



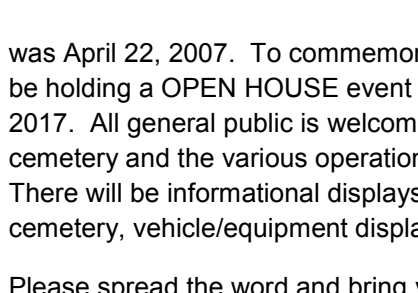
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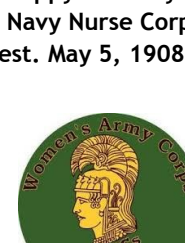
SVNC CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR



Time has surely marched on for all the folks at SVNC. Although the first burials were in October, 2006; the official dedication date of the cemetery was April 22, 2007. To commemorate this date SVNC will be holding a OPEN HOUSE event on Saturday, April 22, 2017. All general public is welcome to come and see the cemetery and the various operations at the cemetery. There will be informational displays, walking tours of the cemetery, vehicle/equipment displays and more.

Please spread the word and bring your family and friends to come and visit SVNC.

All events are handicap friendly; however, some areas may need special accommodations. For more information please call us at: (707) 693-2460.

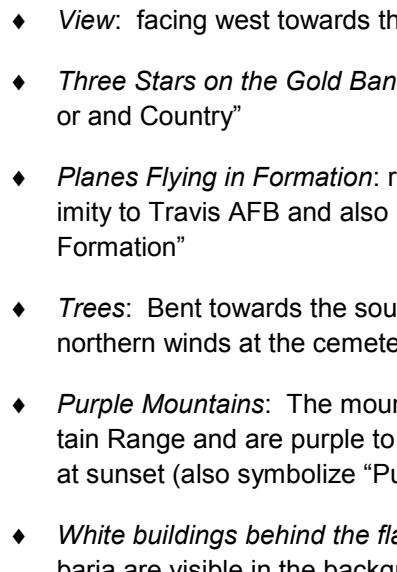


Happy Birthday
US Navy Nurse Corps!
(est. May 5, 1908)



Happy Birthday
US Army Women's
Auxiliary Corps!
(est. May 11, 1942)

SVNC GETS A NEW LOGO



Exciting things are happening at SVNC and that includes getting a new and improved logo. Mike Henshaw, Director, has developed a new SVNC logo that represents all that is SVNC. The logo was approved by the Pacific District Director on February 15th and new patches will be arriving in March. Look for them on various cemetery personnel and throughout the cemetery.

Here are some details about the logo:

- ◆ **View:** facing west towards the flag assembly area
- ◆ **Three Stars on the Gold Band:** Represents "Duty, Honor and Country"
- ◆ **Planes Flying in Formation:** represents our close proximity to Travis AFB and also portrays the "Missing Man Formation"
- ◆ **Trees:** Bent towards the south to denote the strong northern winds at the cemetery
- ◆ **Purple Mountains:** The mountains are the Vaca Mountain Range and are purple to denote their appearance at sunset (also symbolize "Purple Mountains Majesty")
- ◆ **White buildings behind the flag assembly:** The columbaria are visible in the background
- ◆ **White headstones:** We are a national cemetery and we ensure that each Veteran and dependent has a burial space.
- ◆ **Folded Flag:** The final token of appreciation from the United States for the Veteran's faithful service and sacrifice to the Nation.
- ◆ **Flag at Half-staff:** Honoring our Veterans and their families that lie here at SVNC.
- ◆ **Setting Sun:** Location that the sun sets over the Vaca mountains during the winter months. Also, this symbolizes the belief of many, that the sunrise represents birth and the sunset represents the end of life, or twilight.

- ◆ **Requiescat In Pace:** Latin for Rest in Peace

What's NEWS!

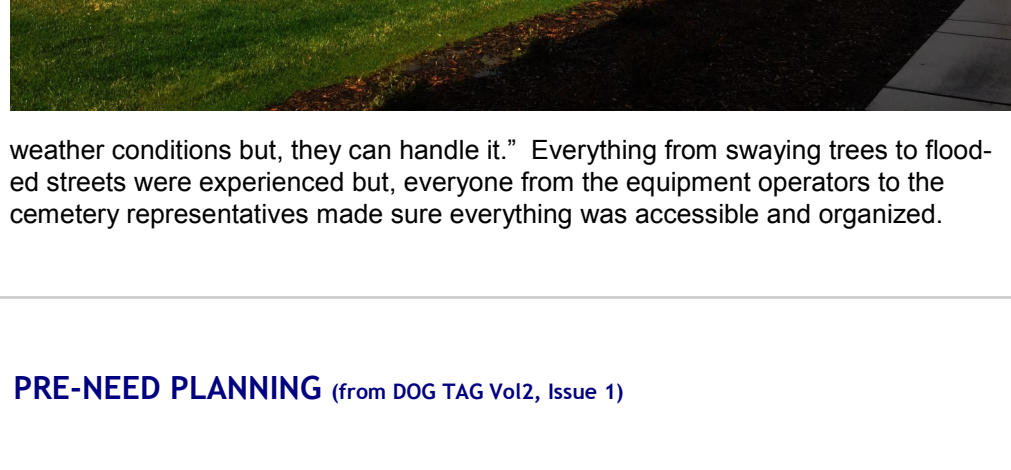
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SVNCSC Calendar

