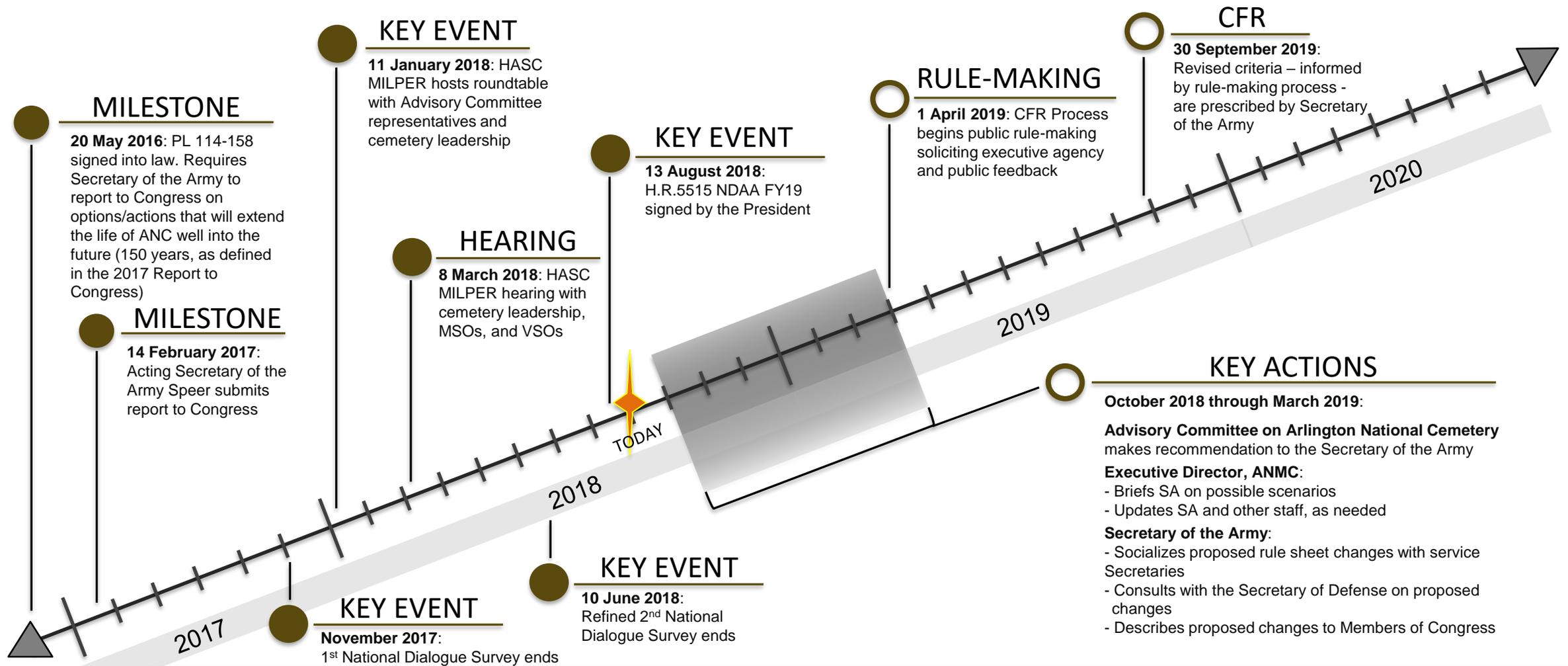
Three-quarters of respondents support restricting eligibility to keep ANC active.

91% of respondents support changes that would leave retirees eligible for above ground placement.

Respondents felt it imperative that these groups remain eligible for ANC.

% of respondents that gave a priority of 8-10 on each group remaining eligible for ANC.

