# Burials & Cemetery Services

Ensuring dignity and compassion for Connecticut's Veterans since 1985

> <u>Office Hours:</u> Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone (860) 616-3688 Fax (860) 616-3561

Cemetery Hours: Monday - Sunday 7:30 a.m. to sunset

Visit us on the web at: www.portal.ct.gov/DVA

### <u>Cemetery Expansion & Appearance</u> <u>Improvement Projects</u>

Through 2018 and 2019, two critical projects to expand and improve the appearance of the cemetery are taking place. We apologize for our appearance in the meantime and thank you for your understanding.

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# Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

Serving Those Who Served

# Cemetery & Memorial Services



Thomas J. Saadi Commissioner



#### OUR MISSION

The DVA's Cemetery and Memorial Services staff takes pride in their responsibilities for coordinating and assisting Veterans and their families during the difficult days after the loss of a loved one. Our compassionate team also assists with burial plot coordination, ordering the Veteran headstone, consultation on available benefits, assistance with interment ceremonies, processing of federal reimbursement payments and coordination of memorial ceremonies.



The Administrative Building at the cemetery houses staff offices and a chapel for on-site memorial services.

#### ELIGIBILTY

To be eligible for burial in the State Veterans Cemetery, the Veteran must have the following:

- Characterization of Discharge:
  - -Discharge characterization of Honorable; or -Characterization of General Under Honorable Conditions

-Qualifying Military Service:

Active duty service other than for training purposes pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 101; or
At least twenty years of qualifying service pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1223 in the National Guard or Reserve component of the Armed Forces.

-Connecticut Residency

- -Proof of Connecticut residency at time of death; or
- Proof that Veteran was a Connecticut resident at the entry into qualifying military service.

#### Additional Information

There are no charges for the plot (cremains, single or double depth), for the opening and closing of the grave, or for the perpetual care of the grave. The required white, marble headstone, will be provided by the Federal Government and is installed at no cost by cemetery personnel.



The Columbarium is an available option for Veterans and their spouses who choose to be cremated and not placed in the ground.