- ◆ Daylight Savings Time
March 12
- ◆ Quarterly Fallens Memorial,
April 12, 2pm
- ◆ SVNC Open House
April 22, 9am
- ◆ Memorial Day—Flags Out / until done,
May 27, 9am
- ◆ Memorial Day Program
May 29, 9am
- ◆ Memorial Day—Flags In / until done,
May 30, all day

WE WORK IN THE LAND OF RAINBOWS

Back in February SVNC experienced several days of rain, rain and more rain. Although many areas were flooded, the grounds maintenance staff along with the contractor spent hours fixing access roads and assisting families with burials. Mike Brophy, Assistant Director said, "Burial operations can be challenging in these wet



weather conditions but, they can handle it." Everything from swaying trees to flooded streets were experienced but, everyone from the equipment operators to the cemetery representatives made sure everything was accessible and organized.

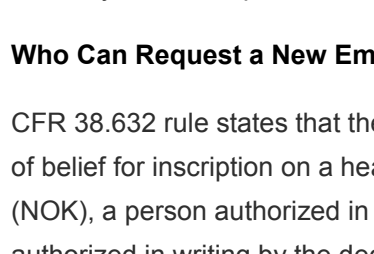
PRE-NEED PLANNING (from DOG TAG Vol2, Issue 1)

Many folks have asked, "What can I do to plan for my burial in the future?" NCA now has the ability to allow requesters to submit qualifying service information (i.e. discharge documents, DD214, etc.) to the VA for evaluation for burial benefits. These documents may be submitted prior to the Time of Need so folks can plan for their burial benefits. Below is a link to the form needed to submit along with your supporting documents.

<http://vaww.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf>

Once NCA has received your documents they will provide the requester a letter indicating their eligibility. If you have further questions regarding pre-need planning please feel free to call the office.

EMBLEMS OF BELIEF



Did you know that there are many emblems of belief available for placement on our monuments? The latest are here:
From the VA website: www.cem.va.gov/hmm/embles.asp
An emblem of belief for inscription on a Government headstone or marker is an emblem or symbol that represents the sincerely held belief of the decedent that constituted a religion or the functional equivalent of religion and was believed and/or accepted as true by that individual during his or her life. The belief represented by an emblem need not be associated with or endorsed by a group or organization.

Emblems of belief for inscription on Government headstones and markers do not include social, cultural, ethnic, civic, fraternal, trade, commercial, political, professional or military emblems. VA will not inscribe any emblem on a headstone or marker that would have an adverse impact on the dignity and solemnity of ceremonies honoring those who served the Nation. Emblems that would not be permitted include (but are not limited to), emblems that contain explicit or graphic depictions or descriptions of sexual organs or sexual activities that are shocking, titillating, or pandering in nature; and emblems that display coarse or abusive language or images.

If you are applying for a headstone or marker and the emblem you desire is not currently available, please see information below:

Who Can Request a New Emblem of Belief?

CFR 38.632 rule states that the following individuals may request a new emblem of belief for inscription on a headstone or marker: the decedent's next-of-kin (NOK), a person authorized in writing by the NOK, or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent.

Instructions for Requesting an Emblem not Available for Inscription

To submit a request for an emblem of belief not available for inscription, the requestor must:

1. **Establish** that there is an immediate need for a Government headstone/ marker to be furnished for a deceased eligible individual (i.e., submission of VA-Form 40-1330, Application for a Government-Furnished Headstone or Marker, verification from National or state cemetery officials).
2. **Certify** that the proposed new emblem of belief represents the decedent's religious affiliation or sincerely held religious belief system, or a sincerely held belief system that was functionally equivalent to a religious belief system in the life of the decedent.
3. **Submit** a three-inch diameter digitized black and white representation of the requested emblem that is free of copyright or trademark restrictions or authorized by the owner for inscription on Government-furnished headstones and markers and can be reproduced in a production-line environment in stone or bronze without loss of graphic quality.

Submit all information to the following address:

Memorial Programs Service (41B)
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

PRESIDENT'S SITREP

SVNCSC President
Frank Romo



The Avenue of Flags at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery is the primary display of respect for service for our nations veterans. As you pass through the entry way of the cemetery, you are greeted by 32 U.S. Flags: 17 flags on the west side and 15 on the east side of the road, proudly representing our great nation.

Recently, the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee has assumed responsibility for maintaining this proud display.
The SVNCSC is asking for donations or even sponsors to create a fund in order to fulfill this obligation.

If you can donate, send a check made payable to SVNCSC and mail to: P.O. Box 314 Dixon CA 95620.

Stay tuned to SVNCSC!

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Sacramento-Valley-National-Cemetery-Support-Committee-352715335164/>

Website, www.svncsc.org, and of course our newsletter, "The Dog Tag", for ways you can be involved.

With you, all this is possible.



Please visit our website at: <http://svncsc.org/>



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