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Memorial Day Edition - May 2022



To All Our Employees,

Spring is finally upon us, and with it comes an increase in visitation, wreath ceremonies, honor flights, and events at Arlington National Cemetery. Ensuring our nation's most hallowed grounds are ready for Memorial Day weekend is no easy feat. From our impeccable grounds keeping to the seamless execution of our daily operations — the Superintendent, Sergeant Major, and I recognize and thank each of you for the time, dedication, and care you put into your work each and every day.

As we enter our busiest season of the year, our commitment to honoring, remembering and exploring is at the forefront of all we do — particularly as we prepare to commemorate the National Memorial Day Observance. For the first time in more than two years, ANC is welcoming up to 8,000 visitors a day and we are anticipating even larger crowds as we approach this national observance.

On May 26, the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment and joint service members will once again honor America's fallen heroes by placing flags at more than 250,000 headstones and at the bottom of 7,000 niche rows of service members buried or inurned at Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home. This time-honored tradition has taken place since 1948 and I encourage you all to take a moment to watch as service members place these flags so you may reflect on the meaning and significance of this special day.

Simultaneously, Arlington National Cemetery employees are hard at work planning the first Flowers of Remembrance Day on May 28, paying homage to the first official Decoration Day, which occurred here at Arlington National Cemetery in 1868. I look forward to seeing the public once again have the opportunity to place a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to memorialize those who sacrificed their lives for our country.

The long weekend concludes with the National Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30. This is a somber and sacred day dedicated to service members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Memorial Day is when our nation pauses to remember. Every day at Arlington National Cemetery is Memorial Day. It is because of you that our vision continues to resonate and be successful. We are a "Great people honoring service and sacrifice to a grateful nation."

– Karen Durham-Aguilera
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A soldier from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) participates in Flags-In at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., May 24, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser)



FLOWERS of REMEMBRANCE DAY

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



Come memorialize our nation's fallen

MAY 28

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pay homage to the first official Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day, by placing a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

With history talks by ANC HISTORIANS

10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Located in the center of the Memorial Amphitheater

An optional walking tour will follow the 10 a.m. talk only.



Bring your own flower or we will provide one for you.



Bring water and stay hydrated while in the cemetery.



Be respectful and remember the fallen.



Follow our social media for updates. @arlingtonnatl

Join us as we inaugurate this new day of remembrance.

For more information, visit our website at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil or call 877-907-8585.

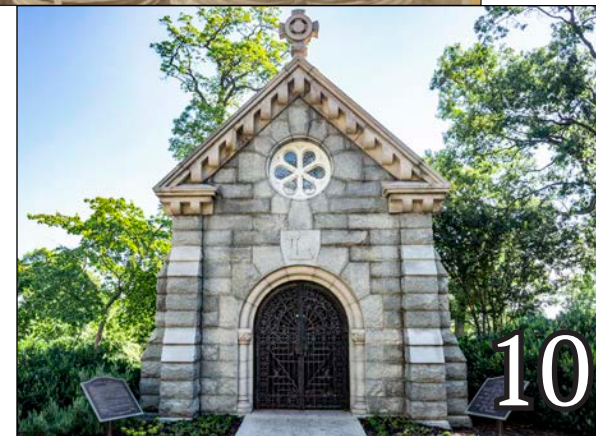
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Section 13 looking west. The rows of white-washed headboards gave this section the name of "Field of the Dead." (Library of Congress)

Arlington National Cemetery & the Origins of Decoration Day

By DR. STEPHEN CARNEY, COMMAND HISTORIAN, HISTORY OFFICE

At the end of April 1868, uniform rows of white-washed wooden headboards, each representing a gravesite of a fallen Civil War service member, filled the hills of Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). The property's prominent ridgeline, marked by the Arlington House, offered stunning views of Washington, D.C. Little else distinguished this national cemetery as remarkable. While it contained the graves of some 16,000 individuals and spanned 200 acres, Arlington was only one of approximately 74 national cemeteries established beginning in 1862, during the Civil War.

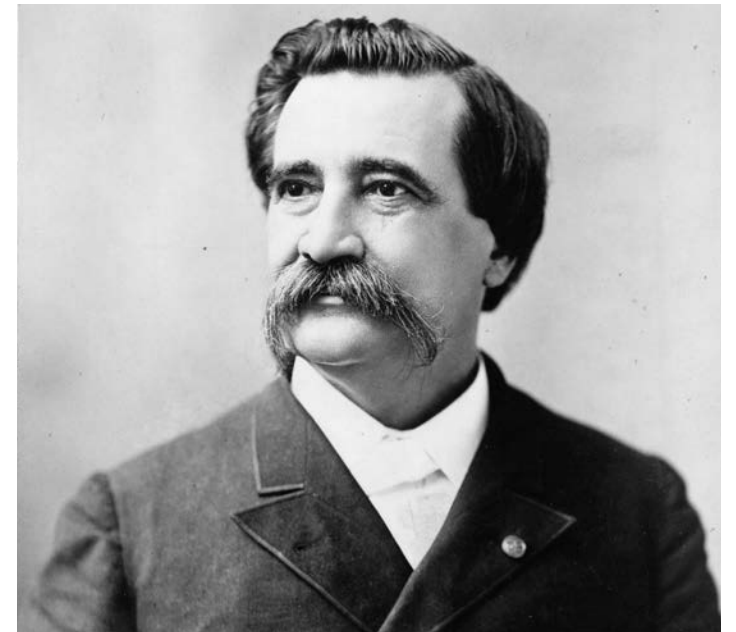
Between ANC's creation on May 13, 1864 through December 1865, the U.S. Army interred more than 12,000 service members at ANC. After the war, the Army reinterred thousands more at Arlington in 1866 and 1867. Following its long-standing ideology of leaving no one behind, the

Army had begun an aggressive campaign in early 1866 to locate its fallen service members buried in temporary cemeteries across the United States. As a result of this Federal Reburial Program, by 1868, the remains of about 4,000 service members originally buried in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area were reburied at ANC. Of those, 2,111 unidentified men were entombed in the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns, located behind the Arlington House.