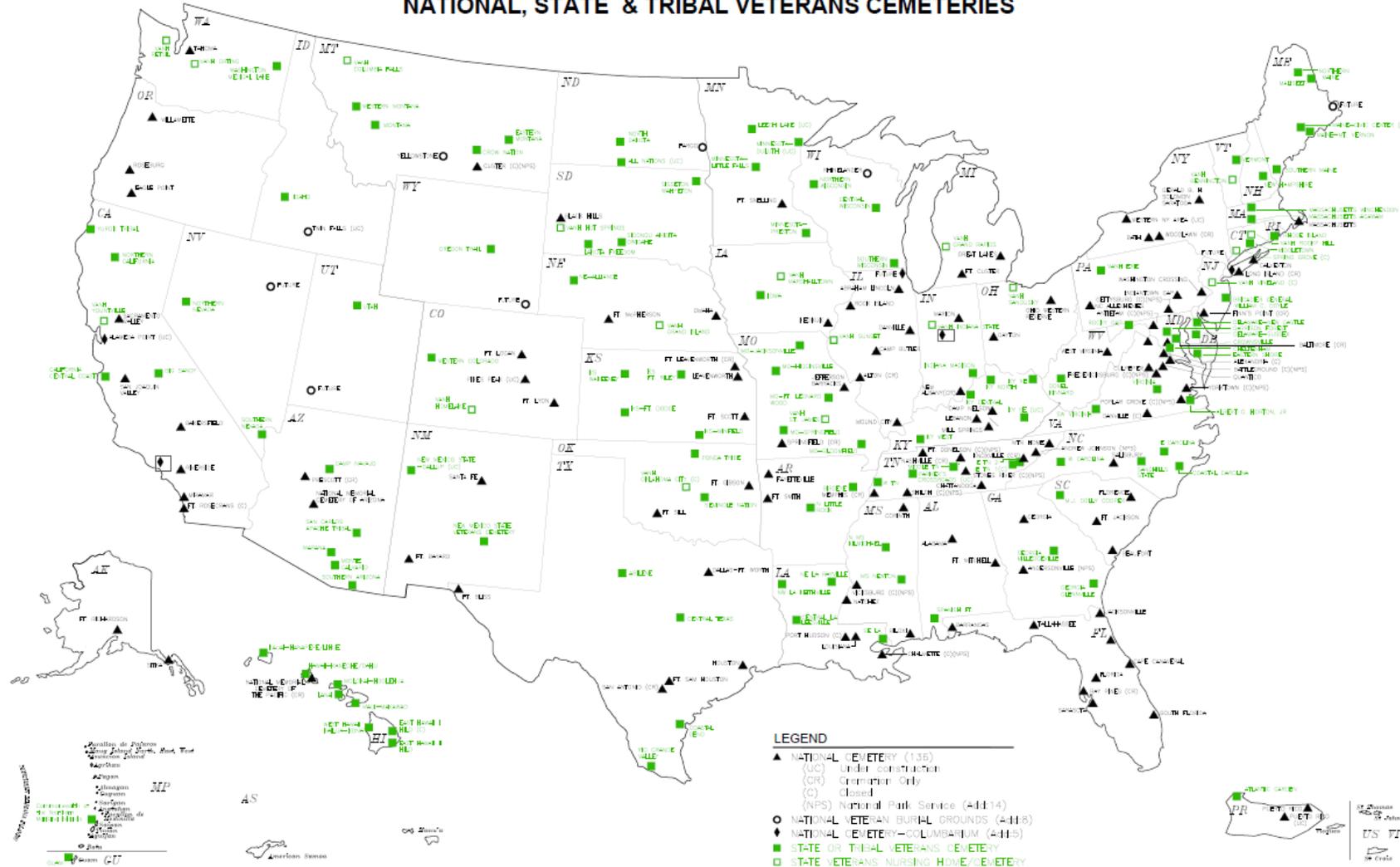




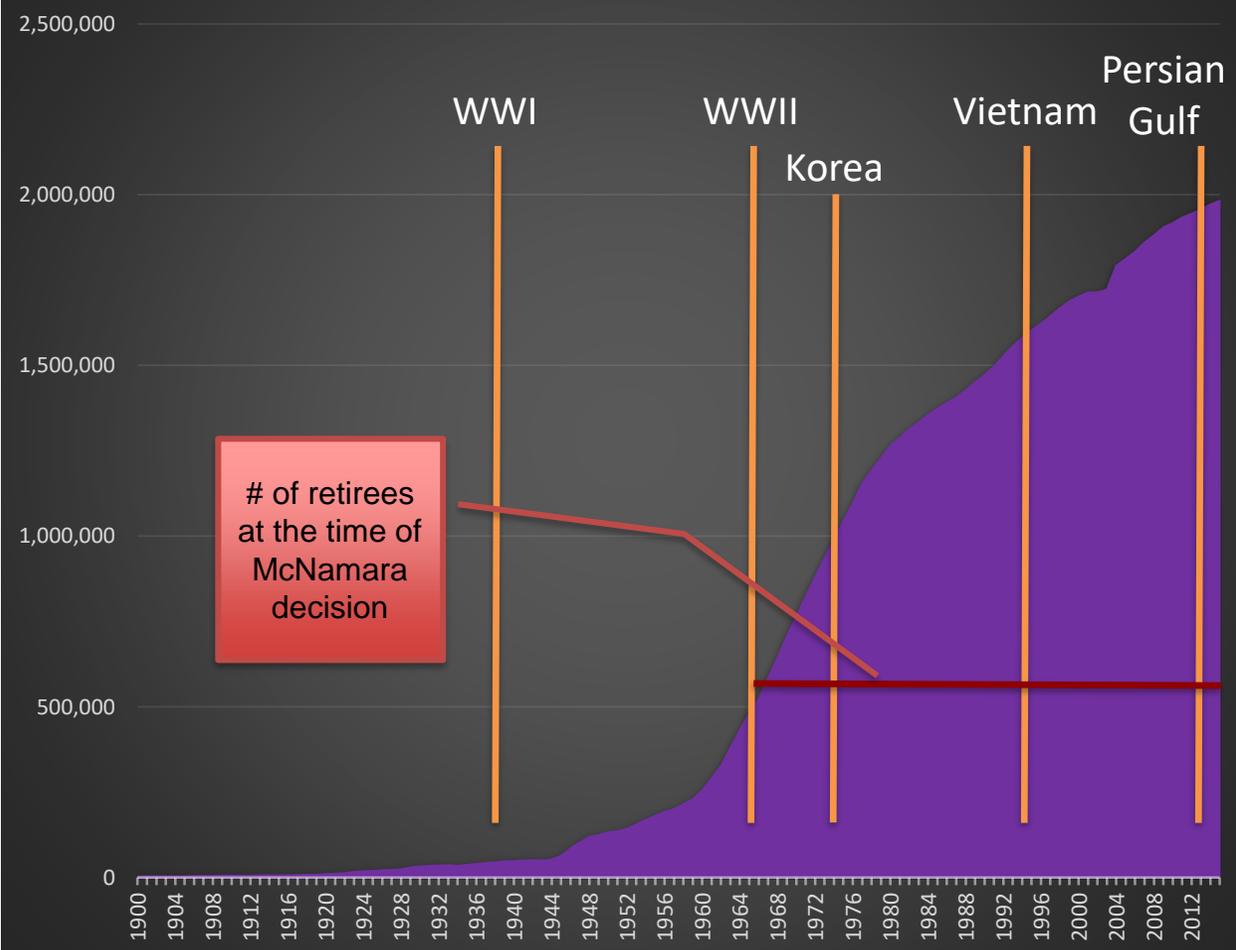
Note: H.R. 5515, Sec.598. Criteria for interment at Arlington National Cemetery reads that “The Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall prescribe revised criteria for interment at Arlington National Cemetery that preserve Arlington National Cemetery as an active burial ground “well into the future,” as that term is used in the report submitted by the Secretary of the Army to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, dated February 14, 2017...”



