

About the Cemetery



The cemetery grounds are open for public visitation during daylight hours, 7 days a week.

The cemetery office is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding all federal and state holidays.

Floral Policy

Copies of the policy are posted at all water stations and inside the

cemetery administration building.

Grave Site Locator

There is a grave site locator kiosk in front of the cemetery administration building. Graves can also be located with your smart phone:

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov//>



History

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs began construction on the cemetery in October 2011.

The first phase of the cemetery covers 22.8 acres including an administration building, maintenance facility, committal shelter, and a memorial walk with over 2,776 grave sites.

Notable Cemetery Dates:

- * Dedication: December 7, 2012
- * Consecration: April 17, 2013
- * First Interment: April 18, 2013



Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort



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Spanish Fort, AL 36527
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www.va.alabama.gov

Eligibility

Eligibility for interment follows the National Cemetery Administration regulations: www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/eligible.asp.

Eligible veterans must have:

- an Other than Dishonorable discharge; and
- a sufficient number of years of service for the time period served and clear discharge documentation of the service period.

National Guard and Reserve service members are eligible if they served 20 years and are eligible for retirement benefits or served on active duty other than for training.

Spouses require service documentation of the veteran as well as a copy of the marriage certificate.

Residency requirement for burial at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort must meet one of the following:

- Legal resident of Alabama at the time of death;
- Legal resident of Alabama at the time of entry into the Armed Forces; or
- Legal resident of Alabama for a period of 10 years. The period does not have to be consecutive.

Acceptable documentation for the residency requirement includes death certificates, DD-214, official federal, state or municipal documents indicating your Alabama residence and an Alabama drivers license.

Interment Benefit

The Interment Benefit administered at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort includes:

- 30-minute Committal Service
- Grave Plot
- Vault for Casket Interments
- Excavating and Finishing of the Grave
- Headstone and Inscription
- Perpetual Care

Types of Interment Offered

Casket Interments include:

- Ground plot for standard interments
- Oversize ground plots for oversize caskets and disinterments from other cemeteries

Cremains Interments include:

- 3x4 foot ground plot
- Columbarium Wall for above ground interment
- Memorial Wall and Garden for scattering

Interment Cost

The veteran will receive the above listed interment benefits at no cost. There is a fee of \$375.00 for spouses and eligible dependents. The interment fee is due at the time of scheduling an interment.

All funerary costs such as transportation, preparation of remains, purchase of the casket or urn, and all other funeral home services prior to the remains being brought to the Cemetery are the responsibility of the decedent and their family.

Scheduling an Interment

Committal services are conducted Monday through Friday with five time slots available each day. All services are held at the committal shelter. The cemetery does not offer graveside services.

The funeral home of your choice will contact the cemetery office to schedule interments. If the decedent is not pre-registered, bring a copy of the veteran's discharge documents to the funeral home. The funeral home will forward them to the cemetery office.

Pre-Registration

The pre-registration process allows veterans, spouses and their eligible dependents to establish eligibility for interment benefits in advance. Pre-registration is intended to simplify and assist the next of kin at the time of death. There is no cost or obligation.

Pre-registration forms are available at the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs website:

www.va.alabama.gov/veterans-memorial-cemetery

Or contact the cemetery directly at:

(251) 625-1338

(251) 626-7183

Fax: (251) 626-9204

Email: cemetery@va.alabama.gov

For questions or more information, call or stop by the cemetery administration building during normal office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.