The U.S. government bore the full expense of burials for the fallen in its national cemeteries beginning in 1862. However, these federally administered cemeteries offered no prestige for those buried in them. National cemeteries were seen as "potters' fields" or "pauper's fields" — burial grounds for those whose families did not have enough financial resources for a burial at a private cemetery. During the horrific carnage of the Civil War, the cost of private burials proved

prohibitive to many families across the United States. The expenses included paying to have a fallen service member embalmed, the purchase of a shipping casket, and the transportation of the remains home. Thus, burials at national cemeteries showed only that the deceased's family did not have the financial means to bring their lost loved one home.

Arlington's history as a quiet and scenic cemetery ended abruptly on May 15, 1868, when Maj. Gen. (ret.) John Logan (pictured, right), in his role as the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), declared May 30 the first national Decoration Day. All U.S. veterans, from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Revenue Cutter Service (today's Coast Guard), were eligible to become members of this veteran service organization. The GAR became a large, influential, and powerful political organization. Logan's declaration therefore carried significant weight. His order effectively made Decoration Day an annual national day of remembrance to honor fallen Civil War service members. This commemoration took the form of visiting gravesites and decorating them with flowers — hence the designation of Decoration Day. Within a decade, Americans used the terms "Decoration Day" and "Memorial Day" interchangeably. It was



Maj. Gen. John Logan (Library of Congress)

not until 1971, however, that the day received its official designation as Memorial Day and the date changed to the fourth Monday of May.

The first Decoration Day on May 30, 1868 did not live up to its billing as a "national" event, since former Confederate states would not take part in the memorialization until after World War I. Nonetheless, it had a profound impact on Arlington National Cemetery's history. As part of Logan's proclamation, the event set a precedent that has continued for more than 150



First Decoration Day held at the Tanner Amphitheater in 1873. Seated in the center is President Ulysses S. Grant and John Logan. (Library of Congress)

years. Each year, the official start of America's day of remembrance begins when the president, or other senior government official, arrives at ANC to address the nation and, since 1921, to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Since that first Decoration Day at ANC, the cemetery has morphed from being just one of the many Civil War national cemeteries, to a unique place of honor where veterans wanted to be buried.

By the early 1870s, the rising importance of Decoration Day changed ANC's status. When the Army constructed the first memorial amphitheater at the cemetery in 1873 (now called the Tanner Amphitheater), an average of 25,000 individuals participated in Decoration Day commemorations. Civil War veterans, who in a time of peace could be buried anywhere, clamored for a gravesite plot at Arlington. They wanted to be associated with the honor that now came with the cemetery's annual memorialization. They also wanted to rest eternally near their former comrades.

The demand for burial space led to the creation of several additional burial sections at ANC, as well as plans for the cemetery's first expansion, completed in 1897. Requests for burial from former Civil War officers led to the establishment of three new "officer"

sections — the Western, Eastern and Southern Sections (today Sections 1, 2 and 3, respectively). National cemetery policy dictated that burials be segregated by both rank and race. Arlington's segregation began on June 15, 1864, when Arlington transformed from a military cemetery to a national cemetery by order of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. These practices remained in place until President Harry S. Truman's 1948 executive order which desegregated the military and national cemeteries.

Additional Decoration Day events, year after year, increased the public's awareness of Arlington. As ever-growing numbers of Civil War veterans opted for burial at the cemetery, public perceptions of Arlington changed. Individuals started to refer to Arlington as the "nation's premiere military cemetery" and "America's most sacred shrine." None of this would have occurred without the cemetery's connection to Decoration Day. In less than a decade, ANC transformed from an ad hoc military cemetery to one of extreme national significance. This development cemented Arlington's position of prominence in the minds of many Americans. Arlington National Cemetery continues this legacy through today, even during the global response to COVID-19.



Memorial Day observance in the Memorial Amphitheater, held in the 1920s. (Library of Congress)

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK EVENTS

FLAGS-IN

Thursday, May 26 — 6 a.m. - noon



The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) honor America's fallen heroes by placing American flags at every gravesite, columbarium niche column, and niche wall column at Arlington National Cemetery. This tradition, known as "Flags-In," has taken place annually since the Old Guard was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948.

FLOWERS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saturday, May 28 — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This inaugural event pays homage to the first official Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day, which took place in 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery. The public is invited to place a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to memorialize those who sacrificed their lives for our country.



NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, May 30 — noon



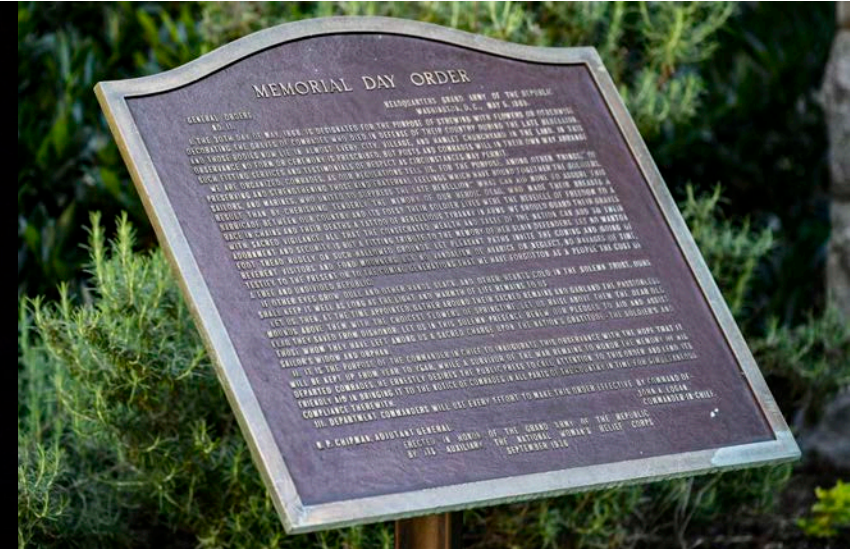
This yearly event honors America's fallen service members and includes a Presidential Armed Forces Full Honors Wreath-Laying Ceremony followed by an observance program in Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater.

Every day is Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery.

This Memorial Day weekend, we are expecting our highest number of visitors since before the global pandemic. Some reminders to pass along to our visitors:

- **Stay hydrated.** Temperatures are expected in the upper 70s to low 80s, but with the amount of walking and sunshine, hydration is important.
- **Use the ANC Explorer app** to navigate throughout the cemetery. It's free and available through the app store on your mobile device.

We are entrusted with these Hallowed Grounds. If you have the opportunity, please take a moment and help the visitors experience all that is possible at Arlington National Cemetery.



General John A. Logan's Final Resting Place

By KEVIN HYMEL, HISTORIAN (CONTRACTOR), HISTORY OFFICE

When Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, a leading figure in the creation of the holiday now known as Memorial Day, passed away on December 26, 1886, at age 60, in Washington, D.C., the question arose as to where to bury him. He had never decided on a location for his final resting place, leaving it to others to decide.

Logan had fought in the United States Army during the Civil War and served in the U.S. Congress as a representative and senator from his home state of Illinois. However, he is probably best remembered for his contributions

to making Decoration Day — the precursor to Memorial Day — into an official observance. He accomplished this through his role as the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Veteran Service Organization comprised of U.S. veterans who served in the Civil War. On May 15, 1868, he issued an order that May 30 would be the first official national Decoration Day, a day of remembrance to honor fallen Civil War service members. The order effectively made Decoration Day, and eventually Memorial Day, an annual event. Through Logan's leadership, the first such

official observance of Decoration Day took place at Arlington National Cemetery that year.

Upon Logan's death, a delegation of Illinois senators and congressmen unanimously encouraged his wife, Mary, to bury him in Chicago, the state's largest city. She was also flooded with dispatches from Chicago citizens requesting that her husband be buried in the city, including a militia unit that offered its services as a guard of honor. But Mary begged off, explaining that if he were to be buried in Illinois, she would prefer it to be in Murphysboro, where his parents rested. Mary actually wanted her husband buried somewhere in the Washington, D.C., area, where she planned to live out the rest of her years. She told the delegation that she could not bear the thought of burying her husband so far from herself.

Logan himself had left a clue on where he might want to be buried. When President Ulysses S. Grant passed away in 1885, also without choosing a final resting place, Logan rode out to the Soldiers' Home Cemetery in Washington, D.C., (today's U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery) and selected a spot which commanded a view of the city. He reportedly said that not only should Grant be buried there, but that he himself would rather be buried there than anywhere else.

Mary, too, decided Soldiers' Home was where her husband should be buried. Five days after Logan's death, on December 31, 1886, his remains were brought to the U.S. Capitol, where the public braved a sleet storm to say goodbye to this famed soldier and statesman. After laying in state in the Rotunda, Logan's casket was brought

to the U.S. Senate to be mourned by his fellow senators, as well as representatives, judges, and his family.

After the service in the Senate, Lt. Gen. Philip Sheridan led the funeral procession, but instead of arriving at the Soldiers' Home Cemetery, it ended at the adjoining Rock Creek Cemetery, where Logan's body would temporarily repose in a vault until his proper burial site in the cemetery was ready. Senators, congressmen, gray-haired veterans, and high-ranking Army officers attended the burial, along with Mary and her son. Floral arrangements covered the casket. When the ceremony ended, a contingent of veterans from the Soldiers' Home guarded the vault around the clock until they were eventually replaced by regular soldiers.

Today, Logan's remains reside in a mausoleum at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, the only mausoleum at the cemetery. Resting with him are his wife, Mary, their daughter, Mary Logan Tucker, and their grandsons, George and Logan Tucker. To the left of the mausoleum stands a bronze plaque with Logan's order establishing Memorial Day, honoring both the day and the man who created it. Logan, who had done so much to serve the country and memorialize its dead, rests in a structure equal to his contributions.

