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New app brings Arlington National Cemetery closer to the public

ARLINGTON, Va. – Today, Arlington National Cemetery released an application that enables family members and the public to find gravesites and explore Arlington’s rich history.

ANC Explorer allows users to use a smart phone or common web browser to locate gravesites, events or other points of interest throughout the cemetery; generate front-and-back photos of a headstone or monument; and receive directions to these locations. This free app is now available on Arlington’s website, the iTunes store, and Google Play and is loaded on new kiosks in Arlington National Cemetery’s Visitors Center.

“This is just the beginning. In the future, *ANC Explorer* will offer features such as emergency and event notifications, restroom and water fountain locations, shuttle stops, and self-guided tours,” said Maj. Nicholas R. Miller, Arlington National Cemetery chief information officer.

The information in the app is a compilation of Arlington’s accountability effort. The effort led to the first-ever review, analysis and coordination of almost 150 years of varying records. As part of the accountability effort, the Army photographed 259,978 gravesites, niches and markers using a custom-built smart phone application and instituted a rigorous process to review each headstone photo with existing cemetery records and other historical documents. The end result was the creation of a single, verifiable and authoritative database of all those laid to rest at Arlington that is linked to the Arlington’s digital mapping system.

“*ANC Explorer* is another milestone in our transformation. There isn’t a national cemetery that is as technologically advanced as Arlington – both in day-to-day operations and how it connects to its families and visitors,” said Kathryn A. Condon, executive director of the Army National Military Cemeteries.

For additional information and the link to the *ANC Explorer* app is available at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/ancexplorer.

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