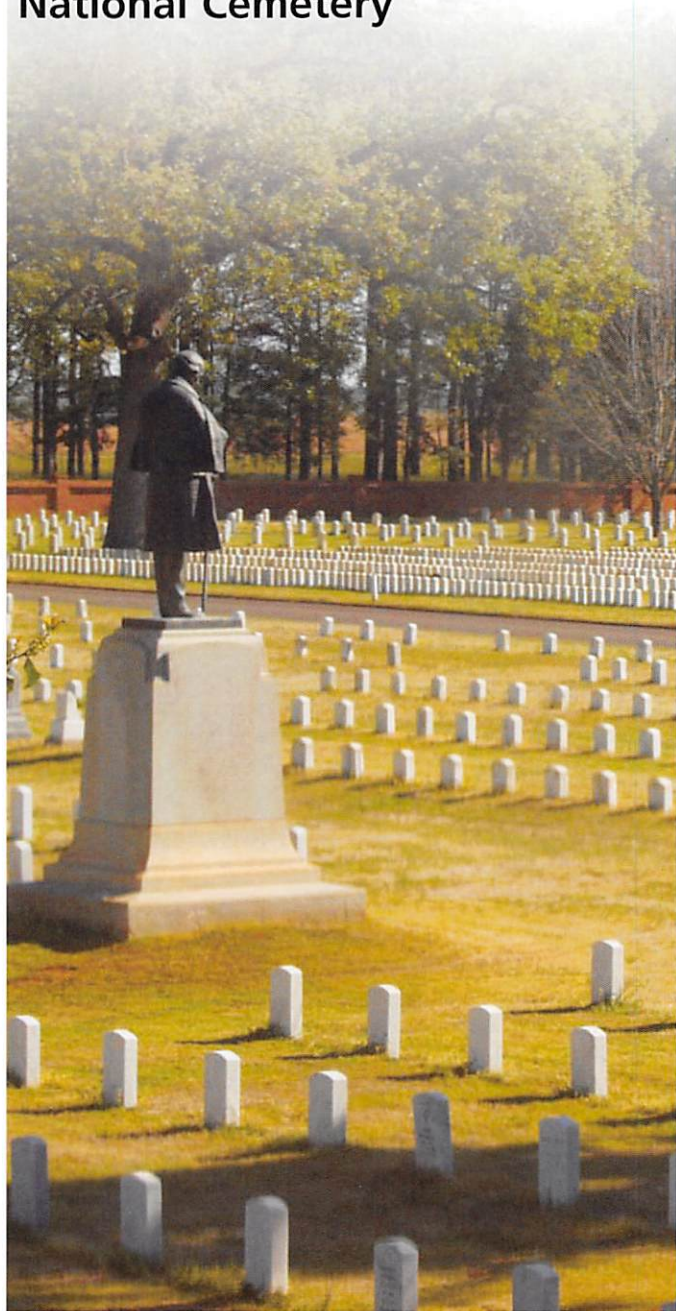


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“Andersonville becomes an object lesson in patriotism. To this retired and beautiful spot will thousands resort in the long years to come, to learn again and again lessons of heroic sacrifice made by those who so quietly sleep in these long rows of graves.”

*Robert H. Kellogg
Andersonville Survivor*



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In 1865, Andersonville National Cemetery was established to provide a permanent place of honor for those who died in military service to our country. One of fourteen national cemeteries administered by the National Park Service, Andersonville continues to serve as a resting place for those who serve our nation.

Cemetery Regulations and Etiquette

While visiting the national cemetery we ask that you respect this hallowed ground. To help us preserve the dignity and beauty of the cemetery, please observe the following rules:

- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times and should be kept on the paved areas only.
- No jogging, picnicking or recreational activities are allowed in the cemetery.
- Please keep your voices lowered and do not run or shout in the cemetery.
- Please place all litter in refuse containers located throughout the cemetery and park areas.
- Please do not climb or sit on the headstones or monuments within the cemetery grounds.
- All group leaders, teachers and parents are responsible for the supervision of your members, students and/or children while visiting the national cemetery.

Eligibility

Andersonville National Cemetery uses the same eligibility criteria as the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). Detailed information regarding these criteria can be found at www.cem.va.gov.

Burial in a national cemetery is available to all members of the Armed Forces—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard—who die while on active duty or a veteran of wartime or peacetime active service who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Before a burial may be scheduled, cemetery staff must verify the veteran's eligibility.

The spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran is eligible for interment in a national cemetery even if that veteran is not buried or memorialized in a national cemetery. The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran who had a subsequent remarriage to a non-veteran and whose death occurred on or after January 1, 2000, is eligible for burial in a national cemetery, based on his or her marriage to the eligible veteran.