All photos are from the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Washington, D.C., June 11, 2019

(Left page): Maj. Gen. John A. Logan Mausoleum.

(Right page): Left: A stained glass window inside Maj. Gen. Logan's Mausoleum. Right: A plaque outside of Maj. Gen. Logan's Mausoleum featuring Logan's order which created the first official national Decoration Day.

(U.S. Army photos by Elizabeth Fraser)

Proposed Revised Eligibility at Arlington National Cemetery:

Why it's Imperative to Maintain Eligibility for Veterans Who Displayed Extraordinary Military Sacrifice and Service to the Nation.

By ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

As the federal rulemaking process comes to its conclusion, we would like to clarify the necessity of these rule changes—and to dispel some misunderstandings about what will and will not change. The proposed rule will keep the cemetery functioning as an active burial ground for the next 150 years, as mandated by the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act.

Burial capacity, which revised eligibility aims to address, is not a new issue at Arlington. The cemetery has grown from its initial 200 acres to 639 acres today. Moreover, during the cemetery's almost 160 years of existence, the Army has, on 14 occasions, modified and restricted eligibility at ANC in order to extend the life of the cemetery. Unfortunately, the cemetery can no longer reasonably expand beyond the current 38-acre Southern Expansion project underway. Thus, we must again restrict eligibility to allow the nation to honor our future generations for their sacrifices. It is important to note that under the proposed rule, the level of military funeral honors will not change for those veterans and military retirees who remain eligible for interment or inurnment at Arlington.

In the process of considering revisions to eligibility, the Army has been deliberate and actively engaged with the American public. Since directed by Congress in 2016 to study and report on the capacity challenge at ANC, the Army has worked tirelessly to communicate with and obtain feedback from veterans, retirees, and active duty service members, as well as the general public. In 2017 and 2018, outreach efforts included surveys sent to all retirees and active duty service members (through their Defense Finance and Accounting Service leave and earnings statements) and to the public via the ANC website and social media

platforms. This outreach received more than 250,000 individual responses regarding the future of the cemetery. An overwhelming majority (96 percent) supported keeping ANC an active burial ground well into the future so that each generation's sacrifice could continue to be represented.

In addition to the surveys, the Army obtained public feedback at 24 national and regional veterans' and funeral industry stakeholder conventions; guest speaking seminars and town hall meetings; joint Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense forums; Military Service Organization (MSO) and Veteran Service Organization (VSO) senior leader roundtable discussions; and responses to educational materials on ANC's website and social media platforms. All of this outreach netted the same overall sentiment regarding proposed revised eligibility changes: ANC must be preserved and maintain eligibility for veterans who displayed extraordinary military sacrifice and service to the nation.

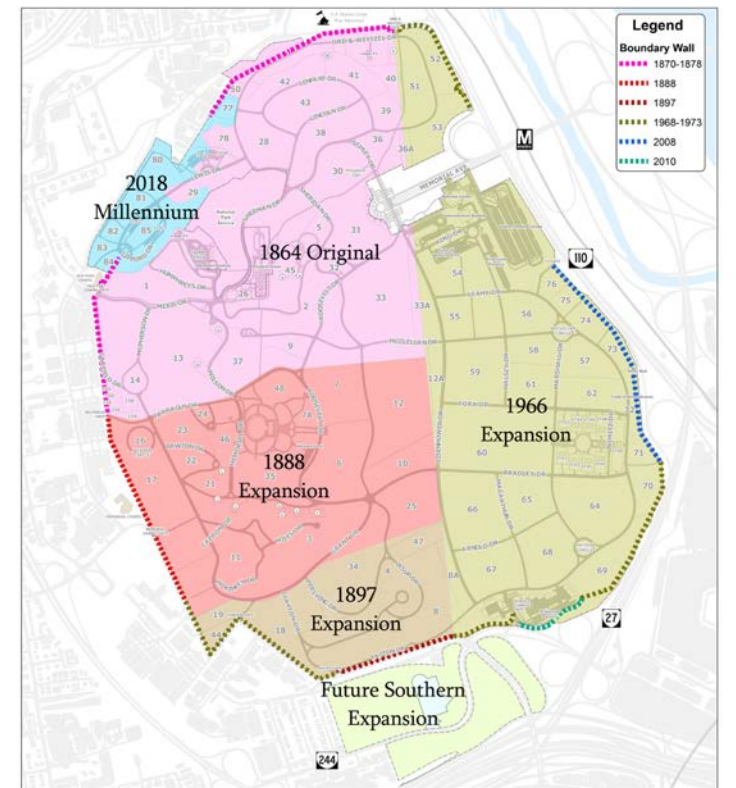
In 2019, Congress directed the Secretary of the Army to propose revised eligibility criteria to extend the life of the cemetery for the next 150 years. To develop the criteria to meet the Congressional mandate, the Secretary of the Army—with recommendations from the independent Federal Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery as well as feedback from the national MSO/VSO community—developed the proposed criteria published as the draft rule, in accordance with the federal rulemaking process. The proposed draft rule was published in the Federal Register for public comment between September 15 and November 16, 2020. The public comment period resulted in 1,965 public responses, containing 2,253 individual comments for adjudication. The

Department of the Army is completing its review, adjudication, and final rule response to the public comments. The next stage of the process involves staffing the final rule with the DoD principal officials, interagency staffing and clearance led by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and publication of the final rule in the Federal Register.

