

Donations

The Kansas Veterans' Cemeteries were constructed 100% by federal dollars from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs through the State Cemetery Grant Program. The State of Kansas provides funding to the Kansas Office of Veterans Services to finance the day-to-day operations of each cemetery.

The Donations Program was established to defer the cost of special projects that add to the beautification of the cemeteries and for families, friends, and organizations to honor their loved ones.

Types of donations:

- General Fund donations
- Approved artwork for the administrative buildings
- Trees
- Commemorative benches
- Carillon bell tower

For more information about donations, contact one of the cemeteries by mail or call to find out ways you can help.

Hours of Operation

The cemetery staff is available in the administration building from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (closed holidays).

The grounds are open for visitation every day from 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

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**“No one is ever buried alone,
All are buried with honor”**

Kansas Veterans' Cemetery Program

Website: <http://www.kovs.ks.gov//veteran-cemeteries/program-information>

Mission

The Kansas Veterans' Cemetery Program provides veterans and their eligible dependents interment opportunities for burial in a Kansas Veterans' Cemetery. The Program is to establish, manage, and operate four state Veterans' cemeteries and to provide staff support and assistance to Veterans state-wide regarding their interment options and the procedures for pre-certification.

Eligibility

Criteria for burial in state Veterans' cemeteries will be the same as that for burial in national cemeteries, solely for the burial of Veterans and eligible dependents as defined by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty.
- An eligible Veteran must have been discharged or separated from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and have completed the required period of service.
- Person entitled to retired pay as a result of 20 years creditable service with the National Guard is also eligible for burial in Kansas Veterans' Cemeteries.
- A U.S. citizen who served in the armed forces of a government allied with the United States may also be eligible for burial in a Kansas Veterans' Cemetery.
- Any Veteran convicted of a federal or state capital crime is not eligible for burial in a VA National Cemetery, Arlington National Cemetery, or any of Kansas Veterans' Cemeteries.
- The legal spouse (or widow or widower) and an unmarried minor child who is dependent upon the qualified Veteran at time of death are eligible for burial in a Kansas Veterans' Cemetery. Unmarried adult children are also eligible for burial if they become permanently incapable of

self-support because of physical or mental disability before the age of 21 or under 23 years of age and pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

Burden of Proof

Establishing eligibility for burial in a State Veterans' Cemetery is the responsibility of the Veteran, his survivors, or legal representative. The cemetery staff may offer assistance in verifying eligibility at the time of need. The verification process may take up to three business days if the family does not have necessary documentation.

- Certified copy of discharge or DD 214
- Marriage Certificate
- Birth certificates or Adoption Papers for children under 21



Pre-Certification

Pre-certification for interment at one of the state Veterans' cemeteries is encouraged. While it does not guarantee a specific gravesite, it can help avoid confusion and possible delays at the time of need.

Contact the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery of your choice for a pre-certification form or visit our website at www.kovs.ks.gov/ to download the form.



Benefits

- Burial Space
- Grave Liner
- Opening and closing of the grave
- Perpetual care
- Placement of cremation remains in either columbarium niche or in-ground burial
- Scattering garden
- Gray granite marker

For more information about burial in one of the Kansas Veterans' Cemeteries, contact a representative at the cemetery of your choice.