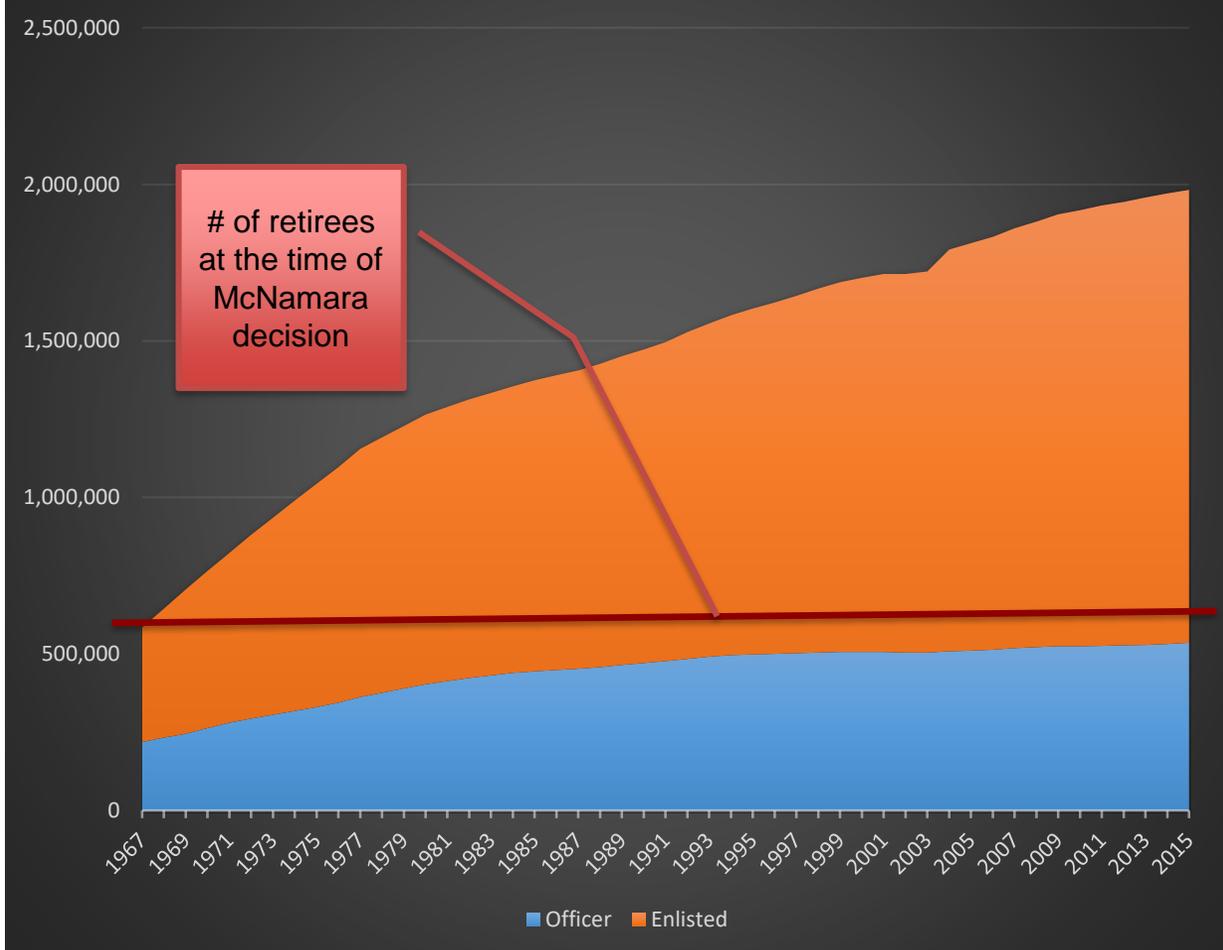
## NATIONAL, STATE & TRIBAL VETERANS CEMETERIES



**DOD retirees since 1900**



**Military retirees receiving retired pay by year**



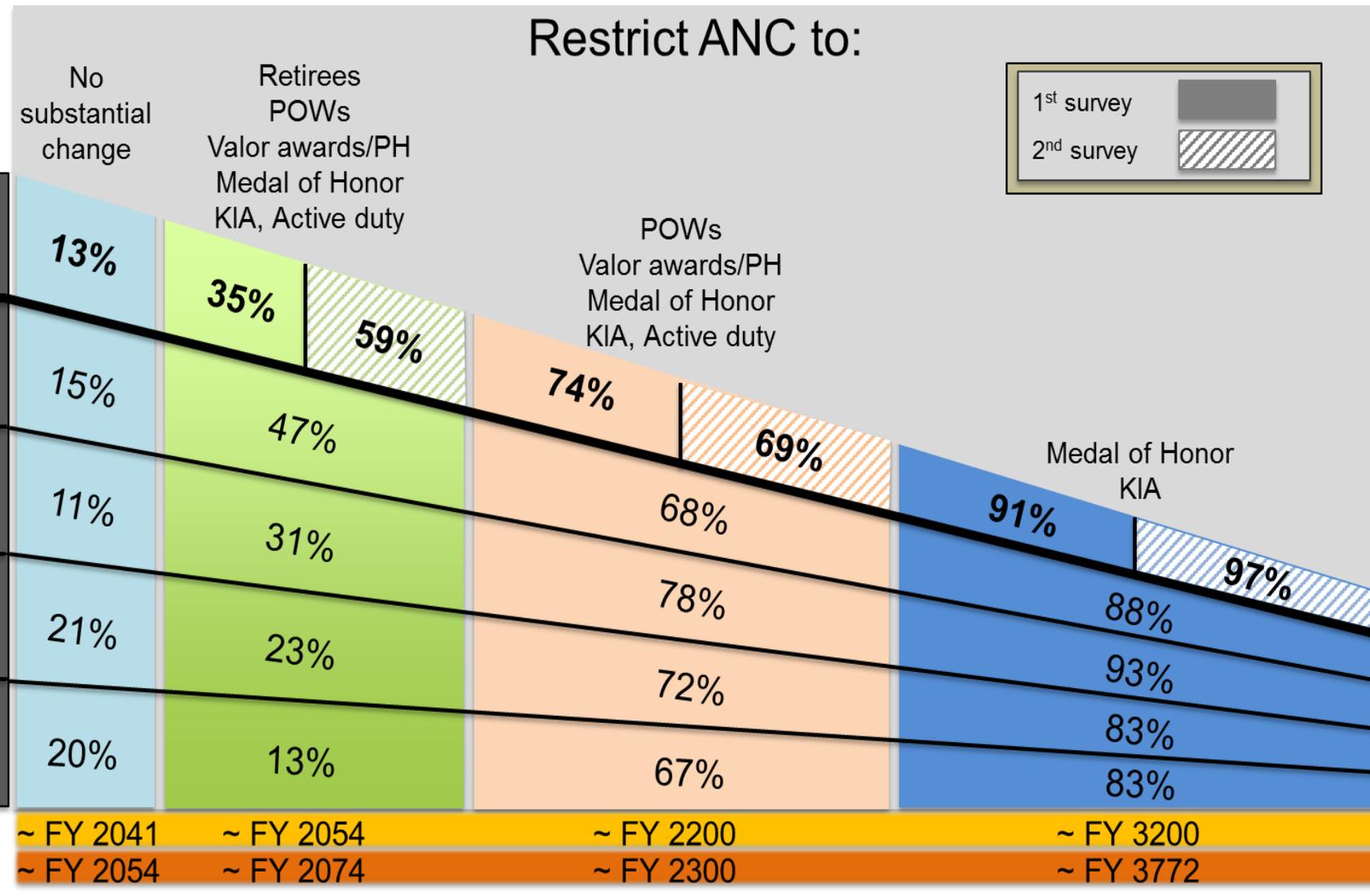
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**Q1 - Do you agree with the following?**