Minor children of an eligible veteran who are under the age of 21 are eligible for burial in a national cemetery. Unmarried children of any age who have become permanently physically or mentally disabled and are incapable of self-support before reaching the age of 21 or before reaching the age of 23 while pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution are eligible for burial in a national cemetery with proper supporting documentation.

Burial Arrangements

Families of the eligible veteran or dependent should begin making arrangements with the funeral director of their choice who will contact the cemetery administrator directly. Cemetery staff will assist in verifying the eligibility of the deceased for interment. Gravesites within the Andersonville National Cemetery cannot be reserved in advance. Requests for burials cannot be made via internet or email. The funeral director or the next-of-kin must provide a copy of the veteran's discharge papers (Form DD-214). Cremated remains that are shipped to the national cemetery require an official death certificate and cremation certificate identifying the remains to be those of the deceased named in the certificate. Any and all engaging of honors, including clergy, buglers, and military honor guards, is the responsibility of the funeral director or next-of-kin.

Andersonville National Cemetery staff will work with your funeral director to schedule a time for the interment. All committal services occur at the cemetery rostrum. Cemetery staff will assist with parking of family and friends upon arrival for the internment, open and close the gravesite, and order the headstone from the Department of Veteran Affairs.



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For more information, please contact:

Cemetery Administrator
Andersonville National Cemetery
Andersonville National Historic Site
496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, Georgia 31711
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Christmas wreaths are permitted from December 1 through January 20.

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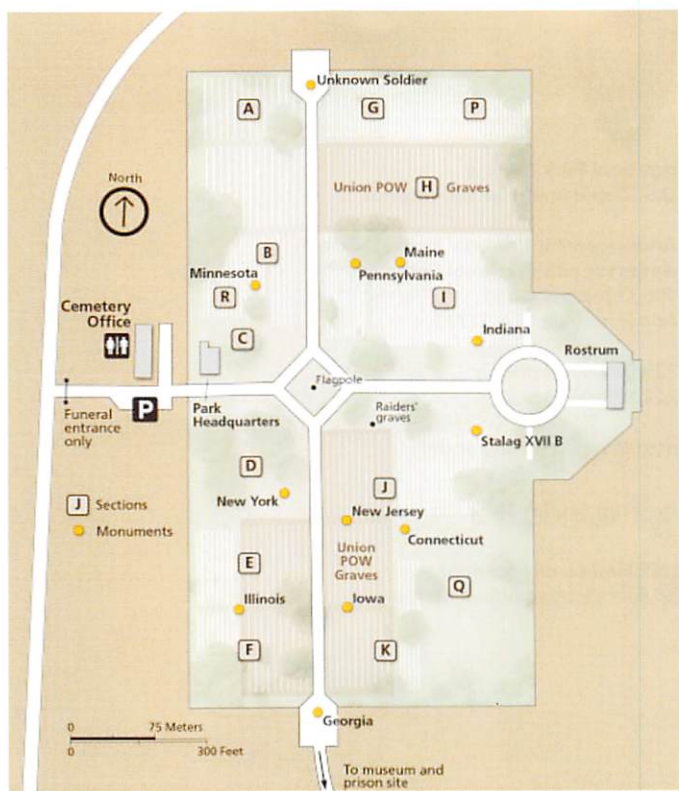
Grave Decoration Policy

Fresh-cut flowers may be placed at gravesites at any time but artificial arrangements are not allowed from April 15 through October 10. All floral arrangements and other decorations will be removed and discarded at the discretion of park staff.

Potted plants and wreaths are permitted ten days before and ten days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day. Seasonal decorations such as Christmas wreaths and floral blankets must be no larger than 2 by 3 feet and are permitted from December 1 to January 20. The National Park Service is not responsible for floral arrangements or other items placed within the cemetery.

Decorations shall not be attached to the headstones. Plantings, statues, vigil lights or other decorations are not permitted in the cemetery at any time. All containers must be non-breakable. Permanent floral containers of any kind, above or below ground are not permitted in the cemetery. The park provides temporary floral vases at two locations in the cemetery.

Graves at the Andersonville National Cemetery are decorated by park staff and volunteers with small United States flags for Memorial Day.



How to Find a Specific Grave

If you wish to find a specific grave in Andersonville National Cemetery, visit the National Prisoner of War Museum. A computer in the lobby provides the locations of prisoner graves, other Civil War soldiers interred after the war, and modern-day interments. Once you obtain the grave number, use the cemetery map to find the corresponding burial section. Park staff and volunteers are available to provide assistance.

Burial locations can also be located online using the Nationwide Graveside Locator:
<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

Name: _____

Section: _____ Grave Number: _____



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