



ADVAcates for Arkansas Veterans

**Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery at Birdeye
Family Information Sheet**

This sheet is designed to help families go through the interment process at the cemetery if a funeral home is not used.

Services are available Monday – Friday. Services are not held on weekends or state observed holidays.
Services are scheduled on the hour beginning at 9:00 am with the last service schedule at 2:00 pm.

Each family will have approximately 20-25 minutes to conduct the service which includes the "Presentation of Honors" if requested. **All services will be held at the committal shelter. Per VA regulations, families/friends are not permitted at the interment site.**

Committal Shelter: The committal shelter is an open-air pavilion used for all services and events at the cemetery. If needed, electrical outlets are on site. The family is responsible for providing any flags, items, linens, stands, props, etc... they may wish to use or display during the service.

On the Day of the Service: All parties will proceed to the committal shelter unless there is an ongoing service. If so, the parties will wait at the Administration Building until the current service is complete.

Honors Teams: If you would like an Honors Team at your loved-one's service, please contact them as quickly as possible once you have the interment service date and time set. All coordination should be made through them regarding their scheduling. Below is a list of honors teams per branch of service:

Air Force: (501) 987-6317	Marine Corps: (866) 826-3628	Army: (580) 442-4547
Navy: (904) 542-6357	Coast Guard: (314) 269-2321	Patriot Guard: (501) 257-0040

Chaplains: The family is responsible for scheduling any speaker or chaplain they wish to have present at the service. Below is a list of chaplains:

Air Force Chaplain: (501-) 987-6014	Army Chaplain: (501) 212-5625
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Cremation Placement Options:

In-ground – with marble headstone marker

Above-ground – niche with marble covering (dimensions: 15"H x 10.5"W x 19.5"D)

Flowers: The family is responsible for providing flowers at the service. You can have them delivered on the same day or one-day prior to the service. The cemetery staff will deliver them to the committal shelter approximately 30 minutes before the service. Our physical address is 3600 Highway 163, Cherry Valley, AR 72324.

Please be aware that our cemetery is considered "sacred grounds" for all interred veterans and their families. Because of this, no burial containers will be allowed to be opened within the cemetery property at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (870) 588-4608 or by email at mark.frank@arkansas.gov or maryanne.parker@arkansas.gov.
Interment forms can be found at www.veterans.arkansas.gov.