- ANC is a symbol of military service and sacrifice to our nation.
- Something should be done to keep ANC an active cemetery well into the future.
- ANC should expand where possible but limit eligibility when needed.
- ANC should restrict eligible populations to extend the future of active burials beyond 2055.

**Q2 - Please rate to what priority you place upon the following groups remaining eligible for ANC (ranking question).**

- Veterans who serve on active duty for a period of time but do not retire
- Veterans of World War II
- Elected officials who also served on active duty
- Active duty designees. Those who did not serve on AD but whose service was deemed to be active duty in the GI Bill Improvement Act (as of May 2016)
- Retirees
- Active duty who die in the line of duty (as a result of training/operational accidents)
- Recipients of the Purple Heart (those wounded in combat)
- High award recipients (Silver Star or above)
- Former Prisoners of War
- Medal of Honor recipients
- Killed in Action

**Q3 - Would you support an eligibility change where retirees remain eligible for above-ground placement at ANC in order to preserve ground burial locations for future KIA or high award recipients?**

- Yes
- Yes, but a select group of retirees should remain eligible for ground burial (such as combat Veterans, wounded, or other awards)
- No
- Other (free text)

**Previous question:** Would you support an eligibility change where retirees remain eligible for above-ground placement at ANC in order to preserve ground burial locations for future KIA or high award recipients?

*If the answer to the previous question was “yes,” then answer the following:*

**Q3.5 - Please rate what priority you place upon the following groups remaining eligible for ANC (rank ordering):**

*Retirees that you feel should remain eligible for ANC:*

- Any retiree (ANC will run out of new burial spaces in 2054)
- Retirees who served during the WWII era (minimal impact to life of active burials)
- Retirees who served during the Vietnam era
- Retirees remain eligible for above-ground placement (using this option, ANC will run out of above-ground burial locations in late 2034)

**Q4 - Do you feel that members of the Armed Forces who served in combat should be more revered than those who have not?**

- Yes, No, or Other (free text)

**Q5 - Are you a Veteran or family member of someone in the Armed Forces?**

- Yes, I am a Veteran of the Armed Forces
- Yes, I am a Veteran who has retired from the Armed Forces
- Yes, I am a family member of a Veteran, retiree, or current member of the Armed Forces
- Not yet, I am currently serving in the Armed Forces reserves or National Guard
- Not yet, I am currently service on active duty in the Armed Forces
- No, I am not a Veteran of the Armed Forces

**Q5.5 If the respondent answers any “yes” response:** Did you serve at least twelve months in a combat zone while on active duty (Title 10 orders)?

- Yes or No