



Date Adopted

Committee

July 17, 2019

Public Safety

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK AND CEMETERY

WHEREAS, all Veterans' Cemeteries in the United States of America strive to maintain a dignified and consistent appearance and each have rules for maintaining this look, and

WHEREAS, the Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery is administered by the Salem County Veterans' Affairs office, and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Veterans' Affairs office wishes to maintain a dignified and consistent appearance at the Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park in keeping with the tradition of all Veterans' Cemeteries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem that the Rules of the Salem County War Veteran's Memorial Park and Cemetery will be as attached. These rules will supersede any previous rule documents.

R. SCOTT GRISCOM
Board of Chosen Freeholders

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem on May 15, 2019.

STACY L PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

FREEHOLDER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECONDED
G. Ostrum, Jr.	✓					✓
C. Hassler	✓					
L. Ware	✓					
R.S. Griscorn	✓				✓	
B. Laury	✓					

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials _____

RULES FOR BURIAL IN SALEM COUNTY WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK AND CEMETERY

1. Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery is under supervision of the Salem County Superintendent of Veterans' Burials who serves under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Freeholder Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
2. All applications for burial sites will be made through the office of the Salem County Superintendent of Veterans' Burials for his approval or disapproval.
3. A certified copy of the Veterans' discharge papers **must** be filed with the Veteran's application.
4. The Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery is available to all eligible Veterans who have served their country in times of war or during armed hostilities as established by the Congress of the United States as follows:

Section I

- (a) Served at least 90 days in the active United States Military of Navel Service on or before one of the following ending dates (not including any period of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or Navy College Training Program).

World War I – April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 inclusive.

World War II – September 16, 1940 to December 31, 1946 inclusive.

Korean Conflict – June 23, 1950 to January 31, 1955 inclusive.

Vietnam Period – December 31, 1960 to May 7, 1975.

- (b) Merchant Marine personnel who served in World War II and who present a DD-214 which establishes 90 days active service during the World War II period.

Section II

- (a) Served in Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf on or aboard any ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period of at least 14 days commencing on or before the date of termination of that mission as follows:

Lebanon – September 26, 1982 to February 26, 1984

Grenada – October 25, 1983 to November 21, 1983

Panama – December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 to present

Section III

Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is killed during active military service is eligible for burial in this cemetery.

5. Applications for burial site will be available to any eligible Veteran who enlisted or was drafted from Salem County, or to any eligible Veteran who has resided in Salem County a minimum of five (5) years, with eligibility requirement of any discharge other than dishonorable from United States Armed Forces. If a spouse is desirous of being buried in the Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery, application must be completed accordingly. Exceptions to these requirements may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent of Veterans' Burials with the approval of the Chairman of the appropriate Freeholder Committee.
6. Plaques
 - (a) All Veterans grave plaques are to be made of bronze, sized 12 in. x 24 in. and in accordance with VA regulations. All Veterans' plaques will be placed flat to the ground and on a concrete base only and will **only** be installed at the direction of the Salem County Veterans' Office.
 - (c) A spouses' grave plaque must be made the same as the Veterans plaque, made of bronze, sized 12 in. x 24 in. and with the same edging as the Veterans' plaque. It may include whatever proper lettering (no pictures) the family desires, but without any adornments that have a higher relief than the lettering, and will be placed flat to the ground and on a concrete base only. Costs of the spouses' plaque, if a non-Veteran, will be the responsibility of the Veteran or spouses' estate. A spouses' burial plaque will be installed at the direction of the Salem County Veterans' Office **only** and a fee of \$200 per plaque must be paid to the Salem County Veterans Trust Fund prior to Salem County installing the plaque. Additionally, a diagram/drawing of the proposed plaque shall accompany said deposit prior to installation.
 - (d) Each plot will have its' own concrete base and plaque. Plaques may not be placed together on a single concrete base.
 - (e) All burial plaques will be approved by the Salem County Veterans' Affairs Office.
7. Perpetual care of Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery is to be the responsibility of the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
8. American flags that are presently supplied by the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders for placement on Veterans' graves are to be placed immediately prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and retired immediately after Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
9. No fraternal or other organizational flag holders or flags are permitted.

10. No planting of flowers or plants is permitted. Live or artificial flowers are permitted to be placed on the graves, but will be removed within a short period of time in order to maintain the cleanliness of the grave sites. Permanent type flower vases are allowable, but no tin cans or glass jars will be allowed to be dug into the graves. You can remove excessive grass from around the grave marker, but **do not remove any dirt creating a rut or small ditch around the marker**. If the lawn mower hits the rut and the blade damages the marker, we will not replace the marker. **Marker must be replaced at your expense.**
11. The expenses of opening and closing of the grave is to be paid by the Veteran's estate to the undertaker handling the funeral services.
12. Full burial grave sites are four (4) feet by ten (10) feet.
Cremation burial grave sites are two (2) feet by five (5) feet.
13. Concrete vaults or cases must be used for casket burials. This is not required for cremation burials.
14. If the spouse of the Veteran is buried in Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery, and at sometime thereafter, the Veteran decides not to be buried in Salem County War Veterans' Memorial Park and Cemetery, the Veteran or their estate must bear the expense of removing the remains of spouse from the cemetery. Similarly if a Veteran's Estate should determine that a Veteran's remains should be removed from the cemetery at any future time, the entire cost of said removal shall be born by the Veteran's Estate and/or family.
15. If the Veteran predeceases the spouse and is interred in this cemetery, and then the spouse remarries, burial privileges to the spouse are rescinded.
16. Appeals. Any issue arising from these Rules may be appealed within 10 days to the Veterans Advisory Committee. Any appeals stemming from a determination by the Veteran's Advisory Committee shall, within 10 days, be made directly to the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, whose determination shall be final.