NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2024

# \*\*\*\* NORTH DAKOTA \*\*\*\* VETERANS CEMETERY FOUNDATION

#### Vision Statement

A premier Veterans Cemetery that cares with compassion for those who have served with dignity, honor, and respect.

#### Mission Statement

Provide financial support for the perpetual operation of the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

## <u>Upcoming Events/Dates:</u>

Memorial Day Services, May 27, 2024, 12:00 pm, CST (Also to be livestreamed on ndvcf.org, ndguard.nd.gov, and Facebook @NDVETERANSCEMETERY) Keynote Speaker – Admiral Stuart Munsch, Commander of Allied Joint Force Command

> Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 Wreaths Across America, December 14, 2024 Giving Hearts Day, February 13, 2025



Burial Statistics: Total Interments as of April 30, 2024: 11,680 3 Year Average Interments per Year: 578 April 2024 Interments: 45 March 2024 Interments: 38 February 2024 Interments: 39



# **UPCOMING CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS/ PURCHASES:**

Grounds Utility Equipment (2024) Replacement Lawn Mowers (2024) Shop Water Heater (2024) Sidewalk in Sections V and between V&T and T&S (2024) Road Repair Project (2025)

## ND VETERANS CEMETERY FOUNDATION RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

2,240 Compartment Columbarium Completed in November 2023 - \$648,000 Operational and Equipment Costs in 2023 - \$250,000

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# **Columbarium Information:**

- The NDVC Columbarium opened in November 2023 and the current build has 2,240 niche units enough space for approximately 20 years.
- A Columbarium is a place where urns of cremated human remains are interred in niches (above ground burial).
- The niche size is  $10 \frac{12''}{2} \times 15''$  and 20'' deep. The urn used for burial must fit in the niche opening.
- Both Veteran and spouse will be interred in the same niche.
- The NDVC will still offer underground cremation burial as well.
- Each niche will be marked with a gray granite niche cover supplied by the National Cemetery Administration and ordered by the NDVC.

# Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM)

The VLM is an amazing digital platform dedicated entirely to the memory of nearly 10 million Veterans.

This interactive program allows family, friends, and the public to submit Tributes (comments), images, biographical information, and historical documents; create their Veteran's military service and personal achievements timeline; and generate a Word Cloud that describes their Veteran. The site also allows visitors to share Veteran profile pages by email and post them to social media, and users can "Follow a Veteran" to receive email alerts when new content is added to that Veteran's page. The following is a link to the VLM: https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/ Another link can be found on the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation website at https://www.ndvcf.org/cemetery-info.

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