Some have questioned whether the proposed rule is discriminatory towards one particular service or gender. The new rule is based on military service alone and is reflective of the various eras of service and not discriminatory in any way. Others have questioned why the proposed rule cannot "grandfather" all of those currently eligible to be buried at ANC. First, the new rule does not mean that the majority of those currently eligible will now be ineligible. Rather, it means that the majority of those currently eligible for in-ground burial will now be eligible for above-ground inurnment, with the same level of military funeral honors currently rendered.

This change is necessary because of the large numbers of retirees and veterans who are presently seeking ANC as their final resting place. Even with the completion of the newest expansion area, the Southern Expansion project, ANC will continue to have limited space for in-ground burials. Grandfathering these categories of Americans would result in the cemetery needing to close for new burials by the mid-2060s. Because retirees comprise the vast majority of ANC's in-ground interments, "grandfathering" is not a feasible course of action, as this result does not meet the Congressional mandate to remain an active cemetery for the next 150 years.

Finally, and most importantly, the proposed revised eligibility criteria at ANC does not impact a veteran's burial benefit. The Department of Veterans Affairs maintains nearly all of the national cemetery enterprise with 155 national cemeteries and 138 state, territorial and tribal veterans' cemeteries across the nation. Our nation honors all those who serve in uniform, and each is rightly entitled to be recognized upon death. The national cemetery system, established in 1862 during the Civil War, ensured that every U.S. service member could have a proper burial; the federal government entrusted this task to the Veterans Administration in 1973. Every former active duty service member who honorably served is entitled to a free grave,



A map showing the historic expansion areas of Arlington National Cemetery, Sept. 24, 2019. (U.S. Army graphic by Kevin Melson)

an appropriate marker (headstone or niche cover), a burial flag and the sounding of Taps. Reservists and Guardsmen are also eligible if they have completed a period of federal active duty other than for training, or served in an inactive status long enough to earn a retirement. This is provided regardless of the length of time served or branch of military service.

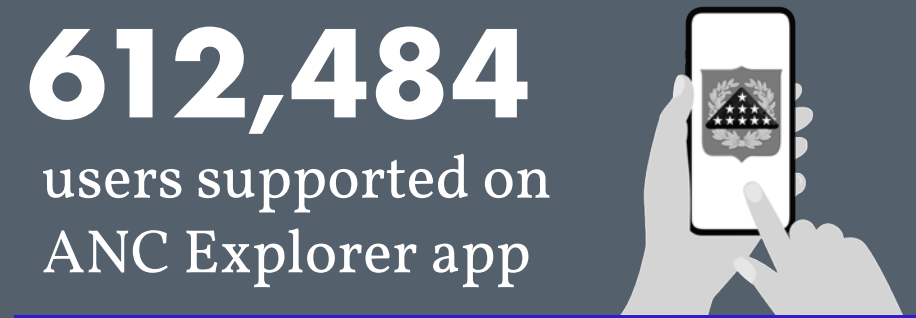
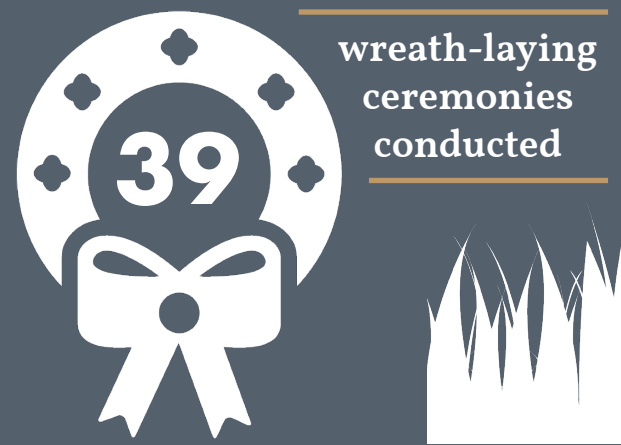
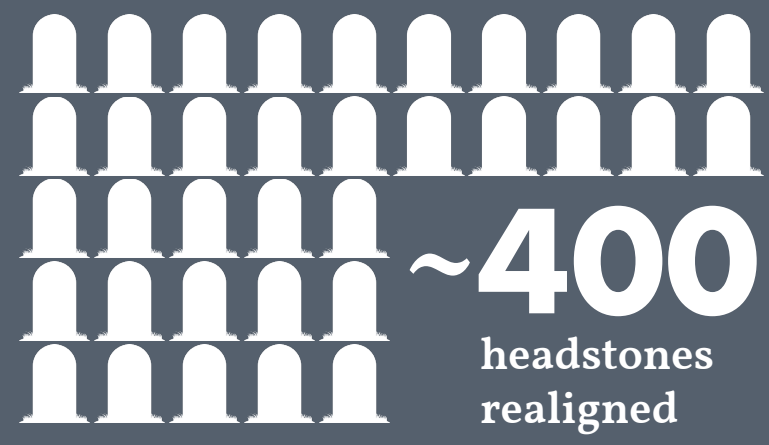
Operated and funded to support all of our nation's veterans, the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), a component of the Department of Veterans Affairs, stands ready to provide these fundamental veteran benefits. More than ninety-three percent of these cemeteries are located within 75 miles of our veterans, with three (Culpepper, Quantico and Baltimore National Cemeteries) located within 50 miles of Arlington National Cemetery. These cemeteries, located in communities across our nation, provide the approximately 22 million veterans, and their eligible family members, a beautiful and dignified final resting place.

