



About the Cemetery

The cemetery is built on 20 acres of land located behind the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings. We currently are using approximately 10 acres of land with several other phases planned for the future.

Phase One includes 1,212 pre-placed, double-occupancy, concrete in-ground vaults for casketed interments. An underground pump system prevents water from accumulating in the vaults. The cemetery also includes 185 sites for in-ground cremains and 380 niches in the columbarium walls.

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs broke ground on the construction of the cemetery in November 2018, and on March 6, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards dedicated the cemetery. On May 7, 2020, Marine SGT Ted Cox Sr. was the first to be interred, and we held our first committal service for Army SP4 Ed Gary on June 11, 2020.

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The cemetery is open for visiting during
daylight hours seven days per week.

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SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA VETERANS CEMETERY

a final resting place of honor



A Place of Honor

Louisiana's five state-run veterans cemeteries offer burial sites for in-ground casketed and cremated remains and above-ground cremated remains. Each burial site is double occupancy, and the final resting place for both the veteran and non-veteran eligible dependent. VA granite markers are provided at no cost for the eligible veteran and for a nominal fee for the eligible dependent. Veterans and eligible dependents will share the provided marker.



In-ground casketed and cremated remains



Columbarium wall for cremated remains



Committal shelter

Our Services

Each veteran and eligible dependent is entitled to a committal service. This is not a funeral.

All services are held at the committal shelter, an open-air covered pavilion with seating. No one goes to the gravesite on the day of the committal.

The committal service lasts between 15 and 30 minutes and consists of a vehicle procession, a committal prayer and military honors if the deceased is a veteran.

Interments are scheduled Monday through Friday. Contact the cemetery directly for availability. The cemetery is open for visiting during daylight hours including weekends and holidays.

Due to time constraints for the committal service, we do suggest holding a funeral, memorial or celebration of life for your loved one either before or after the committal service.

Eligibility

Pre-eligibility requests are encouraged, but are not required. This does not reserve or guarantee a burial space in the future.

There are certain requirements to be buried in a veterans cemetery:

- The veteran must have served on active duty, not in a training status, for at least one day prior to 1980, or two consecutive years after 1980.
- For Reserve or National Guard service, the veteran must be retired, have died while in training, received a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or have been activated under Title 10 for a specific national operation.
- The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions.
- Eligible dependents may be interred with the veteran.



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