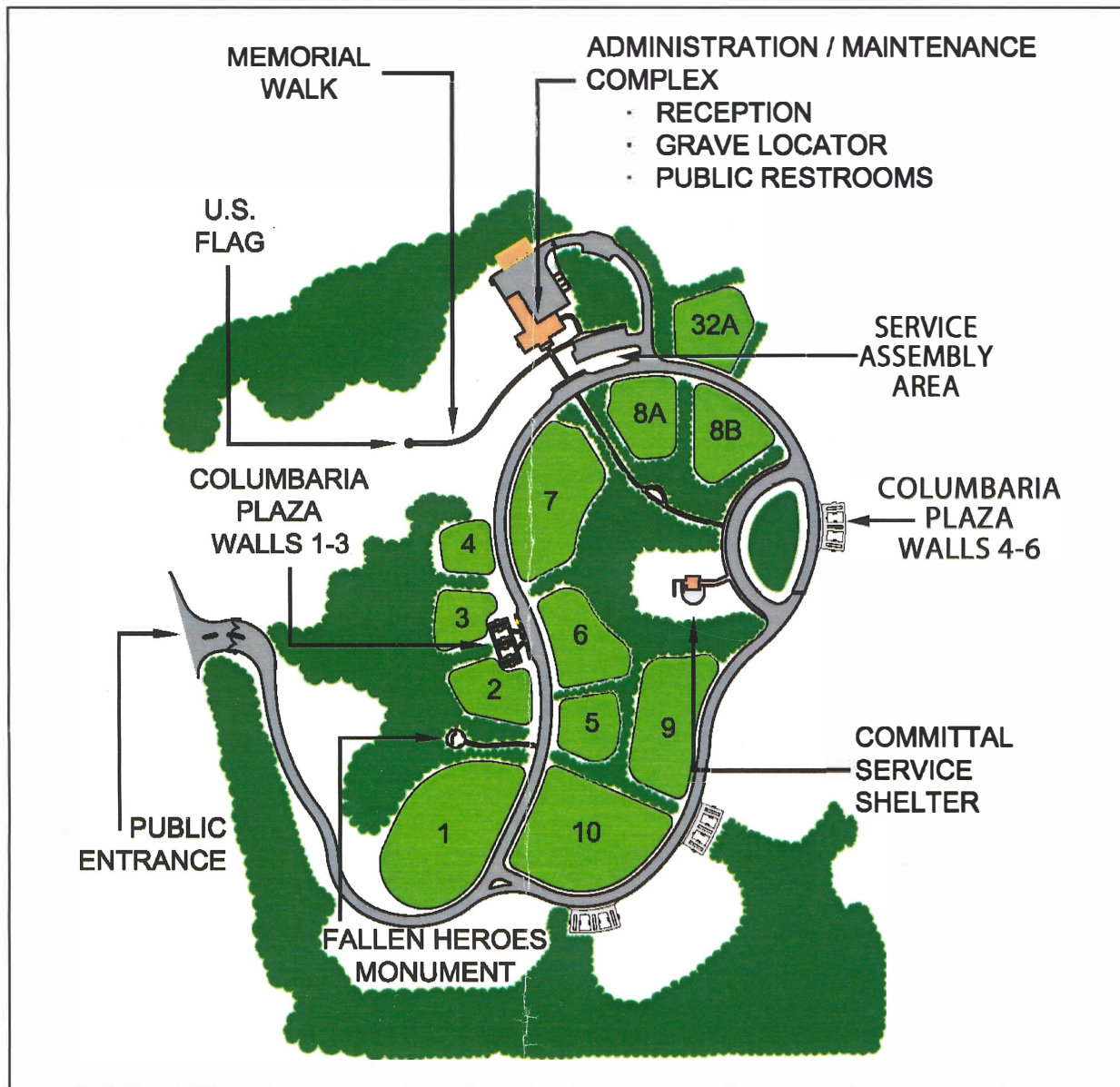


# IOWA VETERANS CEMETERY



## Iowa Veterans Cemetery

*Honoring those who served....*



### Cemetery hours:

Cemetery grounds are open daily from 7:30 a.m. — Sunset

### Administration Office hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays  
Closed on state holidays

### Iowa Veterans Cemetery at Van Meter

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive (R16)

