

NORTH CAROLINA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday Through Friday except holidays.

Visiting hours: Daily during daylight hours.

FLORAL POLICY

For the public's convenience, cemetery floral policies are conspicuously posted throughout the cemetery.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs does not permit adornments that are considered offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery or considered hazardous to cemetery personnel or visitors.

Floral arrangements accompanying the casket or urn at the time of burial, will be placed on the completed grave or, in the case of above ground interment, in the immediate vicinity of the respected niche. Floral arrangements placed after burial must be placed in the unbreakable vases provided by the cemetery, which can be found at various locations on the cemetery grounds. The gravel area surrounding the columbarium is used for placement of flowers in that location. One vase per gravesite or niche is authorized.

Natural cut flowers may be placed on graves and at the columbarium at any time of year. They will be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff, when they become unsightly or when it becomes necessary to facilitate operations such as mowing.

Artificial flowers and potted plants will be permitted on graves and at the columbarium during the periods of November 1st through April 1st, and 4 days before, through 4 days after Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and the veterans or spouses birthday/date of death. They will also be removed by cemetery staff when they become unsightly or when it becomes necessary to facilitate cemetery operation. They may not be secured to headstones or niche covers.

Christmas wreaths, grave blankets and other seasonal adornments may be placed on graves and at the columbarium from December 1st through January 5th. They may not be secured to headstones or niche covers.

Permanent plantings, flowers planted in the vases and decorations such as statues, vigil lights, upright metal grave markers, flag holders, breakable objects and similar commemorative items are not permitted at grave or cremation sites. This includes the placing of coins on the headstones or niche covers. Unauthorized items will be removed.

At the expiration of periods, approved for placement of flowers and other decorations (i.e. artificial flowers and Christmas decorations), items will be removed.

Artificial flowers and decorations that are removed will be placed in an inconspicuous holding area for one month prior to disposal. If damaged, faded or otherwise unsightly, the item will be disposed of immediately.

MEMORIALS OR HEADSTONES, TO INCLUDE NICHE COVERS, ARE PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. PLEASE DO ATTACH ANYTHING TO, ALTER, YOUR LOVED ONE'S MEMORIAL OR HEADSTONE IN ANY WAY.