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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration

Weekend Burial Program

The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) will conduct a weekend burial program beginning Nov. 4, 2017. The selected cemeteries will accommodate cremation-only (in-ground and niche) burials the first Saturday of each month. NCA will provide improved customer service and access to burial services by providing families flexibility in scheduling.

Six cemeteries were selected for the program:

- Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas
- Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, New York
- Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri
- Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California
- Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida

Five of the six cemeteries (Calverton, Florida, Jefferson Barracks, Ft. Snelling and Riverside national cemeteries) serve large metropolitan areas and have the highest interment rate. Ft. Bliss National Cemetery was selected to represent a mid-size cemetery and because of its high utilization rate by Veterans and their families who reside in the area.

NCA is implementing this program based on feedback from Veterans and families provided on its annual customer satisfaction survey, which identified an interest in weekend burials at national cemeteries.

VA will continue its practice of honoring special requests for weekend burials for religious purposes, in cases of service members killed in action and on at least one day of any three-day Federal holiday weekend at all open VA national cemeteries. The administration will assess adding other options and national cemeteries in the future.

To learn more about the program, please visit <https://www.cem.va.gov> or call any participating VA national cemetery. To schedule a Saturday burial at one of the mentioned locations, please call the National Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117.