Adel, Iowa 50003

Phone 515.996.9048

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<https://va.iowa.gov/cemetery>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGULATIONS

*In order to assist the cemetery staff in maintaining the appearance and dignity of the grounds, we ask that visitors observe the following regulations:*

### **Fresh Flowers —**

Fresh flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Floral tributes will be removed when they become withered, faded, or unsightly.

### **Artificial Flowers —**

Artificial flowers may be placed on graves from October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Artificial flowers also are permitted the week before and the week of Memorial Day.

### **Vases —**

We suggest displaying flowers in plastic vases with stakes provided by the cemetery. Vases are available in bins located throughout the grounds. Glass or other breakable vases are not allowed on the grounds.

### **Flags —**

Small flags no larger than 12" x 18" may be placed at the site of interment. Medallion-type flag holders are not permitted.

### **Headstones and Niche Covers —**

Tributes of any kind may not be secured to headstones or niche covers.

### **Unauthorized Decorations —**

Statues, vigil lights, breakable objects, and items considered to be inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery will be removed immediately. (This includes grave blankets, shepherd hooks, stuffed animals, balloons, pinwheels, etc.)

### **Plantings —**

Plantings are not permitted on the graves or at the columbarium wall.

***IVC is not responsible for items left at the gravesite, including flower arrangements.***

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Committal Service Shelter —**

The Committal Service Shelter provides a permanent structure in which to conduct the equivalent of a graveside service (instead of a tent more typically used at private cemeteries). Services at the gravesite are not allowed because of safety considerations (open gravesites, heavy equipment in use, etc.).

### **Visiting a Gravesite —**

Those wishing to visit a gravesite (other than the columbarium wall) following the committal service, may return to the gravesite after the staff declares the site safe for visiting which is typically two hours following the ceremony for caskets; 15 minutes for urns.

### **Temporary Marker —**

A temporary grave marker is used to mark the grave following the interment until the permanent marker is received and placed.

### **Permanent Marker —**

Approximately 60 days following interment, a permanent marker will be installed – weather permitting — and the family will be informed when the marker is in place.

### **Gravesite Appearance —**

Immediately following each in-ground interment, the grave is filled and leveled. Until growing conditions are favorable and turf has been established, burial areas may be substandard in appearance.

### **Prohibited Activities —**

Prohibited activities include any form of sport or recreation (e.g., jogging, bicycling, skating, picnicking), public gatherings of a partisan nature, damaging plantings, allowing pets to run loose, littering, or operating vehicles off of paved road surfaces. **Smoking is not allowed on cemetery property.**

### **Nationwide Grave Locator —**

The National Cemetery Administration, under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, has a Nationwide Gravesite Locator available on your smartphone or other electronic device at <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

### **Grave Locator —**

An electronic grave locator is available to assist interested parties in locating a gravesite. It can be found in the vestibule of the Administration Building and is available 7 days a week.

### **Flag Donations —**

The cemetery accepts donated burial flags and uses them as part of the "Avenue of Flags," a display set up on special holidays and events.

### **Donations to the Cemetery —**

Private donations for memorials and beautification projects are gladly accepted. A donor slot is located in the Administration Building vestibule. Donations are tax deductible and go toward memorial and beautification projects.



### **Memorial Day and Veterans Day Services**

are conducted at Iowa Veterans Cemetery at 8:00 a.m. and available virtually at: [www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs](http://www.facebook.com/IowaDepartmentofVeteransAffairs). All are welcome to attend.

### **Wreaths Across America**

"Remember, Honor, Teach"  
Conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December at 11:00 a.m. but subject to change. For current dates check: <https://va.iowa.gov> or [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org).