Visit <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Proposed-Revised-Eligibility-Criteria> for the most up-to-date information.

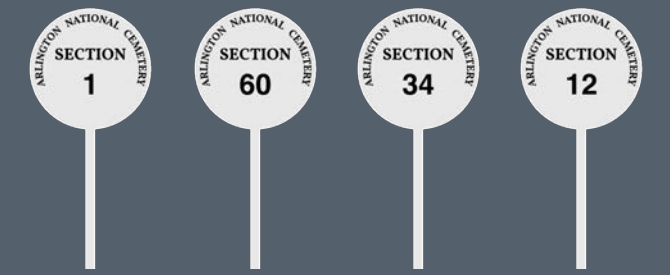
How ANC Prepares for Memorial Day



Every year, Arlington National Cemetery hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the week leading up to the National Memorial Day Observance. What does it take for ANC employees to prepare for this event? While every part of ANC is meticulously maintained by our dedicated staff 365 days a year, here is a look at the extra care put into preparing for and conducting events during this moment of remembrance.



Section walks completed **60** days out by **~35** supervisors and managers.



60 days out, Facilities Maintenance begins a more thorough walkthrough of the entire ANC grounds with special emphasis at the Memorial Amphitheater.



Areas that have high visitor traffic are inspected to make sure all safety issues are addressed.





on the headstones of the fallen. Originally known as Decoration Day, this commemoration took the form of visiting gravesites and decorating them with flowers – hence the designation. Maj. Gen. John Logan in his role as the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic declared May 30 as the first official national Decoration Day, making it an annual national day of remembrance. Slowly, Americans began using Memorial Day over Decoration Day until it received that official designation in 1971.

“The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” Logan wrote.

Thus our Memorial Day tradition gained its roots, one that takes place all over the country, north and south alike, and one that is echoed in the efforts of the Old Guard during Flags-In.

As we enter our 154th day of decoration, the Old Guard is honored to have the privilege of placing flags at Arlington National Cemetery. We take pride in our sacred duty to honor the courage and sacrifice of America’s fallen heroes. As soldiers, we strive to uphold and reflect the ideals and values they gave their lives to protect. It is a great privilege for us to conduct this mission. It's a chance for us to pay our own respects to past service members. Not every soldier in the Old Guard conducts memorial affairs missions — Flags-In gives every soldier this honor and opportunity. On this Flags-In, like every other, we remember our heroes. We remember our friends. We remember of husbands and wives, brothers and sisters.

On Flags-In, we remember all.



FLAGS-IN

How the Old Guard Remembers

By 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Public Affairs Office

Just before this Memorial Day holiday weekend, as the sun rises, something solemn and historic will take place at Arlington National Cemetery. In a single morning, as if by magic, a U.S. flag will appear at each gravesite, columbarium niche column, and niche wall column in the cemetery. These rows of flags, placed with honor and respect, will only be present for a few days. By the following week, they’ll be gone again for another year, but their symbol of honor and remembrance will never leave us.

This year, the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will place approximately 250,000 flags alongside members of the Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. It will take about 1,000 service members four hours to make this happen, and the Old Guard has been completing this mission every year for more than 55 years. But honoring our fallen by decorating graves goes back much farther than that.

When people think of Memorial Day, they often associate it with flags, ribbons, or flowers

All photos feature soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment participating in Flags-In at Arlington National Cemetery.

