

Interment at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) Process: Assisting the Family with determining and preparing for the burial of a fallen Soldier or eligible Veteran at ANC

No.	Activity/Decision Point Name	Description	Regulations and Supporting Resources	Documents and Forms	Systems	Notes
1	Elect to inter at ANC?	Next of kin (NOK) has the option to bury the fallen Soldier or eligible Veteran at ANC.	Arlington National Cemetery Website			
2	Contact Interment Office	If the NOK wishes to bury the fallen Soldier or eligible Veteran at ANC, Funeral Director contacts Interment Office at ANC. The telephone number is (703) 607-8585.	Arlington National Cemetery Website			If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) contacts the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center (CMAOC) stating the NOK wishes to bury the casualty at ANC.
3	Provide required verification of eligibility documentation	NOK provides required verification of eligibility documentation to the Funeral Director and Interment Office. Documentation varies depending on the status of the casualty.	Arlington National Cemetery Website			Refer to the Arlington National Cemetery Website - FAQ Section for a complete list of required verification of eligibility documentation. http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/funeral_information/guide.faq.html If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the CAO assists the NOK in this step.

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4	Eligible for interment?	<p>Interment Office determines if the fallen Soldier or Veteran is eligible for interment at ANC. The following are eligible for interment at ANC (this is not the complete list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any active duty Soldier (except those members serving on active duty for training only) - Any veteran who is retired from active military service - Any veteran who is retired from the Reserves is eligible upon reaching age 60 and drawing retired pay; and who served a period of active duty (other than for training) - Any Soldier separated honorably prior to October 1, 1949 for medical reasons and who was rated at 30% or greater disabled effective on the day of discharge - Any Soldier awarded Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, or Purple Heart 	Arlington National Cemetery Website			Refer to the Arlington National Cemetery Website - Eligibility for Interment for a complete list of eligible Soldiers.
5	Eligible for inurnment in the Columbarium?	<p>Interment Office determines if the fallen Soldier or Veteran is eligible for inurnment in the Columbarium at ANC. The following are eligible for inurnment in the Columbarium at ANC (this is not a complete list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Soldier who dies on active duty - Any Soldier who is retired from active duty - Any Soldier who served on active duty (other than for training) 	Arlington National Cemetery Website			Refer to the Arlington National Cemetery Website - Eligibility for Inurnment in the Columbarium for a complete list of eligible Soldiers.

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6	Complete VA Form 27-2008	NOK completes VA Form 27-2008 (Application for United States Flag for Burial Purpose).	Arlington National Cemetery Website	VA Form 27-2008		If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) assists the spouse and/or dependent(s) in this step.
7	Obtain appropriate documentation	NOK obtains a copy of the Soldier's military discharge documents that shows service dates and the character of service, such as DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty).	Arlington National Cemetery Website	DD Form 214		If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the CAO assists the NOK in this step.
8	Submit VA Form 27-2008 and documentation	NOK submits VA Form 27-2008 (Application for United States Flag for Burial Purpose) and a copy of the Soldier's military discharge papers to a VA regional office or U.S. post office.	Arlington National Cemetery Website	VA Form 27-2008		If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the CAO assists the NOK in this step.
9	Receive flag	NOK receives the flag at a VA regional office or U.S. post office.	Arlington National Cemetery Website			If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the CAO assists the NOK in this step.
10	Coordinate with ANC	Funeral Director and/or NOK coordinates with ANC to provide required documentation, and to discuss details about the funeral.	Arlington National Cemetery Website			If the Soldier was on active duty at the time of the death, the CAO assists the NOK in this step.