

PRE-ARRANGED BURIAL SERVICES

Pre-arrangements with a Mortuary or Funeral Provider will take a great load off your family at the time of need.

1. Locate the Veteran's discharge papers... DD-214.
 2. Contact a Mortuary (check with a few Mortuaries as costs can vary)
 3. Make pre-planned arrangements with the Mortuary.
 - a. When the time of need arrives your family makes a phone call to the Mortuary and everything will be in place.
 - b. The Mortuary will have on record that your Veteran loved one is to be buried at Riverside National Cemetery.
 - c. The Mortuary will have a copy of the Discharge papers DD-214 on file.
 4. The Mortuary will:
 - a. Prepare your Veteran loved one as per their wishes. (Full Body Burial or Cremation)
 - b. The Mortuary will coordinate with National Cemetery Administration to verify benefits and schedule the date and time for burial.
- * Note 1: The family or estate is financially responsible for all Mortuary costs.
- ** Note 2: There is **NO charge** for services provided at Riverside National Cemetery: including grave, grave marker, burial and perpetual care.
- c. The Mortuary will prepare the required "**Burial Permit**"
 - d. The Mortuary will provide an American burial flag (free of charge) to be presented to your family.
 - e. The Mortuary will schedule for Military Honors (at no charge) for the Veteran... (if desired and must be requested)
 5. On the day of scheduled burial, your family may hold services at an outdoor committal shelter... (if desired)
 - a. Your family is allowed approx 30 minutes at the committal shelter.
 - b. The committal services are self-arranged... self-directed by family members. Example: Directed by family, clergy, friends etc...
 - c. The committal service is where Military Honors are provided and the burial flag is presented to the family.

Questions: Call Riverside National Cemetery at 951-653-8417