Best known of more than one hundred national cemeteries in the United States, Arlington's green slopes shelter veterans from every war that has involved the nation. Over 245,000 servicemen and their families rest on the 612 acres of Virginia land across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial. About 20 burials are conducted every weekday.

All who are remembered here have this in common: service to their country. To each one, no matter what rank or station, whether decorated hero or unknown, belongs a place of honor. Though the majority of those buried here have been servicemen, many women who have contributed to our Armed Forces are also interred within these hallowed grounds.

The granite and marble markers and memorials reflect the tides of American history, beginning in the Civil War and cresting since in times of armed conflict. The sinking of the USS Maine at Havana harbor, Cuba, in 1898 touched off the Spanish-American War and added graves of sailors near the salvaged mast of the ship. Like that of the troops who served under his command, the headstone for John J. Pershing, World War I's General of the Armies, is a simple standard-issue marker. World War II is represented by such distinguished persons as Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy and General George C. Marshall. From Korea and the Vietnam jungles came the remains of other veterans to this sacred spot. Cape Cod stones frame the eternal flame at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, where the words "with history the final judge of our deeds ... " are quoted from his inaugural address.

By tradition, American military cemeteries developed from the duty of command-
Hours
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., October through March
8 a.m. to 7 p.m., April through September

Getting Around
Signs direct visitors arriving by car to parking (fee) at the visitors center. From Metro Blue Line, the visitors center is a 5-minute walk along Memorial Drive. A trolley (fee) provides guided tours. Handicapped visitors and persons wishing to visit a private grave site may obtain a temporary pass to drive into the cemetery.

Information
- Gravestone locations and general information may be obtained at the visitors center seven days a week.
- Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Flags decorate each gravestone on Memorial Day weekend but are not permitted on graves at any other time.
- A bookstore is in the visitors center.

For information about burial at Arlington:
Office of the Superintendent
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA 22211
(703) 699-3333

Points of Interest
The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery are divided into numbered and lettered sections as indicated on the map. Personnel at the visitors center can provide the grid coordinates for a particular gravestone and help you locate the spot on this map. This map also highlights frequently visited sites. The shaded portion suggests a loop tour of sites within walking distance of the visitors center.

Visitors to Arlington should know that the cemetery is a shrine, not a place for recreation, picnics, or child's play.

Thank you for respecting the feelings of those attending a burial.

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