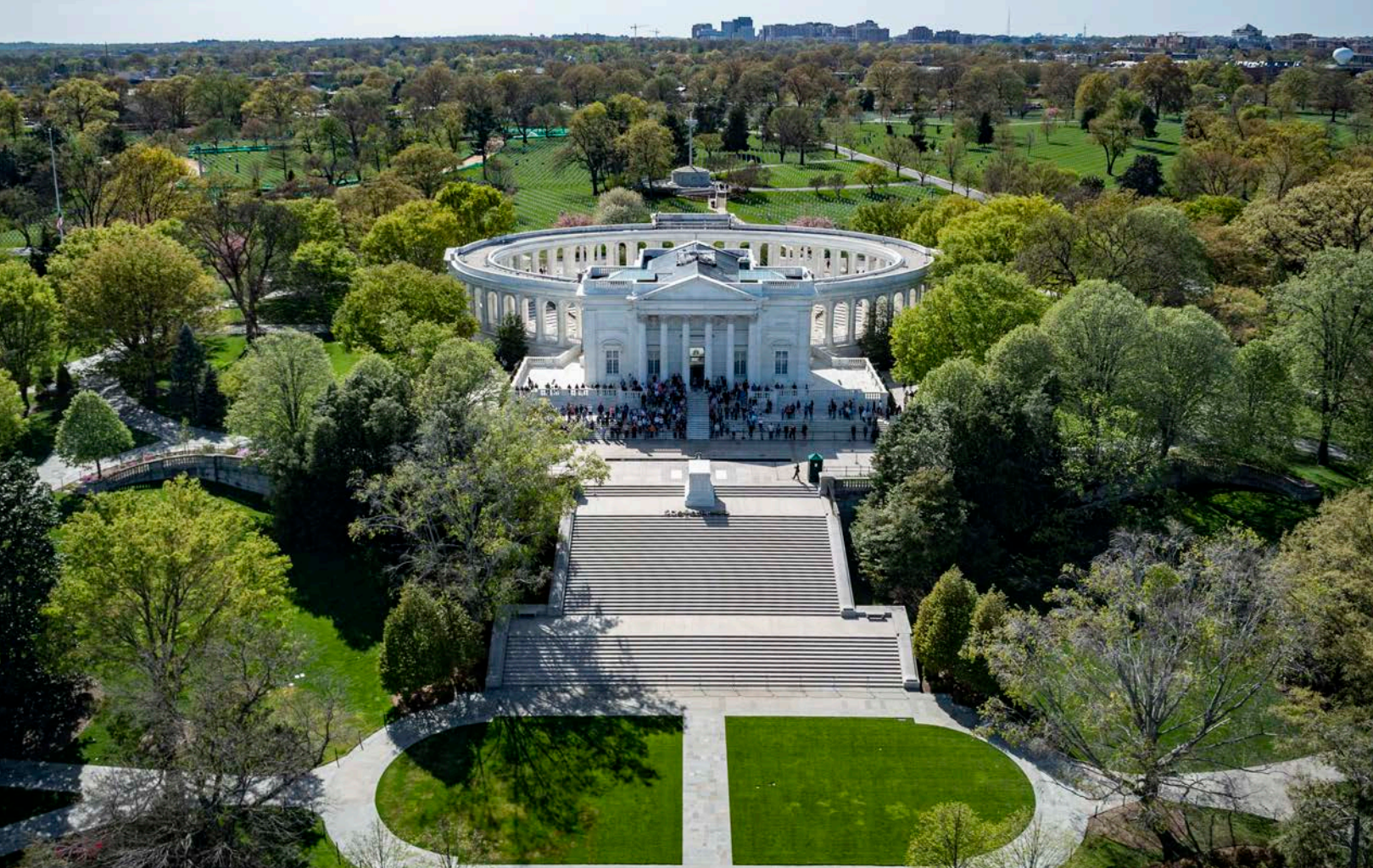
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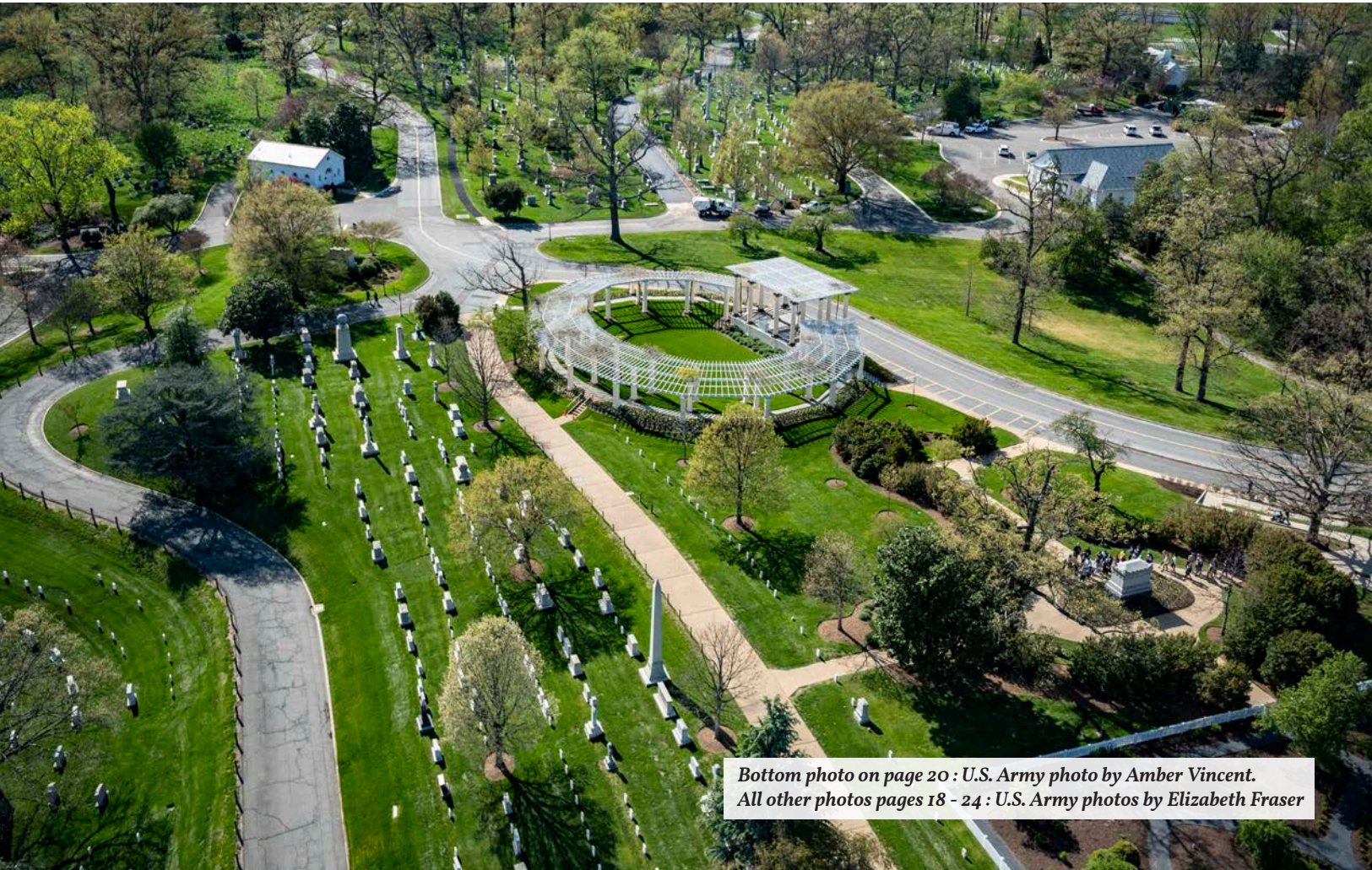
(U.S. Army photos by Elizabeth Fraser)

