

**DONEL C. KINNARD MEMORIAL STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
FLORAL/GROUNDS POLICY**

Floral arrangements accompanying the casket or urn at the time of burial will be placed on the completed grave.

Natural cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time of the year. They will be removed when they become unsightly or when it becomes necessary to facilitate cemetery operations such as mowing.

Artificial floral items are permitted during the period of October 15th through April 15th and for seven days after Memorial Day only.

Christmas and other seasonal items may be placed on graves on Thanksgiving Day and remain until January 15th. All seasonal items will be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff when they become unsightly or after January 15th.

Potted Plants are only permitted on graves seven days prior and seven days following Easter Sunday.

U.S. flags may be placed on individual graves by visitors during the following recognized days only: Armed Forces Day(May), the day before and day of Memorial Day(May), Flag Day(June), Independence Day(July), Patriot Day(September), Veteran's Day(November), Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day(December). Only U.S. 8" by 12" cemetery marking flags are permitted on graves. Any other type or size flags will be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff immediately. During the Wreaths Across America event weekend, a family may request an 8" x 12" US flag be placed instead of a wreath. The cemetery must be notified prior to this event for planning purposes.

Potted plants (except as stated above,) flags (except as stated above,) balloons, items secured or attached to the headstone or niche cover, permanent planting, statues, vigil lights, glass objects of any kind, or any similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves. All unauthorized items will be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff.

The DCKMSVC is not responsible for the security or care of items placed on the gravesites. Visitors should be aware that these items are subject to damage by cemetery equipment, vandals or weather and are placed at your own risk. Items damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced or repaired by the cemetery. The cemetery director reserves the right to remove and destroy, without notice, anything left on graves that violates the intent of these regulations, offends the sensibilities of the public or the dignity of this cemetery, or is an eyesore or a threat to the safety of the public or staff of the cemetery. The cemetery cannot hold items for individuals to pick up.

For further information, please contact the Administrative Office at (304) 746-0026. These regulations have been put in place to assist in your selection of floral items as well as to assist our staff in proper maintenance of our Veterans Cemetery.