

Thus 'neath their parent turf they rest,
 Far from the gory field,
 Borne to a Spartan mother's breast
 On many a bloody shield;
 The sunlight of their native sky
 Smiles sadly on them here,
 And kindred eyes and hearts watch by
 The heroes' sepulcher.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead!
 Dear as the blood ye gave;
 No impious footstep here shall tread
 The herbage of your grave;
 Nor shall your glory be forgot
 While Fame her record keeps,
 Or Honor points the hallowed spot
 Where Valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone
 In deathless song shall tell,
 When many a vanished age hath flown,
 The story how ye fell;
 Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight,
 Nor Time's remorseless doom,
 Shall dim one ray of glory's light
 That gilds your deathless tomb.

Taken from: **THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD**
 By Theodore O'Hara

HOURS OF OPERATION

The cemetery is open to visitors during daylight hours, seven days a week. Cemetery personnel are available to provide assistance Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays. While there will be no staff available on weekends or holidays, the cemetery will be open to visitors.



**FOR INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE PLEASE
 CALL, WRITE, FAX, OR E-MAIL:**

Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 of Western Colorado

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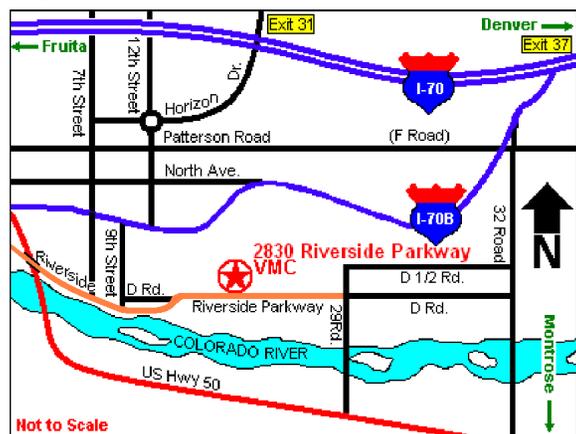
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VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF WESTERN COLORADO



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Map showing Cemetery (VMC) location:



**2830 Riverside Parkway
 Grand Junction, Colorado 81501**

(Photos by Terry Heers, U.S. Navy/Army Veteran)

VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF WESTERN COLORADO



The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado was authorized by the Colorado Legislature in 1999 to honor Colorado veterans. Construction began in June 2001 and was completed in September 2002. The Cemetery is located on approximately 25 acres at 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction, Colorado, just east of the

Grand Junction Regional Center. It has a capacity of 6,329 units, including 3,057 units for casketed remains and 2,497 units for cremated remains. Additionally, there are 775 memorial garden plots available for veterans whose remains were not recovered or were donated to science. The Cemetery's capacity can be expanded, as necessary, in the future.

The Cemetery is intended to be a dignified final resting place for Colorado's veterans of the armed services, their spouses and eligible dependents. It has been designed to provide a place of meditation and quiet contemplation for veterans, their families and friends. There are memorial walks on either side of the creek running northeast to southwest through the cemetery. These walks pass by each of the five stream-side columbaria in front of which are benches for visitors' convenience. There are landscaped areas for in-ground interments, which are characterized by thoughtful placement of trees, shrubs, and other plantings. These areas provide additional places for individual reflection.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado conveys the appreciation of the people of Colorado to its veterans for answering the call to duty and faithfully and honorably serving the United States of America and the State of Colorado.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERMENT

The following persons are eligible for interment in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado (documentation of eligibility is required):

- Any Colorado resident* who is a veteran, is eligible under the rules established by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and whose separation was under other than dishonorable conditions.
- Any Colorado resident* member of the Reserves/National Guard who was eligible for retirement pay at the time of death or would have been entitled to retirement pay but for the fact that he/she was not at least 60 years of age.
- Any Colorado resident* who, as a member of the U. S. Armed Forces or a reserve component of the U. S. Armed Forces, died in the line of duty while on active duty or active duty training.
- An eligible veteran's eligible spouse and/or dependent (unmarried, under age 21, or age 23 if a fulltime student, or, life-long dependency on the veteran).

*A Colorado resident is defined as a resident of Colorado at the time of death or at the time of entry into the armed forces (proof of residency may be required)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An eligible veteran's non-veteran spouse or dependent will normally be interred in the same plot or niche as the veteran.

A standard, upright, government-provided, granite marker will be used to mark the grave for casketed burials. A standard, government-provided, granite marker will be used for columbaria niches.

Inscription information can be provided by calling the Cemetery.

Additional questions can be directed to Cemetery staff at (970) 263-8986.

COSTS

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR:

- Gravesite (next available, there is no pre-selection) or opening and closing the gravesite or niche
- Use of Committal Shelter and other Cemetery facilities for committal services
- Concrete vault for casketed remains in single and double sections
- Standard U. S. Government granite marker
- American flag to drape the casket or to accompany the urn**
- Presidential Memorial Certificate**
 - ** Arranged through funeral director
- Military honors[†]
 - † Provided by the Department of Defense and/or a veterans service organization and arranged in advance by the family or funeral director.
- Perpetual care

Gravesites cannot be reserved in advance. Families are encouraged to prepare by discussing cemetery options, collecting veterans' military information, and calling the cemetery *prior* to time of need. Early registration is available.