ANC From Above









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All other photos pages 18 - 24 : U.S. Army photos by Elizabeth Fraser

DID YOU KNOW?

New Arlington National Cemetery Media Policy

By JOHN HARLOW, MEDIA CHIEF, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

On April 18, 2022, the Executive Director for Army National Military Cemeteries Karen Durham-Aguilera signed the new media policy impacting Army National Military Cemeteries.

Here are a few highlights:

- Public Affairs requires 72 hours' notice from media organizations requesting to cover a funeral service. Breaking news requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Please refer any media requests you might receive to the PAO Media Line at 703-614-0024.
- Media requesting to film or photograph Arlington House must coordinate directly with the National Park Service. Media requesting to photograph at the Women's in Military Service to America (WIMSA) must coordinate with WIMSA Public Affairs. Film and photo requests outside of WIMSA must be coordinated with ANC Public Affairs.
- There are no stand-ups, interviews, walk and talks, or man on the street interviews by reporters on ANC grounds. If you see someone talking into a microphone with a camera, please reach out to ANC Public Affairs.
- ANC Public Affairs will not publicize any funeral service to solicit media attendance/coverage.
- If media is accompanying Honor Flights, they must coordinate with ANC Public Affairs before they arrive. Once on cemetery grounds, media will be escorted by a member of the ANC staff.
- GoPros, 360 cameras, and drone cameras are not permitted inside the cemetery, attached to buildings/landscape, or at funeral services due to security and environmental concerns. Non-compliance may result in removal from cemetery grounds.

If you have any questions or if you see something that just doesn't seem right, please reach out to the Public Affairs Office at 703-614-0024.

Be sure to check out the entire policy on ANC's SharePoint site.



Press pit in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., June 6, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser)

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC)'s Employee of the Quarter — Marcell Wright.

Mr. Wright works on the G3/Operations team as the ANC G3 Operations Specialist and has been with ANC since Sept 2020. His accomplishments for his selection as the employee of the quarter include exemplary service from November 15, 2021 to December 23, 2021, when he successfully executed his duties while also covering the duties of one to two other operations staff members during extremely high operations tempo. This included the planning and conducting of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration, National Veterans Day Observance, and Wreaths Across America. Mr. Wright sustained operations with 50% staff availability, as well as reinvigorated and sustained communication and information sharing with partners and ANC staff sections, resulting in zero degradation of operations capabilities and enhanced situational awareness across cemetery operations at multiple levels.



When asked what this recognition means to him, Mr. Wright said, "There are so many quiet professionals that I work with every day. It is a privilege to be selected and recognized as the employee of the quarter for Arlington National Cemetery."

Mr. Wright is a combat veteran and retired from the Army with over 20 years of service.

"I have two brothers in arms laid to rest here at ANC," said Mr. Wright. "It is an honor to continue to support soldiers and their families that have answered the call."

JOIN THE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION!

Who: The Arlington National Cemetery Employee Association, a non-profit organization.

What: Promote good morale by aiding and encouraging participation in educational, recreational, social and related activities.

When and Where: The Association meets via Teams as needed.

The Association is always looking for active members and new ideas! If you would like to join us for one our meetings please email Rachelle Tellock at Rachelle.c.tellock.civ@army.mil or send her a message via Teams!

Please be on the lookout for food trucks in the Building 123 employee parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menus are emailed weekly.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DETAILS

We'd love to get ideas, pictures, and, of course, articles from whoever would like to contribute to future editions of Hallowed Grounds. Here are the guidelines:

Articles:

- Please let your supervisor know first if you are planning on writing or submitting a topic for an article. We are always happy to print well-written articles, which are timely and communicate what's happening at ANC.
- Please ensure each article has been fully copy-edited and approved by your supervisor.

Photographs and Imagery:

- Please submit all images at print resolution (i.e. - 5 x 4in @ 300 dpi) to Liz Fraser at elizabeth.m.fraser3.ctr@army.mil.
- Alternatively, please suggest to Liz the imagery idea and she will assess photographing it herself.
- All imagery must be cleared to be used in public distribution. Proper captions and credit information must be submitted with every image.

Details:

- Sometimes, we will have to make edits for AP style compliance or due to design constraints. We rely on our employees' subject matter expertise and the intent of your piece will not be changed however, the published version may appear slightly different than what you submitted.
- In order to keep Hallowed Grounds concise and streamlined to monthly topics, not every piece will be included the month of submission.

Deadlines:

- All photographs, articles, or suggestions must be submitted to PAO no later than 30 days before an issue of Hallowed Grounds is due to be distributed.
- We welcome all submissions and to hear what you are excited about that is happening at Arlington National Cemetery.


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