

## Requirements to be buried in Veterans Section.

1. Individual MUST be a Veteran of the United States Military.
2. This is a cremains burial section only. (The section size does not allow full burials.)
3. One cannot pick which lot. It is a first come, first serve section.
4. Veteran's upright headstone only. (Veteran's name to be in front and spouse's name on back.

## Is there a cost? Yes

Lot Burial Right - \$300.00\*

\*This includes a one time cemetery care fee of \$200.00.

Open & Close Costs -

Veteran open/close- \$200.00

Spouse open/close- \$500.00

Both on same day- \$200.00\*

\*When done on the same day we will charge the veteran cost only.

## Rules for grave decorations.

1. No garden area around headstone.
2. Fresh flowers in approved vases/containers only that are to be removed after flowers die. April 1st—October 1st only.
3. Artificial flowers including grave blankets and wreaths (size 2' X 3') allowed October 1st—April 1st only.
4. **No** balloons, pinwheels, glass items, votive lights, statues, shepherd's hooks or permanent plantings. No stickers or flower items attached to the headstone.
5. The Township will supply the U.S. flags for each grave prior to Memorial day and will remove afterwards.



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## Waterford Township

### Veterans Section

A little piece of  
Arlington  
Cemetery, here in  
Waterford.



**Location:** Next to the Veterans Memorial at Crescent Hills Cemetery off of Crescent Lake Rd. between Tubbs Rd. and Civic Center Dr. in Waterford Township.

## Veterans Section Q & A



### ***Why have something here when you can go to Great Lakes National Cemetery for free?***

The Waterford Township Cemetery Board decided that it would make a beautiful addition to our Veteran's Memorial as well as providing a service to our Waterford residents who may not want to travel to Holly to visit their loved one.

Many also commented that since it was smaller, it made it more personal and intimate to the family of the deceased.

With the Veteran's Memorial being right next to the Veteran's Section, it would give an overall feeling of respect and honor to the deceased and their family at the time of the burial service, without the impersonal feeling and rush of continuous burials being done; which is often the case at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

The Cemetery Board had to come up with a fee since the property is not Federal property and Michigan statute states that municipalities cannot give away state land. The Cemetery board has discounted the lots to veterans and their spouses only. Prices are listed on the back of this brochure.

### ***What if one or both do not wish to be cremated?***

The Cemetery Board discussed this problem as well. Since the Veteran's Section is limited on space, the Board decided on cremations only to keep the uniformity of the lot. Full burials for veterans are scattered throughout the rest of the cemetery and can be placed wherever there is an available spot (but there are no special rates since there are no special requirements for those sections). For example, in the other areas they can get different headstones and plant flowers and other decorations; while the Veterans Section cannot.

### ***Why such restrictions?***

The Cemetery Board took the guidelines directly from the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Great Lakes National Cemetery and the Township are jointly working together in the development of the Veteran's section. The Township wants to keep the area uniform so as to simulate the Great Lakes Cemetery, but in a smaller capacity. There are only 1,026 lots available, so we will only issue that many burial rights.

### ***Who makes these decisions?***

The Waterford Township Cemetery Board is made up of elected officials, Township employees, funeral directors, and volunteers from the historical and genealogical societies. The Board meets on an "as needed" basis to discuss needs and concerns for the five township cemeteries.



### ***I am a Veteran who would like to be buried there. How do I get started?***

First you would have to purchase a burial rights lot. You would do so by going to the Waterford Dept. of Public Works with the following items:

1. Proof of residency. (non-residents pay \$450.00.)
2. DD-214 (Discharge papers.)
3. Check or cash for \$300.00 for resident or \$450.00 for a non-resident.

You will then receive a certificate showing that you have a lot reserved for yourself and your spouse in the Veterans Section in Crescent Hills Cemetery, and as such you agree to the requirements of that section. These requirements include but are not limited to, the grave decorations, marker type, etc.

The certificate should be kept with your personal documents so they are available at the time of your death. It reserves you and your spouse the next available lot.

