

## Flower Policy

### Day of Internment

Floral displays utilizing natural flowers (in non-glass containers) may be placed on the day of internment to remain for a period not to exceed three (3) days. Flowers may be placed on the ground in front of the niche.

### Flowers on Existing Gravesites

Fresh cut flowers may be placed year round, either on the grave or the in-ground vase. For niche wall burials, flowers may be placed on the ground in front of or in the attached flower vase. Attached flower vases may be purchased through the cemetery association.

### Memorial Day

Floral displays and/or potted plants in non-breakable containers are permitted seven (7) days before and after Memorial Day. Potted plants must be in containers and may not exceed eight (8) inches in diameter. Plants left on graves will be planted throughout the cemetery grounds by personnel.

### Holiday Wreaths

Fresh or artificial wreaths may be placed on the gravesites beginning November 1st and will be removed at the discretion of cemetery personnel. Wreaths may not be secured to the headstones and wreath stands greater than 26" are not permitted.

### U.S. Flags

Will be placed on the graves and at the niche walls for Memorial Day. U.S. Flags are not permitted on graves at any other time. The Cemetery's flags provide year round honor to all veterans buried in the cemetery.

*Any items not listed above as floral tributes are not permitted on gravesites. At no time may items be affixed to headstones, markers, or niche covers.*

## Hours of Operation

### Northern Maine (Caribou)

207-492-0577

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Burial Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. , 10:00 a.m. , 12:00 a.m. ,  
1:00 p.m. , 2:00 p.m.

### Central Maine (Augusta)

207-287-3481

#### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Burial Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. , 10:00 a.m. , 12:00 a.m. ,  
1:00 p.m. , 2:00 p.m.

### Southern Maine (Springvale)

207-490-4612

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Burial Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. , 10:00 a.m. , 12:00 a.m. ,  
1:00 p.m. , 2:00 p.m.



Maine Bureau of  
Veterans' Services

## Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System



### Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery

37 Lombard Road, Caribou

### Central Maine Veterans' Cemetery

143 Blue Star Avenue, Augusta  
&  
163 Mt. Vernon Road, Augusta

### Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery

83 Stanley Road, Springvale

Phone: **207-287-3481**

Email: **MVMCS@maine.gov**

Website: **www.maine.gov/veterans**

A message from  
**Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services**

We pride ourselves on the rich tradition of military service in our great state. Hundreds of thousands of Mainers have raised their right hand in service to their country and it's our commitment to ensure they are honored and memorialized for their sacrifices.

We hope this brochure provides you with all of the information you need to plan your, or your loved one's burial. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

David Richmond  
Director, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services



## Preparing for burial

### Eligibility:

#### **Persons eligible for burial include:**

- Individuals who have served on Active Duty in the United States Armed Forces (any branch).
- Individuals who have served and died as a result of injury, disease, or illness sustained while serving (any component).
- Individuals who served in the National Guard or Reserve for at least 20 years.

#### **Spouses, widows, widowers, and dependent children are also eligible to be buried.**

#### Dependent children include:

- Unmarried minor children.
- Unmarried dependent children enrolled in secondary school.
- Unmarried adult children who became incapable of self-support before reaching the age of 21.

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#### **Pre-Registration is free and encouraged**

To apply for pre-registration please provide the following:

- Active Duty - Please submit a certified copy of your DD 214 or equivalent.
- National Guard/Reserve - Please submit a copy of your 20-year retirement letter and a DD 214, NGB22, or equivalent.

**Registration forms can be found on the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services website:** [www.maine.gov/veterans](http://www.maine.gov/veterans)

## Headstones, Markers, & Medallions

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide a Government headstone, marker, or niche cover for any deceased eligible Veteran, as well as eligible spouses and dependents at no cost.

Our staff will order a headstone, marker, or niche cover based on the inscription information provided by the next of kin or authorized representative. There is no charge for the setting of the headstone or the placement of the niche cover.

## Military Funeral Honors

Family members of a deceased veteran should notify the Funeral Director of their desire to have Military Funeral Honors rendered at the interment of their loved one.

The Funeral Director should contact the appropriate military branch Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) of the deceased veteran.

